

MADISON COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
Special Meeting – Monday, June 17, 2024

The Board convened at 10:00 a.m. in the Supervisors chambers, second floor, County Office Building, Wampsville, New York with all members in attendance except for Supervisor Stokes (26 votes)

On June 12, 2024, Chairman Pinard tendered his resignation as the Chairman of the Madison County Board of Supervisors due to personal reasons effective immediately. Pursuant to NYS County Law 151(7), the Clerk to the Board called for a special meeting of the Board of Supervisors to fill the vacancy in the office of the Chairman of the Board of Supervisors.

Pledge of Allegiance.

Clerk to the Board, Emily Burns then called for a motion to open the floor for nominations for Chairman of the Board of Supervisors for the remaining two year term of office (2024 – 2025). Supervisor Walrod made the motion to open the floor, seconded by Supervisor Reuter and carried.

Supervisor Daviau then nominated Supervisor Cunningham for Chairman of the Board for the remainder of the two-year term, seconded by Supervisor Corbin.

The Clerk then asked for any further nominations.

Supervisor Jones then nominated Supervisor During for Chairman of the Board for the remainder of the two-year term, Seconded by Supervisor Wicks.

The Clerk then asked for any further nominations. There being none, Clerk to the Board, Emily Burns then asked for a motion to close the floor for nominations, which was offered by Supervisor Reger, seconded by Supervisor Shwartz and carried.

The Clerk then took a roll call vote of the members, starting with Supervisor Cavanagh with the following results:

SUPERVISOR CUNNINGHAM – 921 -- SUPERVISOR DURING – 553 -- ABSENT - 26

The Clerk then declared Supervisor Cunningham as Chairman and asked him to come forward to take his oath of office as the Chairman of the Board of Supervisors. Madison County Clerk Michael Keville stepped forward to administer the oath of office to Chairman Cunningham.

The Clerk then invited Chairman Cunningham to take his seat at the dias.

Chairman Cunningham thanked the Board for the nomination and selection as Chairman.

Chairman Cunningham then gave the following speech:

This is my third election that I have won and it is humbling and fulfilling at the same time. At first I thought that we would all agree to agree, I thought that was government. We would all get together in the same room and always sort of agree on things. But, you know, that is just not the case and I believe that is actually a good thing. I think that not agreeing makes government so much better.

We are going to have a lot of challenges in the future here, inflation is so high. When I first got into government, my first plow truck cost \$170,000. Today, that same truck cost \$300,000, and that is only over the course of a few years. I can't imagine the pain we are going to feel, and the pain that our residents are going to feel with this inflation issue. I am hoping that we can find a way to make things right with everybody.

I truly respect the employees of this County, you are all innovative and critical to us running a good government here and I can't say anything more about Mark's work or about any of the Department Heads, you are all just fantastic. I count on that we are going to work together and build a stronger Madison County. So I thank you so very much for your vote today, I appreciate it.

There being no further business, Supervisor Roberts made motion to adjourn, seconded by Supervisor Shwartz and carried.