

MADISON COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
Meeting – Tuesday, January 8, 2008

The Board convened at 10:00 a.m. in the Supervisors Chambers, second floor, County Office Building, Wampsville, New York with all members present.

Pledge of Allegiance.

The Clerk opened the meeting and called upon Madison County Clerk, Ken Kunkel to administer the oath of Office to all Supervisors.

At this time the Clerk of the Board called for nominations for Chairman of the Board for a two year term of office that being for years 2008-2009.

Supervisor Moran nominated Supervisor Becker which was seconded by Supervisor Cary.

Supervisor Henderson nominated Supervisor DiVeronica stating his many accomplishments while in office. Supervisor Jaquay seconded that nomination.

The Clerk then asked if there were any further nominations. There being none, the Clerk asked for a motion to close the floor for nominations. Supervisor Williams made that motion, seconded by DiVeronica and carried.

The Clerk then took a roll call vote of the members, starting with Brookfield with the following results.

SUPERVISOR BECKER – 987 SUPERVISOR DIVERONICA - 513

Supervisor DiVeronica thanked the Board and stated that he had enjoyed his tenure as Chairman for the past eight years and hoped the new Board will support and work together with the new Chairman.

The Clerk then declared Supervisor Becker as Chairman and asked him to take his seat at the dais.

Chairman Becker thanked the Board. He announced his appointment of Supervisor Rick Bargabos, Town of Smithfield as the Vice Chairman of the Board.

Chairman Becker then gave the following speech:

“Thank you to the Board of Supervisors for giving me this opportunity. It is an honor and privilege to sit here in this seat before you. We cannot take our tasks ahead light, because you like me are privileged to serve the public along with the employees of Madison County.

Ronald Regan wrote; “each generation goes further then the generation preceding it because it stands on the shoulders of that generation. You will have opportunities beyond anything we have ever known!” And it is because of the hard work of people like Chairman DiVeronica that we will realize these opportunities. My hat is off to Mr. DiVeronica for all his hard work and dedication to Madison County. While we take inspiration from the past, we must live for the future.

We most empower all of our employees, as well as our department heads to take ownership of our government. The most terrifying words in the English language are, “I’m here from the government and I’m here to help!” This does not have to be; department heads must reward achievers of higher standard, and I think that has been set in motion by our pay for performance standard. This Board needs to see that as department heads, you will get the tools you need to succeed, and fail; do not be afraid to fail you cannot succeed if you are. All of us in county government cannot and should not be afraid to see what we see, and say what we think. We need to vote on principal and what is right. What good are we if we cannot see both sides of the story? Some would say that is a bold radical move to dare to think outside the box. Good I say. I as well as my fellow Supervisors should be proud to join the ranks of thinking radical’s like George Washington and Thomas Jefferson. I dare you to prove them wrong. They are why we are here today.

This Board must have passion for open government. Nine new Supervisors in two years, I believe that the taxpayers of our county have spoken, shape up or we will ship you out. As you can tell it is not my intention to build a yes team, but a team that leads by example and it not afraid to try new things. I will be naming Supervisor Bargabos from Smithfield to be my Vice Chairman. Committee assignments will be sent out by Friday, along with some other information. The unknown is always a scary prospect. Let us set aside our differences and move Madison County forward together. Fore I believe this board can achieve great things and will do great things not divided but together.”

RESOLUTIONS

By Supervisor Stepanski:

RESOLUTION NO. 1-08

APPOINTING A CLERK TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

RESOLVED, pursuant to Section 47 of the County Law, that Cindy Urtz be and she is hereby reappointed as Clerk to this Board, to serve for the life of this Board and until her successor is appointed and shall have qualified.

ADOPTED: AYES – 1500 NAYS – 0

RESOLUTION NO. 2-08

APPOINTING A COUNTY ATTORNEY

RESOLVED, pursuant to Section 500 of the County law, that S. John Campanie be and he hereby is reappointed as County Attorney of Madison County to serve for the life of this Board.

On motion by Supervisor Bargabos, seconded by Supervisor Williams, this resolution was TABLED.

RESOLUTION NO. 3-08

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

WHEREAS, the Northeast Home Health Leadership Summit will be held January 30 - February 1, 2008 in Boston, Massachusetts; and

WHEREAS, Eric Faisst, Public Health Director has requested that Virginia Parrott, Assistant Director of Patient Services attend said conference; and

WHEREAS, Virginia Parrot's expenses for said conference are funded through appropriations in the Department of Health's 2008 budget and reimbursed more than eighty-nine percent (89%) through state aid and fees; and

WHEREAS, this request has been approved by the Public Health Services and the Government Operations Committees;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Virginia Parrott be and hereby is authorized to attend said conference at County expense not to exceed \$1,362.

ADOPTED: AYES – 1500 NAYS – 0

RESOLUTION NO. 4-08

**CHANGING THE STATUS OF AN OFFICE ASSISTANT II POSITION IN THE
SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT FROM PART-TIME TO FULL-TIME AND CREATING A
FULL-TIME COORDINATOR POSITION (MULTIDISCIPLINARY TEAM)**

WHEREAS, the County receives funding from New York State for a Multidisciplinary Team (MDT) to work with and advocate for victims of child abuse and their family members; and

WHEREAS, the State funding increased for this program, and the Sheriff has requested that a part-time Office Assistant II position become full-time, and that a full-time Multidisciplinary Team Coordinator position be created; and

WHEREAS, the salary and fringe benefits for these positions are fully funded through the MDT grant: and

WHEREAS, if said funding decreases or is eliminated then these positions will be abolished; and

WHEREAS, this request has been reviewed and approved in accordance with the vacancy review procedure by the Criminal Justice, Public Safety and Telecommunications Committee and the Government Operations Committee,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the status of one, part-time Office Assistant II position in the Sheriff's Department be and hereby is changed to full-time effective January 10, 2008; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that one, full-time Multidisciplinary Team Coordinator position be and hereby is created effective immediately; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the title of Multidisciplinary Team Coordinator be and hereby is allocated to Grade J of the Management Salary Plan; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Sheriff be and hereby is authorized to fill said position at the 2008 annual salary of \$41,294 in accordance with Civil Service Law and Rule and County policy and procedure effective immediately.

ADOPTED: AYES – 1500 NAYS – 0

RESOLUTION NO. 5-08

RENEWING STIPENDS FOR CERTAIN EMPLOYEES IN THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE

WHEREAS, the County has been awarded Aid to Prosecution grant funding by the New York State Division of Criminal Justice Services; and

WHEREAS, the District Attorney has requested to use a portion of the grant funding to continue stipends for employees in his office who perform duties related to felony prosecution; and

WHEREAS, such stipends will cease if said grant funding is abolished or decreases; and

WHEREAS, this request has been reviewed and approved by the Government Operations Committee,

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the following 2008 annual stipends are established for employees of the District Attorney's office:

First Assistant District Attorney	\$7,000
Second Assistant District Attorney	7,000
4 th Assistant District Attorney (PT)	2,700
Criminal Investigator (PT)	2,700
Confidential Secretary	3,000
Administrative Assistant	3,000

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that said stipends shall be payable on a monthly basis in the second pay period of each month; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that said stipends will be reevaluated subject to continued Aid to Prosecution grant funding in the next state budget.

ADOPTED: AYES – 1500 NAYS – 0

RESOLUTION NO. 6-08

AUTHORIZING STIPENDS FOR ATTORNEYS IN THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE

WHEREAS, by Resolution 564 of 2007, the Board of Supervisors accepted a Recruitment and Retention grant from New York State for compensation for attorneys in the District Attorney's Office; and

WHEREAS, the Government Operations Committee has reviewed and approved the District Attorney's request to pay stipends to certain attorneys utilizing a portion of this grant; and

WHEREAS, said stipends will cease if said grant funding is abolished or diminishes,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the following 2008 stipends are authorized for payment effective immediately and payable in the second payroll period of this month:

First Assistant District Attorney	\$394
Second Assistant District Attorney	394

ADOPTED: AYES – 1500 NAYS – 0

RESOLUTION NO. 7-08

DESIGNATING NEWSPAPERS FOR 2008

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 the *Syracuse Post Standard* 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:

Concurrent Resolutions	<i>Oneida Daily Dispatch</i> <i>Syracuse Post Standard</i>
Official Canvass	<i>Oneida Daily Dispatch</i> <i>Syracuse Post Standard</i>
Election Notices	<i>Oneida Daily Dispatch</i> <i>Syracuse Post Standard</i>
Official Notices	<i>Oneida Daily Dispatch</i> <i>Syracuse Post Standard</i>
Local Laws, Notices, and other matters required by law to be published	<i>Oneida Daily Dispatch</i> <i>Syracuse Post Standard</i>

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 – 1500 NAYS – 0

By Supervisor Williams:

RESOLUTION NO. 8-08

AUTHORIZING THE CHAIRMAN TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH COMMUNITY ACTION PROGRAM, INC., FOR FOOD STAMP OUTREACH

WHEREAS, Madison County Department of Social Services determines eligibility and issues Food Stamp program benefits to Madison County residents; and

WHEREAS, the United States Department of Agriculture Food and Nutrition Service (USDA-FNS) recently awarded performance bonus funds to New York State for payment accuracy improvements in the Food Stamp program; and

WHEREAS, the New York State Office of Temporary and Disability Assistance (OTDA) has allocated a portion of the funds to each local social services district to be utilized in efforts to expand access to the Food Stamp program among potentially eligible working families and other underserved populations; and

WHEREAS, the Department lacks the necessary staff to perform these services; and

WHEREAS, Community Action Program, Inc., (CAP) is a community partner with a demonstrated ability, through their USDA-funded Nutrition Outreach and Education Program (NOEP), to perform these enhanced outreach efforts; and

WHEREAS, this Agreement will also enable CAP to distribute a portion of these funds to county food pantries, in recognition of their vital role in the community and as incentives to make Food Stamp program referrals; and

WHEREAS, total (100 percent) federal funding of \$14,507 is available through the Office of Temporary and Disability Assistance to provide these services; and

WHEREAS, a copy of this Agreement is on file with the Clerk to the Board of Supervisors;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Chairman of the Board be, and is hereby authorized, to enter into an Agreement with Community Action Program, Inc., to provide the aforementioned services at a total cost not to exceed \$14,507 for the period January 1, 2008, to December 31, 2008.

ADOPTED: AYES – 1500 NAYS – 0

RESOLUTION NO. 9-08

AUTHORIZING THE CHAIRMAN TO RENEW AN AGREEMENT WITH MADISON COUNTY OFFICE FOR THE AGING FOR PATIENT TRANSPORTATION

WHEREAS, the County, through the Department of Social Services, is charged with the responsibility, insofar as funds are available for that purpose, to assist recipients of medical assistance in obtaining necessary transportation to and from the places where medical services are provided to said recipients; and

WHEREAS, these funds are reimbursed at a rate of 75 percent; and

WHEREAS, the Madison County Office for the Aging has a transportation system in place through which many of the County's recipients can be serviced; and

WHEREAS, a copy of this agreement is on file with the Clerk to the Board of Supervisors;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Chairman of the Board be and is hereby authorized to renew an agreement with the Madison County Office for the Aging to provide medical transportation services for Department of Social Services clients for the period January 1, 2008, to December 31, 2008, for the sum of seventy-five cents (75¢) per mile for each mile an eligible person is transported, a five-dollar (\$5.00) pickup fee for each trip, and another five-dollar (\$5.00) fee if a single client's trip involves three (3) hours or more between drop off and pickup.

Supervisor Williams moved to amend paragraph two of this resolution changing 75 percent to 100 percent, seconded by Supervisor Jaquay and carried. Final vote:

ADOPTED: AYES – 1500 NAYS – 0

RESOLUTION NO. 10-08

AUTHORIZING THE CHAIRMAN TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH CONTINUUM VOICE AND DATA SYSTEMS FOR IMPLEMENTING AN ELECTRONIC DOCUMENT SYSTEM

WHEREAS, a new Electronic Document System (EDMS) was recommended for the Mental Health Department; and

WHEREAS, Madison County applied for and received from the New York State Archives a complex Local Government Records Management Improvement Fund (LGRMIF) grant totaling \$24,862; and

WHEREAS, this grant will enable the Mental Health Department to institute an electronic imaging system; and

WHEREAS, Continuum Voice and Data Systems submitted a proposal based on a Request for Proposal (RFP) the county had developed for the new EDMS and was awarded said RFP based upon its original proposal;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Chairman of the Board be and is hereby authorized to enter into an agreement with Continuum Voice and Data Systems to provide the aforementioned Electronic Document System at a total cost not to exceed \$23,902.10 for the period of December 1, 2007, to June 30, 2008.

ADOPTED: AYES – 1500 NAYS – 0

RESOLUTION NO. 11-08

**AUTHORIZING CHAIRMAN TO RENEW AN AGREEMENT
FOR INTERPRETER SERVICES**

WHEREAS, the County Mental Health Department is required to provide services for certain of its clients; and

WHEREAS, these services may need communication access between client and clinician; and

WHEREAS, there is a current need for an interpreter to provide qualified sign language services to clients who attend the Outpatient Mental Health Clinic; and

WHEREAS, the 2007 Mental Health Department budget provide funds for the purchase of these services; and

WHEREAS, this resolution has been reviewed and approved by the Social and Mental Health Services Committee;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Chairman be hereby authorized to enter into an agreement with Resource Center for Independent Living (RCIL), 409 Columbia Street, Utica, New York, for the provision of interpreter services to the Mental Health Department and RCIL will be paid at the rate of \$60 for up to 75 hours, paid in advance for providing interpreter services with a copy of this agreement is on file with the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors.

ADOPTED: AYES – 1500 NAYS – 0

RESOLUTION NO. 12-08____

**AUTHORIZING THE CHAIRMAN TO RENEW AN AGREEMENT WITH
LIBERTY RESOURCES, INC. TO PROVIDE AN ALCOHOL COMMUNITY RESIDENCE
PROGRAM AND RELATED SERVICES 2008**

WHEREAS, Madison County desires to contract with the Liberty Resources, Inc. to provide an Alcohol Community Residence Program (Maxwell House) and related services; and

WHEREAS, the NYS Office of Alcoholism and Substance Abuse Services is making funds available in 100% State Aid for 2008 for the provision of Community Residence Services; and

WHEREAS, the appropriation and full revenue items for Liberty Resources, Inc. are included in the 2008 Madison County budget (There is no Madison County appropriation; and, Full State Revenue is no more than \$273,638); and

WHEREAS, it is understood that any reduction in State funding will result in a commensurate reduction in agency funding;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Chairman of the Board be hereby authorized to execute an agreement for the period January 1, 2008 through December 31, 2008 on behalf of Liberty Resources, Inc. to provide services in accordance with the Contract for a total appropriation not to exceed \$273,638 and a copy of the agreement is on file with the Clerk to the Board of Supervisors.

ADOPTED: AYES – 1500 NAYS – 0

RESOLUTION NO. 13-08_____

**AUTHORIZING THE CHAIRMAN TO RENEW AN AGREEMENT WITH
LIBERTY RESOURCES, INC. FOR CASE MANAGEMENT SERVICES
2008**

WHEREAS, Liberty Resources, Inc. desires to contract with the County of Madison to provide Case management Services; and

WHEREAS, the NYS Office of Mental Health has agreed to fund this program, not to exceed the state appropriation; and

WHEREAS, the appropriation and full revenue items for Liberty Resources, Inc. not to exceed \$140,511 are included in the 2008 Madison County budget (There is no Madison County Appropriation and Full State Revenue is not more than \$140,511):

Full State Revenue -Case Management	105,475
OMH Reinvestment Funding Year-Five (Respite Bed)	10,977
Integrated Supported Employment	<u>24,059</u>
TOTAL	\$ 140,511; and

WHEREAS, it is understood that any future reduction in State funding will result in a commensurate reduction in agency funding;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Chairman of the Board be hereby authorized to execute an agreement for the period January 1, 2008 through December 31, 2008 on behalf of the County with Liberty Resources, Inc. to provide services in accordance with the Contract, a copy of which is on file with the Clerk to the Board of Supervisors.

ADOPTED: AYES – 1500 NAYS – 0

By Supervisor Henderson:

RESOLUTION NO. 14-08

AUTHORIZING CHAIRMAN TO SIGN CONTRACTS WITH NOT-FOR-PROFIT ORGANIZATIONS FOR 2008

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 2008, 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:

A6772 Program for the Aging	200,965.00
A6988 Community Action Program	43,750.00
A6989 Food Bank of CNY	10,000.00
A7410 Mid-York & Local Libraries	111,217.00
A7510 Madison County Historical Society	25,000.00
A7550 Madison County Fair	25,000.00
A7989 Madison County Children’s Camp	10,000.00
A8020 Economic Development	109,576.00
A8025 CNY Regional Planning & Develop. Board	22,310.00
A8710 Affiliated Conservation Clubs	3,500.00
A8745 Soil & Water Conservation	150,000.00
A8750 Cooperative Extension	284,845.00

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that 50% of the monies hereinafore referred to be paid to each organization in February 2008 and the other 50% of the monies be paid in July 2008, after the previous years’ report is filed; 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 – 1500 NAYS – 0

By Supervisor Williams:

RESOLUTION NO. 15-08

**AUTHORIZING CHAIRMAN TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT
FOR MENTAL HEALTH CONSULTATION SERVICES**

WHEREAS, the County Mental Health Department is required to provide mental health consultation for certain of its clients; and

WHEREAS, from time to time, these services need to be provided on a part-time contractual basis; and

WHEREAS, the 2008 County budget provides funds for the provision of mental health counseling services;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Chairman be hereby authorized to enter into an agreement with Catherine Becallo, for the provision of mental health consultation services to the Mental Health Department at an hourly rate of \$35.00, said rate to be effective January 1, 2008 to January 31, 2008, and place a copy of the agreement on file with the Clerk of the Board.

ADOPTED: AYES – 1500 NAYS – 0

Public Comment Period

1. **Hilary Staple of Durhamville, NY asked about the Highway Department changes with plow trucks going from a two man plow to a one man. Highway Superintendent Joe Wisinski addressed that question stating that the change is for safety purposes and has not been finalized with the Blue Collar Union.**

Announcements were made. Then Supervisor Moran made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Supervisor Cary and carried.