

Criminal Justice, Public Safety and Emergency Communications

Wednesday, July 26, 2023 @ 9:00 AM

Chambers

AGENDA

9:00 AM Call Meeting to Order

Approval of Minutes

- Approval of Minutes of 6/28/23

District Attorney's Office:

1. Discussion: Budget Modification

Sheriff's Office:

1. Authorizing the Chairman to Enter Into an Agreement with the Chittenango Central School District for the Use of Special Patrol Officers
2. Authorizing the Chairman to Enter Into an Agreement with the Madison Central School District for the Use of Special Patrol Officers
3. Authorizing the Chairman to Enter Into an Agreement with the DeRuyter Central School District for the Use of Special Patrol Officers
4. Authorizing the Chairman to Enter Into an Agreement with the Oneida City School District for the Use of Special Patrol Officers
5. Madison County STOP DWI Outreach Program Update
6. Discussion: Designating Disposal of Surplus County Personal Property
7. Phlebotomist Services Update

Emergency Management:

1. Authorizing the Chairman to Enter Into an Agreement with NICE Software Systems for 911 Radio System Recording Equipment Update
2. Discussion: Budget Modification for Statewide Interoperable Communications Grant
3. Approving Updates to the Operating Policies for Madison County Emergency Medical Services Including Fees for Services and Hardship Policies
4. Approving Fees for Emergency Medical Services Provided by the Madison County Emergency Medical Services Division of the Office of Emergency Management
5. Encouraging Governor Hochul to Sign Legislation Authorizing Payment to Non-Participating or Non-Preferred Providers of Emergency Medical Services Licensed Under Article 30 of the

Public Health Law

Other Committee Business:

Preferred Agenda

Next Meeting:

1. August 23, 2023 @ 9:00 a.m.

Adjourn

Criminal Justice, Public Safety and Emergency Communications Committee

*Meeting Minutes
June 28, 2023*

PRESENT: Chairman Rex Vosburg
Vice Chairman Pete Walrod
Supervisor Greg Reuter
Supervisor Joe Wicks (via Zoom)

ALSO: County Administrator Mark Scimone
District Attorney William Gabor
County Attorney Tina Wayland-Smith
First Assistant County Attorney Jeff Aumell
Second Assistant County Attorney Melissa Felton
Director of Administrative Services Stephen Laureti
Director of Children's Advocacy Center Debra George
Director of Emergency Management Dan Degear
EMS Coordinator Jenna Illingworth
EMS Supervising Paramedic Tom Dorn
Assigned Counsel Administrator David DeSantis (via Zoom)
Director of Finance Lou Anne Randall
Public Information Officer Samantha Field
Clerk to the Board Emily Burns
Confidential Secretary to Board of Supervisors Kristin Guinto
Town of Lincoln Supervisor Melissa During (via Zoom)
Town of Lincoln Clerk Peggy LeClair (via Zoom)
Town of Lenox Supervisor John Pinard
County Attorney Intern Terrence Kame

ABSENT: Supervisor Bill Zupan

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Rex Vosburg at 9:03 a.m. in the Chambers.

Minutes:

The minutes of the May 24, 2023 meeting were unanimously approved on the motion of Vice Chairman Pete Walrod and second of Supervisor Greg Reuter.

District Attorney:

District Attorney William Gabor provided the following updates to the Committee:

- Just got back from a DA's conference in Saratoga. State legislature still far left in passing bills that Upstate DA's don't support. Clean Slate bill looks like it will pass.
- Received a Discovery grant for \$230,000 last year which is why the DA's budget was flat even with a 7% raise for employees. That money should keep coming in annually to Madison County.
- Have always had an Aid to Prosecution grant that has gone up and down but has been around

\$30,000. This should increase which might help with recruitment and retention. CARP grant should continue. DA grant offsets DA's salary.

- Coroner requirements were reviewed last year. Was directed to explore the possibility of finding a Coroner's Physician which Statue requires. County Administrator Mark Scimone suggested talking to Eric in Public Health who recommended Dr. Newton. He is willing to do it at a reasonable price. It was suggested by the Committee that he start as soon as he can. A resolution will be done for GOC for Dr. Newton to start July 1.

Sheriff's Office:

Director of the Children's Advocacy Center Debra George provided the following information:

- Looking at forming a 501(c)(3). Need to look at hiring outside counsel to help form it as the County Attorney's has not done it before. This will help with additional funding so it's easier to help families with food, etc. and would be another way for us to fundraise and bring more awareness of what we do. It was the consensus of the Committee to move forward with this.
- Looking at forming another position, Forensic Interviewing Coordinator, to help add more community awareness and to go out into schools to educate staff and parents and the community regarding digital crime. Funding would come from grants. It was the consensus of the Committee to move forward and work with Eileen in Personnel to make another position.

Assigned Counsel:

Assigned Counsel Administrator David DeSantis presented the following resolutions to the Committee:

Authorizing the Chairman to Enter Into an Extension for an Agreement with New York State Office of Indigent Legal Services for a Three-Year Distribution 2019-2021 (Grant #9)

The Committee unanimously approved the resolution on the motion of Reuter and second of Walrod.

Authorizing the Chairman to Enter Into an Extension for an Agreement with New York State Office of Indigent Legal Services for a Three-Year Distribution 2020-2022 (Grant #10)

The Committee unanimously approved the resolution on the motion of Walrod and second of Reuter.

Assigned Counsel Administrator David DeSantis provided the following updates:

- Increase of \$158 per hour is a good thing for Assigned Counsel but also brings challenges administratively. 50% of the cost of the increase is being paid for by the State into next year and should continue. Have 60% of budget left as of now. Anticipate end of October/November to burn through those funds and anticipate that the bottom line to the County will be \$200,000 more to get us through the end of the year but will be getting 50% reimbursement. Would like to meet with DA Gabor on some issues.

Sheriff's Office:

Director of Administrative Services Stephen Laureti presented the following resolutions to the Committee:

Authorizing the Chairman to Enter Into an Agreement with the Stockbridge Valley Central School District for the Use of Special Patrol Officers

The Committee unanimously approved the resolution on the motion of Walrod and second of Reuter.

Authorizing the Chairman to Apply for the 2023 Patrick Leahy Bulletproof Vest Partnership Program from the US Department of Justice

The Committee unanimously approved the resolution on the motion of Walrod and second of Reuter.

Director of Administrative Services Stephen Laureti provided the following updates:

- Spectrum Fiber Connect Plus Upgrade: Was told that within the next year or so Spectrum would not support our current package. County Administrator Mark Scimone said that we would be getting Empire access and would caution any long-term agreement with Spectrum.
- Budget modification going to Finance, Ways and Means for UTV. Took money from trailer account and put it in UTV line.
- TAM grant: Got consultant to do training for our staff and County school districts. Moved \$23,000 from OT line to consultant expense.
- Budget modification going to Finance, Ways and Means for OVS grant. Moved \$3,000 from contractual to personnel to cover the rest of victim advocate salary.

Emergency Management:

Emergency Management Director Dan Degear presented the following resolutions to the Committee:

Authorizing the Chairman to Enter Into a License Agreement with Onondaga-Cortland-Madison BOCES

The Committee unanimously approved the resolution on the motion of Walrod and second of Reuter.

Authorizing the Chairman to Enter Into a Memorandum of Understanding with the Town of Georgetown for Use of the Town Ambulance

The Committee unanimously approved the resolution on the motion of Reuter and second of Walrod.

Emergency Management Director Dan Degear provided the following updates:

- 911 staffing list received. Frank McFall is in the process of bringing on four new employees.
- New foam has been received and is being distributed. Collecting old foam for DEC removal.
- BOCES firefighting training will start at the Training Center in the Fall.
- Five year maintenance inspection done on the burn building; required every five years. Waiting for report to start the necessary repairs.
- Concrete pad for car fire training being installed this summer.
- Received fire extinguisher training prop. Will be available at the Madison County Fair.
- Cyber Summit went well. Day one had poor participation. Next year will look to increase participation. Did a feedback form and received 24 responses. It was agreed that it was a good/informational event. Will be an annual event.
- Elevated air quality risk issued again today and for a couple days from the wild fires. Have a small supply of N95 masks for those who need them.
- Moving into phase 3 of radio replacement program which will include firefighter positions and trucks.
- Budget modification going to Finance to start booking some revenue from Multi-Med and

investing back into the EMS program.

EMS Coordinator Jenna Illingworth provided the following updates:

- Have been approved for Community Paramedicine for Madison County EMS.
- Fly car had 16 calls in April, 20 in May and 23 in June bringing YTD total calls to 287. Last year had 276 total calls for the year.
- Ambulance was dispatched a total of 379 times for the last three months and flipped a total of 35 bringing the total calls to 344 from April 1st. Have provided mutual aid to GLAS, CAVAC and Onondaga County. Fire departments are happy with our service.
- From November of last year to now have provided 421 CPR cards to people in Madison County.
- EMS Training Coordinator position posted with a deadline of July 21. Have several instructors on staff already.

Executive Session:

A motion was made by Chairman Rex Vosburg to enter into executive session at 10:19 a.m. to discuss matters leading to the appointment, employment, promotion, demotion, discipline, suspension, dismissal or removal of a particular person. Vice Chairman Pete Walrod seconded the motion and it was unanimously carried.

A motion was made by Vice Chairman Walrod to exit executive session at 10:44 a.m. Supervisor Reuter seconded the motion and it was unanimously carried.

Preferred Agenda:

It was the consensus of the Committee to allow any eligible resolution from today's meeting to be added to the Preferred Agenda.

Adjournment:

The Committee adjourned at 10:44 a.m. on the motion of Walrod and second of Reuter.

Next Meeting Date:

Wednesday, July 26, 2023 at 9:00 a.m.

Respectfully submitted by Tricia Wiley on behalf of Chairman Rex Vosburg.

RESOLUTION NO. _____

AUTHORIZING THE MODIFICATION OF THE 2023 ADOPTED COUNTY BUDGET

BE IT RESOLVED, that the 2023 Adopted County Budget be modified as follows:

General Fund

1169 District Attorney Seized Assets Activity

Expense

A116910 540528 DA Prosecution of Penal Law

From

To

\$-0-

\$3,100

Control Total

\$3,100

Revenue

A116910 488025 Appropriation of Reserve-Prosecution of Penal Law

\$-0-

\$3,100

Control Total

\$3,100

Dated: August 8, 2023

Matthew Roberts, Chairman
Finance, Ways & Means Committee

RESOLUTION NO. _____

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

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

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

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

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

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Chairman of the Board of Supervisors be and is hereby authorized to enter into an agreement with the Chittenango Central School District for the utilization of Special Patrol Officers, and said agreement shall be in substantially the same form as is on file with the Clerk of the Board.

Dated: August 8, 2023

Rex Vosburg, Chairman
Criminal Justice, Public Safety and
Emergency Communications Committee

RESOLUTION NO. _____

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

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

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

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

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

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Chairman of the Board of Supervisors be and is hereby authorized to enter into an agreement with the Madison Central School District for the utilization of Special Patrol Officers, and said agreement shall be in substantially the same form as is on file with the Clerk of the Board.

Dated: August 8, 2023

Rex Vosburg, Chairman
Criminal Justice, Public Safety and
Emergency Communications Committee

RESOLUTION NO. _____

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

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

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

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

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

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Chairman of the Board of Supervisors be and is hereby authorized to enter into an agreement with the DeRuyter Central School District for the utilization of Special Patrol Officers, and said agreement shall be in substantially the same form as is on file with the Clerk of the Board.

Dated: August 8, 2023

Rex Vosburg, Chairman
Criminal Justice, Public Safety and
Emergency Communications Committee

RESOLUTION NO. _____

**AUTHORIZING THE CHAIRMAN TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH THE
ONEIDA CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT FOR THE USE OF SPECIAL PATROL OFFICERS**

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

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

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

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

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Chairman of the Board of Supervisors be and is hereby authorized to enter into an agreement with the Oneida City School District for the utilization of Special Patrol Officers, and said agreement shall be in substantially the same form as is on file with the Clerk of the Board.

Dated: August 8, 2023

Rex Vosburg, Chairman
Criminal Justice, Public Safety and
Emergency Communications Committee

Traffic Safety Research LLC

Madison County STOP DWI Outreach Program

April 2023

We updated our website and Facebook page and made posts relevant to the dangers of alcohol and drug impaired driving. We made posts regarding the April 20th “Drugged Driving Awareness” High Visibility Engagement Campaign (HVEC). In addition, we reminded motorists about the “Distracted Driving” and “No Empty Chair” traffic safety campaigns that were held during the month of April. The Facebook page was viewed 352 times in April.

We contacted all the junior and senior high schools in Madison County and promoted a “Don’t Drink and Drive Campaign” in preparation for the upcoming Junior Prom / Senior Ball season. We asked the school administrators to encourage feedback and ideas from students in developing a slogan about the dangers of driving while impaired. We asked that the ideas be sent to us by May 1st, so we have time to review and evaluate the submissions. The student who creates the winning slogan will be gifted \$250 by Traffic Safety Research and their school, if it promotes the slogan, will also be gifted \$250.

We administered the Victim Impact Panel class and had a total of eleven attendees. We then held an additional Victim Impact Panel make-up class that consisted of three attendees. The collected funds (\$700.00) will be turned over to the Madison County Finance Office at the end of the quarter as another VIP class is scheduled in June.

We held regularly scheduled driver awareness training classes that contain an alcohol and drug impaired driving component. The total persons who attended driver awareness training in April were 560. The total persons reached via Facebook were 352 and another 195 people were reached via the website. We reached a total of 1,107 people in April.

May 2023

We updated our website and Facebook page and made posts relevant to the Memorial Day High Visibility Engagement Campaign (HVEC) along with general announcements. People were reminded not to drink and drive and to plan accordingly when headed out for the Memorial Day weekend. The Facebook page was viewed 1,260 times in May.

We prepared and updated a "Recognizing Impaired Persons" training that will be offered in June. The June training will focus on Hallucinogens and PCP.

We selected the winner of the Madison County "Don't Drink and Drive Campaign". Isabelle Damon from Chittenango High School was chosen as the winner with her slogan..."Plan ahead or wind up dead – Don't drink and drive". Ms. Damon was awarded \$250 by Traffic Safety Research.

We held regularly scheduled driver awareness training classes that contain an alcohol and drug impaired driving component. The total persons who attended driver awareness and alcohol and drug awareness events in May were 670. The total persons reached via Facebook were 1,260 and another 321 people were reached via the website. We reached a total of 2,251 people in May.

June 2023

We updated our website and Facebook page and made posts relevant to Speed Awareness Week and reminded motorists to obey the speed limit as speed is the leading factor in fatal car crashes. In addition, we announced the scheduling of a free Recognizing Impaired Persons training. The training which is the second of four was specific to Hallucinogens and PCP and was held on June 13th.

We reached out to several billboard companies with the intent of conducting a billboard campaign within Madison County to discourage impaired driving. Many of the companies didn't service Madison County, but we identified Park Outdoor as a company that may be able to assist us with the campaign. We spoke with a representative of Park Outdoor and received quotes to implement the billboard campaign. The information was relayed to the Sheriff's Office, and they will be moving forward with the campaign which should begin in late July.

We administered the Victim Impact Panel class on June 12th and had a total of ten attendees. The collected funds from June were \$500, and we had previously collected \$700 from the April VIP classes. The \$1,200 in VIP admission fees for the second quarter were turned over to the Madison County Finance Office.

We held regularly scheduled driver awareness training classes that contain an alcohol and drug impaired driving component. The total persons who attended driver awareness and drug awareness training in June were 714. The total persons reached via Facebook were 424 and another 328 people were reached via the website. We reached a total of 1,466 people in June.

Sincerely,



Gary Bulinski
Traffic Safety Research LLC.
315-750-0035

RESOLUTION NO. _____

DESIGNATING DISPOSAL OF SURPLUS COUNTY PERSONAL PROPERTY

WHEREAS, in accordance with Madison County Purchasing Policy and Procedures, 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 list of items has been reviewed and approved by the Government Operations Committee;

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

Item	Department	Miles/Hours	Condition	Comment
2007 Bobcat Compact Skid Steer	Emergency Mgmt	2665.6 hrs	Good	Trade-in
SH0250 2007 Ski Doo Rev 600cc	Sheriffs Office	3169 miles	Good	Trade-in
SH0259 2007 Ski Doo Rev 600cc	Sheriffs Office	3364 miles	Good	Trade-in
SH9896 2011 Snowmobile Trailer	Sheriffs Office	n/a	Good	Trade-in

Dated: August 8, 2023

Paul H. Walrod, Chairman
Government Operations Committee

RESOLUTION NO. _____

**AUTHORIZING THE CHAIRMAN TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH NICE
SOFTWARE SYSTEMS FOR 911 RADIO SYSTEM RECORDING EQUIPMENT UPDATE**

WHEREAS, Madison County operates a Public Safety Answering Point (PSAP), also known as the Madison County Emergency 911 Center; and

WHEREAS, the PSAP utilizes specialized phone equipment to receive and process calls and text messages to 911 from persons in need of assistance; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary to upgrade certain components of the County's Interoperable Communications System, including components for the radio audio recording system; and

WHEREAS, NICE Software Systems, in conjunction with Motorola Solutions, will be upgrading recording equipment involved in the County's Interoperable Communications System at a cost of \$68,081.20; and

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

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

Dated: August 8, 2023

Rex Vosburg, Chairman
Criminal Justice, Public Safety and
Emergency Communications Committee

RESOLUTION NO. _____

**AUTHORIZING PARTICIPATION IN A STATEWIDE INTEROPERABLE COMMUNICATIONS
GRANT AND MODIFYING THE 2023 ADOPTED COUNTY BUDGET**

WHEREAS, Madison County has been awarded a Statewide Interoperable Communications Grant through the NYS Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Services; and

WHEREAS, the State awards grant is identified as follows:

Awarding Agency: NYS DHSES
Contract Number: C197764
Program Name: Statewide Interoperable Communications Grant
Award period: January 1, 2022 through December 31, 2024
State Funds: 100%
Total Grant Award: \$1,447,335

WHEREAS, the funding agency has approved the following budget for this grant during the performance period 1/1/2022-12/31/2024:

General Fund

3021 Communications-E911

Revenue

	<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>
A302130 433980 State Aid 2022 SICG Grant	\$-0-	\$1,447,335

Fund Balance

A 300599 Appropriated Fund Balance	<u>9,351,555</u>	<u>8,847,666</u>
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Totals	<u>\$9,351,555</u>	<u>\$10,295,001</u>
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Control Total		<u>\$943,446</u>
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Expense

A302130 541910 Radio System Infrastructure Maint.	\$503,889	\$1,007,778
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A302130 540860 SICG Equipment Expense 22-24	-0-	127,335
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A302130 540861 SICG All Other Expenses 22-24	<u>-0-</u>	<u>312,222</u>
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Totals	<u>\$503,889</u>	<u>\$1,447,335</u>
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Control Total		<u>\$943,446</u>
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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Chairman of the Board is hereby authorized to execute the necessary documents to finalize receipt of the grant; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the 2023 Adopted County Budget be modified in accordance with this grant.

Dated: August 8, 2023

Rex Vosburg, Chairman
Criminal Justice, Public Safety & Emergency
Communications Committee

Matthew A. Roberts, Chairman
Finance, Ways & Means Committee

RESOLUTION NO. _____

**APPROVING UPDATES TO THE OPERATING POLICIES FOR THE MADISON COUNTY
EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES INCLUDING FEES FOR SERVICES AND HARDSHIP
POLICIES**

WHEREAS, the Madison County Office of Emergency Management operates the Madison County Emergency Medical Services agency (MCEMS) to respond to emergent medical situations throughout Madison County; and

WHEREAS, operating policies for MCEMS have been developed and consolidated into a Standard Operating Policy Manual and have been previously approved by the Board of Supervisors; and

WHEREAS, the Director of EMS and the Director of Emergency Management recommends updates to MCEMS policies to include updated position descriptions, a policy related to fees for services, and a policy related to financial hardship parameters;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Madison County Board of Supervisors approves an update to the operating policies as outlined in the Madison County Emergency Medical Services Standard Operating Policy Manual.

Dated: August 8, 2023

Rex Vosburg, Chairman
Criminal Justice, Public Safety and
Emergency Communications Committee

RESOLUTION NO. _____

**APPROVING FEES FOR EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES PROVIDED BY THE
MADISON COUNTY EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES DIVISION OF THE OFFICE OF
EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT**

WHEREAS, the Madison County Office of Emergency Management operates the Madison County Emergency Medical Services agency (MCEMS) to respond to emergent medical situations throughout Madison County; and

WHEREAS, operating policies for MCEMS have been developed and consolidated into a Standard Operating Policy Manual and have been previously approved by the Board of Supervisors; and

WHEREAS, Policy 6.1, Madison County Emergency Medical Services Fee for Service requires the Board of Supervisors to annually approve and adopt fee rates for Advanced Life Support (ALS) I services, ALS II services, Basic Life Support (BLS) services and mileage.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Madison County Board of Supervisors approves the following fee rates for Advanced Life Support (ALS) I services, ALS II services, Basic Life Support (BLS) services and mileage for the year 2023:

EMS Service Type	2023 Rate
ALS I Emergency	\$1,885.00
ALS I Non-Emergency	\$1,500.00
ALS II Emergency	\$2,100.00
BLS Emergency	\$1,500.00
BLE Non-Emergency	\$1,250.00
Mileage	\$40.00/Mile

Dated: August 8, 2023

Rex Vosburg, Chairman
Criminal Justice, Public Safety and
Emergency Communications Committee

RESOLUTION NO. _____

**ENCOURAGING GOVERNOR HOCHUL TO SIGN LEGISLATION AUTHORIZING
PAYMENTS TO NONPARTICIPATING OR NONPREFERRED PROVIDERS OF EMERGENCY
MEDICAL SERVICES LICENSED UNDER ARTICLE 30 OF THE PUBLIC HEALTH LAW**

WHEREAS, New York State Assembly Bill A250A and New York State Senate Bill 1466, legislation authorizing payment to non-participating or non-preferred providers of Emergency Medical Services (EMS) licensed under article 30 of the public health law, has been introduced and passed by both the New York State Assembly and the New York State Senate; and

WHEREAS, currently, payments for services rendered by non-participating and non-preferred EMS providers are made from health insurers to the user of EMS services which requires EMS agencies to collect payment from the user for said services instead of directly from the insurance provider; and

WHEREAS, often, users of EMS services fail to turn over said payment requiring EMS agencies to incur additional costs in the collection process or writing off the revenue as uncollectable; and

WHEREAS, this practice has significantly contributed to the financial strain faced by EMS agencies operating throughout New York State; and

WHEREAS, if signed, the legislation will amend sections 3224-a, 3216, 3221 and 4303 of the New York State Insurance Law and ensure that EMS agencies receive direct payment for all appropriate EMS services upon submission of an invoice to the insurance company without the need for the EMS agency to be a preferred provider;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Madison County Board of Supervisors applauds the New York State Assembly and New York State Senate for the passage of A250A/S1466 and encourages Governor Kathleen Hochul to sign this important legislation into law; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Clerk of the Board shall forward a copy of this resolution to Governor Kathleen Hochul, New York State Legislative Representatives, the New York State Association of Counties and all others deemed necessary and proper.

Dated: August 8, 2023

Rex Vosburg, Chairman
Criminal Justice, Public Safety and
Emergency Communications Committee

