

MADISON COUNTY FINANCE WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE

Meeting Agenda - Thursday, April 30, 2026

Call Meeting to Order

The Committee convened at 9:00 AM in the Supervisors Chambers, second floor, County Office Building, Wampville, NY. Supervisor Reger, Supervisor Jones, Supervisor Samsel, Supervisor Kinville and Supervisor Walrod were present.

OTHERS PRESENT:

FWM Secretary Jennifer Cossette, Deputy Treasurer Ryan Chaires, Clerk to the Board of Supervisors Emily Burns, Public Information Officer Samantha Field, County Clerk Michael Keville, Supervisor Mary Cavanagh, Supervisor Tom Daviau, Second Assistant County Attorney Melissa Felton, County Attorney Tina Wayland-Smith, County Administrator Mark Scimone, County Treasurer Cindy Edick, Assistant Finance Director Keith Lummis, Budget Analyst Susan McConnell, District Attorney Robert Mascari, New Vision Intern with the County Attorney George Kipp and Chairman Jim Cunningham.

A quorum being present, Chairman Kyle Reger called the meeting to order at 9:02 AM.

Approval of Minutes

1. March 26, 2026 Draft Meeting Minutes

On motion by Supervisor Jones, seconded by Supervisor Samsel, the motion was made to approve the March 26, 2026 meeting minutes. The motion was passed.

Finance/Payroll

Finance Director Lou Anne Randall

Finance Director Randall reported on the Annual Finance Report or AFR, which was previously known as the AUD, with New York State. She reported the fund balance at \$38,887,086 before encumbrances, which are currently estimated at \$3.5M. Finance Director Randall will work with Treasurer Edick to finalize the numbers and report back to the Committee.

Treasurer/Budget Officer

County Treasurer Cindy Edick

1. Sales Tax Report

Treasurer Edick presented the Sales Tax Distribution report and highlighted that distributions in the first quarter of 2026 were the highest in Madison County's history. Distributions are ahead of last year at this time by 2.7%.

Treasurer Edick then provided a brief overview of the County's invested funds, noting institutions and current interest rates. Finance Director Randall added that the County earned \$3.2M in 2025 in interest income compared to \$2.9M in both 2023 and 2024.

Real Property Tax Services

Deputy Treasurer Ryan Chaires

Deputy Treasurer Chaires reported that he posted tax foreclosure notices last week with assistance from the Sheriff's Office on fifty parcels at risk of tax foreclosure this year. Currently, there are only seventy-four parcels that still have delinquent taxes, which is significantly less than normal for this time of year. Deputy Treasurer Chaires anticipates a small auction this year.

County Clerk's Office / DMV

County Clerk Michael Keville

County Clerk Keville presented the April 2026 Clerk Report.

The Numbers:

DMV- YTD (As of April 28, 2026)

Office Total — \$9,925,838.36; 28% DECREASE

Transaction Total — \$47,758; 11% DECREASE

In office Retention — \$459,249.07; 7% DECREASE

February and March of 2025 were the REAL ID mad rush.

We are up 19% on Retention, 16% on transactions and 18% on office total compared to 2024.

Recording Clerk YTD Figures

Recording Fees

\$206,435.50; 2% INCREASE

Local Mortgage Tax

\$161,597.33; 6% INCREASE

Local Transfer Tax

\$253,454.00; 7% INCREASE

DMV- April has been Donate Life Month. In the midst of a new software for all identity documents and the challenges of the state implementing weekly patches to correct errors and omissions with the new system, our staff did a tremendous job taking care of customers and setting a new record for the most money raised by any DMV /Clerk's Office for Donate Life NYS.

More than \$8,000 raised!!!!

We have one MVR clerk who is retiring in early May.

DMV is without a Commissioner effective today — hoping to have one appointed in January after the gubernatorial elections are complete.

Clerk's Office — We have one clerk out on maternity leave (might be back within a couple of weeks) and another clerk who has announced her retirement at the end of June. We have successfully completed the exist of the three title search companies which had been using space in the clerk's office. That area will be used a temporary work space as we continue to serve the public during our remodel.

Deed Fraud two updates- 1- our region has its first case in NYS Supreme Court out of Tioga County; 2- a 49 year old man in Albany was sentenced to 13 years state prison for forging documents for a deed.

Records Management: Work continues on Payroll records being digitized. Set up Veterans Agency with scanning equipment and access to our records software, moving permanent board of elections records into the records software.

Historian: Digitizing the Board of Supervisors Journals with a grant. Also, preparing for the 250th celebration in coordination with Oneida Indian Nation and BOCES.

Resolutions

1. Authorizing the Modification of the 2026 Adopted County Budget (Grant Multidisciplinary Team)

On motion by Supervisor Samsel, seconded by Supervisor Kinville, the motion was made to approve Resolution #1. The motion was approved.

2. Approval Mortgage Tax Semi-Annual Report Spring 2026

On motion by Supervisor Jones, seconded by Supervisor Walrod, the motion was made to approve Resolution #2. The motion was approved.

3. Authorizing the Disbursement GAP Elimination Funds to Madison County Towns and Villages Spring 2026

On motion by Supervisor Samsel, seconded by Supervisor Kinville, the motion was made to approve Resolution #3. The motion was approved.

Other Committee Business

Preferred Agenda

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

Next Meeting - May 28, 2026

The next meeting of the Finance, Ways and Means Committee will be held on May 28, 2026 at 9:00 AM in the Chambers.

Adjourn

On motion by Supervisor Walrod, seconded by Supervisor Kinville, the Finance, Ways and Means Committee adjourned at 9:50 AM.

Respectfully submitted by Jennifer Cossette on behalf of Chairman Kyle Reger.