MADISON COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
Board Meeting - Tuesday, March 10, 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 except for Supervisor Reuter (63 votes), Supervisor Stokes (26 votes) and Supervisor Henderson (58 votes).

On Motion by Supervisor Daviau, seconded by Supervisor Carvell, the February 10, 2026 meeting minutes were adopted and filed.

Vouchers Payable Report submitted by Finance Director Lou Anne Randall, in the amount of $ 1,695,374.14.

Communications, Reports and Reports of Committees

1. Letter of appreciation from Cazenovia School District regarding Donation of Electronic Equipment from Purchase of former Cazenovia College Campus.
2. Madison County Occupancy Tax Receipts and Expenditures Report 10/1/2025-12/31/2025
3. Quarterly Corporate Compliance Program Report – December 2025 - March 2026

Chairman Cunningham asked if there was anyone present to speak to the resolutions up for adoption, none were present.

Chairman Cunningham read aloud the following correspondence sent to the Madison County Board of Supervisors from the Cazenovia Central School District:

" On behalf of the Cazenovia School District, I would like to extend our sincere thanks for the generous donation of electronic equipment from Reisman Hall.

The variety of items provided – including a teleprompter, sound board, digital camera, and various computing units- will serve as resources for our students. These materials are slated for use within our Career and Technical Education (CTE) department for the high school Communications Club, extending our hands-on experience and opportunities for our students.

We are appreciative of Madison County's Commitment to supporting local education. Thank you again for your generosity and support of or students."

Proclamation

Health and Human Services Chairwoman Mary Cavanagh read the following Proclamation aloud:

Recognizing Public Health Week
April 6-12, 2026

WHEREAS, the week of April 6, 2026, is National Public Health Week and the theme is "Ready. Set. Action!"; and

WHEREAS, Madison County Public Health Department's vision is a healthy environment and community for all to thrive, and the Department's mission is to protect and enhance the health of our community through partnerships, education, and high quality services; and

WHEREAS, the Department carries out its mission with respect, equity, integrity, collaboration and a community focus; and

WHEREAS, the Department's work helps to control and prevent disease, protect against environmental hazards, prevent injuries, promote and provide support for healthy choices and living, provide services and support to families of children with special needs, and respond to public health emergencies; and

WHEREAS, the Department works with the community and local partners to prioritize needs and tailor strategies to improve community health, and;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Madison County Board of Supervisors, does hereby declare the week of April 6-12, 2026, as Public Health Week in Madison County and call upon our communities to observe this week by helping our families, friends, neighbors, co-workers, and leaders to better understand the value of public health and supporting beneficial opportunities to adopt preventive lifestyle habits.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Madison County Board of Supervisors commends Madison County Public Health Department staff and all professional and community partners for their work in helping our residents live longer, healthier lives.

Resolutions – Regular Agenda

RESOLUTION NO. 26-30

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 Karen Bright.

Employee	**Department**	**Years of Service**
Karen Bright	Social Services	31 Years of Service

ADOPTED: AYES – 1,353 NAYS - 0 ABSENT – 147 (Reuter, Stokes, Henderson)

At this time, Emily Pushlar, Deputy Commissioner of Child and Family Services in Department of Social Services, stepped forward to accept and present a retirement gift to retiree Karen Bright for her 31 years of service in DSS. Bright began with the County in September 1994 and has served in Medicaid, Child Support and Child and Family Services. Pushlar spoke very highly of Bright and expressed how much they are going to miss Bright's presence in the office.

County Administrator Mark Scimone took a moment to thank Retiree Karen Bright for all she has done for Madison County, specifically her time as the CSEA White Collar Union President. Scimone remarked the excellent working relationship with Bright and all that has been accomplished for the County workforce. Bright will be missed for all she has accomplished in her time at Madison County.

Karen Bright took a moment to talk to her experience at Madison County and remarked on the excellent work environment and workforce. Bright thanked the Board of Supervisors and County Leadership for all of the support over the years and showing the workforce how much they are valued.

Resolutions – Preferred Agenda

By Government Operations Committee:

Committee Chairman Paul Walrod spoke to the resolutions being presented for a vote including policy amendments, new policy adoptions and position creation for the Highway Department.

RESOLUTION NO. 26-31

AMENDING THE CORPORATE COMPLIANCE PLAN AND RELATED POLICIES

WHEREAS, Madison County as a Medicaid program provider is required to have an effective compliance program as required by NYS Social Services Law § 363-d and Title 18 of the New York Codes, Rules and Regulations (18 NYCRR) SubPart 521-1; and

WHEREAS, as part of maintaining an effective compliance program, the Compliance Officer and Corporate Compliance Committee have conducted their annual review of the Medicaid Corporate Compliance Plan and related policies; and

WHEREAS, updates have been incorporated into Section VI of the Corporate Compliance Plan as well as updates to the Compliance Committee Charter (Attachment 2); and

WHEREAS, the Reimbursement Practices and Billing Errors; Reporting and Returning Overpayments Policy has been updated to further align with federal and State requirements related to the identification, quantification, reporting, and return of overpayments; and

WHEREAS, the Exclusion Screening Policy has been updated to clarify procedural requirements for the screening of employees, contractors, and vendors, including those classified as Class A Contractors; and

WHEREAS, the Government Operations Committee has reviewed and evaluated these proposed amendments;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Board of Supervisors hereby approves the amendments to the Corporate Compliance Plan and the Reimbursement Practices and Billing Errors; Reporting and Returning Overpayments Policy, and the Exclusion Screening Policy, to take effect immediately.

ADOPTED: AYES – 1,353 NAYS - 0 ABSENT – 147 (Reuter, Stokes, Henderson)

RESOLUTION NO. 26-32

AMENDING THE HIPAA NOTICES OF PRIVACY PRACTICES

WHEREAS, Madison County operates a self-funded Group Health Plan for eligible employees and their dependents, and provides health care services through various County departments and programs that constitute Covered Entities under the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996 ("HIPAA"); and

WHEREAS, HIPAA and its implementing regulations at 45 C.F.R. § 164.520 require Covered Entities to maintain and distribute a Notice of Privacy Practices describing permitted uses and disclosures of protected health information, individual rights, and the legal duties of the Covered Entity; and

WHEREAS, Madison County maintains two separate Notices of Privacy Practices, one applicable to the County's self-funded Group Health Plan and one applicable to individuals receiving health care services from County departments and programs; and

WHEREAS, the County Compliance Officer and Privacy Officer, in consultation with outside counsel, completed a review and revision of both Notices to ensure continued compliance with recent amendments to federal law, including changes to 42 C.F.R. Part 2 governing the confidentiality of substance use disorder treatment records and corresponding updates to the HIPAA Privacy Rule; and

WHEREAS, the Government Operations Committee has reviewed and evaluated the revisions to the Notices;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Supervisors hereby approves the amended Notice of Privacy Practices for the Madison County Self-Funded Group Health Plan and the amended Notice of Privacy Practices for Health Care Service Recipients, making them effective as of February 16, 2026.

ADOPTED: AYES – 1,353 NAYS - 0 ABSENT – 147 (Reuter, Stokes, Henderson)

RESOLUTION NO. 26-33

AMENDING THE RESPIRATORY PROTECTION PROGRAM POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

WHEREAS, Madison County adopted a Respiratory Protection Policy and Procedures in 1993 with the most recent updates and revisions occurring in 2018; and

WHEREAS, the primary objective of this policy is to prevent excessive exposure to contaminants for employees in areas where engineering controls are not feasible and use of personal respiratory protective equipment may be required to achieve this goal; and

WHEREAS, the amendments are in compliance with the 1910.134 Respiratory Protection OSHA standard; and

WHEREAS, the Government Operations Committee has reviewed the amendments to the procedures and recommends adoption by the Board of Supervisors:

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Madison County Board of Supervisors hereby adopts the Madison County Respiratory Protection Program Policy and Procedures as amended.

ADOPTED: AYES – 1,353 NAYS - 0 ABSENT – 147 (Reuter, Stokes, Henderson)

RESOLUTION NO. 26-34

ESTABLISHING A GENDER-BASED VIOLENCE AND THE WORKPLACE POLICY

WHEREAS, Madison County is committed to maintaining a workplace free from domestic and other forms of gender-based violence and supports federal and state gender-based violence prevention legislation; and

WHEREAS, New York State established State Finance Law § 139-m requiring entities bidding on state contracts to have implemented a Gender-Based Violence and the Workplace Policy in their organization; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Human Resources feel it a best practice to create a policy dedicated to Gender Based Violence and the Workplace Policy to enhance a safe and supportive workplace as well as comply with new State legislation; and

WHEREAS, the Government Operations Committee has reviewed the Gender -Based Violence and the Workplace policy and recommends adoption of both by the Board of Supervisors,

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Madison County Board of Supervisors hereby adopts the Madison County Gender-Based Violence and the Workplace Policy as proposed.

ADOPTED: AYES – 1,353 NAYS - 0 ABSENT – 147 (Reuter, Stokes, Henderson)

RESOLUTION NO. 26-35

CREATING A FULL-TIME POSITION IN THE HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

WHEREAS, the Highway Department provides critical road infrastructure maintenance and services to residents of Madison County; and

WHEREAS, the Highway Superintendent recognizes the need for proper staffing of the department is essential to providing these services; and

WHEREAS, the department recently promoted an employee to a vacant supervisor position, leaving a Heavy Equipment Operator position that may only be filled on a temporary basis until the promoted employee completes probation due to civil service law and rule; and

WHEREAS, hiring a temporary employee into this position is not practicable and the Highway Superintendent has asked that an additional Heavy Equipment Operator position be created while the vacant Heavy Equipment Operator position is encumbered; and

WHEREAS, the Highway Superintendent has agreed not to fill the encumbered Highway Equipment Operator Position and the position will be abolished once the promoted individual completes his probationary period or July 13, 2026, whichever comes first resulting in a zero-cost increase to the Highway department's budget; and

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

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that one full time Heavy Equipment Operator be and hereby is created effective immediately, and

BE IT FUTHER RESOLVED that once the vacant position is no longer encumbered, the newly created position will be eliminated, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Highway Superintendent be and hereby is authorized to fill said position in accordance with Civil Service Law and Rule and the contract between the County and the Civil Service Employees' Association, Inc. Blue Collar Unit effective immediately.

ADOPTED: AYES – 1,353 NAYS - 0 ABSENT – 147 (Reuter, Stokes, Henderson)

By Finance Ways and Means Committee:

Committee Chairman Reger spoke about the status of Sale Tax Distribution, as of March 6, 2026, we are 3.39% ahead over last year. Reger then spoke briefly to the resolutions being presented by the finance committee.

RESOLUTION NO. 26-36

AUTHORIZING THE MODIFICATION OF THE 2026 ADOPTED COUNTY BUDGET

BE IT RESOLVED that the 2026 Adopted County Budget be modified as follows:

General Fund		
1620 County Facilities	From	To
Expense		
A162010 540316 Real Property Tax Expense	$-0-	$23,630

1990 Contingent Fund

Expense		
A199010 544440 Contingent Fund	$1,494,341	$1,470,711
Control Totals	$1,494,341	$1,494,341

ADOPTED: AYES – 1,353 NAYS - 0 ABSENT – 147 (Reuter, Stokes, Henderson)

RESOLUTION NO. 26-37

AUTHORIZING THE MODIFICATION OF THE 2026 ADOPTED COUNTY BUDGET

BE IT RESOLVED that the 2026 Adopted County Budget be modified as follows:

General Fund

	From	To
1010 Legislative Board		
Expense		
A101010 581100 State Retirement Expense	$50,954	$53,662
1040 Clerk of Board		
Expense		
A104010 581100 State Retirement Expense	20,505	20,262
1165 District Attorney		
Expense		
A116510 511000 Personal Services Full Time	1,086,476	1,089,902
A116510 513000 Personal Services Part Time	323,690	324,627
A116510 581100 State Retirement Expense	213,772	211,997
A116510 582100 Social Security Expense	109,481	109,813
1170 Assigned Counsel		
Expense		
A117010 511000 Personal Services Full Time	511,431	515,131
A117010 581100 State Retirement Expense	70,905	70,573
A117010 582100 Social Security Expense	39,124	39,408
1185 Medical Examiners & Coroners		
Expense		
A118510 581100 State Retirement Expense	2,772	2,740
1230 County Administrator		
Expense		
A123010 581100 State Retirement Expense	55,996	55,333
1310 Finance Office		
Expense		
A131010 511000 Personal Services Full Time	1,088,246	1,105,196
A131010 581100 State Retirement Expense	194,965	197,369
A131010 582100 Social Security Expense	83,249	84,547
1325 County Treasurer		

Expense

A132510 511000 Personal Services Full Time	387,741	393,417
A132510 581100 State Retirement Expense	63,815	63,926
A132510 582100 Social Security Expense	29,663	30,097

1355 Real Property

Expense

A135510 511000 Personal Services Full Time	266,366	270,399
A135510 581100 State Retirement Expense	41,209	41,441
A135510 582100 Social Security Expense	20,378	20,686

1410 County Clerk	From	To
Expense		
A141010 511000 Personal Services Full Time	1,263,765	1,303,632
A141010 513000 Personal Services Part Time	26,391	27,447
A141010 581100 State Retirement Expense	199,463	203,032
A141010 582100 Social Security Expense	98,693	101,832

1420 County Attorney

Expense

A142010 581100 State Retirement Expense	108,309	107,028

1430 Human Resources

Expense

A143010 581100 State Retirement Expense	107,768	106,493

1450 Board of Elections

Expense

A145010 513000 Personal Services Part Time	183,031	182,564
A145010 581100 State Retirement Expense	75,583	75,147
A145010 582100 Social Security Expense	36,902	36,864

1460 Records Management

Expense

A146010 581100 State Retirement Expense	8,777	8,673

1480 Public Information

Expense

A148010 581100 State Retirement Expense	21,673	21,416

1620 County Facilities

Expense

A162010 511000 Personal Services Full Time	1,406,134	1,410,210
A162010 513000 Personal Services Part Time	379,164	379,890
A162010 581100 State Retirement Expense	249,524	247,552
A162010 582100 Social Security Expense	136,581	136,948

1670 Central Print & Supply

Expense

A167010 511000 Personal Services Full Time	46,941	48,820
A167010 581100 State Retirement Expense	6,508	6,688

A167010 582100 Social Security Expense	3,591	3,735

1680 Information Technology

Expense

A168010 511000 Personal Services Full Time	1,113,738	1,131,148
A168010 581100 State Retirement Expense	160,943	161,925
A168010 582100 Social Security Expense	86,763	88,094

1989 Compliance

Expense

A198910 581100 State Retirement Expense	12,660	12,511

2960 Preschool Special Education	From	To
Expense		
A296020 511000 Personal Services Full Time	175,593	179,528
A296020 581100 State Retirement Expense	28,497	28,862
A296020 582100 Social Security Expense	17,100	17,402

2961 Early Intervention Program

Expense

A296120 511000 Personal Services Full Time	289,950	298,466
A296120 581100 State Retirement Expense	51,445	52,445
A296120 582100 Social Security Expense	22,259	22,911

3020 Communications Center

Expense

A302030 511000 Personal Services Full Time	956,873	974,729
A302030 513000 Personal Services Part Time	150,709	161,469
A302030 581100 State Retirement Expense	185,541	191,838
A302030 582100 Social Security Expense	83,368	85,558

3110 Sheriff's Office

Expense

A311030 511000 Personal Services Full Time	4,438,380	4,432,529
A311030 513000 Personal Services Part Time	599,009	599,782
A311030 581100 State Retirement Expense	1,271,967	1,248,783
A311030 582100 Social Security Expense	385,332	384,945

3114 Grant Multidisciplinary Team

Expense

A311430 512000 Personal Services Grants	96,983	98,853
A311430 581100 State Retirement Expense	15,656	15,814
A311430 582100 Social Security Expense	7,420	7,562
A311430 586100 Employee Health Insurance	33,759	7,518

3140 Probation

Expense

A314030 511000 Personal Services Full Time	1,031,582	1,079,591
A314030 581100 State Retirement Expense	153,451	158,626
A314030 582100 Social Security Expense	78,915	82,588

3150 Sheriff's Correctional Facility

Expense		
A315030 511000 Personal Services Full Time	4,035,413	4,087,019
A315030 513000 Personal Services Part Time	348,649	293,319
A315030 516000 Supplemental Pay	37,000	35,500
A315030 581100 State Retirement Expense	897,668	903,459
A315030 582100 Social Security Expense	335,370	335,087

3410 Office of Emergency Management

Expense		
A341030 511000 Personal Services Full Time	468,458	478,682
A341030 513000 Personal Services Part Time	34,790	34,479
A341030 581100 State Retirement Expense	76,635	77,304
A341030 582100 Social Security Expense	38,387	39,144

4010 Public Health Administration	From	To
Expense		
A401040 511000 Personal Services Full Time	600,025	607,051
A401040 581100 State Retirement Expense	101,374	101,475
A401040 582100 Social Security Expense	48,580	49,117

4012 Public Health Preventive

Expense		
A401240 511000 Personal Services Full Time	677,604	689,445
A401240 581100 State Retirement Expense	111,536	112,205
A401240 582100 Social Security Expense	53,750	54,657

4016 Public Health Fed & State Grants

Expense		
A401640 581100 State Retirement Expense	8,913	8,807

4090 Public Health Environmental

Expense		
A409040 511000 Personal Services Full Time	630,802	644,257
A409040 581100 State Retirement Expense	104,095	104,917
A409040 582100 Social Security Expense	49,403	50,434

4308 Mental Health Clinic

Expense		
A430840 511000 Personal Services Full Time	3,440,738	3,534,594
A430840 581100 State Retirement Expense	517,557	531,084
A430840 582100 Social Security Expense	258,721	265,726

4310 Mental Health Administration

Expense		
A431040 581100 State Retirement Expense	42,236	41,736

4321 Mental Health Pathways

Expense		
A432140 511000 Personal Services Full Time	144,386	148,258
A432140 581100 State Retirement Expense	20,018	20,312

A432140 582100 Social Security Expense	11,046	11,342

4540 County EMS Program

Expense		
A454040 511000 Personal Services Full Time	2,019,670	2,155,989
A454040 513000 Personal Services Part Time	480,781	470,594
A454040 581100 State Retirement Expense	388,934	400,915
A454040 582100 Social Security Expense	189,392	199,046

6010 Social Services Administration

Expense		
A601060 511000 Personal Services Full Time	6,615,627	6,789,344
A601060 513000 Personal Services Part Time	85,740	89,184
A601060 581100 State Retirement Expense	1,199,025	1,206,590
A601060 582100 Social Security Expense	511,242	524,694

6510 Veterans Agency	From	To
Expense		
A651060 511000 Personal Services Full Time	234,833	240,549
A651060 581100 State Retirement Expense	36,450	36,955
A651060 582100 Social Security Expense	17,964	18,402

6610 Consumer Affairs

Expense		
A661060 581100 State Retirement Expense	8,526	8,425

7145 Youth Bureau

Expense		
A714570 511000 Personal Services Full Time	152,459	155,141
A714570 581100 State Retirement Expense	27,815	27,853
A714570 582100 Social Security Expense	11,663	11,868

7510 Historian

Expense		
A751070 581100 State Retirement Expense	12,893	12,741

8020 Planning

Expense		
A802080 511000 Personal Services Full Time	445,254	454,287
A802080 581100 State Retirement Expense	76,035	76,373
A802080 582100 Social Security Expense	34,061	34,754

9010 Retirement Expense

Expense		
A901090 581100 State Retirement Expense	7,004,555	7,037,474
A901090 581201 Allocation Retirement Expense	(7,004,555)	(7,037,474)

9030 Social Security & Medicare Expense

Expense		
A903090 582100 Social Security Expense	3,081,101	3,129,964
A903090 581301 Allocation of Social Security Expense	(3,081,101)	(3,129,964)

1990 Contingent Fund

Expense		
A199010 544440 Contingent Fund	$1,470,711	$774,570
Control Totals	$47,579,658	$47,579,658

ADOPTED: AYES – 1,353 NAYS - 0 ABSENT – 147 (Reuter, Stokes, Henderson)

RESOLUTION NO. 26-38

AUTHORIZING THE MODIFICATION OF THE 2026 ADOPTED COUNTY BUDGET

BE IT RESOLVED that the 2026 Adopted County Budget be modified as follows:

General Fund

1010 Legislative Board	From	To
Expense		
A101010 540400 Office Equipment/Furniture	-$0-	$20,000
1990 Contingent Fund		
Expense		
A199010 544440 Contingent	$774,570	$754,570
Control Totals	$774,570	$774,570

ADOPTED: AYES – 1,353 NAYS - 0 ABSENT – 147 (Reuter, Stokes, Henderson)

RESOLUTION NO. 26-39

AUTHORIZING THE MODIFICATION OF THE 2026 ADOPTED COUNTY BUDGET

BE IT RESOLVED that the 2026 Adopted County Budget be modified as follows:

General Fund

1680 Information Technology	From	To
Expense		
A168010 525222 Production Servers/Storage	$-0-	$300,000
A168010 540455 County Software License Expense	725,000	625,000
Totals	$725,000	$925,000
Control Total		$200,000
Revenue		
A168010 488035 Appropriation of Technology Reserve	$-0-	$200,000
Control Total		$200,000

ADOPTED: AYES – 1,353 NAYS - 0 ABSENT – 147 (Reuter, Stokes, Henderson)

RESOLUTION NO. 26-40

AUTHORIZING THE MODIFICATION OF THE 2026 ADOPTED COUNTY BUDGET

BE IT RESOLVED that the 2026 Adopted County Budget be modified as follows:

General Fund		
1619 County Buildings-Veterans Memorial	From	To
Expense		
A161910 540300 Miscellaneous Building Expense	$15,000	$16,000
3140 Probation		
Expense		
A314030 546200 Drug Testing	$10,000	$9,000
Control Totals	$25,000	$25,000

ADOPTED: AYES – 1,353 NAYS - 0 ABSENT – 147 (Reuter, Stokes, Henderson)

RESOLUTION NO. 26-41

AUTHORIZING THE MODIFICATION OF THE 2026 ADOPTED COUNTY BUDGET

BE IT RESOLVED that the 2026 Adopted County Budget be modified as follows:

General Fund		
4308 MH Clinic Programs	From	To
Expense		
A430840 547008 CMH Loan Repay Program Expense	$-0-	$48,705
Control Total		$48,705
Revenue		
A430840 434898 SA CMH Loan Repay Program	$-0-	$48,705
Control Total		$48,705

ADOPTED: AYES – 1,353 NAYS - 0 ABSENT – 147 (Reuter, Stokes, Henderson)

RESOLUTION NO. 26-42

AUTHORIZING THE MODIFICATION OF THE 2026 ADOPTED COUNTY BUDGET

BE IT RESOLVED that the 2026 Adopted County Budget be modified as follows:

General Fund		
8781 Broadband Operations & Maintenance	From	To
Expense		
A878180 544043 ReConnect Utilities Expense	$3,000	$13,000

Control Total		$10,000

Revenue

A878180 421893 Utilities Paid By Empire Access	$3,000	$13,000
Control Total		$10,000

ADOPTED: AYES – 1,353 NAYS - 0 ABSENT – 147 (Reuter, Stokes, Henderson)

RESOLUTION NO. 26-43

AUTHORIZING THE MODIFICATION OF THE 2026 ADOPTED COUNTY BUDGET

WHEREAS, certain expenses associated with the Cazenovia property are ineligible to be financed by the Building Improvements Reserve Fund due to not being capital in nature; and

WHEREAS, the following budget modification provides for use of the Building Improvements Reserve Fund to finance the roof project for the Health and Human Services Building, which was already included in the 2026 County Budget; and

WHEREAS, by modifying the funding source for the roof project, those appropriations may now be used to finance routine maintenance and utility expenses for the Cazenovia property that are ineligible to be financed by the Building Improvements Reserve Fund; and

WHEREAS, the budget modification also provides for engineering services for the fiber installation needed at the Cazenovia site.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the 2026 Adopted County Budget be modified as follows:

General Fund

1620 County Facilities	From	To
Expense		
A162010 540372 Caz Miscellaneous Building Expense	$2,500	$32,500
A162010 544059 Caz Gas & Electric Expense	1,000	145,000
1621 Health & Human Services Building		
Expense		
A162110 540351 Roof Re-coating Expense	472,149	472,149
1680 Information Technology		
Expense		
A168010 540422 Caz Fiber Expense	-0-	23,544
Totals	$475,649	$673,193
Control Total		$197,544

1620 County Facilities

Revenue			
A162010 488001 Appropriation of Bldg Improvement Reserve	$1,630,00	$2,102,149
1680 Information Technology		
Revenue		
A168010 488001 Appropriation of Bldg Improvement Reserve	-0-	23,544
Fund Balance		
A 300599 Appropriation of Unreserved Fund Balance	$9,252,914	$8,954,765
Total Revenue & Fund Balance	$10,882,914	$11,080,458
Control Total		$197,544

ADOPTED: AYES – 1,353 NAYS - 0 ABSENT – 147 (Reuter, Stokes, Henderson)

RESOLUTION NO. 26-44

AUTHORIZING THE MODIFICATION OF THE 2026 ADOPTED COUNTY BUDGET

BE IT RESOLVED that the 2026 Adopted County Budget be modified as follows:

General Fund

4010 Public Health Administration	From	To
Expense		
A401040 541221 JUUL Settlement Expense	$-0-	$10,000
Control Total		$10,000
Revenue		
A401040 488036 Appropriation of JUUL Settlement Reserve	$-0-	$10,000
Control Total		$10,000

ADOPTED: AYES – 1,353 NAYS - 0 ABSENT – 147 (Reuter, Stokes, Henderson)

Resolutions – Regular Agenda

Planning Committee Chairman Joe Wicks briefly provided a committee updates and spoke to the two resolutions presented by the Committee. Wicks also mentioned that our newly built facility, Cascades Hall at Delphi Falls County Park has been nominated for an award by the American Public Works Association. Wicks and Planning Director Scott Ingmire will be attending the upcoming award banquet in Utica, NY.

Criminal Justice Public Safety Committee Chairman Rex Vosburg took a moment to congratulate Madison County Sheriff Tood Hood on his Lieutenant Governor Nomination and wishes him the best of luck in the upcoming election. Vosburg spoke briefly to the resolution being presented by the committee and other updates.

Highway Buildings and Grounds Committee Chairman Loren Corbin provided Committee updates and spoke to the resolution being presented.

Health and Human Services Committee Chairwoman Mary Cavanagh provided a brief Committee update and spoke to the resolutions being presented. Cavanagh spoke to the concerns with Daycare assistance. New York State recently increased eligibility, however did not provide additional funding to the Counties and this has caused many issues.

Solid Waste Recycling Committee Chairwoman Melissa During provided an update from the committee and spoke to the resolutions being presented.

By Supervisor During:

RESOLUTION NO. 26-45

AUTHORIZING THE CHAIRMAN TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH BARTON & LOGUIDICE, DPC FOR SOLID WASTE ENGINEERING SERVICES

WHEREAS, the Madison County Department of Solid Waste requires the professional engineering services with regard to the County's solid waste management system and facilities; and

WHEREAS, Barton and Loguidice, DPC possesses the special skills and training required to perform the solid waste engineering services in connection with the County's solid waste management system and facilities; and

WHEREAS, Barton and Loguidice, DPC agrees to provide the requested services as specified in Schedule A of the Agreement for a two-year term, beginning on April 1, 2026 and ending on March 31, 2028;

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 Barton & Loguidice, DPC in the form as is on file with the Clerk of the Board.

ADOPTED: AYES – 1,353 NAYS - 0 ABSENT – 147 (Reuter, Stokes, Henderson)

By Supervisor Cavanagh:

RESOLUTION NO. 26-46

RESOLUTION URGING THE GOVERNOR AND STATE LEGISLATURE TO RESTORE FUNDING FOR THE HEALTHY NEIGHBORHOODS PROGRAM

WHEREAS, the Healthy Neighborhoods Program (HNP) is a proven, evidence-based public health program administered by local health departments that provides direct, no-cost, in-home education, assessments, and safety interventions to reduce preventable injuries, asthma triggers, lead exposure, and other housing-related health risks; and

WHEREAS, access to safe, healthy, and stable housing is a fundamental determinant of health, and housing-related hazards contribute significantly to preventable injury, illness, emergency department utilization, and avoidable health care costs; and

WHEREAS, the Healthy Neighborhoods Program functions as an upstream prevention and housing stabilization strategy, reducing emergency responses, preventing displacement, and preserving existing housing stock, particularly for low-income households, older adults, families with young children, and individuals disproportionately impacted by social conditions that impact health; and

WHEREAS, the Executive Budget for State Fiscal Year 2026–2027 proposes eliminating $1.45 million in funding for the Healthy Neighborhoods Program, despite documented positive outcomes related to fire safety, fall prevention, asthma management, lead poisoning prevention, and aging safely in place; and

WHEREAS, Madison County currently relies on Healthy Neighborhoods funding to support trained public health staff and provide essential injury prevention education and safety equipment such as smoke and carbon monoxide detectors, fire extinguishers, radon detectors, and supplies to reduce lead hazards and asthma triggers; and

WHEREAS, Madison County's Healthy Neighborhood Program serves a key role in connecting low-income residents to the Community Action Program's Healthy@Home program for needed home repairs; and

WHEREAS, elimination of our Healthy Neighborhoods funding ($847,580) would result in workforce disruptions within the Public Health Department (1 FTE and a percentage of 7 support staff), undermine our local public health capacity, and increase downstream costs to emergency services, health care systems, and local governments; and

WHEREAS, the Executive Budget acknowledges that families and individuals across New York State are struggling to find and remain in stable, affordable housing, making continued investment in housing safety and preservation more critical than ever;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Madison County Board of Supervisors calls upon the Governor and the New York State Legislature to restore funding for the Healthy Neighborhoods Program in the State Fiscal Year 2026–2027 Enacted Budget; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Madison County Board of Supervisors affirm that restoring Healthy Neighborhoods funding is essential to protecting vulnerable populations, preserving local public health workforce capacity, and advancing the goals of the New York State Prevention Agenda; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that copies of this resolution be forwarded to the Governor of the State of New York, the New York State Legislature, and all others deemed necessary and proper.

ADOPTED: AYES – 1,353 NAYS - 0 ABSENT – 147 (Reuter, Stokes, Henderson)

RESOLUTION NO. 26-47

APPOINTING MEMBERS OF THE COMMUNITY SERVICES BOARD

WHEREAS, the Madison County Board of Supervisors must approve the appointment of the members of the Community Services Board which oversees the Madison County Mental Health Department and related outside agencies; and

WHEREAS, there are currently vacancies on the board; and

WHEREAS, the Membership Committee has favorably reviewed the application for membership from a qualified individual and has voted in favor of her appointment; and

WHEREAS, the Health & Human Services Committee has reviewed this application and has recommended she be appointed by the Board of Supervisors;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the following individual shall be appointed to the Community Services Board:

Name	Term
Ariana Hilliard	1/1/26 - 12/31/29
Amy Sanderson	1/1/26 - 12/31/29

ADOPTED: AYES – 1,353 NAYS - 0 ABSENT – 147 (Reuter, Stokes, Henderson)

By Supervisor Wicks:

RESOLUTION NO. 26-48

APPOINTING MEMBERS TO THE MADISON COUNTY CAPITAL RESOURCE CORPORATION

WHEREAS, pursuant to the provisions of Section 1411 of the Not-For-Profit Corporation Law of the State of New York, as amended (the “Enabling Act”) and Revenue Ruling 57-187 and Private Letter Ruling 200936012, the Board of Supervisors of Madison County, New York (the “County”) adopted a resolution on July 14, 2009 (the “Sponsor Resolution”) (A) authorizing the incorporation of Madison County Capital Resource Corporation (the “Issuer”) under the Enabling Act and (B) appointing the initial members of the board of directors of the Issuer; and;

WHEREAS, in August, 2009, a certificate of incorporation was filed with the New York Secretary of State’s Office (the “Certificate of Incorporation”) creating the Issuer as a public instrumentality of the County; and

WHEREAS, the Issuer is authorized and empowered by the provisions of the Enabling Act to relieve and reduce unemployment, promote and provide for additional and maximum employment, better and maintain job opportunities, and lessen the burdens of government and act in the public interest, and in carrying out the aforesaid purposes and in exercising the powers conferred in the Enabling Act, the Enabling Act declares that the Issuer will be performing essential governmental functions; and

WHEREAS, to accomplish its stated purposes, the Issuer is authorized and empowered under the Enabling Act to acquire real and personal property; to borrow money and issue negotiable bonds, notes and other obligations therefore; to lease, sell, mortgage or otherwise dispose of or encumber any of its real or personal property upon such terms as it may determine; and otherwise to carry out its corporate purposes in the territory in which the operations of the Issuer are principally to be conducted; and

BE IT RESOLVED, that Kyle Reger, Cazenovia, NY, 13035 and Matthew Roberts, Oneida NY, 13421, be hereby appointed to the Madison County Capital Resource Corporation, filling vacant positions, commencing on February 2026, and to serve at the pleasure of the Board of Supervisors.

ADOPTED: AYES – 1,353 NAYS - 0 ABSENT – 147 (Reuter, Stokes, Henderson)

RESOLUTION NO. 26-49

AUTHORIZING AMODIFICATION AND EXTENSION AGREEMENT WITH THE MADISON COUNTY RURAL HEALTH COUNCIL FOR A MOBILITY MANAGEMENT PROGRAM

WHEREAS, Madison County has submitted a request for a consolidated grant of funds to the New York State Department of Transportation, pursuant to Section 5311, Title 49 United States Code, a request for a grant of funds for a project to provide public mass transportation service for Madison County; and

WHEREAS, Madison County and the State of New York have previously entered into a continuing Agreement which authorizes the undertaking of the Project and payment of the Federal Share; and

WHEREAS, Madison County makes application semi-annually to the New York State Commissioner of Transportation for such Federal aid used in Madison County ‘s rural transportation system; and

WHEREAS, the present application calls for the implementation of a mobility management program for Madison County, as part of a coordinated transportation program; and

WHEREAS, after Madison County RFP 2-24, we have determined that the Madison County Rural Health Council has the special skills and abilities necessary to undertake this mobility management effort on behalf of our transportation program and the County is hereby exercising the first of its two, 2-year extensions under the RFP; and

WHEREAS, the Resolution (Resolution 26-18) approved by the Board of Supervisors last month contained an erroneous total contract amount of $255,284, which left out the State Share of funding in the amount of $31,911; and

WHEREAS, Madison County will be subcontracting with the Rural Health Council as a third party subcontractor for the project described above for 2026-2027, and a corrected sum not to exceed $287,195, all of which comes from our Federal 5311 transportation allocation;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Chairman of the Board of Supervisors is authorized to sign this contract with the third party subcontractor, The Madison County Rural Health Council, for the completion of the above-named public transportation mobility management project, a copy of which is on file with the Clerk of the Board.

ADOPTED: AYES – 1,353 NAYS - 0 ABSENT – 147 (Reuter, Stokes, Henderson)

By Supervisor Vosburg:

RESOLUTION NO. 26-50

AUTHORIZING THE CHAIRMAN TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH GREATER LENOX AMBULANCE SERVICE, INC. (GLAS)

WHEREAS, Emergency Medical Service (EMS) providers in Madison County and throughout the United States are facing financial shortfalls due to the failure of revenues for services to keep pace with rising costs; and

WHEREAS, Madison County Board of Supervisors resolution number 20-513 recognized EMS as an essential service within Madison County; and

WHEREAS, the Madison County Office of Emergency Management and the county's various EMS providers, including Greater Lenox Ambulance Service, Inc. (GLAS), have collaborated to develop an agreement to provide financial assistance in an effort to ensure financial stability, equitability, and sustainability to ensure quality emergency medical services remain available for Madison County's residents and visitors; and

WHEREAS, the County will provide GLAS with financial assistance in the amount of $149,725 for the year of 2026; and

WHEREAS, the term of this agreement shall be from January 1, 2026 until December 31, 2026; and

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

WHEREAS, the Office of Emergency Management and EMS agencies also agree to continue to work collaboratively through the EMS Advisory Council (EMSAC) to develop shared service programs aimed at improving efficiencies;

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 Greater Lenox Ambulance Service, Inc. (GLAS), in the form as is on file with the Clerk of the Board.

ADOPTED: AYES – 1,353 NAYS - 0 ABSENT – 147 (Reuter, Stokes, Henderson)

By Supervisor Corbin:

RESOLUTION NO. 26-51

AUTHORIZING THE CHAIRMAN TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH SEALCOAT USA INC. FOR JOINT & CRACK FILLER/SEALER AND MASTIC REPAIR MATERIAL

WHEREAS, sealed bids were opened on February 5, 2026 for Joint & Crack Filler/Sealer, Mastic Repair Material & Asphaltic Plug Bridge Joint Material, Bid 2026-02, and reviewed by the Highway Buildings and Grounds Committee on February 25, 2026, and

WHEREAS, the low bid meeting specifications is as follows;

Sealcoat USA Inc. for Items #1 through #4 and Item #6

WHEREAS, the cost for services has been appropriated in the 2026 County Road Fund Budget;

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 the County of Madison with Sealcoat USA Inc., in the form as is on file with the Clerk of the Board.

ADOPTED: AYES – 1,353 NAYS - 0 ABSENT – 147 (Reuter, Stokes, Henderson)

RESOLUTION NO. 26-52

AUTHORIZING THE CHAIRMAN TO RENEW AN AGREEMENT WITH CONSTELLATION NEWENERGY, INC.

WHEREAS, Madison County seeks to procure utility supplies for electricity supply at the lowest possible cost; and

WHEREAS, Madison County has reviewed the group procurement process of the Municipal Electric and Gas Alliance (MEGA) for its member agencies and municipalities; and

WHEREAS, Madison County is an eligible member of MEGA and participates in its Program Agreements; and

WHEREAS, MEGA has issued Invitations to Bid for electric supply, opened and reviewed such bids and executed a Program Agreement on behalf of its participants with Constellation NewEnergy, Inc. as the lowest responsible bidder for electricity; and

WHEREAS, Madison County has received and reviewed proposals for electric supply from Constellation under the terms of the Program Agreement with MEGA; and

WHEREAS, the intent of this purchasing action is to achieve savings in the cost of energy delivered to Madison County over the distribution lines of National Grid; and

WHEREAS, said utility will continue to provide energy delivery services in conformance with the regulations of the New York State Public Service Commission; and

WHEREAS, the County Building and Grounds Committee recommends renewing an agreement with Constellation NewEnergy, Inc. for the fixed price solutions Purchase Price;

WHEREAS, The County Buildings and Grounds Committee recommends entering into an agreement with Constellation NewEnergy, Inc. and locking in at a fixed price for Forty Eight (48) months;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Board of Supervisors authorizes participation in MEGA with respect to its procurement process for electric supply; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Madison County agrees to accept the renewal offer and agreement presented by Constellation NewEnergy, Inc. in accordance with the terms and conditions of executed Program Agreement with MEGA; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Chairman of the Madison County Board of Supervisors be and hereby is authorized to enter into an agreement with Constellation New Energy, Inc., a copy of which is on file with the Clerk of the Board.

ADOPTED: AYES – 1,353 NAYS - 0 ABSENT – 147 (Reuter, Stokes, Henderson)

By Supervisor Reger:

RESOLUTION NO. 26-53

AUTHORIZING THE CANCELLATION OF 2025-26 RELEVIED MORRISVILLE-EATON SCHOOL TAXES

WHEREAS, there is a parcel of land located in the Town of Eaton identified by MAP# 111.14-1-1.11 which has an unpaid 2026 Town and County tax and includes a 2025-26 school relevy; and

WHEREAS, this property is a part of a Payment in Lieu of Taxes program and should not have received a Morrisville-Eaton 2025-2026 School tax bill; and

WHEREAS, Payment in Lieu of Taxes program for said parcel was at the end of said payment program; and

WHEREAS, the original Payment in Lieu of Taxes program was extended without the Town of Eaton Assessor's knowledge; and

WHEREAS, the Morrisville-Eaton school tax bill was corrected October 2025, however due to timing issues, a School Relevy was erroneously included on the 2026 Town & County Tax Bill;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Madison County Treasurer be and is hereby directed to cancel all 2025-26 School taxes on the parcel and chargeback the amounts for the 2025-2026 School Taxes ($11,298.66) to the Morrisville Eaton School District along with the corresponding interest ($564.93). The amount of unenforceable taxes for Madison County is $237.27;

ADOPTED: AYES – 1,353 NAYS - 0 ABSENT – 147 (Reuter, Stokes, Henderson)

RESOLUTION NO. 26-54

AUTHORIZING THE CANCELLATION OF 2025-26 RELEVIED MORRISVILLE-EATON SCHOOL TAXES

WHEREAS, there is a parcel of land located in the Town of Eaton identified by MAP# 111.-1-23.12 which has an unpaid 2026 Town and County tax and includes a 2025-26 school relevy; and

WHEREAS, this property is a part of a Payment in Lieu of Taxes program and should not have received a Morrisville-Eaton 2025-2026 School tax bill; and

WHEREAS, Payment in Lieu of Taxes program for said parcel was at the end of said payment program; and

WHEREAS, the original Payment in Lieu of Taxes program was extended without the Town of Eaton Assessor's knowledge; and

WHEREAS, the Morrisville-Eaton school tax bill was corrected October 2025, however due to timing issues, a School Relevy was erroneously included on the 2026 Town & County Tax Bill;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Madison County Treasurer be and is hereby directed to cancel all 2025-26 School taxes on the parcel and chargeback the amounts for the 2025-2026 School Taxes ($13,446.35) to the Morrisville Eaton School District along with the corresponding interest ($672.32). The amount of unenforceable taxes for Madison County is $282.37;

ADOPTED: AYES – 1,353 NAYS - 0 ABSENT – 147 (Reuter, Stokes, Henderson)

By Supervisor Walrod:

RESOLUTION NO. 26-55

STRONGLY URGING IMMEDIATE REVIEW OF ELECTRIC DELIVERY CHARGES, DEMANDING IMPROVED COST CONTROLS AND TRANSPARENCY, AND AUTHORIZING FORMAL COMPLAINTS TO THE NEW YORK STATE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION REGARDING THE ESCALATING COST OF ELECTRICITY

WHEREAS, residents, seniors, and small businesses in Madison County are experiencing unsustainable, repeated, and compounding increases in electric bills that are placing a growing financial strain on households and the local economy; and

WHEREAS, a substantial portion of these increases is attributable not to increased energy consumption, but to escalating delivery charges, fees, and approved rate adjustments imposed by NYSEG; and

WHEREAS, electric delivery charges and rate structures are regulated and approved by the New York State Public Service Commission, which is statutorily charged with ensuring that utility rates are just, reasonable, and affordable for ratepayers; and

WHEREAS, the Madison County has received numerous complaints from residents who are struggling to afford basic electric service and who have expressed serious concern regarding the frequency, magnitude, and lack of transparency surrounding recent and ongoing rate increases; and

WHEREAS, rural and low-density communities such as the Madison County are disproportionately impacted by delivery charge increases and cost-recovery mechanisms that fail to adequately account for affordability, equity, and the cumulative burden placed on ratepayers; and

WHEREAS, the Board finds that continued approval of rate increases without stronger cost controls, greater transparency, and meaningful affordability protections is unacceptable and contrary to the public interest;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Madison County formally and strongly urges the New York State Public Service Commission to conduct a thorough and immediate review of electric delivery charges, rate increases, and cost-recovery practices applicable to NYSEG and National Grid customers; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board calls upon the Public Service Commission to prioritize ratepayer affordability, demand greater transparency from NYSEG and National Grid, and require demonstrable cost-containment and operational efficiency measures before approving any future rate increases; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board expressly opposes continued or automatic rate increases that shift rising operational, infrastructure, and administrative costs onto ratepayers without clear justification or adequate protection for rural communities; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Madison County Board of Supervisors does hereby authorize and is directed to submit formal complaints, written comments, and supporting documentation to the New York State Public Service Commission on behalf of the County and its residents, objecting to excessive electric costs and requesting regulatory intervention;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors is directed to transmit copies of this resolution to the New York State Public Service Commission, NYSEG, National Grid, the Governor of the State of New York, members of the New York State Legislature, and neighboring municipalities served by NYSEG and National Grid, and to encourage coordinated action among, affected cities, towns and villages.

Supervisor Vosburg encouraged all municipalities consider passing their own resolution regarding this topic. Energy costs are unbearable and out of control.

Vice Chairman Walrod expressed concern and frustration for one of his residents and the financial hardship this puts on residents. One of his residents received a Social Security check for $1,356, the electric bill that resident received was $657. This is not sustainable for our residents; something has to change.

Discussion continued among the Board Members about the shared frustration.

ADOPTED: AYES – 1,353 NAYS - 0 ABSENT – 147 (Reuter, Stokes, Henderson)

The following resolution was voted on by a 3/4th weighted vote of the Board:

RESOLUTION NO. 26-56

CHANGING THE LOCATION OF A REGULAR BOARD MEETING

WHEREAS, the Madison County Board of Supervisors previously scheduled the regular board meeting to be held on Tuesday, April 14, 2026, at the County Office Building at 11:00am;

WHEREAS, for the purpose of the State of the County address, the Board wishes to hold the regularly scheduled April 14, 2026 Board Meeting at the Delphi Falls County Park venue, Cascades Hall;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the regular meeting of the Board of Supervisors originally scheduled to be held at 138 N. Court Street on April 14, 2026, at 11:00am, shall instead be held at Delphi Falls located at 2006 Cardner Rd, New Woodstock NY 13122, on the same date and at the same time.

ADOPTED: AYES – 1,392 NAYS - 0 ABSENT – 108 (Reuter, Stokes, Henderson)

The following resolution was voted on by 2/3rds weighted vote of the Board:

RESOLUTION NO. 26-57

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 Amending the Freedom of Information Law (FOIL) Policy.

ADOPTED: AYES – 1,361 NAYS - 0 ABSENT – 139 (Reuter, Stokes, Henderson)

RESOLUTION NO. 26-58

AMENDING THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION LAW (FOIL) POLICY

WHEREAS, the Freedom of Information Law (FOIL), originally enacted in 1977 under Article 6 of the New York State Public Officers Law, establishes the public's right to access records of government bodies to promote transparency, accountability, and trust in government; and

W**HEREAS,** Madison County recognizes its obligation to comply with FOIL and to ensure that access to records is provided in a lawful, equitable, and timely manner; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary for Madison County to establish consistent methods and procedures for implementing FOIL, including designation of a Records Access Officer and Appeals Officer, maintaining a subject matter list of records, and setting fees for copies of records in accordance with law; and

WHEREAS, by Resolution No. 25-224, the Board of Supervisors adopted the Freedom of Information Law (FOIL) Policy; and

WHEREAS, Resolution No. 25-320, the Board of Supervisors adopted the amended Freedom of Information Law (FOIL) Policy; and

WHEREAS, in an effort to maintain efficiency and timely request turnaround times for all requests, it is recommended that appeals of requests be made in writing and delivered through first class mail or overnight service mail to the Appeals Officer; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Freedom of Information Law (FOIL) Policy, be amended to require that appeals be made in writing and delivered through first class mail or overnight service mail to the Appeals Officer effective March 10, 2026, as attached hereto and made a part of this resolution; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution and the adopted FOIL Policy shall be posted on the Madison County website and in a conspicuous location at the Madison County Board of Supervisors' Office.

ADOPTED: AYES – 1,353 NAYS - 0 ABSENT – 147 (Reuter, Stokes, Henderson)

Chairman Cunningham asked if there was anyone present wishing to speak for the second 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. Hyrino has reached out to several New York State representatives and is continuing to advocate for this exemption to be adopted at all levels.

Chairman Cunningham asked if there was any further business.

Supervisor Meghan Samsel provided an update on a grant that the Town of Lenox is working on. This grant, if awarded, would allow the Town to acquire property on Lewis Point Road.

The next Board of Supervisors Meeting will feature the State of the County and will be held on Tuesday April 14, 2026 at Cascades Hall, Delphi Falls County Park at 2006 Cardner Road, New Woodstock, NY, 13122.

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