

Government Operations
Thursday, April 29, 2021 @ 10:30 AM

AGENDA

10:30 AM Call Meeting to Order

Approval of Minutes

- Minutes from - April 1, 2021

Resolutions:

1. Resolution of Appreciation - Retiree Recognition
2. Declaring the Week of May 6-12, 2021 as "Nurses Week" in Madison County
3. Abolishing a Health Statistician Position and Creating a Quality Improvement Coordinator Position in the Public Health Department
4. Abolishing a Public Health Nurse II Position and Creating a Nurse Epidemiologist Position in the Public Health Department
5. Authorizing the Chairman of the Board to Execute a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) and Modifying the Salary of the Director of Community Health Services
6. Authorizing the Chairman to Enter Into an Agreement with Spectrum Enterprise
7. Authorizing the Chairman to Enter into an Extension Agreement with the State University of New York for COVID Vaccination Site
8. Authorizing Attendance at an Out of State Conference
9. Creating One Full-Time Permanent Heavy Equipment Operator Position in the Department of Solid Waste Management
10. Modifying Contract Approval in the County Contract Policy and Procedures
11. Opposing Senate Bill S4264A and Assembly Bill A6967 Climate and Community Investment Act
12. Expressing the Sense of the Madison County Board of Supervisors That the Number of Justices of the Supreme Court of the United States Should Remain at Nine

Other Committee Business

1. Motion to Enter Executive Session
2. Negotiations
3. Labor Relations
4. Performance Appraisal

Preferred Agenda

Next Meeting: May 27, 2021 at 10:30 am

Adjourn

RESOLUTION NO. _____

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 Alex Brown and Debra Rifenburg upon their retirement.

Alex F. Brown
Debra J. Rifenburg

Central Services
Treasurer's Office

1985 - 2021
2005 - 2021

Dated: May 11, 2021

Mary B. Cavanagh, Chairwoman
Government Operations Committee

RESOLUTION NO. _____

**DECLARING THE WEEK OF MAY 6-12, 2021 AS
“NURSES WEEK” IN MADISON COUNTY**

WHEREAS, the Madison County Board of Supervisors believes that all registered nurses should be recognized for their compassion and dedicated contributions to the citizens of our County; and

WHEREAS, the tremendous dedication displayed while combatting the COVID-19 pandemic has been remarkable; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors wishes to honor the ways in which registered nurses in Madison County strive to provide safe and high quality patient care for the residents of our County;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Madison County Board of Supervisors and the residents of Madison County celebrate the accomplishments and efforts of registered nurses in Madison County and show appreciation for the County’s registered nurses not just during this week, but at every opportunity throughout the year; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Madison County Board of Supervisors does hereby declare the week of May 6 - 12, 2021 as:

“NURSES WEEK” IN MADISON COUNTY

DATED: May 11, 2021

Mary B. Cavanagh, Chairman
Government Operations Committee

RESOLUTION NO. _____

**ABOLISHING A HEALTH STATISTICIAN POSITION AND
CREATING A QUALITY IMPROVEMENT COORDINATOR POSITION
IN THE PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT**

WHEREAS, the Public Health Director has evaluated the staffing structure of the department and identified the need for the department to enhance and expand its health informatics and data management capacity to position it as a health information broker for our community and partners; and

WHEREAS, the impact of the pandemic further exacerbated the need to provide accurate and quality information in a timely fashion, that not only informed our residents, but guided response activities, programming, and service coordination now and in the future; and

WHEREAS, in order to accomplish this the Public Health Director desires to abolish a Health Statistician position and create a Quality Improvement Coordinator position; and

WHEREAS, the Personnel Officer certifies that Quality Improvement Coordinator is the appropriate classification based on the description of duties submitted for this position; and

WHEREAS, the salary and fringe benefits for the position are fully funded through existing appropriations in the 2021 departmental budget; and

WHEREAS, this request was reviewed and approved in accordance with the vacancy review procedure by the Health and Human Services Committee and the Government Operations Committee,

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that one (1) full-time Health Statistician position be and hereby is abolished effective immediately; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that one (1) full-time Quality Improvement Coordinator position be and hereby is created effective immediately and be allocated to Grade O of the White Collar Bargaining Agreement; and

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

DATED: May 11, 2021

Mary B. Cavanagh, Chairwoman
Government Operations Committee

RESOLUTION NO. _____

**ABOLISHING A PUBLIC HEALTH NURSE II POSITION AND
CREATING A NURSE EPIDEMIOLOGIST POSITION
IN THE PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT**

WHEREAS, the Public Health Director in light of the ongoing pandemic has evaluated the staffing structure of the department and has identified the increased need to conduct epidemiological investigations and disease intervention; implement procedures for surveillance of communicable diseases, epidemiologic investigations, outbreaks and other health conditions; and

WHEREAS, in order to accomplish this the Public Health Director desires to abolish a Public Health Nurse II position and create a Nurse Epidemiologist position; and

WHEREAS, the Personnel Officer certifies that Nurse Epidemiologist is the appropriate classification based on the description of duties submitted for this position; and

WHEREAS, the salary and fringe benefits for the position are fully funded through existing appropriations in the 2021 departmental budget; and

WHEREAS, this request was reviewed and approved in accordance with the vacancy review procedure by the Health and Human Services Committee and the Government Operations Committee,

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that one (1) full-time Public Health Nurse II position be and hereby is abolished effective immediately; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that one (1) full-time Nurse Epidemiologist position be and hereby is created effective immediately; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Public Health Director be and hereby is authorized to fill said position in accordance with Civil Service Law and Rule and the Agreement between the County and the New York State Nurses Association effective immediately.

DATED: May 11, 2021

Mary B. Cavanagh, Chairwoman
Government Operations Committee

RESOLUTION NO. _____

**AUTHORIZING THE CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD TO EXECUTE A MEMORANDUM
OF AGREEMENT (MOA) AND MODIFYING THE SALARY OF
THE DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY HEALTH SERVICES**

WHEREAS, recruitment and retention of nursing positions has been, and continues to be, a challenge for all County departments/offices that employ nurses; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Personnel and Civil Service conducted a market survey of compensation for nursing positions in the Syracuse area to ensure that the County can continue to recruit and retain quality employees in the nursing field; and

WHEREAS, a market adjustment to nursing compensation is warranted based on a compensation comparison of private sector employers and the scope of their work; and

WHEREAS, employees licensed or otherwise lawfully entitled to practice as a Registered Nurse are represented by the New York State Nurses Association; and

WHEREAS, it is appropriate to modify the salary of the Director of Community Health in an effort to maintain the integrity of the Management Compensation Plan; and

WHEREAS, the Government Operations Committee have reviewed and recommend a wage adjustment to Schedule A of the Agreement by and between New York State Nurses Association and the County of Madison,

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Chairman of the Board of Supervisors be and hereby is authorized to execute a Memorandum of Agreement as is on file with the Clerk to the Board;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the 2021 compensation for the Director of Community Health Services be increased to \$85,684 in accordance with Civil Service Law and Rule effective immediately;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the wage increases outlined in Appendix A will take effect immediately.

DATED: May 11, 2021

Mary B. Cavanagh, Chairwoman
Government Operations Committee

RESOLUTION NO. _____

**AUTHORIZING THE CHAIRMAN TO ENTER INTO AN ENTERPRISE AGREEMENT
WITH SPECTRUM ENTERPRISE**

WHEREAS, Internet is needed for video surveillance in and around the structure at Delphi Falls; and

WHEREAS, Spectrum Enterprises can extend their service to this location; and

WHEREAS, the costs for this project is \$675.00 a month plus a one-time \$250.00 set up fee; and

WHEREAS, this project will be jointly funded through the Planning and Information Technology Departments; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Chairman be and hereby is authorized to execute the contracts with Spectrum Enterprise on behalf of the County in the form as is on file with the Clerk of the Board.

Dated:

Mary B. Cavanagh, Chairwoman
Government Operations Committee

RESOLUTION NO. _____

**AUTHORIZING THE CHAIRMAN TO ENTER INTO AN EXTENSION AGREEMENT
WITH THE STATE UNIVERSITY OF NEW YORK FOR COVID VACCINATION SITES**

WHEREAS, In response to the COVID-19 Pandemic, Madison County has the need to establish Points of Distribution (POD) locations to administer COVID-19 vaccinations; and

WHEREAS, Madison County has entered into an agreement with SUNY Morrisville, titled "Revocable Permit for Non-Commercial Use of University Facilities" on January 20, 2021, (Resolution No. 21-21) which expires on May 31, 2021; and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of both parties, due to the success of the aforementioned agreement, to extend the contract through August 15, 2021; and

WHEREAS, the aforementioned agreement terms remain the same, but only extension of the term of the agreement; and

WHEREAS, the Government Operations Committee has reviewed and recommends extending the agreement with SUNY Morrisville; and

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

Dated: May 11, 2021

Mary B. Cavanagh, Chairperson
Government Operations Committee

RESOLUTION NO. _____

**AUTHORIZING ATTENDANCE AT AN OUT-OF-STATE CONFERENCE
(Sheriff)**

WHEREAS, the 2021 National Sheriffs' Association Annual Conference will be held June 21 - 24, 2021 in Phoenix, AZ; and

WHEREAS, Todd Hood, Madison County Sheriff, has requested to attend this conference; and

WHEREAS, all meals, gas and parking expenses are fully funded through appropriations in the Office of the Sheriff's 2021 budget; and

WHEREAS, since Sheriff Hood is a member of the National Sheriffs' Association and on the School Safety Committee, the New York State Sheriffs' Association will reimburse the registration, lodging and travel expenses; and

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

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Todd Hood be and hereby is authorized to attend said conference at a cost not to exceed \$2,554.

Date: May 11, 2021

Mary B. Cavanagh, Chairwoman
Government Operations Committee

RESOLUTION NO. _____

**CREATING ONE FULL-TIME PERMANENT HEAVY EQUIPMENT OPERATOR
POSITION IN THE DEPARTMENT OF SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT**

WHEREAS, the Director of Solid Waste Management has evaluated the staffing structure of the department and has determined the need for an additional full-time permanent Heavy Equipment Operator position; and

WHEREAS, this request has been reviewed and approved in accordance with the vacancy review procedure by the Solid Waste and Recycling and the Government Operations Committees,

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that one (1) full-time Heavy Equipment Operator position be and hereby is created effective immediately; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Director of Solid Waste Management 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.

Dated: May 11, 2021

Mary B. Cavanagh, Chairwoman
Government Operations Committee

RESOLUTION NO. _____

MODIFYING CONTRACT APPROVAL IN THE COUNTY CONTRACT POLICY AND PROCEDURES

WHEREAS, currently all contracts are formally approved by the Madison County Board of Supervisors, and

WHEREAS, Madison County wishes to modify its contract policy to allow more administrative leeway for certain service contracts to increase efficiency and reduce paper flow; and

WHEREAS, it is proposed to authorize the Chairman of the Board of Supervisors to execute service contracts of less than Ten Thousand and 00/100 Dollars (\$10,000.00), while continuing to follow internal review protocols including approval by the County Administrator; and

WHEREAS, said procedure would be required to be renewed annually by approval of the Board of Supervisors; and

WHEREAS, any applicable contracts would be submitted to the Board of Supervisors upon request; and

WHEREAS, the Administration and Oversight and Government Operations Committees have reviewed and approve this procedural change and recommends its adoption.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Madison County Board of Supervisors hereby authorizes the Chairman of the Board of Supervisors to execute service agreements of less than Ten Thousand and 00/100 Dollars (\$10,000.00) until December 31, 2021 and instructs the Department of Law to revise the Madison County Contract Policy to reflect the same.

DATED: May 11, 2021

Mary B. Cavanagh, Chairwoman
Government Operations Committee

David R. Jones, Chairman
Administration and Oversight
Committee

RESOLUTION NO. 18

**OPPOSING SENATE BILL S4264A AND ASSEMBLY BILL A6967
CLIMATE AND COMMUNITY INVESTMENT ACT**

WHEREAS, the Climate and Community Investment Act (S4264A/A6967) introduced in the NYS Senate and Assembly would seek to increase taxes on gasoline by .55 cents per gallon and on average increase home heating fuel costs by approximately 26%; and

WHEREAS, this bill is a direct assault on rural communities and our residents who would bear the cost of these additional taxes; and

WHEREAS, New York State residents already pay the highest taxes in the nation and additional crushing increases in taxes will further accelerate the migration of our residents to other states; and

WHEREAS, this Board of Supervisors supports green energy and incentivizing such programs not punishing with exorbitant taxes and fees on fossil fuel;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the BOARD OF SUPERVISORS of MADISON COUNTY hereby opposes the adoption of the "Climate and Community Investment Act" which increase taxes on gasoline by .55 cents per gallon and on average increase home heating fuel costs by approximately 26%; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Clerk of this Board shall send a copy of this resolution to Governor Andrew M. Cuomo, Majority Leader of the Senate Andrea Stewart-Cousins, Speaker of the Assembly Carl E. Heastie, Senate Minority Leader Robert G. Ort, Assembly Minority Leader William A. Barclay, and our local State legislators, Senator Rachel May and Assemblyman John Salka.

Dated: May 11, 2021

Mary B. Cavanagh, Chairwoman
Government Operations Committee

RESOLUTION NO. _____

**EXPRESSING THE SENSE OF THE MADISON COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
THAT THE NUMBER OF JUSTICES OF THE SUPREME COURT OF THE UNITED STATES
SHOULD REMAIN AT NINE**

WHEREAS Article II, Section 2, of the Constitution expressly provides that the President “shall nominate, and by and with the Advice and Consent of the Senate, shall appoint ... Judges of the Supreme Court ...”, and

WHEREAS the Act entitled “An Act to amend the judicial system of the United States”, approved April 10, 1869 (commonly known as the Judiciary Act of 1869), states that “the Supreme Court of the United States shall hereafter consist of a Chief Justice and eight associate justices”; and

WHEREAS the Supreme Court of the United States has consisted of a Chief Justice and eight associate Justices for 151 years; and

WHEREAS previous attempts to increase the number of Justices to the Supreme Court of the United States have been rejected and widely condemned by individuals of both political parties; and

WHEREAS, in 1937, when former President Franklin Delano Roosevelt proposed the Judicial Procedures Reform Bill of 1937, a bill that sought to expand the number of Justices on the Supreme Court of the United States from 9 Justices to 15 Justices, he was harshly criticized by both parties and his own Vice President, John Nance Garner; and

WHEREAS, in 2019, the late Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg stated, “I think it was a bad idea when President Franklin Roosevelt tried to pack the court”, and that “[i]f anything would make the court look partisan, it would be that”; and

WHEREAS the Constitution is based on the principle of separation of powers to provide for checks and balances on each branch of the Federal Government, and expanding the Supreme Court purely for political advantage threatens the separation of powers and the system of checks and balances established in the Constitution; and

WHEREAS the Federal judiciary is insulated from political influence through lifetime appointments and other measures to preserve its independence, and an attempt to expand the Supreme Court purely for political purposes threatens the independence and integrity of the Supreme Court and, thus, the entirety of the judiciary it oversees; and

WHEREAS any attempt to increase the number of Justices of the Supreme Court of the United States or “pack the court” would undermine our democratic institutions and destroy the credibility of our Nation’s highest Court.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Madison County Board of Supervisors condemns and opposes any attempt to increase the number of Justices of the Supreme Court of the United States or otherwise “pack the court”,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Clerk of this Board shall send a copy of this resolution to Majority Leader of the Senate Charles E. Schumer, Senator Kristen E. Gillibrand and Congresswoman Claudia L. Tenney.

DATED: May 11, 2021

Mary B. Cavanagh, Chairwoman
Government Operations Committee