

MADISON COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
Organization/Board Meeting- Thursday, January 5, 2026

The Board convened at 11:00 a.m. in the Supervisors chambers, second floor, County Office Building, Wampsville, New York with all members present and Supervisor Reuter attending via Zoom due to extenuating circumstances.

Pledge of Allegiance.

Emily Burns opened the meeting and called on Madison County Clerk, Michael Keville to step forward to administer the oath of office to all Supervisors, starting with the three new Board members: Dana Krueger – Town of Hamilton, Adam Carvell – Town of Lebanon and Meghan Samsel – Town of Lenox; all were welcomed.

Emily Burns then called for a motion to open the floor for nominations for Chairman of the Board of Supervisors for the life of this Board. Supervisor Vosburg made the motion to open the floor, seconded by Supervisor Cavanagh and carried.

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

The Clerk then asked for any further nominations.

Supervisor Cavanagh then nominated Supervisor Roberts for Chairman of the Board for a two-year term, Seconded by Supervisor Kinville.

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

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

SUPERVISOR CUNNINGHAM – 1,192 SUPERVISOR ROBERTS – 308

The Clerk then declared Supervisor Cunningham as Chairman and asked him to take his seat at the dias.

County Clerk Keville then administered the Oath of Office to Chairman Cunningham. Cunningham then designated Supervisor Paul Walrod as Vice Chairman of the Board of Supervisors. County Clerk Keville then administered the Oath of Office to Vice Chairman Walrod.

Chairman Cunningham thanked the Board for the vote of confidence as Chairman of the Board. Cunningham provided a brief presentation speaking to the challenges the Board faces in 2026 and outlined his goal and vision in this term as Chairman.

Resolutions – Regular Agenda

RESOLUTION NO. 26-1

APPOINTING A COUNTY ATTORNEY

RESOLVED, pursuant to Section 500 of the County Law, that Tina Wayland-Smith be and she hereby is appointed as County Attorney of Madison County to serve for the life of this Board.

ADOPTED: AYES- 1,500 NAYS – 0 ABSENT – 0

RESOLUTION NO. 26-2

APPOINTING A CLERK TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

RESOLVED, pursuant to Section 47 of the County Law, that Emily C. Burns be and she is hereby reappointed as Clerk to this Board, to serve for the life of this Board and until her successor is appointed and shall have qualified.

ADOPTED: AYES- 1,500 NAYS – 0 ABSENT – 0

On motion by Supervisor Jones, seconded by Supervisor Corbin, the Board entered into executive session pursuant to Public Officers Law Section 105(f) discussing the employment history of a particular of a particular person or corporation, or matters leading to the appointment, employment, promotion, demotion, discipline, suspension, dismissal or removal of a particular person or corporation at 11:25 A.M.

On motion by Supervisor Stokes, seconded by Supervisor, the Board exited executive session at 11:34 A.M.

RESOLUTION NO. 26-3

RESOLUTION APPROVING SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT

WHEREAS, an employment dispute has arisen between the County of Madison and an employee; and

WHEREAS, the parties have chosen to enter into a settlement agreement in the interest of avoiding the expense, inconvenience, and uncertainty of further legal proceedings in connection with said dispute;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that this Board of Supervisors has reviewed and hereby approves the aforesaid settlement agreement;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Chairman of this Board of Supervisors be and hereby is authorized to execute said agreement on behalf of the County.

ADOPTED: AYES- 1,500 NAYS – 0 ABSENT – 0

Chairman Cunningham asked if there was anyone signed up to speak in the Public Comment period.

Paul Hyrino, resident of Kirkville, stepped forward to speak to Senate Bill S.1183, establishing a real property tax exemption for veterans with a 100 percent service connected disability. This bill was signed into Law by Governor Hochul on December 19, 2025. Hyrino requested the County to adopt this same property tax exemption as well as at the Town level.

Peter N. Finocchiaro, member of the Madison County Magistrate Association, stepped forward to speak to the current traffic diversion program in Madison County and requested that the Board evaluate it and consider the funding and revenue disbursements.

There being no further business, Supervisor Wicks made the motion to close the meeting, seconded by Supervisor Kinville and carried.