The Board convened at 11:00 a.m. in the Supervisors Chambers, second floor, County Office Building, Wampsville, New York with all members present except for: Supervisor Goldstein (28 votes), Supervisor DiVeronica (188 votes), Supervisor Stepanski (45 votes), Supervisor Reinhardt (65 votes) and Supervisor Boylan (55 votes).

Pledge of Allegiance.

By Supervisor Nirelli (Vice Chair of Finance):

RESOLUTION NO. 19-337

DIRECTING THE COUNTY ATTORNEY’S OFFICE TO DRAFT LEGISLATION TO ALLOW MADISON COUNTY TO INCREASE ITS ACCESS LINE (LANDLINE) SURCHARGE AND THE SURCHARGE ON EACH WIRELESS COMMUNICATIONS SERVICE TO PAY FOR THE COSTS OF MAINTAINING AND OPERATING AN EMERGENCY 911 COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEM

WHEREAS, in order to provide for health, safety and welfare of its residents, the County of Madison has established an Emergency 911 center, and is in the process of updating the Emergency Communications Network; and

WHEREAS, the cost to update and operate the equipment necessary to provide this essential public safety service continues to increase, and the local cost of providing the fully interoperable communications system budgeted in 2019 is $1,284,769; and

WHEREAS, County Law Section 303 permits a municipality to impose a surcharge on each access line in an amount not to exceed thirty-five cents ($0.35) per month to help pay the costs of operating and maintaining an E-911 communications system; and

WHEREAS, the Finance, Ways and Means Committee has determined that it is in the best interests of the residents of Madison County to impose an additional surcharge of sixty-five cents ($0.65) on each access line and each wireless communications service line per month, thereby helping the County to fund this vital emergency communications network; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors recognize that it is the New York State Department of Taxation and Finance that will write the legislation necessary to allow Madison County to increase these access line and wireless communications service line surcharges;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Madison County Board of Supervisors directs the County Attorney’s office to work with the Department of Taxation and Finance to draft legislation to increase the access line surcharge and the surcharge for each wireless communications service line; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that in so far as the State is willing and able to do so, the proposed legislation should incorporate the following:
1. surcharge increase of up to sixty-five cents ($0.65) per month per access line.

Please note that this resolution requires a 2/3’s majority vote as follows:

ADOPTED: AYES – 1142 NAYS – 0  ABSENT – 358 (Goldstein, DiVeronica, Stepanski, Bargabos, Boylan)

By Supervisor Bono:

RESOLUTION NO. 19-338

AUTHORIZING THE CHAIRMAN TO ENTER INTO AGREEMENT WITH ENGINEERS TO DESIGN THE NEW HIGHWAY BUILDING FACILITY

WHEREAS, Madison County has received and reviewed RFP’s in regards to designing a new Highway Building Facility in Madison County; and

WHEREAS, C&S Engineers, Inc. has the expertise in designing highway facilities throughout New York State and other areas; and

WHEREAS, the Highway, Buildings and Grounds Committee recommends entering into an agreement with C&S Engineers, Inc. to provide engineering services for this proposed project; and

WHEREAS, the cost shall not exceed the amount of $1,080,000;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Chairman of the Board of Supervisors is hereby authorized to enter into an agreement for professional services with C&S Engineers, Inc., substantially in the form that is on file with the Clerk to the Board of Supervisors [subject to such modifications to the terms & conditions as, in the opinion of Construction Counsel, better serves the County’s interests].

ADOPTED: AYES – 1119 NAYS – 0  ABSENT - 381 (Goldstein, DiVeronica, Bargabos, Reinhardt, Boylan)

There been no further business, Supervisor Nirelli made the motion to close the special meeting, seconded by Supervisor Moses and carried.