



**Cortland County Health &
Human Services
Committee
Committee Meeting
~ Minutes ~**

60 Central Ave.
Cortland, NY 13045
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Tuesday, January 13, 2026

8:45 AM

Room 302

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 8:45 a.m. by Committee Chair Van Dee.

Roll Call

PRESENT:	Legislator Douglas Bentley, Legislator William McGovern, Legislator Christopher Newell, Legislator Keith VanGorder, Committee Vice Chair Sandra Price, Committee Chair Ronald J. Van Dee
ABSENT:	
EXCUSED:	Legislator Jason Prentice
OTHERS PRESENT:	
Savannah Hempstead	Clerk of the Legislature
Micheal Ponticiello	County Administrator
Morgan Spaulding	Grants Administrator
Joseph Nauseef	Legislator
Reed Cleland	Legislator
Patricia Schaap	Director of Community Services
Cathy Bischoff	Legislator

Resolutions

ON MOTION OF RONALD VANDEE

AGENDA ITEM NO. 1.

**Authorize Temporary Lease Extension and Operating Expenses for Mental Health Services
Pending Completion of 111 Port Watson Street Renovations - Mental Health Department**

WHEREAS, Cortland County is renovating the 111 Port Watson Street building for a new Mental Health facility; AND

WHEREAS, Cortland County contracted with various contractors for completion of renovations to be completed by September 1, 2025; AND

WHEREAS, said renovations have not yet been completed; AND

WHEREAS, the Cortland County Legislature adopted Resolution No. 254-22, authorizing a lease agreement for 7 Clayton Avenue, Cortland, New York with Joseph Armideo from February 1, 2023 to January 31, 2026; AND

WHEREAS, due to the renovations at the 111 Port Watson Street building not having been completed, there may be a need to extend the lease for 7 Clayton Avenue beyond the expiration of the lease term on a month-to-month basis; AND

WHEREAS, there will be additional expenses in relation to the Mental Health facility continuing to be operated at 7 Clayton Avenue including, but not limited to, the payment of electric, gas, internet, and telephones; NOW THEREFORE BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Cortland County Legislature hereby declares that time is of the essence for performance of the contracts related to the 111 Port Watson Street building; AND BE IT FURTHER

RESOLVED, that the County Administrator is hereby authorized to extend the current lease for 7 Clayton Avenue on a month-to-month basis; AND BE IT FURTHER

RESOLVED, that the County Administrator or designee is authorized to expend a sum of up to \$45,000 for payment of rent and utilities at 7 Clayton Avenue; AND BE IT FURTHER

RESOLVED, that the Clerk of the Legislature is hereby directed to provide the contractors performing work at the 111 Port Watson Street building a certified copy of this resolution.

RESULT:	APPROVED (6 TO 0)
MOVER:	Legislator Christopher Newell
SECONDER:	Committee Vice Chair Sandra Price
AYES:	Douglas Bentley, William McGovern, Christopher Newell, Keith VanGorder, Ronald VanDee, Sandra Price
NAYS:	None
EXCUSED:	Jason Prentice
ABSENT:	

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:48 a.m.