

**MADISON COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**  
**Organization Board Meeting – Thursday, January 3, 2019**

The Board convened at 2:00 p.m. with all members present except for Supervisor Goldstein (28 votes), Supervisor Nirelli (43 votes), Supervisor Bargabos (27 votes) and Supervisor Boylan (55 votes).

Newly appointed Brookfield Supervisor Loren Corbin was welcomed back on the Board, replacing Supervisor John Salka who was elected Assemblyman for the 121st District this last November election.

Pledge of Allegiance.

On motion by Supervisor Cavanagh, seconded by Supervisor Moses, the minutes from the previous meeting were dispensed with and adopted as filed.

**At this time Chairman Becker read his State of the County Address for 2019:**

**STATE OF THE COUNTY 2018-2019**  
**MADISON COUNTY BOARD CHAIRMAN JOHN M. BECKER**

**INTRO:** Good afternoon; I would like to thank everyone for being here today. 2018 promised to be a year of transition and change. In my first State of the County in 2008, I said, “If you do not like change, go home and hide under your bed.” Every year since, and since the beginning of time, things change. The question is do we embrace change and shape it, maneuver it, and set it on a path that is beneficial for all and leave our destiny better than we found it, or ignore our fate and just hope things work out. Some choose the latter and this is exactly why we are in the situations we are in, in Washington, D.C. and Albany.

At the local level, we do not have that luxury. Problems identified and that rise to the top need to be addressed. Under my chairmanship, as well as many of you on this board, we have taken on the challenges and changed to move our county forward. That is no small feat. As local leaders, you have embraced change and have chosen to move your towns forward as well – congratulations. Your town and county are much better for you being engaged, informed and proactive.

These are some of the highlights for 2018 and goals for 2019.

**GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS COMMITTEE AND FINANCE, WAYS & MEANS COMMITTEE:**

In 2017, the county started renovations to our historic Courthouse. With it being an approximate \$18 million dollar project, along with a new Highway garage for the southern end of the county at \$13 million dollar, the Finance Committee used the \$20 million dollar radio project payments to roll over and finance both the courthouse and the garage. Stretching the capital payments to 25 or 30 years will not result in any increase in our tax rate. The radio project could only be financed for 10 years and the payments end in 2020; in time to bond for both of the other projects. We also created a position and appointed a new Finance Director this year who reports to the County Administrator. This has helped tremendously with bringing the Munis System to a more palatable level of use for our employees. In 2019, we look forward to our

negotiation partners in our unions to be able to advance in a uniform way for all of our residents of Madison County. Through Purchasing, we will be saving \$1.5 million dollars over 10 years with a lease fleet of cars.

The County Clerk's Office and DMV had a very busy year. Despite some unexpected adjustments to personnel, the Motor Vehicle Department processed 124,195 transactions, an increase of 6% and increased their retention to the County to over \$1.2 million dollars, an increase of just over 10%. This was all due to the addition of EZ-Pass Sales, the amazing customer service of our DMV clerks, our careful attention to auto-dealer paperwork, and the addition of a second camera & scanning station.

In May, the Clerk's office began accepting electronically filed court cases, increasing the efficiency of processing for our recording clerks and attorneys alike. Since then, 45% of court filings in Madison County were processed electronically. The addition of the acceptance of credit cards in the Clerk's office also provided more payment options for our customers.

With mortgage tax, DWI fees, clerk fees and real property transactions, the Clerk's Office as a whole brought in more than 1.9 Million Dollars in revenue, an increase of nearly 6%. It was also boosted in part by selling large prints of our historic maps, at the suggestion of our esteemed County Historian.

A special thanks to the County Records Management Coordinator who completed a 2 and a half year project of scanning every pistol permit record, making it possible for our 911 dispatch to share this important information with law enforcement officials as they respond to emergencies, increasing officer and community safety!

### **HIGHWAY, BUILDINGS & GROUNDS:**

The Madison County Courthouse is truly living up to that "historic" feel. 110 years ago, the cornerstone containing the time capsule was laid, which was opened this last spring. The new copper roof was completed and a new eagle was sculpted and is ready to sit atop of the porch roof. It currently rests in the atrium of the DMV. This project, along with a very aggressive floor rehab in the County Office Building will be done by May 2019.

The County Highway repaired and rehabilitated many miles of roads, culverts and bridges this year. Over 27 miles of road, with a combination of hot mix paving and cold in place recycling, is planned for 2019 summer projects. 85 new cross culverts were installed in the fall to allow for settling before finished products will be put in place. Also a long awaited new highway garage will begin construction in 2019 for the southern part of the county. It will replace the garage in Morrisville. It will be a bigger garage on a larger lot for better movement of equipment and material. This \$13 million dollar project should be completed in the spring of 2020.

### **PLANNING:**

Again, the Planning Department continues to knock it out of the park, literally, securing grants for our newest park, Delphi Falls in the Town of Cazenovia. The hard working Planning staff has been busy designing many improvements for the new Delphi Falls Park. Also, the team won a highly competitive grant from the Reimagine the Canals contest, netting the Village of Canastota a cool \$1.5 million dollar for a

pocket neighborhood along the Old Erie Canal. The Erie Canal is one of our best assets in Madison County. It's good to see this long forgotten asset being brought back to life. In addition, Planning has been working with our Administration and Oversight Committee to rework the long neglected Cowaselon Creek Watershed. A complete rehab is planned for this asset to the muck farms of Lenox and Sullivan. This project was started in the late 40's and 50's and is in much need of maintenance. Partnering with Soil and Water Conservation Service, Planning, and the A&O Committee, I am confident that this once useful asset put in place so long ago by the Army Corp of Engineers will again function for all the land owners of this area.

## **CRIMINAL JUSTICE, PUBLIC SAFETY, AND EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE:**

Our Emergency Management Team finally received the grant to study a merger with the Onondaga County 911 System. This is only a study, and if the Board did not look at all of our options, we would not be doing our job.

Also our Sheriff's Office signed a deputization agreement with the Oneida Nation. This not only supports our strong commitment to corporation, but helps both agencies in a time of crises. This agreement added another 35 deputies to help our Sheriff's Office.

The Drug Task Force, with the leadership of our Sheriff Todd Hood and Oneida County Sheriff Rob Maciol, has also been active the last 12 months. Together, they seized \$66 thousand dollars of cash, 2 houses, 7 vehicles and 15 illegal handguns.

The one initiative by the Sheriff's Office that all of us should be proud of is our school officer patrol program. This initiative was presented to our public safety committee, backed by Sheriff Hood and many of our schools. The County is funding approximately half of the costs of the program with casino revenues that come to the county. The other half is paid for by the participating school districts. The Board of Supervisors adopted this in December of 2018. It is a no brainer that our number one priority should be the safety of our children.

This year, the Sheriff's Office will also be a part of the Enterprise Fleet lease agreement where all patrol cars will be turned over every two years, keeping our deputies safe and giving them the most up to date equipment that they can use effectively to safely accomplish their jobs.

In 2018, the Board launched an initiative, our customer satisfaction surveys, for people who interacted with county services, which has led to our success plan to help us continue to provide service excellence.

The 2019 County budget funds all of our initiatives, building projects, maintenance projects with a minimal 0.365% increase in the tax levy, resulting in most towns seeing a decrease in their tax rate.

In short, 2018 was a success by all measures resulting in:

- a tax rate decrease;
- a \$6 million dollar grant for bridges and culverts for project totaling \$8.8 million dollars;

- the completion of the purchase of Delphi Falls, the County's newest park, thanks to a very generous donation of \$750 thousand dollars from Harold Jones;
- the securing of a \$500 thousand dollar REDC grant will go to park improvement for Delphi Falls; and
- a \$1.5 million dollar grant going to Reimagine the Canals; and
- over \$1.3 million dollars in federal and state funds being awarded to the Sheriff's Office and Emergency Management.

For 2019, we will see our historic courthouse finished in May with a ribbon cutting and celebration on Saturday, May 25<sup>th</sup> with live bands and tours of the building culminating with the 10<sup>th</sup> Mountain Division Band and a world famous Zambelli Fire Works show.

Our Buy Local Campaign should continue to catch headlines as it is fully implement in 2019. Buy Local – keep your sales tax here.

Also, I look forward to our continued cooperation and partnership with the Oneida Nation and its people. Not too long ago, it would have been hard to fathom our partnership would be as strong as it is today. The Oneidas continue to invest in our county, with the opening of their \$40 million dollar Point Place Casino last spring, creating hundreds of new jobs and creating new venues for people to visit.

In closing, I want to mention our most important asset. Buildings are great, our history is rich, but without a dedicated workforce none, and I repeat none, of this would be possible. Our employees are the best, most dedicated and we value them greatly. Also, our residents, we are here to provide you with the best, highest quality, and friendliest service possible. So, from the Board of Supervisors, thank you. To our staff in Maintenance, Public Health, Social Services, Clerks/DMV, Sheriff, Landfill, Highway, Finance, Planning and everyone in between, let's all work cooperatively to make 2019 a year that we can all be proud of here in Madison County, the best county in the State of New York and in the good ol' USA.

## **RESOLUTIONS – Regular Agenda**

**By Supervisor Degear:**

### **RESOLUTION NO. 19-1**

#### **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 recognizes the dedicated contributions of Gloria Bucklin and Barbara Whaley upon their retirement.

Gloria F. Bucklin  
Barbara Whaley

County Clerk  
Public Health

1998 - 2018  
2013 - 2019

**ADOPTED: AYES – 1347 NAYS – 0 ABSENT – 153 (Goldstein, Nirelli, Bargabos, Boylan)**

Chairman Becker asked Madison County Clerk, Mike Keville to step forward to accept a gift on behalf of Gloria Bucklin who could not be present today. Gloria retired from the Department of Motor Vehicles and was thanked for her years of service to the County. Also stepping forward was Barbara Whaley and Public Health Director Eric Faisst. Barbara was given a gift for her service to the county in the Public Health department and was thanked for her dedication while working at Madison County.

### **RESOLUTION NO. 19-2**

#### **AUTHORIZING ATTENDANCE AT AN OUT-OF-STATE CONFERENCE (Emergency Management)**

**WHEREAS**, FEMA's Emergency Management Institute located in Emmittsburg, MD, holds an Executive Program annually; and

**WHEREAS**, direct participation in this leaders program will provide invaluable information and experience to the Office of Emergency Management; and

**WHEREAS**, Ted Halpin, Director of Emergency Management Services has been selected from emergency management leaders nationwide for the 2019 cohort; and

**WHEREAS**, this program is delivered in 4 - four day sessions spread across the 2019 calendar; and

**WHEREAS**, all expenses for this program are covered by FEMA; 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 Ted Halpin be and hereby is authorized to attend said executive program at no cost to the County.

**ADOPTED: AYES – 1347 NAYS – 0 ABSENT – 153 (Goldstein, Nirelli, Bargabos, Boylan)**

### **RESOLUTION NO. 19-3**

#### **DESIGNATING NEWSPAPERS FOR 2019**

**WHEREAS**, Subdivision 2 of Section 214 of the County Law states that the Board of Supervisors shall annually designate two newspapers to publish local laws, notices and other matters required by law to be published; and

**WHEREAS**, in designating such newspapers, “. . . consideration shall be given to those newspapers [with] general circulation throughout the county”; and

**WHEREAS**, Subdivision 1 of Section 214 of County Law requires that a majority of the members of the Board of Supervisors from each party designate a newspaper for the publication for concurrent resolutions, election notices issued by the secretary of state, and the official canvass; and

**WHEREAS**, a majority of the members of the Board of Supervisors from each party have designated the *Oneida Daily Dispatch* and *Mid-York Weekly* as the papers to publish the concurrent resolutions, the election notices issued by the secretary of state, and the official canvass;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Board of Supervisors hereby designates the following newspapers for the following official publications:

<b>Concurrent Resolutions</b>	<b><i>Oneida Daily Dispatch</i> <i>Mid-York Weekly</i></b>
<b>Official Canvass</b>	<b><i>Oneida Daily Dispatch</i> <i>Mid-York Weekly</i></b>
<b>Election Notices</b>	<b><i>Oneida Daily Dispatch</i> <i>Mid-York Weekly</i></b>
<b>Official Notices</b>	<b><i>Oneida Daily Dispatch</i> <i>Mid-York Weekly</i></b>
<b>Local Laws, Notices, and other matters required by law to be published</b>	<b><i>Oneida Daily Dispatch</i> <i>Mid-York Weekly</i></b>

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that a copy of each County legal advertisement shall be distributed by the official County newspapers to all of the following located in Madison County: Town Clerks, Village Clerks, City Clerks, Public Libraries and Reading Centers, County Clerk, Clerk of the Board of Supervisors, County Veterans, and County Board of Elections.

**ADOPTED: AYES – 1347 NAYS – 0 ABSENT – 153 (Goldstein, Nirelli, Bargabos, Boylan)**

**By Supervisor Bradstreet:**

**RESOLUTION NO. 19-4**

**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 of utilizing these Special Patrol Officers in order to enhance order and security in their public school buildings; and

**WHEREAS**, in order to facilitate such a use of Special Patrol Officers, the County of Madison and the Chittenango Central School 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 provide services to the Chittenango Central School District has been approved by the Government Operations Committee

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Chairman of the Board of Supervisors 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.

**ADOPTED: AYES – 1347 NAYS – 0 ABSENT – 153 (Goldstein, Nirelli, Bargabos, Boylan)**

**RESOLUTION NO. 19-5**

**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 of utilizing these Special Patrol Officers in order to enhance order and security in their public school building; and

**WHEREAS**, in order to facilitate such a use of Special Patrol Officers, the County of Madison and the DeRuyter Central School 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 provide services to the DeRuyter Central School District has been approved by the Government Operations Committee

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Chairman of the Board of Supervisors 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.

**ADOPTED: AYES – 1347 NAYS – 0 ABSENT – 153 (Goldstein, Nirelli, Bargabos, Boylan)**

**By Supervisor Walrod:**

**RESOLUTION NO. 19-6  
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 approving resolutions and agreements for purchasing of a piece of property, modifying the 2019 budget, surveying services, and well testing services.

**ADOPTED: AYES – 1347 NAYS – 0 ABSENT – 153 (Goldstein, Nirelli, Bargabos, Boylan)**

**By Supervisors Bono and Reinhardt:**

**RESOLUTION NO. 19-7**

**AUTHORIZING THE MODIFICATION OF THE 2019 ADOPTED COUNTY BUDGET**

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the 2019 Adopted County Budget be modified as follows:

**General Fund**

**9901 Contribution to Other Funds**

Expense

	<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>
A990199 594101 Transfer to Road Machinery Mid-Year	<u>\$-0-</u>	<u>\$192,000</u>
Control Total		<u>\$192,000</u>

**Fund Balance**

A 300599 Budgetary Fund Balance Unreserved	<u>\$9,145,728</u>	<u>\$9,337,728</u>
Control Total		<u>\$192,000</u>

**Road Machinery Fund**

**5130 Road Machinery**

Revenue

DM513050 450326 Transfer from General Fund Mid-Year	<u>\$-0-</u>	<u>\$192,000</u>
Control Total		<u>\$192,000</u>

Expense

DM513050 594203 Transfer to Capital Projects Fund	<u>\$-0-</u>	<u>\$192,000</u>
Control Total		<u>\$192,000</u>

**Capital Projects Fund**

**5132 Highway Garage**

Revenue

H513250 450325 Transfer from Road Machinery	<u>\$12,000</u>	<u>\$204,000</u>
Control Total		<u>\$192,000</u>

Expense

H513250 540440 Land Acquisition	<u>\$-0-</u>	<u>\$192,000</u>
---------------------------------	--------------	------------------

Control Total

\$192,000

**ADOPTED: AYES – 1347 NAYS – 0 ABSENT – 153 (Goldstein, Nirelli, Bargabos, Boylan)**

**By Supervisor Bono:**

**RESOLUTION NO. 19-8**

**AUTHORIZING THE CHAIRMAN TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH MYERS AND ASSOCIATES, PC**

**WHEREAS**, Madison County is in need of land surveying professional services for a proposed new Highway Facility; and

**WHEREAS**, Myers and Associates, PC possess the special skills and training necessary to perform the professional services desired, and

**WHEREAS**, Myers and Associates, PC has agreed to perform these professional services for the proposed new Highway Facility location for a total amount of \$17,400, commencing January 3, 2019 and expiring January 2, 2020; and

**WHEREAS**, Myers and Associates, PC may provide additional land surveying and other related professional services for Madison County if desired; and

**WHEREAS**, the Highway, Buildings and Grounds Committee have reviewed and recommends entering into an agreement with Myers and Associates, PC for this professional service;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Chairman of the Board of Supervisors is hereby authorized to enter into an agreement with Myers and Associates, PC. A copy of which is on file with the Clerk of the Board.

**ADOPTED: AYES – 1347 NAYS – 0 ABSENT – 153 (Goldstein, Nirelli, Bargabos, Boylan)**

**RESOLUTION NO. 19-9**

**AUTHORIZING THE CHAIRMAN TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH A. W. KINCAID, INC.**

**WHEREAS**, Madison County is in need of water well test pumping professional services for a proposed new Highway Facility; and

**WHEREAS**, A. W. Kincaid, Inc. possess the special skills and training necessary to perform the professional services desired, and

**WHEREAS**, A. W. Kincaid, Inc. has agreed to perform these professional services for the proposed new Highway Facility location for a total estimated amount of \$10,100 with final cost to be determined by actual units used (\$1,000 set up & removal of equipment, \$500 equipment usage, shop time & reports, \$200/hr test pumping & recovery) commencing January 3, 2019 and expiring January 2, 2020; and

**WHEREAS**, A. W. Kincaid, Inc. may provide additional well professional services for Madison County if desired; and

**WHEREAS**, the Highway, Buildings and Grounds Committee have reviewed and recommends entering into an agreement with A. W. Kincaid, Inc. for this professional service;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Chairman of the Board of Supervisors is hereby authorized to enter into an agreement with A. W. Kincaid, Inc. A copy of which is on file with the Clerk of the Board.

**ADOPTED: AYES – 1347 NAYS – 0 ABSENT – 153 (Goldstein, Nirelli, Bargabos, Boylan)**

#### **RESOLUTION NO. 19-10**

#### **AUTHORIZING THE CHAIRMAN TO SIGN AN AGREEMENT FOR THE PURCHASE OF REAL PROPERTY IN THE TOWN OF EATON**

**WHEREAS**, after extensive research and exploration, Madison County has chosen real property in the Town of Eaton as the potential future location of a new Highway Department Complex; and

**WHEREAS**, this property would require the subdivision of Tax Map No. 124.-1-35.121 and would include approximately 24 acres which is currently owned by White Eagle Nonfarm LLC; and

**WHEREAS**, the County agrees to pay \$8,000 per acre for the real property upon receipt and review of appraisal; and

**WHEREAS**, the acquisition includes only real property;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the County hereby authorizes the Chairman of the Board of Supervisors to sign a contract for the purchase of the aforementioned real property, as developed by the County Attorney's Office, and filed with the Clerk to the Board.

**ADOPTED: AYES – 1347 NAYS – 0 ABSENT – 153 (Goldstein, Nirelli, Bargabos, Boylan)**

#### **PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD**

**No Speakers.**

At this time Chairman Becker announced the 2019 Committee assignments and copies were distributed to each Board member.

On motion by Supervisor Degear, seconded by Supervisor Walrod the Board adjourned.