especially strong with the commissioners, although he was se­conded by others of much ability. It is said that the site was marked at some distance below the business part of the village of Watertown, to conciliate those who had been disappointed in its location. A deed of the premises was presented by Henry and Amos Coffeen which were, it is said, intended to include the triangular lot since sold to private individuals.

The first meeting of the board of supervisors was held in the school house, on the site of the Universalist Church in Watertown, October 1, 1805, and the following persons constituted the first board. Noadiah Hubbard, Champion; Cliff French, Rutland; Corlis Hinds, Watertown; John W. Collinf, Brownville; Nicholas Salisbury, Mans; Thomas White, Harrison; Lyman Ellis, Ellisburgh; Asa Brown, Malta. N. Hubbard was chosen president, and Zelotus Harvey clerk. The meeting was adjourned to the house of Abijah Putnam. Cliff French, Thomas White, and Corlis Hinds, were appointed a committee to procure a conveyance of the land on which the court house and jail were to be erected. The following was the aggregate of the real and personal estate in the several towns: Ellisburg, $80,109; Watertown, $69,986-50; Adams, $33,606; Brownville, $447,240; Harrison, $43,395; Malta, $49,248; Rutland, $44,829; Champion, $42,578-50; Total, $805,992. Henry Coffeen presented a bill of $85*86, and Jacob Brown of $100, for attendance at Albany, in procuring the division of Oneida county, which were rejected. The latter had been appointed by the convention at Denmark for that purpose. Hart Massey was appointed sealer of weights and measures, and $45, and the next year $30 were voted to purchase a set of standards of specified materials.

In 1806, the board consisted of Jacob Brown, Corlis Hinds, Perley Keyes, Noadiah Hubbard, Jonathan Davis, Augustus Sacket, Ethni Evans, Jesse Hopkins, Asa Brown, and Nicholas Salisbury. J. Brown and A. Sacket were appointed to settle all accounts pending with Oneida and Lewis counties, by meeting at Whitestown, with committees to be chosen by them for the purpose. At a subsequent meeting they reported $328*61 due to Jefferson; $293*54 to Lewis, and $1670*73 to Oneida counties, from the funds on hand at the time of division. Messrs. Hinds, Salisbury, and J. Brown, were appointed to report the expediency and probable cost of a jail, and the most advisable course to be pursued. The expense of sending prisoners to Whitestown was found heavy, and it was apprehended that public officers would reluctantly spend their time in going to and from thence. "Hence many criminals might escape a just punishment, and the county might be infested with criminals to the great danger and injury of its inhabitants." The committee reported that two-thirds of