

MADISON COUNTY FINANCE WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE

Meeting Agenda - Thursday, November 13, 2025

Call Meeting to Order

The Committee convened at 9:00 AM in the Supervisors' Chambers, second floor, County Office Building, Wampsville, NY. Supervisor Roberts, Supervisor Corbin, Supervisor Cavanagh, Supervisor Winn and Supervisor During (9:10 AM) were present.

OTHERS PRESENT:

FWM Secretary Jennifer Cossette, Finance Director Lou Anne Randall, Clerk to the Board of Supervisors Emily Burns, Deputy Treasurer Ryan Chaires, County Clerk Michael Keville, Public Information Officer Samantha Field, Supervisor Daviau, Supervisor Jones, County Attorney Tina Wayland-Smith, Second Assistant County Attorney Melissa Felton, Acting District Attorney Robert Mascari, County Attorney Intern Michael Mariani, Budget Analyst Susan McConnell, Assistant Finance Director Keith Lummis and Supervisor Elect Samsel.

A quorum being present, Chairman Matthew Roberts called the meeting to order at 9:00 AM.

Approval of Minutes

1. October 23, 2025 Draft Meeting Minutes

On motion by Supervisor Corbin, seconded by Supervisor Cavanagh, the motion was made to approve the October 23, 2025 meeting minutes. The motion was passed.

Finance/Payroll

Lou Anne Randall, Finance Director

No update

Treasurer/Budget Officer

Cindy Edick, Treasurer, was not present; no update.

Real Property Tax Services

Deputy Treasurer Ryan Chaires

The Treasurer's Office is now collecting school taxes. The surplus reports from the 2025 auction should be filed soon.

County Clerk's Office / DMV

Michael Keville, County Clerk

County Historian, Matt Urtz's new book, Historic Fires of Madison County, has just been released. Clerk Keville reported that Matt is doing an outstanding job promoting the book locally.

Resolutions

1. Authorizing the Modification of the 2025 County Budget - Auction Advertising

Deputy Treasurer Ryan Chairs reported that this resolution modifies the budget to account for auction service expenses.

2. Authorizing the Modification of the 2025 Adopted County Budget (Mental Health)

From Treasurer Cindy Edick as reported by Finance Director Lou Ann Randall this is just clean-up/COLA, no net impact on the budget.

3. Authoring the Modification of the 2025 Adopted County Budget (Planning - Snowmobile Trail Maintenance)
4. Abolishing Host Community Benefit Distribution Policy and Procedures
5. Authorizing the Modification of the 2026 Tentative County Budget (Clockville Water District)

From Treasurer Cindy Edick as reported by Finance Director Lou Ann Randall the actual interest rates were better than originally estimated by Fiscal Advisors, which changed the debt service schedule (to the good). We had to use additional fund balance in 2025 to cover the cost of credit rating service, so the budget modification reduces the amount of fund balance appropriated in 2026 to zero and restores legal expense which was originally cut to keep increase in assessments to 2.5%.

6. Authorizing the Modification of the 2026 Tentative Budget (Highway)

From Treasurer Cindy Edick as reported by Finance Director Lou Ann Randall, this resolution reduces amount of sales tax distribution to towns and villages by \$508,849, and allocates \$388,849 for Highway equipment and \$120,000 for new grant assistance program (to benefit towns). Also, Joe W. determined they will have a little more 2025 CHIPs to carryover, enabling them to fund the \$165,000 Sign Truck from CHIPs revenue.

7. Authorizing the Modification of the 2026 Adopted County Budget (2025 Host Community Benefit)

From Treasurer Cindy Edick as reported by Finance Director Lou Ann Randall, these are all things that were removed from the tentative budget, most are non-recurring (ambulance is not). Total equals the amount the County will retain from this year's host community benefit revenue (as was determined at last Board meeting).

8. Authorizing the Modification of the 2026 Adopted County Budget (County Clerk)

From Treasurer Cindy Edick as reported by Finance Director Lou Ann Randall, this resolution is recommending use of building improvements reserve to fund this project because the County is retaining less host community benefit revenue this year, and we're trying to use that to further fund Highway equipment. There is about \$3.1 million in the building reserve now. This budget mod should leave ample reserves for the Caz property renovations and domino effect of Sheriff's, Elections, etc.

9. Authorizing the Modification of the 2025 Adopted County Budget (Occupancy Tax)

Deputy Treasurer Ryan Chairs reported that this resolution modifies the budget to enable the increase of payment of the occupancy tax to Madison County Tourism. He advised that the County received more occupancy tax funds than was expected.

On motion by Supervisor Cavanaugh, seconded by Supervisor Winn, the motion was made to approve Resolutions 1-9. The motion was approved.

Other Committee Business

Preferred Agenda

It was the consensus of the Finance, Ways and Means Committee to allow any eligible resolutions from today's meeting to be added to the preferred agenda.

Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Finance, Ways and Means Committee will be on Tuesday, December 16th at 9:00 AM in Chambers.

Adjourn

On motion by Supervisor Corbin, seconded by Supervisor Winn, the Finance, Ways and Means Committee adjourned at 9:11 AM.

Respectfully submitted by Jennifer Cossette on behalf of Chairman Matthew Roberts.