

MADISON COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
Board Meeting – Tuesday August 11, 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 Supervisors Carvell, Cavanagh, Roberts and Kinville (209 Votes)

On motion by Supervisor Samsel, seconded by Supervisor Reger, the July 14, 2026 meeting minutes were adopted and filed.

Vouchers Payable Report submitted by Finance Director Lou Anne Randall, in the amount of \$1,676,632.68.

At 11:00 a.m. Chairman Cunningham announced the scheduled public hearing on the Community Development Block Grant (“CDBG”) project supporting the Pewter Spoon Café at 87 Albany Street, Cazenovia, New York.

Supervisor Stokes made the motion to open the hearing, seconded by Supervisor Reuter and carried.

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

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

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

Resolutions – Regular Agenda

By Supervisor Walrod:

RESOLUTION NO. 26-158

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 Lynne Shephard.

Employee

Department

Years of Service

Lynne Shephard

Solid Waste

20 Years of Service

ADOPTED: AYES – 1,291 NAYS - 0 ABSENT – 209 (Carvell, Cavanagh, Roberts, Kinville)

Solid Waste Director, Greg Gelewski, stepped forward to speak on behalf of retiree Lynne Shephard and recognized her 20 years of service to Madison County. Shephard was known as the “punch card holder” and will be missed. We wish her well in her retirement.

Resolutions – Preferred Agenda

By Government Operations Committee:

Committee Chairman Walrod briefly provided a Committee update and spoke to the resolutions being presented. Walrod spoke to the challenges the Board of Elections face with upcoming Village Elections and the polling place locations. FOIL continues to grow; at this time there have been over 600 requests year to date.

RESOLUTION NO. 26-159

AMENDING THE VIDEO RECORDING POLICY

WHEREAS, Madison County established a Video Recording Policy to provide procedures and guidelines for the use of video security systems owned and operated by the County, as well as public recording in Madison County offices and conference rooms; and

WHEREAS, the Video Recording Policy has been revised to reflect the County’s current use of recording technology, including fixed-location and vehicle-mounted camera systems; and

WHEREAS, the amendments clarify the applicability of the Policy to recordings that may contain Protected Health Information (PHI), including recordings associated with County health care departments, emergency response vehicles, and response activities; and

WHEREAS, the amendments also update requirements concerning camera placement, privacy, security, access, retention, third-party vendors, and recording by members of the public within County facilities; and

WHEREAS, the proposed amendments have been developed in coordination with the Department of Information Technology and the Compliance Officer; and

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

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Supervisors hereby approves the amendments to the Video Recording Policy, with such amendments to take effect immediately.

ADOPTED: AYES – 1,291 NAYS - 0 ABSENT – 209 (Carvell, Cavanagh, Roberts, Kinville)

RESOLUTION NO. 26-160

AMENDING THE SOCIAL MEDIA/SOCIAL NETWORKING POLICY

WHEREAS, by Resolution No. 88-14 dated April 8, 2014, the Madison County Board of Supervisors adopted the Social Media/Social Networking Policy; and

WHEREAS, the Social Media/Social Networking Policy establishes procedures and guidelines for the appropriate, effective, and productive use of social media in conducting County business; and

WHEREAS, the Policy was previously revised on November 10, 2022, and now requires further amendment to reflect the continued evolution of social media platforms and their use by County departments, officials, and employees; and

WHEREAS, the proposed amendments update the Policy to address official account management, accessibility, cybersecurity, artificial intelligence, records retention, public engagement and comment moderation, account restrictions, and employee conduct; and

WHEREAS, the amendments further clarify the Policy's application to official County social media accounts and accounts used to communicate County business; and

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

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Supervisors hereby approves the amendments to the Social Media/Social Networking Policy, with such amendments to take effect immediately.

ADOPTED: AYES – 1,291 NAYS - 0 ABSENT – 209 (Carvell, Cavanagh, Roberts, Kinville)

RESOLUTION NO. 26-161

AMENDING THE WRITTEN INFORMATION SECURITY POLICY

WHEREAS, Madison County is committed to protecting the security, confidentiality, integrity, and availability of the Confidential Data it collects, creates, uses, and maintains in the course of providing services and conducting County operations; and

WHEREAS, the Written Information Security Policy is intended to communicate the requirements necessary to comply with applicable laws, regulations, and directives, including the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996 (HIPAA); and

WHEREAS, Madison County recognizes the importance of regularly reviewing and updating its information security policies to address emerging threats, evolving technologies, and changes in legal and regulatory requirements; and

WHEREAS, the Director of Information Technology and the Compliance Officer have reviewed and updated the Written Information Security Policy to reflect changes in County operations, technology, and applicable requirements, including requirements governing the secure and appropriate use of Artificial Intelligence systems; and

WHEREAS, the Government Operations Committee has reviewed the proposed amendments and recommends their adoption;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Madison County Board of Supervisors hereby approves the amended Written Information Security Policy, effective immediately.

ADOPTED: AYES – 1,291 NAYS - 0 ABSENT – 209 (Carvell, Cavanagh, Roberts, Kinville)

RESOLUTION NO. 26-162

AMENDING THE CYBER SECURITY CITIZENS' NOTIFICATION POLICY

WHEREAS, by Resolution No. 330 of 2007 dated October 9, 2007, the Madison County Board of Supervisors adopted a Cyber Security Citizens' Notification Policy pursuant to and consistent with Section 208 of the New York State Technology Law, as adopted by Chapter 442 of the Laws of 2005; and

WHEREAS, amendments to New York State law and related cybersecurity requirements necessitate updates to the County's Cyber Security Citizens' Notification Policy, including revisions to the definition of "Private Information," cybersecurity incident and ransomware payment reporting requirements, and annual cybersecurity awareness training requirements for certain individuals; and

WHEREAS, legislation effective January 1, 2026, requires municipalities to report certain cybersecurity incidents to the New York State Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Services (DHSES) within seventy-two (72) hours, and ransomware payments within twenty-four (24) hours, in accordance with applicable provisions of State Technology Law and General Municipal Law Article 19-C; and

WHEREAS, beginning January 1, 2026, employees of the County who use technology as part of their official job duties are required to complete annual cybersecurity awareness training pursuant to General Municipal Law Article 19-C and State Technology Law § 103-f; and

WHEREAS, the proposed amendments to the Policy were developed in coordination with the Compliance Officer, Director of Information Technology, and County Attorney's Office to ensure continued compliance with applicable state law and alignment with the County's Written Information Security Policy and breach notification procedures; and

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

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Supervisors hereby approves the amendments to the Cyber Security Citizens' Notification Policy, with such amendments to take effect immediately.

ADOPTED: AYES – 1,291 NAYS - 0 ABSENT – 209 (Carvell, Cavanagh, Roberts, Kinville)

RESOLUTION NO. 26-163

AMENDING THE SOFTWARE VETTING POLICY

WHEREAS, by Resolution No. 23-293, dated September 12, 2023, Madison County adopted a Software Vetting Policy to ensure proper evaluation of software applications for logistics, security, and compatibility within County operations; and

WHEREAS, the Software Vetting Policy and procedures have been reviewed by the Director of Information Technology and Compliance Officer; and

WHEREAS, amendments are necessary to update the policy to reflect current operational, security, and governance best practices; and

WHEREAS, the Government Operations Committee has reviewed the proposed amendments and recommends adoption by the Board of Supervisors;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Madison County Board of Supervisors hereby approves the amendments to the Software Vetting Policy, effective immediately.

ADOPTED: AYES – 1,291 NAYS - 0 ABSENT – 209 (Carvell, Cavanagh, Roberts, Kinville)

RESOLUTION NO. 26-164

ADOPTING AN ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE GOVERNANCE POLICY

WHEREAS, Madison County recognizes that Artificial Intelligence (AI) technologies may enhance productivity, efficiency, public services, and operational effectiveness; and

WHEREAS, the County is committed to ensuring that AI Systems are used responsibly and ethically, in a manner that protects Confidential Data, preserves privacy, maintains information security, promotes transparency, and complies with applicable federal, state, and local laws and regulations; and

WHEREAS, the County recognizes that the use of AI may present risks related to privacy, security, bias, accuracy, accessibility, records management, public trust, and legal and regulatory compliance that require appropriate governance and oversight; and

WHEREAS, the proposed Artificial Intelligence Governance Policy establishes a framework for the responsible use, review, approval, monitoring, risk management, and oversight of AI Systems used in County operations; and

WHEREAS, the Government Operations Committee has reviewed the proposed Artificial Intelligence Governance Policy and recommends its adoption;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Madison County Board of Supervisors hereby adopts the Artificial Intelligence Governance Policy, effective immediately.

ADOPTED: AYES – 1,291 NAYS - 0 ABSENT – 209 (Carvell, Cavanagh, Roberts, Kinville)

By Finance Ways and Means Committee:

Committee Chairman Reger provided a brief Committee update and spoke to the resolutions being presented. After receiving the last of the second quarter Sales Tax distributions for 2026, compared to 2025, the quarterly total is up 27.65% representing approximately \$828,000.

RESOLUTION NO. 26 -165

AUTHORIZING THE MODIFICATION OF THE 2026 ADOPTED COUNTY BUDGET

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

4250 MH MCCASA

Revenue

A425040 434904 SA OASAS MH Admin	\$ 468,123	\$ 477,603
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Control Total		\$ <u>9,480</u>
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Expense

A425040 542710 Council on Alcohol/ Drug Abuse	\$ 468,123	\$ 477,603
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Control Total		\$ <u>9,480</u>
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4251 MH OCM BOCES

Revenue

A425140 434904 SA OASAS MH Admin	\$ 71,494	\$ 72,943
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Control Total		\$ <u>1,449</u>
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Expense

A425140 542711 OCM BOCES	\$ 71,494	\$ 72,943
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Control Total		\$ <u>1,449</u>
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4308 MH Clinic Programs

Revenue

A430840 444883 Federal Medicaid Claiming-Clinic	\$ 80,000	\$ 83,000
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Control Total		\$ <u>3,000</u>
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Expense

A430840 549110 Office Supplies & Expense	\$ 18,180	\$ 21,180
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Control Total \$ 3,000

4310 MH Administration

Revenue

A431040 434904 SA OASAS MH Admin \$ 16,118 \$ 16,445

Control Total \$ 327

Expense

A431040 541030 Training & Staff Development \$ 4,000 \$ 4,327

Control Total \$ 327

4316 MH Liberty Resources

Revenue

A431640 434904 SA OASAS MH Admin \$ 706,308 \$ 729,502

Control Total \$ 23,194

Expense

A431640 542760 Liberty Resource Halfway House \$ 388,386 \$ 396,438

A431640 542770 Perm Supported Hsng Liberty RS \$ 94,248 \$ 109,390

A431640 542804 Transitional Safety Housing \$ 223,674 \$ 223,674

Totals \$ 706,308 \$ 729,502

Control Total \$ 23,194

4327 MH Crouse Health Hospital

Revenue

A432740 434904 SA OASAS MH Admin \$ 115,357 \$ 117,693

Control Total \$ 2,336

Expense

A432740 542797 Jail CD Services \$ 115,357 \$ 117,693

Control Total \$ 2,336

ADOPTED: AYES – 1,291 NAYS - 0 ABSENT – 209 (Carvell, Cavanagh, Roberts, Kinville)

RESOLUTION NO. 26-166

AUTHORIZING THE MODIFICATION OF THE 2026 ADOPTED COUNTY BUDGET

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

General Fund

1621 County Buildings-HSB

Expense

	<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>
A162110 540351 Roof Repair & Coating Expense	\$434,149	\$334,149

9901 Contribution to Other Funds**Expense**

A990199 594101 Transfer to Road Machinery Fund Mid-Year	<u>649,551</u>	<u>749,551</u>
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Control Totals	<u>\$1,083,700</u>	<u>\$1,083,700</u>
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Road Machinery Fund**5130 Road Machinery Repairs & Expense****Revenue**

DM513050 450326 Transfer from General Fund Mid-Year	<u>\$649,551</u>	<u>\$749,551</u>
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Control Total		<u>\$100,000</u>
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Expense

DM513050 529063 Highway Garage Reno-Wampsville	<u>\$592,000</u>	<u>\$692,000</u>
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Control Total		<u>\$100,000</u>
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ADOPTED: AYES – 1,291 NAYS - 0 ABSENT – 209 (Carvell, Cavanagh, Roberts, Kinville)

RESOLUTION NO. 26-167**AUTHORIZING THE MODIFICATION OF THE 2026 ADOPTED COUNTY BUDGET**

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

Enterprise Environmental Landfill Fund**8164 Environmental Control****Expense**

	<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>
EE816480 529330 Miscellaneous Equipment	<u>\$338,707</u>	<u>\$518,630</u>

Control Total		<u>\$179,923</u>
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Revenue

EE816480 439200 SA Recycling Grant Landfill	<u>\$-0-</u>	<u>\$179,923</u>
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Control Total		<u>\$179,923</u>
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ADOPTED: AYES – 1,291 NAYS - 0 ABSENT – 209 (Carvell, Cavanagh, Roberts, Kinville)

RESOLUTION NO. 26-168**AUTHORIZING THE MODIFICATION OF THE 2026 ADOPTED COUNTY BUDGET**

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

General Fund**3150 Sheriff Correctional Facility****Expense**

	<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>
A315030 545000 Prescriptions	<u>\$228,800</u>	<u>\$428,800</u>

1990 Contingent Fund**Expense**

A199010 544440 Contingent	\$716,558	\$516,558
Control Totals	\$945,358	\$945,358

ADOPTED: AYES – 1,291 NAYS - 0 ABSENT – 209 (Carvell, Cavanagh, Roberts, Kinville)

RESOLUTION NO. 26-169**AUTHORIZING THE MODIFICATION OF THE 2026 ADOPTED COUNTY BUDGET**

WHEREAS, the County received revised estimates and an updated project timeframe for the Cazenovia property renovations; and

WHEREAS, the following budget modification incorporates the revised estimates, primarily financed by the Building Improvements Reserve Fund; and

WHEREAS, the accounting for the renovations is being transferred from the General Fund to the Capital Projects Fund, mainly due to the project timeframe continuing into the next fiscal year.

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

General Fund**1620 County Facilities****Revenue**

	<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>
A162010 488001 Appropriation of Bldg Improvement Rsv	\$2,133,421	\$3,636,827
Control Total		\$1,503,406

1620 County Facilities**Expense**

A162010 540273 Cazenovia Property Renovation	\$927,605	-\$0-
A162010 540277 Caz Demolition Expense	\$60,000	-\$0-
A162010 540278 Caz Parking Lot Expense	\$100,000	-\$0-
A162010 542134 Caz Engineering Architect	\$320,245	-\$0-
A162010 544059 Caz Gas & Electric Expense	\$135,000	\$86,500
A162010 594206 TSF to Capital Proj Mid-Year	-\$0-	\$3,093,306

1680 Information Technology**Expense**

A168010 540422 Caz Fiber Expense	\$23,544	-\$0-
A168010 594206 TSF to Capital Proj Mid-Year	-\$0-	\$23,544

1990 Contingent**Expense**

A199010 544440 Contingent	\$516,558	\$383,008
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Totals	<u>\$2,082,952</u>	<u>\$3,586,358</u>
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Control Total		<u>\$1,503,406</u>
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Capital Projects Fund
1630 Caz Renovations

Revenue

H163010 450326 TSF From General Fund	-\$0-	\$3,116,850
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Control Total		<u>\$3,116,850</u>
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1630 Caz Renovations

Expense

H163010 540273 Cazenovia Property Renovations	-\$0-	\$496,218
H163010 540277 Caz Demolition Expense	-\$0-	\$60,000
H163010 540278 Caz Parking Lot Expense	-\$0-	233,550
H163010 540286 Caz General Contractor Expense	-\$0-	\$586,730
H163010 540287 Caz HVAC Expense	-\$0-	\$702,740
H163010 540288 Caz Plumbing Expense	-\$0-	\$27,500
H163010 540289 Caz Electrical Expense	-\$0-	\$594,098
H163010 540422 Caz Fiber Expense	-\$0-	\$23,544
H163010 540826 Fire Prevention Equipment	-\$0-	\$72,225
H163010 542134 Caz Engineering/Architect	-\$0-	\$320,245

Control Total		<u>\$3,116,850</u>
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ADOPTED: AYES – 1,291 NAYS - 0 ABSENT – 209 (Carvell, Cavanagh, Roberts, Kinville)

RESOLUTION NO. 26-170

AUTHORIZING THE MODIFICATION OF THE 2026 ADOPTED COUNTY BUDGET

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

General Fund

1420 County Attorney

Expense

A142010 542175 Professional Legal Counsel	<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>
	\$200,000	\$300,000

1990 Contingent Fund

Expense

A199010 544440 Contingent	<u>\$383,008</u>	<u>\$283,008</u>
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Control Totals	<u>\$583,008</u>	<u>\$583,008</u>
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ADOPTED: AYES – 1,291 NAYS - 0 ABSENT – 209 (Carvell, Cavanagh, Roberts, Kinville)

RESOLUTION NO. 26-171

AUTHORIZING THE MODIFICATION OF THE 2026 ADOPTED COUNTY BUDGET

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

General Fund

1410 County Clerk

Expense

	<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>
A141010 541300 Advertising Expense	\$1,000	\$6,000

1990 Contingent Fund

Expense

A199010 544440 Contingent	<u>\$283,008</u>	<u>\$278,008</u>
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Control Totals	<u>\$284,008</u>	<u>\$284,008</u>
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ADOPTED: AYES – 1,291 NAYS - 0 ABSENT – 209 (Carvell, Cavanagh, Roberts, Kinville)

By Criminal Justice, Public Safety and Emergency Communications Committee:

Committee Chairman Vosburg provided a brief Committee update and spoke to the resolutions being presented. Vosburg remarked on recent report provided by Traffic Safety Research for STOP DWI program with a mock DWI crash performed at DeRuyter Central Schools.

RESOLUTION NO. 26-172

AUTHORIZING THE CHAIRMAN TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH BRIDGEWATER FIRE CO., INC. FOR EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES

WHEREAS, the Madison County Board of Supervisors recognizes that the timely and reliable provision of emergency medical services is essential to protect the health, safety and welfare of Madison County residents; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors office finds that operational and financial stability of local emergency service providers serves a significant public purpose by assisting agencies in their delivery of emergency services; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to N.Y. General Municipal Law § 122-b, Madison County is authorized to contract for the provision of emergency medical services and general ambulance services; and

WHEREAS, Madison County and Bridgewater Fire Company, Inc. have negotiated an agreement to provide operational funding in support of the continued financial stability and long-term sustainability of emergency medical services for the residents and visitors of Madison County; and

WHEREAS, the parties further acknowledge their mutual commitment by collaborating through the EMS Advisory Council (EMSAC) to identify and develop shared service programs and implement operational efficiencies; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Madison County Board of Supervisors hereby approves of this agreement with Bridgewater Fire Company, Inc. to provide financial assistance, in the amount of \$40,000 for the 2027 calendar year; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Chairman shall sign the agreement as on file in the Board Clerk's office, in substantially the form presented to the Board, approved as to form by the Department of Law, as may be necessary to implement the intent and purpose of this Resolution.

ADOPTED: AYES – 1,291 NAYS - 0 ABSENT – 209 (Carvell, Cavanagh, Roberts, Kinville)

RESOLUTION NO. 26-173

AUTHORIZING THE CHAIRMAN TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH THE VILLAGE OF WEST WINFIELD FOR EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES

WHEREAS, the Madison County Board of Supervisors recognizes that the timely and reliable provision of emergency medical services is essential to protect the health, safety and welfare of Madison County residents; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors office finds that operational and financial stability of local emergency service providers serves a significant public purpose by assisting agencies in their delivery of emergency services; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to N.Y. General Municipal Law § 122-b, Madison County is authorized to contract for the provision of emergency medical services and general ambulance services; and

WHEREAS, Madison County and the Village of West Winfield have negotiated an agreement to provide operational funding in support of the continued financial stability and long-term sustainability of emergency medical services for the residents and visitors of Madison County; and

WHEREAS, the parties further acknowledge their mutual commitment by collaborating through the EMS Advisory Council (EMSAC) to identify and develop shared service programs and implement operational efficiencies; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Madison County Board of Supervisors hereby approves of this agreement with the Village of West Winfield to provide financial assistance, in the amount of \$15,000 for the 2027 calendar year; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Chairman shall sign the agreement as on file in the Board Clerk's office, in substantially the form presented to the Board, approved as to form by the Department of Law, as may be necessary to implement the intent and purpose of this Resolution.

ADOPTED: AYES – 1,291 NAYS - 0 ABSENT – 209 (Carvell, Cavanagh, Roberts, Kinville)

RESOLUTION NO. 26-174

AUTHORIZING THE CHAIRMAN TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH THE TOWN OF GEORGETOWN FOR EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES

WHEREAS, the Madison County Board of Supervisors recognizes that the timely and reliable provision of emergency medical services is essential to protect the health, safety and welfare of Madison County residents; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors office finds that operational and financial stability of local emergency service providers serves a significant public purpose by assisting agencies in their delivery of emergency services; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to N.Y. General Municipal Law § 122-b, Madison County is authorized to contract for the provision of emergency medical services and general ambulance services; and

WHEREAS, Madison County and the Town of Georgetown have negotiated an agreement to provide operational funding in support of the continued financial stability and long-term sustainability of emergency medical services for the residents and visitors of Madison County; and

WHEREAS, the parties further acknowledge their mutual commitment by collaborating through the EMS Advisory Council (EMSAC) to identify and develop shared service programs and implement operational efficiencies; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Madison County Board of Supervisors hereby approves of this agreement with the Town of Georgetown to provide financial assistance, in the amount of \$41,000 for the 2027 calendar year; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Chairman shall sign the agreement as on file in the Board Clerk's office, in substantially the form presented to the Board, approved as to form by the Department of Law, as may be necessary to implement the intent and purpose of this Resolution.

ADOPTED: AYES – 1,291 NAYS - 0 ABSENT – 209 (Carvell, Cavanagh, Roberts, Kinville)

By Highway Building and Grounds Committee:

Committee Chairman Corbin provided a brief Committee update and spoke to the resolutions being presented.

RESOLUTION NO. 26-175

CONTROL OF SNOW AND ICE ON COUNTY ROADS

WHEREAS, the County of Madison entered into an Agreement with the Towns of the County of Madison on October 12, 1982, for Control of Snow and Ice on the County Road System in accordance with the terms and provisions of said agreement; and

WHEREAS, the Highway, Buildings and Grounds Committee met on July 29, 2026 and recommended increasing the cost per lane mile to the Towns; and

WHEREAS, the reimbursement payment will increase to the amount of \$24.01 per lane mile starting October 1, 2026 and ending April 30, 2027; and

WHEREAS, the reimbursement payment will remain the same at the amount of \$15.71 per lane mile for regular salt brine applications and \$16.96 per lane mile for salt brine with 5% magnesium chloride applications starting October 1, 2026 and ending April 30, 2027; and

WHEREAS, the Agreement also includes a loader rate of \$78.13 per hour for snow bank removal under certain circumstances; and

WHEREAS, the Agreement for payment has been included in the County Road Fund Budget for 2026 and 2027;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Chairman of the Board of Supervisors be and hereby authorizes the County Highway Superintendent to execute said Agreement on behalf of the County.

ADOPTED: AYES – 1,291 NAYS - 0 ABSENT – 209 (Carvell, Cavanagh, Roberts, Kinville)

RESOLUTION NO. 26-176

DESIGNATING DISPOSAL OF SURPLUS COUNTY PERSONAL PROPERTY

WHEREAS, in accordance with Madison County Purchasing Policy, certain County personal property is required to be declared surplus by the Board of Supervisors before disposal; and

WHEREAS, the current County personal property waiting surplus designation is listed below; and

WHEREAS, the Highway, Buildings, and Grounds committee met on July 29, 2026, to review and recommend the list of items be declared surplus; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Board of Supervisors declares the list of said items as surplus.

Item	Department	Mileage	Condition	Comment
SH9005 – 2002 Lawline Trailer	Sheriff	n/a	Poor	Scrap

ADOPTED: AYES – 1,291 NAYS - 0 ABSENT – 209 (Carvell, Cavanagh, Roberts, Kinville)

RESOLUTION NO. 26-177

AUTHORIZING THE CHAIRMAN TO AWARD BID 2026-24 AND ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH SMITH STRUCTURES INC.

WHEREAS, sealed bids were received and opened on July 9, 2026 for Madison County Public Safety Building Corridor Renovation (Bid 2026-24); and

WHEREAS, all bids have been canvassed and reviewed by C&S Engineers and it is recommended for the bid to be awarded to the lowest responsible bidder; and

WHEREAS, the Highway, Buildings and Grounds Committee has reviewed and recommends moving forward with entering into the agreement for the performance of this work as recommended by C&S Engineers, commencing August 12, 2026 and expiring May 31, 2027;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the County accept the following bid for the work heretofore described, to wit:

Bid Ref. No 2026-24 – Madison County Public Safety Building Corridor Renovation

**Smith Structures, Inc.
7399 Taft Park Dr.
East Syracuse, NY 13057**

TOTAL BID: \$212,180.00

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that, upon receipt of all contract documents, the Chairman be and hereby is authorized to enter into said contract, copies of which are on file with the Clerk of the Board.

ADOPTED: AYES – 1,291 NAYS - 0 ABSENT – 209 (Carvell, Cavanagh, Roberts, Kinville)

RESOLUTION NO. 26-178

APPROVING TRADE-IN OF 2019 JOHN DEERE TRACTOR

WHEREAS, in accordance with Madison County Purchasing Policy and Procedures, Article 13, certain County Equipment must be approved for trade-in by the Board of Supervisors; and

WHEREAS, Sydenstricker Nobbe Partners has provided a trade-in value of \$9,500 for Madison County Facilities Department's 2019 John Deere X758 Lawn Tractor with mower deck & rotary broom (Asset #'s 201900005, 201900006, 201900007); and

WHEREAS, Sydenstricker Nobbe Partners has provided a trade difference cost of \$26,664.09 that would allow Madison County Facilities Department to trade 2019 X758 John Deere Lawn Tractor with mower deck & rotary broom for a new 2026 John Deere 1025R Lawn Tractor with mower deck and rotary broom; and

WHEREAS, the cost of the trade-in equipment has been appropriated in the 2026 County Buildings Budget; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Board of Supervisors approves the trade-in of the above piece of Equipment.

ADOPTED: AYES – 1,291 NAYS - 0 ABSENT – 209 (Carvell, Cavanagh, Roberts, Kinville)

RESOLUTION NO. 26-179

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

WHEREAS, Madison County entered into an agreement (Res#24-245) with National Grid approved contractors, O'Connell Electric Company & H. Richardson & Sons, to perform electrical make ready tasks for the broadband projects; and

WHEREAS, due to a continued need for electrical make ready tasks, the County would like to extend the current agreements with O'Connell Electric Company & H. Richardson & Sons to now terminate June 16, 2027; and

WHEREAS, the Buildings and Grounds Committee has reviewed the extension agreements and recommend that the agreements be accepted; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Chairman of the Board of Supervisors be and is hereby authorized to extend the agreement with O'Connell Electric Company & H. Richardson & Sons. Accordingly, a copy of said Agreement is filed with the Clerk of the Board.

ADOPTED: AYES – 1,291 NAYS - 0 ABSENT – 209 (Carvell, Cavanagh, Roberts, Kinville)

Supervisor Corbin then provided an update on the Madison County Fair. Attendance for 2026 was up substantially over previous years. Supervisor Corbin thanked all

Departments involved and remarked that those present did a wonderful job. Madison County Cornell Cooperative Extension organized and arranged bringing approximately 250 kids to the Fair on the opening day which went extremely well. Admission to the Fair was \$10/person, including free rides on the midway for the day. Compared to the Booneville Fair, which charges \$6/person for admission and \$25/ person for rides all day. Supervisor Corbin reported the animals present, Tractor Pulls and Demo Derby events. Overall, it was a great year for the Madison County Fair.

Planning, Economic Development, Environmental and Intergovernmental Affairs Committee Chairman Joe Wicks provided a Committee Update. The Real Property Department is preparing for the property tax auction that will be held September 14-17, 2026. At this point there are 50 properties that have been posted. Wicks spoke about the Summer Youth Program, Economic Development, Tourism and Broadband project.

Health and Human Services Committee Vice Chairwoman Brandee Henderson provided a Committee update. Henderson spoke to the Teen Assessment Survey also known as TAP Survey which is conducted every two years throughout Madison County Schools for grades 7-12.

Solid Waste and Recycling Committee Chairwoman Melissa During provided a Committee update. Revenues remain strong and are currently on track or slightly ahead of projections for this year. The landfill permit modification is still in the works, NYS DEC review could take up to two years, the Solid Waste Department will continue to monitor tonnage to remain within the current 60,000 annual limit.

Resolutions – Regular Agenda

By Supervisor Henderson:

RESOLUTION NO. 26-180

APPOINTING A MEMBER TO MADISON COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 340 of the Public Health Law, the Madison County Board of Supervisors, January 1, 1994 established a Public Health District and appointed a Board of Health for said County Health District; and

WHEREAS, there is a vacant position on the Board of Health; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Emily Johnson is interested in becoming a Board of Health member; and

WHEREAS, upon review, both the Board of Health and the Health and Human Services Committee feel it appropriate to appoint Dr. Emily Johnson to the Madison County Board of Health; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Dr. Emily Johnson is appointed to the Board of Health effective August 11, 2026 through December 31, 2030.

ADOPTED: AYES – 1,291 NAYS - 0 ABSENT – 209 (Carvell, Cavanagh, Roberts, Kinville)

By Supervisor Wicks:

Supervisor Wicks explained that New York State awarded Madison County approximately \$2.5 Million for the Municipal Infrastructure Grant (MIP) to build out an additional 21 miles of fiber, previously, this was not amended in the ECC Technologies agreement, so we are amending the agreement to include this additional 21 miles into the scope.

RESOLUTION NO. 26-181

AUTHORIZING MADISON COUNTY TO AMEND AN AGREEMENT WITH ECC TECHNOLOGIES FOR NETWORK ENGINEERING AND PROGRAM OVERSIGHT FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE MUNICIPAL INFRASTRUCTURE GRANT

WHEREAS, Madison County has been undertaking Broadband analysis and implementation projects since 2019 in order to provide faster and more reliable internet service to its residents; and

WHEREAS, our current USDA ReConnect grant will make significant strides in serving residents and businesses with broadband fiber internet service, but the USDA program rules didn't allow us to reach everyone; and

WHEREAS, Madison County applied for and was awarded an initial \$9,998,562 through the New York State ConnectALL Office's Municipal Infrastructure Program (MIP) Round 5 grant; and

WHEREAS, Madison County was awarded an additional \$2,574,346 (for an additional 21 miles of network construction) through the New York State ConnectALL Office's MIP Round 5 grant; and

WHEREAS, Madison County has an existing contract with ECC Technologies for project management, network design, and project implementation, that is not reflective of the additional 21 miles of fiber and funding awarded through the MIP grant; and

WHEREAS, Madison County hereby authorizes an amendment to our existing contract with ECC of \$197,238, which will cover expenses related to the additional 21 miles of fiber, the cost of which will all be covered by the MIP grant; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Madison County Board of Supervisors hereby authorizes James Cunningham, Chairman of the Board, to sign an Agreement Amendment, (a copy of which is on file with the Clerk of the Board) with ECC Technologies to design and implement this expanded MIP network as part of Madison County Connect.

ADOPTED: AYES – 1,291 NAYS - 0 ABSENT – 209 (Carvell, Cavanagh, Roberts, Kinville)

By Supervisor Walrod:

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

RESOLUTION NO. 26-182

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 Requesting Madison County Industrial Development Agency Deny The Payment-In-Lieu-Of-Tax Agreement For Hoffman Falls Wind, LLC.

ADOPTED: AYES – 1,305 NAYS - 0 ABSENT – 195 (Carvell, Cavanagh, Roberts, Kinville)

RESOLUTION NO. 26-183

**REQUESTING MADISON COUNTY INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AGENCY
DENY THE PAYMENT-IN-LIEU-OF-TAX AGREEMENT FOR HOFFMAN FALLS WIND, LLC**

WHEREAS, pursuant to Local Law No. 3 of 2023, Madison County opted out the real property tax exemption available under Section 487 of the New York Real Property Tax Law ("RPTL") for certain solar, wind energy systems, or farm waste energy systems, rendering such systems taxable within Madison County ("County") absent a payment in lieu of tax ("PILOT") agreement; and,

WHEREAS, Hoffman Falls Wind, LLC is permitted by the New York State Department of Public Service, Office of Renewable Energy Siting and Electric Transmission, to develop an 18-turbine Major Renewable Energy Facility, spanning the Towns of Fenner, Nelson, Eaton and Smithfield within Madison County; and,

WHEREAS, the Madison County Industrial Development Agency ("MCIDA") has received an updated PILOT Application ("Application") from Hoffman Falls Wind, LLC for the same Major Renewable Energy Facility (the "Project"), which seeks a combined **\$30,437,667.00**, more or less, in real property tax, sales tax and mortgage recording tax exemptions; and,

WHEREAS, MCIDA has circulated the same Application and requested the County's comments relative to the same; and,

WHEREAS, the Application identifies the vast majority of projected spending on the Project to be dedicated to machinery and equipment costs and utility, roads and appurtenant

costs which do not appear to provide meaningful direct economic benefits to County residents and businesses; and,

WHEREAS, through its own Application to the MCIDA, Hoffman Falls Wind, LLC has demonstrated that the Project associated with the PILOT application would create just two (2) new permanent jobs; and,

WHEREAS, the proposed abatement of combined taxes of **\$30,437,667.00**, more or less, is not countervailed by sufficient payments to the County under the proposed PILOT scheme; and,

WHEREAS, the County has a substantial interest in ensuring that public tax incentives maximize economic development for the taxpayers of the County; and,

WHEREAS, the County finds that the magnitude of the requested tax exemptions is disproportionate to any demonstrable long-term economic and employment benefits identified in the Application and that such exemptions do not represent an appropriate use of public tax incentives; and,

WHEREAS, the County has a compelling government interest in maintaining the health, safety and general welfare of its residents and businesses and ensuring that natural resources located within the County, including wind, are utilized in a manner appropriate for the County and its people with regard to the County's government interests; and,

WHEREAS, the County is currently engaged in litigation with Hoffman Falls Wind, LLC in a matter entitled *Madison County v. New York State Office of Renewable Energy Siting and Electric Transmission, et al.*, Case No. CV-26-0494 before the New York State Supreme Court, Appellate Division, Third Department, which matter concerns the placement of one turbine proposed in the Project and its detrimental effects upon the County's Emergency Communication and Radio System ("E911 System"); and,

WHEREAS, through various negotiations between the County and Hoffman Falls Wind, LLC, the latter has consistently elevated its own commercial interests above the County's significant public safety concerns; and,

WHEREAS, the County harbors concerns that the currently proposed iteration of the Project conflicts with the County's public interests, which must be weighed against the public and private development considerations relevant to any PILOT agreement; and,

WHEREAS, the County believes the use of PILOT agreements should be reserved for projects that provide substantial and measurable public benefits commensurate with the value of the tax incentives requested, and that the Application does not demonstrate such benefits.

NOW, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Madison County Board of Supervisors hereby requests the Madison County Industrial Development Agency deny the PILOT Application for Hoffman Falls Wind, LLC; and

NOW, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors is hereby directed to send a copy of this resolution to the Chairman of the Madison County Industrial Development Agency.

**ADOPTED: AYES – 933 ABSTAIN – 358 (Reger, Wicks, Jones, Cunningham, Stokes)
ABSENT – 209 (Carvell, Cavanagh, Roberts, Kinville)**

Chairman Cunningham asked if there was anyone present to speak during public comment period, none were present.

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

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