Madison County is organized under the township form of County government to provide the services and functions as outlined by Illinois law. The County Board Chairman is elected at large by all of the voters in the County. The Chairman is the chief executive officer of County Government and is responsible for overseeing the daily operations of County departments and coordinating management with other Countywide Officeholders. The Director of Administration works at the direction of the Chairman to carry out Board policy, to assist in the management of Board departments and to coordinate operations with Countywide Officeholders. The Board Chairman appoints the department heads who manage those County offices not under the control of a Countywide Officeholder and coordinates the overall operation of the various offices and departments. The Board Chairman, with the consent of the County Board, also appoints members of boards, commissions, and committees.

The County is divided into 29 County Board Districts with equal populations. Each district elects one member to the County Board. The Madison County Board functions as the legislative branch of the County Government and is responsible for adopting all ordinances for the governance of Madison County, approves the County budget and levies taxes. The Countywide Officeholders carry out the statutory authority granted to them by Illinois law.

Madison County has published a Citizen’s Guide to County Government which includes its functions and pertinent information related to its operations, names of officials responsible for its operation, and other relevant information that may be helpful to the public. A copy of said guide is displayed at each of its administrative or regional offices. A copy may be obtained in the office of the County Clerk or the County Board office. It is also posted and can be printed on our web site www.co.madison.il.us.