

MADISON COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
Board Meeting- Tuesday, July 9, 2024

The Board convened at 11:00 a.m. in the Supervisors chambers, second floor, County Office Building, Wampsville, New York with all members present except for Supervisor Jones (38 Votes), Supervisor Stepanski (45 votes) and Supervisor Stokes (26 Votes).

At this time, Chairman Cunningham asked that Vice Chairman, Pete Walrod, as the first ever, Vice Chairman from the Town of Georgetown, lead us in the Pledge of Allegiance.

On Motion by Supervisor Walrod, seconded by Supervisor Winn, the June 11, 2024 and June 17, 2024 meeting minutes were adopted and filed.

Vouchers Payable Report submitted by Finance Director Lou Anne Randall, in the amount of \$1,456,825.39.

Communications, Reports and Reports of Committees

1. Thank you letter from Earlville Free Library for support and funding.
2. Correspondence from City of Syracuse Industrial Development Agency – Re: Valiant Real Estate USA Inc. Project

PROCLAMATION

PROCLAIMING JULY 2024 DISABILITIES AWARENESS MONTH IN MADISON COUNTY

WHEREAS, the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), a landmark civil rights legislation, prohibits discrimination against individuals with disabilities and ensures access to employment, state and local government facilities and services, public accommodations, telecommunications, and transportation; and

WHEREAS, the signing of the ADA into law on July 26, 1990, has empowered millions of Americans with disabilities by outlining necessary changes to enhance their participation in our communities; and

WHEREAS, we celebrate the thirty-fourth anniversary of the ADA and recognize the significant advancements in protecting the rights of people with disabilities, including the 1999 Olmstead decision by the U.S. Supreme Court, which banned involuntary institutionalization, and the 2010 Affordable Care Act, which ensured parity of coverage for those with mental health issues, chronic pain, and addictions; and

WHEREAS, in recent years, the ADA has continued to evolve, addressing emerging challenges and expanding protections, such as increasing accessibility in digital and online spaces, advocating for disability-inclusive emergency preparedness, and promoting equitable healthcare access, especially highlighted during the COVID-19 pandemic; and

WHEREAS, Madison County is honored to join esteemed organizations such as ACCES-VR, The ARC of Madison Cortland, ARISE, LifePlan, EPI-NY, Madison County Advocates, Madison County Motivators, and Self-Advocates of NYS—Central NY, in formally recognizing the 34th anniversary of the ADA; and

WHEREAS, Madison County values its collaborative relationship with all the

Melissa During <melissa.during@madisoncounty.ny.gov>organizations gathered here and looks forward to continuing our efforts to promote human dignity, self-sufficiency, and inclusion for all.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that I, James J. Cunningham, Chairman of the Madison County Board of Supervisors, do hereby proclaim the month of July, two thousand and twenty-four as **DISABILITIES AWARENESS MONTH** in Madison County.

Daniel Kolinski, Regional Director, for Central New York Empire State Development, attended the Board of Supervisors Meeting to introduce himself and to present the opportunities and resources that CNY Empire State Development can provide the communities within Madison County. Dan then introduced his newly appointed Deputy Director, Melissa Davis and encouraged Board Members to reach out to them with any questions or need for assistance with the Pro Housing Program.

At 11:15 a.m. Chairman Cunningham announced the scheduled public hearing on proposed Local Law No. 1 for 2024, Amending Local Law No. 4 of 2008. Supervisor Reuter made the motion to open the hearing, seconded by Supervisor Wicks and carried.

Chairman Cunningham then called for speakers and there were none wishing to speak.

Supervisor Shwartz then made the motion to close the hearing, seconded by Supervisor Reger and carried.

Resolutions – Regular Agenda

RESOLUTION NO. 24- 222

RESOLUTION OF APPRECIATION – RETIREE RECOGNITION

WHEREAS, the Madison County Board of Supervisors believes that County employees should be recognized for their faithful service to the public; and

WHEREAS, recognition of the distinguished service of certain County employees with an upcoming retirement is in order;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Madison County Board of Supervisors hereby recognize the dedicated contributions of Catherine Fowler and Luann Bargabos upon their retirement.

Employee	Department	Years of Service
Catherine Fowler	Social Services	30 Years of Service
Luann Bargabos	Probation	28 Years of Service

ADOPTED: AYES- 1,391 NAYS – 0 ABSENT – 109 (Jones, Stepanski, Stokes)

At this time, Department of Social Services Commissioner Jesica Priervo stepped forward to present a retirement gift to Catherine Fowler. Catherine served in the Department of Social Services for 30 years. Jesica gave a very heartfelt thank you and spoke to Catherine's unselfish and kindhearted ways. We wish her well in her retirement.

Probation Director, Joanne Miller stepped forward to present a retirement gift to Luann Bargabos. Luann has served in the Probation department for 28 years and will be dearly missed. Joanne referred to Luann as being the backbone of the department and a friend to many. We wish her well in her retirement.

Chairman Cunningham explained that each month moving forward, he would like to feature a Town or City along with a Madison County Department. Presentations will give a quick overview of the services they provide and this month will start with the Town of Nelson and the Madison County Planning Department.

Chairman Cunningham then presented on the Town of Nelson, originally established in 1788, prior to the Town being named. Chairman Cunningham went on to provide a brief presentation highlighting the Town of Nelson, its population, businesses and all that it has to offer.

Planning Director, Scott Ingmire stepped forward to provide a presentation highlighting the Madison County Planning Department. Ingmire reviewed the staff, areas of focus, grants and projects that the Planning Department covers.

Resolutions – Preferred Agenda

By Government Operations Committee:

RESOLUTION NO. 24-223

AUTHORIZING THE CHAIRMAN TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH ELECTION SYSTEMS & SOFTWARE, LLC

WHEREAS, the Madison County Board of Elections needs a voter registration software to maintain voter information and run elections; and

WHEREAS, the current agreement for voter registration software system with Hart Intercivic, Inc., will not be renewed as they are no longer providing voter registration services and the Hart Intercivic, Inc., contract will expire on December 31, 2024; and

WHEREAS, the Madison County Board of Elections proposes Madison County enter into an agreement with Election Systems & Software, LLC (ES&S) to purchase Power Profile Voter Registration System, a New York State certified Voter Registration System and corresponding software support services and maintenance; and

WHEREAS, Election Systems & Software, LLC has agreed to an annual contract to be paid by the County as follows: (1) a one-time payment of \$56,745 for installation project

management and training; and (2) a payment based on the annual fee of \$35,805, totaling \$92,550 for the entirety of the agreement; and

WHEREAS, the term of this agreement shall be from August 1, 2024 through July 31, 2025, with the option for two (2) annual renewals; and

WHEREAS, this agreement has been reviewed and approved by the Government Operations Committee and is in the Madison County Board of Elections budget; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Chairman of the Madison County Board of Supervisors be and is hereby authorized to enter into an agreement on behalf of Madison County with Election Systems & Software, LLC. in the form as is on file with the Clerk of the Board.

ADOPTED: AYES- 1,391 NAYS – 0 ABSENT – 109 (Jones, Stepanski, Stokes)

RESOLUTION NO. 24-224

AUTHORIZING THE CHAIRMAN TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH HART INTERCIVIC INC., TO ACCEPT A TRANSITION ADDENDUM TO THE MASTER AGREEMENT

WHEREAS, Madison County entered into a Master Agreement with Hart Intercivic Inc., (Next Vote) dated April 11, 2023, in which Hart agreed to license elections software and elections services for Madison County Board of Elections, and

WHEREAS, Hart InterCivic has made a decision to discontinue voter registration services for software, services, and licensing in the State of New York after December 2024; and

WHEREAS, the Madison County Board of Elections is prepared to transition the registrations services, software and licensing to Election Systems & Software, who have agreed to facilitate the migration of data from NextVote; and

WHEREAS, NextVote has offered this Transition Addendum to the Master Agreement, refunding pro-rated License & Support payments of \$14,555.32, and 50% of the migration fee at \$11,792.50, plus a transition amount of \$10,916.49 refunding 3 months of License and support for a total reimbursement of \$37,264.31;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Chairman of the Board of Supervisors be, and hereby is, authorized to enter into an addendum agreement with Hart Intercivic Inc., as is on file with the Clerk of The Board of Supervisors.

ADOPTED: AYES- 1,391 NAYS – 0 ABSENT – 109 (Jones, Stepanski, Stokes)

RESOLUTION NO. 24-225

AUTHORIZING THE CHAIRMAN TO MODIFY AN ENTERPRISE AGREEMENT WITH ePlus

WHEREAS, Madison County hosts its own phone system; and

WHEREAS, This phone system requires annual licensing; and

WHEREAS, The cost for these licenses was originally agreed to be \$21,376.22 a year for five years for a total cost of \$106,881.08, which is a savings of \$1,737.78 per year from the current five year expiring contract; and

WHEREAS, an increase in telephone services as a shared service deems it necessary to increase the amount of phone licenses provided,

WHEREAS, The cost for these licenses is now agreed to be \$22, 223.65 a year for five years for a total cost of \$111,118.25.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Chairman be and hereby is authorized to modify the contract with ePlus on behalf of the County, in the form as is on file with the Clerk of the Board.

ADOPTED: AYES- 1,391 NAYS – 0 ABSENT – 109 (Jones, Stepanski, Stokes)

RESOLUTION NO. 24-226

**ESTABLISHING THE STANDARD WORK DAY AND REPORTING DAYS
FOR CERTAIN COUNTY OFFICIALS**

WHEREAS, The Office of the State Comptroller New York State and Local Employees' Retirement System requires that a Standard Work Day and Reporting Resolution be established for retirement credit reporting purposes for elected and appointed officials;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Madison County hereby establishes the following as standard work days for elected and appointed officials and will report the following days worked to the New York State and Local Employees' Retirement System based on the record of activities maintained and submitted by these officials to the Clerk to the Board:

TITLE	NAME	STANDARD WORK DAY (Hrs/Day)	TERM BEGINS/ ENDS	RECORD OF ACTIVITIES RESULTS
Elected Officials				
Supervisor (Cazenovia)	Kyle Reger	6.0	1/1/24-12/31/27	3.86
Supervisor (Oneida – Wards 1-23)	Mary Cavanagh	6.0	1/1/24-12/31/25	3.72
Supervisor (Oneida – Wards 4-5-6)	Michelle Ironside Kinville	6.0	1/1/24- 12/31/25	2.64
Supervisor (Lincoln)	Melissa During	6.0	1/1/24-12/31/25	2.75
Supervisor (Fenner)	David R. Jones	6.0	1/1/24-12/31/25	6.08
Supervisor (Oneida – Wards 1-2-3)	Matthew A. Roberts	6.0	1/1/24-12/31/25	4.66
Supervisor (Hamilton)	Eve Ann Shwartz	6.0	1/1/24-12/31/25	5.22
Supervisor (Georgetown)	Paul H. Walrod	6.0	1/1/24-12/31/25	7.82

Supervisor (Eaton)	Joseph Wicks	6.0	1/1/24-12/31/25	4.28
Appointed Officials				
County Attorney	Tina Wayland Smith	6.0	1/1/24-12/31/25	23.07
County Attorney (2 nd Assistant)	Melissa Martel Felton	6.0	1/1/24-12/31/25	20.37

ADOPTED: AYES- 1,391 NAYS – 0 ABSENT – 109 (Jones, Stepanski, Stokes)

RESOLUTION NO. 24-227

CALLING FOR THE INTEGRATION OF THE PURCHASING DIVISION INTO THE FINANCE DEPARTMENT

WHEREAS, the Madison County Finance Department and Purchasing division assist County departments with many similar and related support functions; and

WHEREAS, the Purchasing division currently operates within the Department of the County Administrator; and

WHEREAS, the integration of the Purchasing division into the Finance Department aims to enhance services, transparency, accountability, optimize resource allocation and strengthen the collaboration throughout departments; and

WHEREAS, the request for the relocation and merger of the Purchasing division into the Finance and Payroll Office has been reviewed and approved by the Finance Ways and Means and Government Operations Committees,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisors approves the integration of the Madison County Purchasing division into and within the Finance Department effective immediately.

ADOPTED: AYES- 1,391 NAYS – 0 ABSENT – 109 (Jones, Stepanski, Stokes)

RESOLUTION NO. 24-228

CREATING A FULL-TIME FAMILY COURT ASSISTANT POSITION IN THE ASSIGNED COUNSEL DEPARTMENT

WHEREAS, the Assigned Counsel Department coordinates the assignment of attorneys to represent individuals who cannot afford to retain an attorney in various court matters; and

WHEREAS, the Assigned Counsel Administrator believes that, upon evaluation of the current staffing structure in the department, an additional position is needed in order to improve efficiencies; and

WHEREAS, the Human Resource Director certifies that Family Court Assistant is the appropriate classification based on the description of duties submitted for this position; and

WHEREAS, the position is 100% funded through the NYS Upstate Quality Improvement and Caseload Reduction grant; and

WHEREAS, this request has been reviewed and approved in accordance with the vacancy review procedure by the Government Operations Committee,

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that one full-time Family Court Assistant position be and hereby is created in the Assigned Counsel Department; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Assigned Counsel Administrator be and hereby is authorized to fill said position at a 2024 salary of \$52,879 in accordance with Civil Service Law and Rule, and Policy and Procedure, effective immediately.

ADOPTED: AYES- 1,391 NAYS – 0 ABSENT – 109 (Jones, Stepanski, Stokes)

RESOLUTION NO. 24-229

CREATING TWO POSITIONS WITHIN THE DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES

WHEREAS, the Department of Social Services provides assistance to those in need including but not limited to temporary financial assistance; and

WHEREAS, the department has gone through some internal restructuring as a result of promotions leaving vacant positions that may only be filled on a temporary basis until the promoted employees complete probation due to civil service law and rule and; and

WHEREAS, hiring new employees into these temporary positions is extremely difficult because of the fact that benefits are not provided for temporary positions and the individuals hired into these temporary positions could be displaced at any time if the promoted employee formerly holding that position does not complete probation in their new title and wishes to be placed back to their previously held position; and

WHEREAS, the Commissioner of Social Services has requested the creation of two Social Welfare Examiner positions to aid in recruitment; and

WHEREAS, the Human Resources Director certifies that Social Welfare Examiner is the appropriate classification based on the description of duties submitted for this position; and

WHEREAS, the vacant temporary positions will not be filled, providing for a zero impact on the Social Services budget; and

WHEREAS, once the employees encumbering the vacant positions complete probationary status and are considered permanent, the two Social Welfare Examiner positions will be eliminated,

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that two full time Social Welfare Examiner/Social Welfare Examiner Trainee positions be and hereby are created in the Department of Social Services; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Commissioner of Social Services be permitted to fill said positions in accordance with Civil Service Law and Rule, Policy and Procedure, and the CSEA collective bargaining agreement effective immediately.

ADOPTED: AYES- 1,391 NAYS – 0 ABSENT – 109 (Jones, Stepanski, Stokes)

RESOLUTION NO. 24-230

**ACKNOWLEDGING INTRODUCTION OF PROPOSED LOCAL LAW NO. 3
FOR THE YEAR 2024 AND CALLING FOR A PUBLIC HEARING**

WHEREAS, Supervisor Walrod has duly introduced proposed Local Law No. 3 for the year 2024, entitled "Local Law No. 3 for the Year 2024 Amending Local Law No. 3 of 2022 Adopt Amendments to Open Meetings Law to Expand Use of Video Conferencing"; and

WHEREAS, a copy of said proposed local law has been furnished to each Supervisor;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that a public hearing be held on the proposed Local Law in the Chambers of the Board of Supervisors at the Madison County Office Building on August 13, 2024 at 11:20 a.m.; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Clerk of the Board duly publish a notice of this hearing in the official newspapers of the County at least five days prior to the scheduled hearing date.

**LOCAL LAW FOR THE
COUNTY OF MADISON**

**AMENDING LOCAL LAW NO. 3 FOR THE YEAR OF 2022, A LOCAL LAW TO
ADOPT AMENDMENTS TO THE NEW YORK STATE OPEN MEETINGS LAW FOR
THE EXPANDED USE OF VIDEOCONFERENCING IN THE COUNTY OF MADISON**

BE IT ENACTED, by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Madison, New York as follows:

SECTION 1. TITLE. This Local Law shall be titled “Amending Local Law No. 3 for the Year of 2022, A Local Law to Adopt Amendments to the New York State Open Meetings Law for the Expanded Use of Videoconferencing in the County of Madison.”

SECTION 2. PURPOSE AND INTENT. The purpose of this law is to authorize Madison County to allow for ~~expansion of the~~ continued use of videoconferencing to conduct ~~open meetings~~ for the Board of Supervisors.

SECTION 3. AUTHORITY. This Local Law is adopted pursuant to the provisions of the Municipal Home Rule Law (Article IX of the New York Constitution) and New York Open Meetings Law. On ~~April 9, 2022~~ May 3, 2023 Governor Hochul signed an amendment to the Open Meetings Law §103-a to allow, until the expiration date of July 1, ~~2024~~ 2026, the expanded use of videoconferencing by public bodies in the conduct of open meetings, under

extraordinary circumstance, regardless of a declaration of emergency. In order to continue meeting virtually, counties must adopt a local law to opt in.

SECTION 4. CONDITIONS AUTHORIZATION OF USE OF VIDEOCONFERENCING IN EXTRAORDINARY CIRCUMSTANCES

Pursuant to New York State Public Officers Law Section 103-a, the Madison County Board Supervisors hereby authorizes the use of Videoconferencing at Board of Supervisor Meetings in Extraordinary Circumstances, subject to the written procedures adopted by the Madison County Board of Supervisors.

- ~~a. Members of the Board shall be physically present at meetings, unless allowed remote attendance at locations that do not allow for in-person physical attendance by the public, under extraordinary circumstances.~~
- ~~b. The list of extraordinary circumstances is non-exhaustive, but shall include illness, or any other significant or unexpected factor or event which precludes the member's physical attendance at such meeting. The following shall not be deemed as extraordinary circumstances: vacation or delayed travel.~~
- ~~c. Members shall provide notice of their inability to attend a meeting to the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors at least 24 hours prior to the meeting or as soon as reasonably able.~~
- ~~d. The Committee Chairs, when available, shall retain discretion over permitted extraordinary circumstances for their Committee, pursuant to Section 2(b) 4(b) of this local law.~~
- ~~e. The Chairperson of the Board shall retain discretion over permitted extraordinary circumstances for the Board and for Committee meetings when that Chair is unavailable, pursuant to Section 2(b) 4(b) of this local law.~~
- ~~f. Members allowed to appear remotely shall leave their video camera on at all times during the meeting unless excused by the Chairperson.~~
- ~~g. Rules for executive session shall still apply, and members shall not permit any unauthorized persons to listen to or overhear any executive session discussion.~~
- ~~h. It is understood that members permitted to attend at a location that does not allow for in-person physical attendance by the public will not count toward a quorum. Members present at a physical location which allows for in-person attendance by the public will count toward a quorum.~~
- ~~i. Any members of the public attending a meeting must be able to hear, see and identify any member of the public body who is attending remotely while the meeting is being conducted.~~
- ~~j. If video conferencing is used to conduct a meeting, the public notice shall inform the public where they can view and/or participate in such meeting, where required documents and records will be posted or available, and identify the physical location for the meeting where the public can attend.~~
- ~~k. Meetings conducted using videoconferencing shall be recorded and those recordings shall be posted or linked within five (5) business days of the meeting and maintained for five (5) years thereafter. Recordings shall be transcribed upon request.~~
- ~~l. In those meetings where videoconferencing is used the public shall be able to view the meeting via video and participate in the proceedings via videoconference in real time where public participation is authorized.~~

- m. ~~The Madison County Board of Supervisors may hold fully remote meetings, and in person participation requirements of the Law shall not apply, during: a state disaster emergency declared by the governor pursuant to section twenty-eight of the Executive Law, or a local state of emergency proclaimed by the chief executive of a county, city, village, or town pursuant to Section Twenty-four of the Executive Law, if the Board determines that the circumstances necessitating the emergency declaration would affect or impair the ability of the Board to hold an in-person meeting.~~
- n. ~~These written procedures shall be posted on the County's website.~~

SECTION 5. SEVERABILITY. If any clause, sentence, paragraph, section, subdivision or other party of this Local Law or its applications shall be adjudged by a court of competent jurisdiction to be invalidated or unconstitutional, proved that such judgment does not invalidate this Local Law or prohibit its administration, such order or judgment shall not affect, impair or otherwise invalidate the remainder of this Local Law which shall remain in full force and effect.

SECTION 6. EFFECTIVE DATE. This Local Law shall take effect immediately upon filing with the Secretary of State.

SECTION 7. EXPIRATION. This Local Law shall be effective until July 1, 2024 July 1, 2026 as set forth by New York State in Chapter 56 of the Laws of 2022, as amended May 3, 2023, unless said state law is amended to extend the expiration date beyond July 1, 2026, in which case this Local Law is likewise extended without further action of the Madison County Board of Supervisors.

ADOPTED: AYES- 1,391 NAYS – 0 ABSENT – 109 (Jones, Stepanski, Stokes)

By Finance Ways and Means Committee:

RESOLUTION NO.24-231

ACKNOWLEDGING INTRODUCTION OF PROPOSED LOCAL LAW NO. 2 FOR THE YEAR 2024 AND CALLING FOR A PUBLIC HEARING

WHEREAS, Supervisor Roberts has duly introduced proposed Local Law No. 2 for the year 2024, entitled “A Local Law Providing a Real Property Tax Exemption For Volunteer Firefighters and Volunteer Ambulance Workers Residing in Madison County”; and

WHEREAS, a copy of said proposed local law has been furnished to each Supervisor; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that a public hearing be held on the proposed Local Law in the Chambers of the Board of Supervisors at the Madison County Office Building on August 13, 2024 at 11:15 a.m.; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the board duly publish a notice of this hearing in the official newspapers of the County at least five days prior to the scheduled hearing date.

**MADISON COUNTY
LOCAL LAW NO. 2 OF 2024**

**A LOCAL LAW PROVIDING A REAL PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTION FOR VOLUNTEER
FIREFIGHTERS AND VOLUNTEER AMBULANCE WORKERS RESIDING IN MADISON
COUNTY**

IT IS HEREBY ENACTED by the Madison County Board of Supervisors as follows:

SECTION 1: TITLE.

This local law shall be known and cited as “A Local Law Providing A Real Property Tax Exemption for Volunteer Firefighters and Volunteer Ambulance Workers Residing in Madison County.”

SECTION 2: LEGISLATIVE INTENT.

The Madison County Board of Supervisors finds that a real property tax exemption should be provided for volunteer firefighters and volunteer ambulance workers residing in the County in order to:

- (1) Recognize the service and dedication of volunteer firefighters and ambulance workers who give their time and efforts, and risk their own safety, to protect their neighbors without compensation.
- (2) Encourage new individuals to become volunteer firefighters and ambulance workers in Madison County, and thereby ensure that effective emergency services remain available to local communities.

SECTION 3: AUTHORITY.

The purpose of this local law is to adopt the real property tax exemption provided for volunteer firefighters and ambulance workers pursuant to Section 466-a of the Real Property Tax Law as follows.

SECTION 4: REAL PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTION.

Real property owned by an enrolled member of an incorporated volunteer fire company, fire department or incorporated volunteer ambulance service or such enrolled member and spouse residing in Madison County shall be entitled to a real property tax exemption to the extent of ten percent (10%) of the assessed value of such real property for town and County tax purposes, exclusive of special assessments.

SECTION 5: GENERAL QUALIFICATIONS.

Such exemption shall only be granted to an enrolled member of an incorporated volunteer fire company, fire department, or incorporated volunteer ambulance service in Madison County if;

- (1) The applicant for such exemption resides in the city, town, or village which is served by such incorporated volunteer fire company, fire department or incorporated volunteer ambulance service; and

- (2) The property is the primary residence of the applicant; and
- (3) The property is used exclusively for the applicant's residential purposes; provided, however, that in the event any portion of such property is not used exclusively as the applicant's residence but is used for other purposes, such portion shall be subject to taxation and the remaining portion only shall be entitled to the exemption provided herein; and
- (4) The applicant has completed two (2) years of active service as an enrolled member with an incorporated volunteer fire company, fire department, or incorporate volunteer ambulance service as certified pursuant to this local law; and
- (5) Each incorporated volunteer fire company, fire department or incorporated volunteer ambulance service shall submit to the assessor within the city, town, or village in which each such applicant resides, a complete list of enrolled members, with their respective dates of service with such incorporated volunteer fire company, fire department, or incorporated volunteer ambulance service and the assessor shall then review all applicants and certify those applicants who meet the necessary criteria to be eligible for this exemption;

SECTION 6: TWENTY YEAR ACTIVE MEMBERS.

Any enrolled member of an incorporated volunteer fire company, fire department or incorporated volunteer ambulance service who accrues more than twenty (20) years of active service as an enrolled member and is so certified by the authority having jurisdiction for the incorporated volunteer fire company, fire department or incorporated volunteer ambulance service, shall be granted the ten percent (10%) exemption as authorized by this section for the remainder of his or her life for as long as his or her primary residence is located within Madison County;

SECTION 7: UN-REMARIED SPOUSES OF VOLUNTEER KILLED IN THE LINE OF DUTY

An un-remarried spouse of a volunteer firefighter(s) or volunteer ambulance worker(s) killed in the line of duty may receive the real property tax exemption if:

1. Such un-remarried spouse is certified by the authority having jurisdiction for the incorporated volunteer fire company, fire department or incorporated voluntary ambulance service as an un-remarried spouse of an enrolled member of such incorporate volunteer fire company, fire department or incorporated volunteer ambulance service who was killed in the line of duty; and
2. Such deceased volunteer had been an enrolled member for at least five years; and
3. Such deceased volunteer had been receiving the exemption prior to his or her death.

SECTION 8: UN-REMARIED SURVIVING SPOUSES OF VOLUNTEERS WITH AT LEAST TWENTY YEARS OF SERVICE.

An un-remarried spouse of a deceased volunteer firefighter or volunteer ambulance worker may receive the real property tax exemption if:

1. Such un-remarried spouse is certified by the authority having jurisdiction for the incorporated volunteer fire company, fire department or incorporated voluntary ambulance service as an un-remarried spouse of a deceased enrolled member of such incorporated volunteer fire company, fire department or incorporated volunteer ambulance; and
2. Such deceased volunteer had been an enrolled member for at least twenty years; and
3. Such deceased volunteer and un-remarried spouse had been receiving the exemption of such property prior to the death of such volunteer.

SECTION 9: APPLICATION PROCESS.

Application for such exemption shall be filed annually with the assessor of the city, town or village in which the applicant resides on or before the annual taxable status date for that municipality, on a form as prescribed by the State Board of Equalization and Assessment.

SECTION 10: NO DIMINUTION OF CURRENT BENEFITS.

No applicant who is a volunteer firefighter or volunteer ambulance worker who, by reason of such status, is receiving any benefit under the provisions of Article Four of the Real Property Tax Law on the effective date of this resolution shall suffer any diminution of such benefit because of the provisions of this local law.

SECTION 11: EFFECTIVE DATE.

This Local Law shall be effective upon its filing with the New York State Secretary of State in accordance with Section 27 of the Municipal Home Rule Law and shall apply to assessment rolls prepared on the basis of taxable status dates occurring on or after such date.

ADOPTED: AYES- 1,391 NAYS – 0 ABSENT – 109 (Jones, Stepanski, Stokes)

RESOLUTION NO. 24-232

AUTHORIZING THE MODIFICATION OF THE 2024 ADOPTED COUNTY BUDGET

BE IT RESOLVED that the 2024 Adopted County Budget be modified as follows:

General Fund

4989 County EMS (ARPA)

Expense

	<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>
A498940 522130 Ambulance	\$195,000	\$211,000
A498940 540122 Equipment Expense	<u>16,000</u>	<u>-0-</u>
Control Total	<u>\$211,000</u>	<u>\$211,000</u>

ADOPTED: AYES- 1,391 NAYS – 0 ABSENT – 109 (Jones, Stepanski, Stokes)

RESOLUTION NO. 24-233

AUTHORIZING THE MODIFICATION OF THE 2024 ADOPTED COUNTY BUDGET

WHEREAS, Madison County has received a proposed 3-year Statewide Expansion of Hurrell-Herring grant award from the New York State Office of Indigent Legal Services; and

WHEREAS, the State award grant is identified as follows:

Awarding Agency	NYS Office of Indigent Legal Services
Grant Period	April 1, 2024 – March 31, 2027
Contract #	CSTWIDE225
State Funds	100%
Grant Total	\$3,216,078.21

WHEREAS, the funding agency has approved the following budget lines and usage during the first of the three years, April 1, 2024 to March 31, 2025;

General Fund

1174 2nd Hurrell-Harring Grant (Year 1 of 3)

Revenue

		<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>
A117410 430251 2NDHH	2 ND Hurrell-Harring Grant	<u>\$-0-</u>	<u>\$1,072,026</u>

Control Total

\$1,072,026

Expense

A117410 547574 2NDHH	ACP Administrator-salary	\$-0-	\$ 150,951
A117410 547570 2NDHH	Quality Attorney-salary	\$-0-	\$ 100,924
A117410 547567 2NDHH	Legal Assistant-salary	\$-0-	\$ 41,457
A117410 547580 2NDHH	Fringe for Above Positions	\$-0-	\$ 84,264
A117410 547462 2NDHH	Resource/Mentor Atty Program	\$-0-	\$ 45,000
A117410 547465 2NDHH	Second Chair Program	\$-0-	\$ 90,738
A117410 547489 2NDHH	Specialized Services	\$-0-	\$ 80,000
A117410 547464 2NDHH	Non-Arrestment Per Diem Atty	\$-0-	\$ 120,500
A117410 547463 2NDHH	Attorney Arrestment Coverage	\$-0-	\$ 212,000
A117410 540191 2NDHH	Rent & Ongoing Bldg Expenses	\$-0-	\$ 25,000
A117410 540400 2NDHH	Office Supplies, Equipmt & Furn	\$-0-	\$ 50,000
A117410 547492 2NDHH	CMS/Software/Data Storage	\$-0-	\$ 35,000
A117410 547466 2NDHH	Prof Licenses/Membership/Dues	\$-0-	\$ 5,000
A117410 547484 2NDHH	CLEs/Trainings/Convening	\$-0-	<u>\$ 31,192</u>

Control Total

\$1,072,026

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the 2024 Adopted County Budget be modified in accordance with the grant.

ADOPTED: AYES- 1,391 NAYS – 0 ABSENT – 109 (Jones, Stepanski, Stokes)

RESOLUTION NO. 24-234

AUTHORIZING THE MODIFICATION OF THE 2024 ADOPTED COUNTY BUDGET

BE IT RESOLVED that the 2024 Adopted County Budget be modified as follows:

General Fund

1450 Board of Elections

Expense

	<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>
A145010 521100 Computer Equipment Capitalized	\$25,000	\$6,900
A145010 548820 Imagecast Warranty & Support	12,500	36,420
A145010 549110 Office Supplies & Expense	<u>8,000</u>	<u>2,180</u>
Control Totals	<u>\$45,500</u>	<u>\$45,500</u>

ADOPTED: AYES- 1,391 NAYS – 0 ABSENT – 109 (Jones, Stepanski, Stokes)

By Health and Human Services Committee:

RESOLUTION 24-235

**AUTHORIZING THE CHAIRMAN TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT
WITH iCENTRAL SOFTWARE FOR THE EARLY INTERVENTION PROGRAM**

WHEREAS, Madison County Health Department provides Early Intervention services; and

WHEREAS, iCentral offers a collection of apps to make Early Intervention, Special Education, Daycare, and other programs that service children easier eliminating paper charts, reducing errors and offering a more secure HIPAA/FERPA compliant location; and

WHEREAS, iCentral is able to collect and centralize all information for Intervention cases in one spot as well as bill electronically to NYEIS and the soon to be EI-HUB.

WHEREAS, iCentral has the expertise and capability to effectively support the Early Intervention program; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Chairman of the Board of Supervisors, hereby authorized to enter into an agreement with iCentral, a copy of which is on file with the Clerk of the Board.

ADOPTED: AYES- 1,391 NAYS – 0 ABSENT – 109 (Jones, Stepanski, Stokes)

RESOLUTION NO. 24-236

**ACCEPTING BID AND AWARDING CONTRACT FOR EARLY INTERVENTION AND
PRE- SCHOOL CHILDREN TRANSPORTATION**

WHEREAS, Bid Ref. #24-19 was duly received and opened on May 7, 2024 for the transportation of Early Intervention and Pre-School children with disabilities; and

WHEREAS, Madison County Department of Health is responsible to provide arrangements for transportation of children with handicapping conditions to education facilities under the Early Intervention Program and Special Education Program for ages 0-5; and

WHEREAS, the offer of providing this responsibility was given to and accepted for two (2) years by Birnie Bus Service with the following rates for the July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2026 contract year as follows:

Program Name	Daily Bus Cost Round Trip	Daily Van Cost Round Trip
Spice – Park Hill	\$698.00	\$665.00
Jowonio Preschool	\$698.00	\$665.00
Spice – Elmcrest Pre-School	\$698.00	\$665.00
Milestones	\$698.00	\$665.00
UCP Rome Pre-School	\$710.00	\$680.00
UCP Armory Pre-School	\$687.00	\$625.00
UCP Westmoreland	\$698.00	\$665.00
UCP Sauquoit Pre-School	\$860.00	\$810.00
Kelberman Center-Whitesboro	\$687.00	\$625.00
Kelberman Center-Utica	\$687.00	\$625.00
NYS School for the Deaf	\$698.00	\$665.00
Family Enrichment Network	\$875.00	\$836.00
Racker Center	\$875.00	\$836.00
Wheelchair	\$710.00	\$710.00

WHEREAS, the rates for year two (2) of the award will be increase by the CPI or 3% whichever is less:

WHEREAS, the County shall have three (3) separate and consecutive options to extend this contract for additional periods of one year each with the CPI or 3% increase, whichever is less; and

WHEREAS, the Health & Human Services' Committee feels this is in the best interest of Madison County;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the County accepts the bid submitted by the above named contractor, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Chairman of the Board of Supervisors is hereby authorized to enter into agreement with Birnie Bus Service, Inc., effective July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2026, as is on file with the Clerk of the Board.

ADOPTED: AYES- 1,391 NAYS – 0 ABSENT – 109 (Jones, Stepanski, Stokes)

RESOLUTION NO. 24-237

APPOINTING MEMBERS TO THE MADISON COUNTY YOUTH BUREAU YOUTH BOARD

WHEREAS, the Madison County Board of Supervisors must approve the appointment of members to the Madison County Youth Bureau Youth Board, which acts as a community advisory board to the Madison County Youth Bureau; and

WHEREAS, the following individual has been recommended by the membership of the Madison County Youth Bureau Youth Board for appointment to the Youth Board for an abbreviated term and has been approved by the Health and Human Services Committee;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Madison County Board of Supervisors does hereby appoints the following individual to the Madison County Youth Bureau Youth Board for the term indicated below:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Address</u>	<u>Term</u>
Jessica Evans-Kirley	365 Williams Street, Oneida	7/1/24-12/31/25

ADOPTED: AYES- 1,391 NAYS – 0 ABSENT – 109 (Jones, Stepanski, Stokes)

By Planning, Economic Development, Environmental and Intergovernmental Affairs Committee:

RESOLUTION NO. 24-238

AUTHORIZING AN AGREEMENT WITH YATES COUNTY FOR THE PURCHASE OF 54 MILES OF SINGLE STRAND FIBER FOR MADISON COUNTY’S RECONNECT PROJECT

WHEREAS, Madison County is undertaking a USDA funded Broadband ReConnect project to install broadband in designated unserved areas of Madison County; and

WHEREAS, part of this project includes the purchase and installation of fiber throughout the County; and

WHEREAS, Yates County, NY is undertaking a similar project and has 54 miles of extra single strand fiber that it is making available to Madison County for the cost of \$51,339.96; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Chairman of the Board of Supervisors be and is hereby authorized to enter into an agreement for the purchase of 54 miles of fiber on behalf of the County of Madison, with Yates County, in the form as is on file with the Clerk of the Board.

ADOPTED: AYES- 1,391 NAYS – 0 ABSENT – 109 (Jones, Stepanski, Stokes)

RESOLUTION NO. 24-239

AUTHORIZING CHAIRMAN TO AMEND AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE MADISON COUNTY SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT AND MADISON COUNTY

WHEREAS, Madison County presently contracts with the Finger Lakes Association, Inc. to receive a Finger Lakes-Lake Ontario Watershed Protection Alliance (FL-LOWPA, formerly the Finger Lakes Aquatic Vegetation Control Program) grant from the New York State Environmental Protection Fund; and

WHEREAS, the Madison County Soil and Water Conservation District (District) works with farmers through the Agricultural Environmental Management (AEM) program to implement best management practices (BMP's) that minimize soil erosion and nutrient pollution; and

WHEREAS, Madison County has an existing contract with the Soil and Water Conservation District for the implementation of BMP's on farms as part of our FL-LOWPA program; and

WHEREAS, the allocation of FL-LOWPA funds for these BMP projects shall be amended from \$70,000 to an amount not exceed \$120,000, all of which are grant funds provided by FL-LOWPA;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Madison County Board of Supervisors authorizes the Chairman to enter into an agreement with the Madison County Soil and Water Conservation District, a copy of which is on file with the Clerk of this Board.

ADOPTED: AYES- 1,391 NAYS – 0 ABSENT – 109 (Jones, Stepanski, Stokes)

RESOLUTION NO.24-240

AUTHORIZING THE EXTENSION OF A PUBLIC TRANSIT AGREEMENT WITH BIRNIE TRANSIT, INC. AND A COORDINATED SERVICE MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH BIRNIE TRANSIT, INC., MADISON COUNTY, AND HERITAGE FARM INC.

WHEREAS, the State of New York has enacted Transportation Law, Section 18-b which provides for the New York State Mass Transportation Operating Assistance Program ("STOA"); and

WHEREAS, Section 119-r of the General Municipal Law of the State of New York authorizes the County to enter into a contract with a privately owned or operated mass transportation facility for mass transportation services to be rendered to the people of Madison County; and

WHEREAS, Birnie Transit, Inc. represents that it is such a privately owned or operated mass transportation facility described in Section 119-r of the General Municipal Law and that it holds certificates of public convenience and necessity issued by the New York State Department of Transportation necessary and appropriate for the rendition of the services to be performed by it hereunder; and

WHEREAS, the County seeks management, operation and maintenance services for the public transportation system and for the coordination and providing of transportation services for the general public in Madison County; and

WHEREAS, while Madison County undergoes a RFP/BID process to competitively select a transit provider in the latter half of 2024, we would like the program to continue uninterrupted as is until 12/31/2024; and

WHEREAS, Birnie Transit, Inc. is presently under contract with Heritage Farm, Inc. to provide transportation services to their clientele within the County of Madison and Birnie Transit, Inc. is willing to expand those transportation services and to make them available to all members of the public under the terms and conditions of this Agreement; and

WHEREAS, Madison County extend its three way Memorandum of Understanding with Heritage Farms Inc. and Birnie Transit, Inc. to indicate its approval of the expansion and coordination of specified transportation services, and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Madison County Board of Supervisors authorizes the Chairman to enter into an Extension Agreement with Birnie Transit, Inc. and a coinciding MOU with Heritage Farms Inc. for the provision of public transit services in Madison County, copies of which are on file with the Clerk of this Board; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Madison County Treasurer is authorized to make the necessary arrangements to receive and disburse the funds for the operation of the Madison Transit System.

ADOPTED: AYES- 1,391 NAYS – 0 ABSENT – 109 (Jones, Stepanski, Stokes)

By Criminal Justice, Public Safety and Emergency Communications Committee:

RESOLUTION NO. 24-241

AUTHORIZING THE CHAIRMAN TO ENTER INTO AN AMENDED CONTRACT WITH THE NEW YORK STATE DEFENDERS ASSOCIATION, INC.

WHEREAS, Madison County by Resolution 20-508 dated December 3, 2020, entered into an annual agreement with the New York State Defenders Association, Inc., to provide services outlined with said contract; and

WHEREAS, the Madison County Assigned Counsel wishes to amend and expand said contract to allow for a cloud-based access program for our panel attorneys to utilize for easier case access and e-vouchering as well as for our current database software and maintenance; and

WHEREAS, the initial cost of the amended contract would be \$25,820 per year due at the time of the execution of the contract with \$5,000 of that amount to be utilized for the migration of our existing data to the new software. The annual fee thereafter would be \$20,820; and

WHEREAS, the initial costs and annual fees thereon in shall be covered in full by a grant from the NYS Office of Indigent Legal Services; and

WHEREAS, the County shall be reimbursed only for costs actually incurred in accordance with this Agreement. Payments shall be made in arrears and shall be processed upon submission by the County and approval by the NYS Office in Indigent Legal Services of appropriate statements and vouchers; and

WHEREAS, this agreement has been reviewed and approved by the Criminal Justice, Public Safety and Emergency Communications Committee;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Chairman of the Board of Supervisors be and is hereby authorized to enter into an amended agreement on behalf of Madison County with the New York State Defenders Association, Inc., in the form as is on file with the Clerk of the Board.

ADOPTED: AYES- 1,391 NAYS – 0 ABSENT – 109 (Jones, Stepanski, Stokes)

RESOLUTION NO. 24-242

AUTHORIZING THE CHAIRMAN TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH THE CAZENOVIA CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT FOR THE USE OF SPECIAL PATROL OFFICERS

WHEREAS, the County of Madison, through the Office of the Sheriff, has a position entitled Special Patrol Officer, and these officers are employed to maintain order and provide security in public buildings, including schools; and

WHEREAS, the Cazenovia Central School District is desirous in continuing to utilize these Special Patrol Officers in order to enhance order and security in their public school buildings; and

WHEREAS, in order to continue to facilitate such a use of Special Patrol Officers, the County of Madison and the Cazenovia Central District wish to enter into an agreement so as to set forth and define the parties' understanding of the terms and conditions; and

WHEREAS, this request for the use of Special Patrol Officers to continue to provide services to the Cazenovia Central School District has been approved by the Criminal Justice, Public Safety and Emergency Communications Committee;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Chairman of the Board of Supervisors be and is hereby authorized to enter into an agreement on behalf of the County of Madison with the Cazenovia Central School District, in the form as is on file with the Clerk of the Board.

ADOPTED: AYES- 1,391 NAYS – 0 ABSENT – 109 (Jones, Stepanski, Stokes)

RESOLUTION NO. 24-243

AUTHORIZING THE CHAIRMAN TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH THE MADISON CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT FOR THE USE OF SPECIAL PATROL OFFICERS

WHEREAS, the County of Madison, through the Office of the Sheriff, has a position entitled Special Patrol Officer, and these officers are employed to maintain order and provide security in public buildings, including schools; and

WHEREAS, the Madison Central School District is desirous in continuing to utilize these Special Patrol Officers in order to enhance order and security in their public school buildings; and

WHEREAS, in order to continue to facilitate such a use of Special Patrol Officers, the County of Madison and the Madison Central District wish to enter into an agreement so as to set forth and define the parties' understanding of the terms and conditions; and

WHEREAS, this request for the use of Special Patrol Officers to continue to provide services to the Madison Central School District has been approved by the Criminal Justice, Public Safety and Emergency Communications Committee;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Chairman of the Board of Supervisors be and is hereby authorized to enter into an agreement on behalf of the County of Madison with the Madison Central School District, in the form as is on file with the Clerk of the Board.

ADOPTED: AYES- 1,391 NAYS – 0 ABSENT – 109 (Jones, Stepanski, Stokes)

RESOLUTION NO. 24-244

**EXPRESSING CONCERNS REGARDING PROPOSED OSHA REFORMS IN NEW YORK
STATE FOR EMERGENCY SERVICE PROVIDERS**

WHEREAS, Madison County, nestled in the heart of New York State, is a rural county with a population of 68,416 individuals spread across 661 square miles relying heavily on the essential services provided by twenty-three (23) independent fire departments, three (3) non-for-profit Emergency Medical Service agencies, five (5) municipal based Emergency Medical Service agencies and two (2) commercial Emergency Medical Service agencies; and

WHEREAS, these twenty-three (23) fire departments, comprised of twenty-two (22) entirely volunteer organizations and one paid department, and ten (10) Emergency Medical Service agencies form the backbone of our emergency response apparatus tirelessly working to ensure the safety, security and well-being of our residents often at great personal sacrifice; and

WHEREAS, Madison County acknowledges, with gratitude, the commendable efforts of the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) in initiating measures aimed at enhancing the safety and welfare of our invaluable emergency responders; and

WHEREAS, notwithstanding the strides made in bolstering emergency responder safety, Madison County holds legitimate concerns regarding the future accessibility, affordability and efficacy of emergency services within our jurisdiction;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Madison County, mindful of its responsibility to safeguard the interests and welfare of its constituents, hereby expresses its reservations and respectfully requests that OSHA, in conjunction with our esteemed state and national officials, give due consideration to the following points of contention and areas of improvement pertaining to the current proposed OSHA 1910.156 document:

1. Extending the public comment period beyond the prescribed deadline of July 21, 2024 by a minimum of 60 days, thereby affording our officials adequate time to meticulously review the voluminous 608 page document and formulate comprehensive, fact-based comments reflective of our community's unique needs and circumstances;
2. Facilitating the organization and conduct of in-person public comment sessions to provide a platform for stakeholders to voice their concerns, insights and recommendations in a transparent and inclusive manner;
3. Ensuring equitable and substantive representation of volunteer firefighters in the proposal process, proportionate to their significant contribution to emergency services nationwide, thereby fostering a balanced and representative discourse that accounts for the diverse perspectives and interests at play;

4. Simplifying and expediting the incorporation of referenced standards (22 in total) into the proposed standard to enhance clarity, accessibility and comprehension, thereby facilitating widespread dissemination and implementation across our diverse emergency response landscape;
5. Reevaluating the intended audience and scope of the standard to accommodate the varying regulatory frameworks and classifications of volunteer firefighters across different states, ensuring equitable treatment and compliance with applicable laws and regulations;
6. Transforming the proposed standard into a dynamic, adaptive "living document" capable of evolving in tandem with emerging national needs, technological advancements and best practices, thereby obviating the need for periodic overhauls and updates to address obsolescence and inefficiency;
7. Identifying and prioritizing additional safety measures and protocols that can be expeditiously implemented with minimal resource expenditure and manpower requirements, thereby augmenting the resilience and effectiveness of our emergency response infrastructure;
8. Collaborating closely with stakeholders to develop a standardized framework that strikes a judicious balance between economic feasibility and technical efficacy, thereby ensuring the sustainability and viability of our emergency response initiatives in the long run;
9. Instituting a formal, structured negotiation process characterized by transparency, accountability and active engagement thereby fostering a culture of collaboration, consensus-building and mutual respect among all parties involved;
10. Embracing these recommendations and initiatives in a concerted effort to uphold the safety, well-being and resilience of our dedicated emergency responders, while concurrently safeguarding the interests and resources of our taxpaying constituents;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that in adopting this resolution, the Madison County Board of Supervisors reaffirms its unwavering commitment to the principles of safety, equity and inclusivity, and pledges to work collaboratively with all relevant stakeholders to address the pressing concerns and challenges confronting our emergency response infrastructure in the pursuit of a safer, more resilient and prosperous future for all; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution shall be transmitted to OSHA, the Governor of New York State, the New York State Legislature, the National Advisory Committee on Occupational Safety and Health and other relevant stakeholders to express the opposition of the Madison County Board of Supervisors to any OSHA reforms that do not adequately consider the concerns outlined herein.

ADOPTED: AYES- 1,391 NAYS – 0 ABSENT – 109 (Jones, Stepanski, Stokes)

Resolutions – Regular Agenda

By Supervisor Corbin and Supervisor Shwartz:

RESOLUTION NO. 24-245

**AUTHORIZING THE CHAIRMAN TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH NATIONAL GRID
APPROVED CONTRACTORS**

WHEREAS, Madison County is undertaking a Broadband ReConnect Project to serve underserved and unserved areas of the county with high speed broadband internet service; and

WHEREAS, National Grid requires all pole attacher applicants to hire a National Grid approved contractor to perform any necessary “make ready” tasks per each approved E-5 application for the connection of fiber optic cable to existing utility poles throughout Madison County; and

WHEREAS, the following list of National Grid approved contractors have been reviewed and are able to perform the necessary services required per each approved E-5 application, with services to commence June 17, 2024:

- Divine Power Solutions:
- O’Connel Electric Company
- H. Richardson & Sons

and;

WHEREAS, the project will take place in accordance with the USDA Broadband ReConnect Project rules and is a primarily USDA grant funded project with the costs appropriated within the 2024 adopted county budget; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Chairman of the Board of Supervisors be and is hereby authorized to enter into agreements on behalf of the County of Madison with the above listed contractors, in substantially the same form as is on file with the Clerk of the Board.

ADOPTED: AYES- 1,391 NAYS – 0 ABSENT – 109 (Jones, Stepanski, Stokes)

By Supervisor Walrod:

RESOLUTION NO. 24-246

ADOPTING LOCAL LAW NO. 1 FOR THE YEAR 2024

WHEREAS, there has been duly introduced Local Law No. 1 for the year 2024 entitled “A Local Law No. 1 for the Year 2024 Amending Local Law No. 4 of 2008”; and

WHEREAS, a public hearing on said local law was duly held by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Madison on July 9, 2024;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that Local Law No. 1 for the year 2024 be and the same is hereby adopted.

ADOPTED: AYES- 1,391 NAYS – 0 ABSENT – 109 (Jones, Stepanski, Stokes)

The following resolution was adopted by a 2/3rds vote:

RESOLUTION NO. 24-247

REQUESTING THE WAIVER OF RULE NO. 24 AND NO. 24-A

WHEREAS, Rule No. 24 requires that all resolutions intended to be moved for adoption at a regular meeting shall be filed with the Clerk not less than seven (7) calendar days prior to the meeting; and

WHEREAS, Rule No 24-A requires that all such resolutions be introduced by the Chairman of the Legislative Board having jurisdiction after having been filed with the Chairman at least ten (10) days prior to the meeting at which time it is to be introduced;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that Rule No. 24 and 24-A are hereby waived only for the purpose of Authorizing the Chairman to Enter into an Agreement with New York State Teamsters Council Health and Hospital Fund.

ADOPTED: AYES- 1,396 NAYS – 0 ABSENT – 104 (Jones, Stepanski, Stokes)

RESOLUTION NO. 24-248

**AUTHORIZING THE CHAIRMAN TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH
NEW YORK STATE TEAMSTERS COUNCIL HEALTH AND HOSPITAL FUND**

WHEREAS, Madison County's Correctional Officers are represented by New York State Teamsters Local Union #294 ("The Union"); and

WHEREAS, the Union has proposed a Monthly Participation Agreement ("the Agreement") to be executed with New York State Teamsters Council Health and Hospital Fund in order to continue the provision of health insurance for the Correctional Officers; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Chairman of the Board of Supervisors be and is hereby authorized to enter into an agreement on behalf of Madison County with the New York State Teamsters Council Health and Hospital Fund, in the form as is on file with the Clerk of the Board.

ADOPTED: AYES- 1,391 NAYS – 0 ABSENT – 109 (Jones, Stepanski, Stokes)

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