

**MADISON COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
SPECIAL MEETING – THURSDAY, MAY 30, 2013 – 10:00 A.M.**

The Board convened in the Supervisors Chambers, second floor, County Office Building, Wampsville, New York at 10:00 a.m. with all members present except for Supervisors Henderson (64 votes).

Pledge of Allegiance.

By Supervisor DiVeronica:

RESOLUTION NO. 157-13

AUTHORIZING THE CHAIRMAN TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT

WHEREAS, Gov. Andrew Cuomo has negotiated an agreement with the Oneida Indian Nation that has been delivered by the Governor's office to Madison County for approval; and

WHEREAS, County leadership has worked diligently to address County interests; and

WHEREAS, there are provisions in such agreement that provide a benefit to Madison County, including the immediate payment of 20 years of unpaid real property taxes; and

WHEREAS, the Governor, including through the Governor's Counsel's memo of May 23, 2013, has issued assurances that the agreement as negotiated by his office contains provisions to protect the county and provide certain benefits to the County; and

WHEREAS, in reliance on these representations and the Governor's assurances, Madison County is prepared to authorize the entry into such agreement;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Madison County Board of Supervisors hereby authorizes its Chairman to execute the "Settlement Agreement by the Oneida Nation, the State of New York, the County of Madison, & the County of Oneida", in the form as is on file with the Clerk of the Board.

At this time, prior to a vote being taken, Chairman Becker announced that the public would be allowed to speak to this resolution, giving each speaker a time limit of 3 minutes. The following speakers were heard: Susan Galbraith, Scott Peterman, Gary Padula, Peter Hedglon, John Brod, Cheryl Cary, John Patane and Chris Kendall. All were in agreement and asked that the Board of Supervisors delay vote on this long, complicated settlement issue; feeling that many inaccuracies need to be addressed, expressing the need for further negotiations and public input.

After closing the public comment period at 10:40 a.m., Chairman Becker allowed each Board member to speak to this resolution. Each gave their heartfelt comment on how difficult this subject has been, some expressing their agreement and some expressing their disagreement.

Also noted for the record the following documents were filed with the Clerk:

1. Gary Padula handout to Board members on OIN Settlement agreement received 5/30/13.
2. Susan Galbraith handout to Board members on OIN Settlement agreement received 5/30/13.
3. John Brod e-mail on OIN Gaming Agreement received on 5/22/13 and distributed to all Board members.
4. Margaret Milman-Barris letter on proposed settlement agreement received and distributed to Board members on 5/30/13.
5. Laura Cavanaugh e-mail on proposed settlement received and distributed to Board members on 5/30/13.
6. Woodruff Carroll e-mail on proposed settlement received and distributed to Board members on 5/30/13.
7. James Devine letter received on 5/28/13 and distributed to Board members on 5/30/13.

Chairman Becker then called for a roll call vote on this resolution as follows:

ADOPTED: AYES – 847 (Coye, Degear, Ball, Bradstreet, Stepanski, Carinci, Bono, Suits, Monforte, Becker)

NAYS – 589 (Bargabos, Goldstein, Cary, Salka, Rafte, Reinhardt, Shwartz, DiVeronica)

ABSENT – 64 (Henderson)

There being no further business, Supervisor Degear made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Supervisor Ball and carried.