

**MADISON COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**  
**Organization/Board Meeting – Tuesday, January 5, 2021**

The Board convened at 2:00 p.m. by Zoom video conferencing with all members present except for Supervisor Magliocca (55 votes) and with Supervisor Stepanski (45 votes) arriving at 3:12 p.m.

Chairman Becker, Co. Administrator Mark Scimone and Board Clerk, Cindy Urtz attending in person.

Pledge of Allegiance.

***State of the County by Chairman John Becker***

What can you say about 2020? We came into the year thinking that some of the biggest obstacles we would face were the building of the new Morrisville Highway Garage, Bail Reform, and elections. No one could have predicted we would have had the year we did.

I want to begin this year's State of the County by saying how proud I am of Madison County and how our residents, as well as employees have stepped up throughout the past year. Our economy has suffered, our small businesses are still hurting, and we still have many people out of work. But through all of that, many of you have found creative ways to stay afloat and you have shown kindness for your neighbor. We still have a long way to go, but we have come out stronger than we were before. Some of the best solutions are thought of in a time of crisis. In 2021, we are looking to push forward, build our local economy back up, take a hard look at what we have learned and find new ways to do things. We will take a look at what we can do to prepare for the future, how we can save costs, and do things better.

In March of 2020, the Madison County Government faced something they never had before, a global pandemic and a shutdown. What we thought would be two weeks of our employees working from home, turned into 3 months. But during that time and even right now, as we are limited to only essential services in the buildings, Madison County continues to run and work for our residents.

We declared a state of emergency and began emergency operations. The members of our Emergency Operations Center which include our Public Health Department, Office of Emergency Management, Communications Center, our County Administrator as well as members of the Board of Supervisors, continued to work daily to keep the County operational and ensure the health of our residents. We still hold daily and bi-weekly meetings together as well as with our hospitals, schools, colleges, nursing homes and others within our community to make sure that everyone is on the same page. At the time the County closed we had almost 200 employees working from home, which was unprecedented, something this County had never done before. However, we were able keep the services flowing for our constituents. Our Mental Health Department and Department of Social Services were all able to continue to hold appointments, provide services, and fill out paperwork by changing the way that we do business. Great job to both departments.

I am proud of the employees we have here at Madison County. Many of which have worked tirelessly since the beginning of this pandemic to continue to deliver the best service possible to our residents.

Our Public Health Department has gone above and beyond the call of duty in this time of crisis. These incredible individuals have worked tirelessly, seven days a week, hours on end, to ensure the health and safety of our residents. They have taken guidance that changes daily from the Federal and State Government, as well as the CDC, and interpreted it to educate and

protect our residents. Our Public Health Department also collaborated with SUNY Upstate to bring their mobile testing van to various locations throughout the County to provide accessible COVID-19 testing to our residents. Members of our Public Health Department have worked hours on end to contact each individual who tested positive for COVID-19 as well as those who were in close contact with a positive individual and provided them with instructions on how to proceed. Each day the numbers continued to rise and our employees continued to push through without question.

As we continue into the next phase of this pandemic, and with the arrival of the COVID-19 Vaccines, our Public Health Department along with our Emergency Management Department, continue to push through this difficult time and are currently working on a plan for Vaccine distribution. I know that our employees are tired, I also know that we have the best employees around and they will continue to push through this unprecedented time. A heartfelt thank you will never be enough for all that you and your families have done this past year.

The hard working and talented staff of our public health department are led by Eric Faisst. Eric throughout this pandemic has led with a level head and has always looked to the future so we could stay one step ahead as best we could. He has done an exceptional job on orchestrating the many moving parts of the pandemic response. His weekly video updates, including press conferences early on, were out of his comfort zone, but once again, he excelled.

I would also like to thank the members of our Office of Emergency Management led by Dan Degear. They have done an exceptional job working with our Public Health Department and have provided support with COVID-19 testing sites and so much more. Emergency Management has done a great job adjusting daily to the new information that is provided by the State and being able to apply it to our COVID-19 response. Currently, the Emergency Management Department is working hand in hand with the Public Health Department and the State to develop Vaccine distribution sites. This is just the next step to get us to the other side of this pandemic so that we get this all behind us and get back to business as usual.

As part of the emergency response to the COVID-19 pandemic, a Joint information Center was created, led by Public Information Officer Samantha Field. This is the first time in recent memory that a communications center has been created within Madison County. This group was formed with members from multiple departments within the County and is charged with communicating and educating the residents of Madison County. These members have continued to collaborate with the many moving parts of the COVID-19 response to create a comprehensive website, social media communication, relationships with the media and finding unique ways to communicate with those who do not have internet access. I am proud of the work they have done to be the bridge between the County and the community as a whole to keep the line of communication open through this unprecedented time.

We thought going into 2020, that bail reform would be a disaster, and it has been. The Madison County Sheriff's Office adapted to this new law and continued to make arrests when appropriate. They created a new appearance ticket form to assist in the processing and releasing of persons in custody. Arraignments, in general, decreased in frequency as more and more defendants were released on appearance tickets. One of the few good things to come out of the pandemic was that the courts can now do virtual arraignments. Putting safety above all else and saving on the County's expenses as well. This past year, Madison County was slated to spend a significant amount of money on centralized arraignment. As I said before, some of the best things are thought of in a time of crisis. We see the effectiveness of virtual arraignments and I ask that the State make this permanent. Again, the State should come out of the dark ages to use modern technology for safety as well as cutting costs to the taxpayers.

Despite the increase in risk to our officers, the Madison County Sheriff's Office during the COVID-19 pandemic continued to serve and protect the people of this county. Our Madison County Sheriff's Office led by Sheriff Todd Hood has adapted to the many changes over the past year. Including adjusting and continuing their annual programs with the community and our

youth. This year, the shop with the sheriff, trick or treating and car seat safety events were all done differently as well as many other programs. In 2021, the Sheriff's Office will submit their police reform plan to the State and implement any changes.

The Jail was also impacted by COVID-19, not only by the need to quarantine inmates if necessary but also having to adopt new guidelines for staff to keep everyone safe and healthy. They successfully introduced tablets into the facility just prior to stopping all contact visitation. This enables inmates to continue contact with family members through video visitation.

At the beginning of last year, I wanted to designate 2020 as the Year of the Veteran. Our Veterans Agency, led by Veterans service Director Ron Raymer, did a great job, despite the pandemic, to highlight a different organization at each monthly Board Meeting. We had many organizations participate, including, the Canastota VFW, Syracuse Honor Flight, WAVEM, American Legion, as well as Clear Path for Veterans. Our hats are off to all who have served and are serving our great Country.

In true Madison County fashion, we were able to end the year strong. With the help of Ron Raymer and County Historian, Matt Urtz, these two put together a compilation of interviews from WWII and Vietnam War Veterans within our community. Their stories will be around for future generations to hear. As I have said many, many times, our history is where we come from. Good or bad. If we try to rewrite history or wipe it away, it will repeat itself. We are supposed to be intelligent people and understand these things, as well as learn from our past. Today, some people in society want to take that away.

Our DMV and Clerk's Office again came through for Madison County Residents. Our County Clerk's Office led by Michael Keville, created a drop box system to better serve the public during the COVID-19 pandemic and shutdown. People were able to not only drop off work for the Clerk's office but for the DMV as well so that they could do registrations, plate changes as well as license renewals. The Madison County Clerk's Office NEVER CLOSED. Despite New York State closing the courts, our Clerk's office continuously recorded land transactions. As a result, we experienced a 5.7% increase in recording fees collected for the County. This equates to just under half a million dollars collected by our four recording clerks. The 500% increase in the use of electronic recording, helped to improve the office's efficiency despite the pandemic conditions and limited in-office staffing levels. In addition, a new revenue source through the Local Mortgage Tax, buffeted the County with \$593,941.50. These big numbers help to offset the financial struggle of the pandemic and allow Madison County to limit the degree to which property taxes must be raised to meet the governor's unfunded mandates. This was possible due to several advances which will benefit the DMV and the County for years to come.

Despite the pandemic, the Treasurer's Office led by Treasurer Cindy Edick, continues to provide tax collection services, issue certificates of residence for students attending community college, perform tax mapping services, and issue tax searches for the many constituents processing real estate transactions. They also financed the new Highway Facility project, attaining the best possible credit rating on the issuance of short-term debt.

There is going to be a 37 million dollar bond insurance for our Highway garage and the Courthouse renovations as well as the HVAC project in the County Office building. This bond insurance will not cost the County taxpayers any more than our current debt service payment. We financed the Radio system for 20 million dollars over the course of 10 years. The 37 million will be financed for 24 years all on the same dollar budgeted for debt service.

Over the past year, the Treasurer's Office closely monitored sales tax revenue, worked with all departments to make unanticipated budget adjustments, and kept County officials apprised of financial concerns such as State Aid delays and reductions. So far, COVID-19 has cost the County an additional \$410,000. Instead of putting that cost on the taxpayers, our Departments were able to cut back on spending throughout 2020 and give money to cover the COVID expenses. Some of that cost was also covered by grants as well as FEMA

reimbursement. However, we have had to go into the fund balance for additional funds and this is why it is so important to the Board that we make sure we do not dip into that fund balance more in 2021. We do not know what rainy days are ahead of us and we are trying to put ourselves in the best financial position possible.

From the beginning of this pandemic, County Administrator Mark Scimone and myself sat in on our regional control room calls with the State, doing our best to continuously advocate for Madison County, its businesses and the rest of the Central New York Region. In the summer, when the Governor had a phased approach for reopening, we fought for our Region to reopen when our numbers were at a stable and safe rate even though downstate that was not the case. At times, these calls seemed fruitless and extremely frustrating, but we have continued to work hard with our neighboring Counties to try and get things done for our residents and local businesses.

This pandemic has been a challenging experience in many ways, one that many of us have never seen before. It has taken a toll on our economy, our local businesses and our residents. The economic hardships as well as its policies has put the State in a position where they are looking to take money where they can. We have heard on the State calls that we can expect at least a 20-40 % reduction in State aid to the Counties.

To cover the expected cuts from New York State, the Board of Supervisors passed a 4.9% tax increase for the 2021 budget. Many of us did not want to put that burden on our taxpayers but we don't know what to expect in 2021. We hope that as the vaccine becomes more widely available, that our economy will begin to bounce back and our sales tax revenue will remain steady or even increase. If this is the case, I would like to see a goal of a 0% or near 0% tax increase for 2022.

We are at a crossroads here, the property tax payers cannot continue to shoulder the burden for everyone in New York State. Whether it is Schools, Towns, City, County, Fire Departments, we have to look at different ways of operating. It will not be fun or pleasant, but it must be done. Everything needs to be on the table, huge consolidation, dissolving of entities, and sales of assets all need to be contemplated.

One of the biggest things we learned throughout this past year is that we need to look at a new way of governing. The days of town government versus county government versus state government are a thing of the past and something we need to evaluate. We need to take a look at how we can share services and serve the people more efficiently and effectively. I have put together a Consolidation and Shared Services group that consists of several Town Supervisors within Madison County as well as some of our Department Heads. We are evaluating how we do things currently and if there are things that we can adjust to do more effectively and efficiently. This includes how we currently work with each other to collect payment of taxes, maintain highways, policing, town courts, and many other things. With the uncertainty of the State's finances and large deficit following this pandemic, we need to think of what 2030 will look like. How do we offset the deficit in anticipation of lack of State funding? We as a County need to plan ahead so that we aren't blindsided and trying to scramble for cost savings. This has to be done at a local level.

So I am calling out Assembly Speaker Carl Heastie, Senate Majority Leader Andrea Stewart-Cousins, and Governor Andrew Cuomo, on how New York State is going to clean up their process on how they do business and how to become competitive again. I have said many times that there are two New York States, Upstate and Downstate. When one does well, it carries the other. But right now we are all hurting. The way out is not to throw more money at it. Much like police reform, things need to be reformed and rehabilitated. We need to evaluate those who represent us and see what should be changed. They need to be rehabilitated, as in how do we become competitive again.

How can New York State continue on the path it is currently on? Not only financially but also with the long list of regulations. The State Legislature needs to ask themselves the

question why are people leaving. It is not the weather. For example, Florida has no income tax, lower property taxes and a lot less regulations. New York State cannot sustain the path we are on nor will we ever be the empire state again. We cannot be competitive with other states as long as the partisan politics of the New York State Legislature stay in place.

2021 will be a year of rebuilding here in our community. From our small businesses to our relationships with our neighbors and how we govern. We look forward to the completion of our new Highway facility and the construction of the Clockville Water District as well as the beginning of the end of this pandemic. The vaccine is here, it is going to be a long process but there is finally a light at the end of the tunnel. We as a community need to keep pushing through this so we can return to doing the things that we love and spending time with those who we love. Together if we take what we have learned and the strength we have grown we can make a better Madison County than ever before. This is the beginning of a new era.

**At 2:15 p.m. Chairman Becker announced and called for a motion to open the scheduled public hearing on Local Law No. 10 of 2020, Fixing Salaries of Certain County Officials for the year 2021. Supervisor Moses made the motion to open the hearing, seconded by Supervisor Walters and carried. Chairman Becker then called for speakers.**

**Speakers: None**

**On motion by Supervisor Walrod, seconded by Supervisor Cavanagh and carried, the public hearing was closed.**

#### **Resolution of Appreciation**

By Supervisor Cavanagh:

#### **RESOLUTION NO. 21-1**

#### **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 recognize the dedicated contributions of Laura Costello, Richard McLaughlin and Lorrie Scheuerman upon their retirement.

Laura P. Costello	Board of Elections	1994 – 2020
Richard A. McLaughlin	Solid Waste	2010 – 2021
Lorrie L. Scheuerman	County Clerk's	2008 – 2021

**ADOPTED: AYES – 1400 NAYS – 0 ABSENT – 100 (Stepanski, Magliocca)**

Chairman Becker called on Election Commission Mary Egger. She congratulated Laura Costello on her retirement stating that Laura was a completely dedicated employee over the years and has just loved her job as Democratic Election Commissioner. The County and the

Democratic Party have been very fortunate to have Laura. She is deeply caring and will be truly missed by all.

Next on Zoom video was Solid Waste Director Amy Miller who thanked retiree Richard McLaughlin for his ten years of dedicated service to the County, working at the Cazenovia Transfer Station.

Next Lorrie Scheuerman, retiree from the County Clerk's office joined by Madison County Clerk Mike Keville on Zoom video was thanked for her service. Lorrie always stepped up to the plate in many roles while at the County and did a great job. Lorrie thanked everyone and stated that she has appreciated everything over the years.

**Resolutions – Preferred Agenda**

**By Finance, Ways and Means Committee:**

**RESOLUTION NO. 21- 2**

**AUTHORIZING CHAIRMAN TO SIGN CONTRACTS WITH NOT-FOR-PROFIT ORGANIZATIONS FOR 2021**

**WHEREAS**, Section 224 of the County Law authorizes the Board of Supervisors to contract with not-for-profit organizations, associations and agencies for the purposes enumerated in said section; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Supervisors in adopting the budget for the year 2021, pursuant to the provisions of Article 7 of the County Law has allocated to the following organizations the amount set forth opposite the name of said organization:

	<u>2021</u>
<b>A698860 Community Action Program</b>	<b>45,964</b>
<b>A698960 Food Bank of CNY</b>	<b>10,000</b>
<b>A718070 Great Swamp Conservancy</b>	<b>20,000</b>
<b>A741070 Mid-York &amp; Local Libraries</b>	<b>120,353</b>
<b>A745070 Chittenango Canal Museum</b>	<b>20,000</b>
<b>A751570 Madison County Historical Society</b>	<b>25,750</b>
<b>A798770 Baum/Oz Historical Foundation</b>	<b>10,000</b>
<b>A798770 International Boxing Hall of Fame</b>	<b>10,000</b>
<b>A798970 Madison County Children's Camp</b>	<b>10,000</b>
<b>A802580 CNY Regional Planning &amp; Develop. Board</b>	<b>40,264</b>
<b>A871080 Affiliated Conservation Clubs</b>	<b>3,500</b>
<b>A875080 Cooperative Extension</b>	<b>453,002</b>

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that 50%of the monies hereinfere referred to be paid to each organization in February 2021, after the previous years' report is filed; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the other 50% of the monies be paid to each organization in July 2021; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the percentage and/or timing of the second payment may be adjusted, by Resolution, if the County is subject to State Aid cuts during 2021; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Chairman of the Board of Supervisors be and he hereby is empowered to enter into separate contracts with the organizations listed above.

**ADOPTED: AYES – 1400 NAYS – 0 ABSENT – 100 (Stepanski, Magliocca)**

**RESOLUTION NO. 21- 3**

**AUTHORIZING CHAIRMAN TO SIGN CONTRACT WITH A NOT-FOR-PROFIT ORGANIZATION FOR 2021**

**WHEREAS**, Section 224 of the County Law authorizes the Board of Supervisors to contract with not-for-profit organizations, associations and agencies for the purposes enumerated in said section; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Supervisors in adopting the budget for the year 2021, pursuant to the provisions of Article 7 of the County Law has allocated to the following organization, the amount set forth:

**2021**

<b>A646060</b>	<b>Madison Co. Industrial Development Agency</b>	<b>176,838.00</b>
	<b>3215 Seneca Turnpike</b>	
	<b>Canastota Business Park</b>	
	<b>Canastota, NY 13032</b>	

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that 50% of the monies hereinafore referred to be paid to Madison Co. Industrial Development Agency in February 2021, after the previous years' report is filed; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the other 50% of the monies be paid to Madison Co. Industrial Development Agency in July 2021; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Chairman of the Board of Supervisors is hereby empowered to enter into a contract with Madison Co. Industrial Development Agency, a copy of which is on file with the Clerk to the Board.

**ADOPTED: AYES – 1400 NAYS – 0 ABSENT – 100 (Stepanski, Magliocca)**

**RESOLUTION NO. 21- 4**

**AUTHORIZING CHAIRMAN TO SIGN CONTRACT WITH A NOT-FOR-PROFIT ORGANIZATION FOR 2021**

**WHEREAS**, Section 224 of the County Law authorizes the Board of Supervisors to contract with not-for-profit organizations, associations and agencies for the purposes enumerated in said section; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Supervisors in adopting the budget for the year 2021, pursuant to the provisions of Article 7 of the County Law has allocated to the following organization, the amount set forth:

**2021**

**A874580 Madison Co. Soil and Water Conservation District 154,500.00**  
**6503 Wes Road**  
**Hamilton, New York 13346**

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that 50% of the monies hereinafore referred to be paid to Madison Co. Soil and Water Conservation District in February 2021, after the previous years' report is filed; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the other 50% of the monies be paid to Madison Co. Soil and Water Conservation District in July 2021; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Chairman of the Board of Supervisors is hereby empowered to enter into a contract with Madison Co. Soil and Water Conservation District, a copy of which is on file with the Clerk to the Board.

**ADOPTED: AYES – 1400 NAYS – 0 ABSENT – 100 (Stepanski, Magliocca)**

**RESOLUTION NO. 21- 5**

**AUTHORIZING CHAIRMAN TO SIGN CONTRACT WITH A NOT-FOR-PROFIT ORGANIZATION FOR 2021**

**WHEREAS**, Section 224 of the County Law authorizes the Board of Supervisors to contract with not-for-profit organizations, associations and agencies for the purposes enumerated in said section; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Supervisors in adopting the budget for the year 2021, pursuant to the provisions of Article 7 of the County Law has allocated to the following organization, the amount set forth:

**2021**

**A677260 Office for the Aging 221,778.00**  
**Canastota Business Park**  
**138 Dominic Bruno Blvd.**  
**Canastota, NY 13032**

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that 50% of the monies hereinafore referred to be paid to Office for the Aging in February 2021, after the previous years' report is filed; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the other 50% of the monies be paid to Office for the Aging in July 2021; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Chairman of the Board of Supervisors is hereby empowered to enter into a contract with Office for the Aging, a copy of which is on file with the Clerk to the Board.

**ADOPTED: AYES – 1400 NAYS – 0 ABSENT – 100 (Stepanski, Magliocca)**

**Resolutions – Regular Agenda**

**By Supervisor Nirelli:**

**RESOLUTION NO. 21- 6**

**AUTHORIZING THE ASSISTANCE IN DEFENSE  
OF ASSESSMENT REVIEW PROCEEDINGS**

**WHEREAS**, by Local Law #2 of 2019, amending Local Law #5 of the year 1984, the County Board of Supervisors provided a mechanism to assist towns and cities financially in the defense of assessment review proceedings and appeals; and

**WHEREAS**, the Local Law provides for the annual appropriation of \$100,000.00 for such legal expenses involved in the defense of assessment review proceedings and appeals; and

**WHEREAS**, the Local Law further provides that by two thirds majority of the Board of Supervisors that the County will assist any town and city up to 50% of the total cost of any expense in the defense of any such proceedings whereby the assessment review proceedings is seeking a reduction of more than one hundred thousand dollars in assessed value; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town of Eaton has requested the County assist them in a defense of assessment review proceedings brought by Speedway LLC seeking a reduction in assessment of more than \$839,000.00 and;

**WHEREAS**, the Town of Eaton has submitted proper documentation of specialized legal counsel fees to the Madison County Treasurer for Costello, Cooney & Fearon, PLLC services for these defenses;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by at least a two thirds majority vote of the Madison County Board of Supervisors that the County will in accordance with Local Law #2 of 2019, amending Local Law #5 of the year 1984, assist the Town of Eaton in the defense of the assessment proceedings brought by the various parties in the amount not to exceed 50% of the total cost and expense actually incurred in the defense of the Town of Eaton; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the County Treasurer is authorized to reimburse the Town of Eaton 50% of the legal fees incurred for the certiorari proceedings that the Town of Eaton defended in the amount of \$1,246.88.

**Note: This resolution is approved by a 2/3's vote as follows:**

**ADOPTED: AYES – 1406 NAYS – 0 ABSENT – 94 (Stepanski, Magliocca)**

**By Supervisor Cavanagh:**

**RESOLUTION NO. 21- 7**

**ADOPTING LOCAL LAW NO. 10 FOR THE YEAR 2020**

**WHEREAS**, there has been duly introduced Local Law No. 10 for the year 2020 entitled “A Local Law Fixing the Salaries of Certain County Officials for the year 2021; and

**WHEREAS**, a public hearing on said local law was duly held by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Madison on January 5, 2021,

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that Local Law No. 10 for the year 2020 be and the same is hereby adopted.

**ADOPTED: AYES – 1400 NAYS – 0 ABSENT – 100 (Stepanski, Magliocca)**

**RESOLUTION NO. 21- 8**

**AUTHORIZING THE CHAIRMAN TO ENTER INTO AGREEMENTS WITH THE CITY OF ONEIDA AND THE TOWN OF SULLIVAN FOR COVID VACCINATION POD SITES**

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

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to New York State Executive Law §25, the Chairman of the Madison County Board of Supervisors has requested permissions utilize a facility owned by the City of Oneida and a facility owned by the Town of Sullivan for the County’s vaccination program for Covid-19; and

**WHEREAS**, the City and Town has determined that the use is appropriate and that it is in the public interest that the County be permitted to use such premises, and that same constitutes a public use;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, the Madison County Board of Supervisors authorizes the Chairman to enter into an agreement with the City of Oneida for the use of the Kallet Civic Center located at 159 Main Street, Oneida, NY 13421 and with the Town of Sullivan for the use of the Town of Sullivan Parks & Recreation Building located at 707 Legion Drive, Chittenango, NY 13037 for the purpose of housing Vaccination Points of Distribution (POD) for dates mutually agreed upon from January 1, 2021 through

**ADOPTED: AYES – 1400 NAYS – 0 ABSENT – 100 (Stepanski, Magliocca)**

**RESOLUTION NO. 21- 9**

**AMENDING THE TEMPORARY CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19) POLICY CONCERNING PAY, LEAVE AND REMOTE WORK**

**WHEREAS**, in March of 2020, Governor Cuomo issued a number of Executive Orders that modified the working conditions of municipal employees across New York State due to the Coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic; and

**WHEREAS**, by Resolution No. 216 of 2020, the Board of Supervisors created the Temporary Coronavirus (Covid-19) Policy Concerning Pay, Leave and Remote Work that outlines the temporary enhancement of certain leave benefits for certain employees and work expectations for those that are able to continue working from home; and

**WHEREAS**, this policy expired on December 31, 2020; and

**WHEREAS**, the Government Operations Committee recommends extending the benefits outlined in said policy until the Government Operations Committee believes that the policy is no longer needed or on December 31 2021, whichever is sooner; and

**WHEREAS**, the Government Operations Committee recommends adoption by the Board of Supervisors,

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Madison County Board of Supervisors hereby adopts the Temporary Coronavirus (Covid-19) Policy Concerning Pay, Leave and Remote Work as amended.

**ADOPTED: AYES – 1400 NAYS – 0 ABSENT – 100 (Stepanski, Magliocca)**

**RESOLUTION NO. 21- 10**

**CREATING A PART-TIME OFFICE ASSISTANT II POSITION FOR ASSIGNED COUNSEL IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR**

**WHEREAS**, by Resolution No. 427 of 2020, the Board of Supervisors created two positions responsible for legal representation to indigent defendants in criminal matters; and

**WHEREAS**, one part-time Assigned Counsel Administrator position was created and one full-time Executive Assistant to the Assigned Counsel Administrator position was created in the Office of the County Administrator; and

**WHEREAS**, upon evaluation of the current staffing structure it has been determined that an additional part-time Office Assistant II position is needed in order to improve efficiencies; and

**WHEREAS**, this request has been reviewed and approved in accordance with the vacancy review procedure by the Government Operations Committee,

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that one part-time Office Assistant II position be and hereby is created in the Office of the County Administrator; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, the County Administrator be and hereby is authorized to fill said position in accordance with the Civil Service Law and Rule and Policy and Procedure effective immediately.

**ADOPTED: AYES – 1400 NAYS – 0 ABSENT – 100 (Stepanski, Magliocca)**

**By Supervisor Goldstein (Vice Chair):**

**RESOLUTION NO. 21- 11**

**AUTHORIZING THE CHAIRMAN TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH NEW YORK STATE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH**

**WHEREAS**, the Madison County Department of Health has been working on Public Health Preparedness and response to Covid-19 and;

**WHEREAS**, Covid-19 vaccines are being distributed throughout the state to various localities that have the capabilities of administering the vaccine; and

**WHEREAS**, Madison County has the expertise to vaccinate individuals and has begun receiving shipments of vaccine; and

**WHEREAS**, the Health and Human Service Committee believes it is appropriate and in the best interest of Madison County to enter into an agreement with New York State to be an Authorized Vaccine Provider:

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Chairman of the Board of Supervisors be and is hereby authorized to enter an agreement with New York State Department of Health effective December 4, 2020 as is on file with the Clerk of the Board.

**ADOPTED: AYES – 1400 NAYS – 0 ABSENT – 100 (Stepanski, Magliocca)**

**By Supervisors Stepanski and Nirelli:**

**RESOLUTION NO. 21- 12**

**MODIFYING THE 2021 ADOPTED COUNTY BUDGET FOR NYS HEALTH FOUNDATION GRANT FOR RURAL COVID-19 RESPONSE**

**WHEREAS**, NYS Health Foundation in coordination with NYSACHO has made additional funding available for rural health department Covid-19 response efforts; and

**WHEREAS**, the Madison County Department of Health has been working on Covid-19 response through various measures including testing and vaccination; and

**WHEREAS**, NYSACHO believes this to have a positive impact on combatting Covid-19 and has issued additional grant funding in the amount of \$1,785 to purchase supplies necessary to continue these efforts; and

**WHEREAS**, the Health and Human Service Committee believes it is appropriate and in the best interest of Madison County to accept the grant funds;

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the 2021 Adopted County Budget be modified as follows:

**General Fund**

**4012 Public Health Preventive**

<u>Expense</u>	<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>
A401240.541161 NYSACHO Covid-19 Resp. Grant	\$0	\$1,785
Control Total		<b>\$1,785</b>

<u>Revenue</u>		
A401240.427064 NYSACHO Covid-19 Resp. Grant	\$0	\$1,785
Control Total		<b>\$1,785</b>

**ADOPTED: AYES – 1400 NAYS – 0 ABSENT – 100 (Stepanski, Magliocca)**

**By Government Operations Committee:**

**RESOLUTION NO. 21- 13**

**IN RESPECT TO THE DEATH OF WILLIAM MAGEE**

**WHEREAS**, William (Bill) Magee departed from this life on December 24, 2020; and

**WHEREAS**, Bill Magee was the Supervisor from the Town of Nelson from 1971 - 1990;  
and

**WHEREAS**, Bill Magee served as Chairman of the then Welfare – Social Services Committee from 1975 (changed to Social Services in 1982 and then to Health and Human Services in 1986) and sat many committees during his tenure such as Central Services, Government Operations, Buildings and Transportation, Gerrit Smith Infirmary, and Insurance & Apportionment to name a few, and;

**WHEREAS**, Bill Magee left the Madison County Board of Supervisors to become the 121<sup>st</sup> District Assemblyman and served our community in that role until 2018; and

**WHEREAS**, Bill will long be remembered for his dedicated service to Madison County and his numerous contributions to our community,

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Madison County Board of Supervisors hereby expresses our deepest sympathy to his family in their bereavement; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the family of Bill Magee.

**ADOPTED: AYES – 1400 NAYS – 0 ABSENT – 100 (Stepanski, Magliocca)**

Chairman Becker stated that Madison County was very fortunate to have Bill Magee serving as the Assemblyman for this district. He was very dedicated and always worked extra hard for the local farmers in Madison County. Prayers to his family in their bereavement.

**RESOLUTION NO. 21- 14**

**IN RESPECT TO THE DEATH OF PAUL L. SHIFFER**

**WHEREAS**, Paul L. Shiffer departed from this life on December 12, 2020; and

**WHEREAS**, Paul was a Supervisor from Town of Smithfield from 1988 - 1990; and

**WHEREAS**, Paul will long be remembered for his dedicated service to Madison County and his numerous contributions to our community,

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Madison County Board of Supervisors hereby expresses our deepest sympathy to his family in their bereavement; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the family of Paul L. Shiffer.

**ADOPTED: AYES – 1400 NAYS – 0 ABSENT – 100 (Stepanski, Magliocca)**

**RESOLUTION NO. 21- 15  
AUTHORIZING THE CHAIRMAN TO EXECUTE A RELEASE**

**WHEREAS**, on or about July 7, 2020, an employee of Suit-Kote Corporation, caused damage to a Madison County Sheriff vehicle, while on County business in the City of Fulton; and

**WHEREAS**, the County of Madison reported this incident to our Claims Administrator, L.G. Boucher, on July 9, 2020; and

**WHEREAS**, L. G. Boucher, in their capacity of Claims Administrator, commenced recovery against Suit-Kote Corporation and their insurance company, Arch Insurance Company, to recapture the repair costs of the damages sustained to the Madison County Sheriff vehicle; and

**WHEREAS**, the parties have resolved to settle this matter by payment by Arch Insurance Company, on behalf of Suit-Kote Corporation, to Madison County, the sum of Three Thousand Seventy-Six and 25/100 (\$3,076.25) dollars, which represents payment for the total amount of damages; and

**WHEREAS**, Arch Insurance Company is requiring Madison County to execute a General Release in order to settle this matter and same has been reviewed by Madison County's legal counsel; and

**WHEREAS**, the Government Operations Committee has reviewed and approved the settlement of this matter and the execution of the release with regard to same;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that Madison County accept the settlement of \$3,076.25 in full satisfaction of the claims against Suit-Kote Corporation and that the Chairman of the Board of Supervisors be and hereby is authorized to execute a general release with regard to the settlement of this matter.

**ADOPTED: AYES – 1400 NAYS – 0 ABSENT – 100 (Stepanski, Magliocca)**

At this time (2:58 p.m.) Director of Health, Erie Faisst gave an update on COVID-19. There are 376 active cases, 16 of those in nursing homes. This is an average of 44 a day – up 1 case a day since Christmas. There have been 49 deaths, 6 of those since Christmas. Madison County applied for and received doses of the Moderna vaccine and will continue working and setting up clinics for vaccine distribution according to priority group schedules. We are continuously working on testing as well. Madison County is scheduled to hold clinics every Thursday in the month of January. Twenty-two EMT's have been hired and are being trained to work testing sites. A change has been made in the priority group schedule and now pharmacists have been added. Information can be found on the County's website or by contacting the Madison County Public Health Department, and New York State has a website where people can fill out a short questionnaire to see if they are eligible for the vaccination. Madison County now has enough volunteers. Madison County is looking into setting up more sites, checking the Hamilton and Morrisville areas. Also checking with local churches and libraries; sites that can hold at least 100 people and be available seven days a week.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

**No Speakers.**

**At 3:11 p.m., and there being no further business for the Board members, and with Supervisor Stepanski joining the meeting, Chairman Becker asked for a motion to go into executive session to discuss the medical, financial, credit or employment history of a particular corporation, or matters leading to the appointment, employment, promotion, discipline, suspension, dismissal or removal of a particular corporation. Supervisor Nirelli made that motion, seconded by Supervisor Jones and carried.**

**At 3:35 p.m. Supervisor Walrod made a motion to exist the executive session, seconded by Supervisor Moses and carried.**

**The following resolution was then acted on:**

**By Supervisor Walrod:**

**RESOLUTION NO. 21- 16**

**AUTHORIZING THE ESTABLISHMENT AND OPERATION OF AN ADVANCED LIFE SUPPORT FIRST RESPONDER SERVICE WITHIN MADISON COUNTY FOR THE OFFICE OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT**

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to the provisions of New York State Public Health Law Article 30, section 3008 (7a), notwithstanding any other provision of law and subject to the provisions of this article, any municipality within the State acting through its local legislative body, is hereby authorized and empowered to adopt a resolution to establish and operate advanced life support first responder services or municipal ambulance services within the municipality, upon meeting or exceeding all standards set by the department for appropriate training, staffing and equipment, and upon filing with the New York State Emergency Medical Services Council, a written request for such authorization, and

**WHEREAS**, the Emergency Medical Services Coordinator requests authorization to establish and operate an Advanced Life Support First Responder Service within the borders of Madison County, and

**WHEREAS**, said service is necessary to recruit, select, and appoint qualified Emergency Medical Services Providers to staff and support tactical operations of the Sheriff's Office, support operations of the Director of Health, and to support other applicable health related missions of Madison County.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that effective January 5, 2021, the Madison County Board of Supervisors hereby authorizes the establishment and operation of an Advanced Life Support First Responder Service within Madison County for the Office of Emergency Management; and

**BE IT FURTEHR RESOLVED**, that the Chairman of the Board of Supervisors is hereby empowered to execute any such agreements, documents, or papers, as may be necessary to implement the intent and purpose of this Resolution.

**ADOPTED: AYES – 1445 NAYS – 0 ABSENT – 55 (Magliocca)**

On motion by Supervisor Cavanagh, seconded by Supervisor Walrod, the Board adjourned. The next Board meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, February 9, 2021.