



**Cortland County
Legislature
Legislative Session
~ Minutes ~**

Legislative Chambers
60 Central Ave.
Cortland, NY 13045
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Thursday, January 29, 2026

5:00 PM

Legislative Chambers

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 05:05 PM by Chairman Kevin Fitch.

Salute to the Flag

Roll Call

PRESENT:	Legislator Douglas Bentley, Legislator Beau Harbin, Legislator Cathy Bischoff, Legislator Ronald VanDee, Legislator Jason Prentice, Legislator Dominick Mantella, Chair of the Legislature Kevin Fitch, Legislator Reed Cleland, Legislator Christopher Newell, Legislator Joseph Nauseef, Legislator William McGovern, Legislator Paul Heider
ABSENT:	
EXCUSED:	Legislator Keith VanGorder, Legislator Linda Jones, Legislator Eugene Waldbauer, Minority Leader Sandra Price, Legislator Mitchel Eccleston

Resolutions

RESULT:	ADOPTED (12 TO 0)
MOVER:	Chair of the Legislature Kevin Fitch
SECONDER:	Legislator Reed Cleland
AYES:	Douglas Bentley, Beau Harbin, Cathy Bischoff, Ronald VanDee, Jason Prentice, Dominick Mantella, Kevin Fitch, Reed Cleland, Christopher Newell, Joseph Nauseef, William McGovern, Paul Heider
NAYS:	None
EXCUSED:	Keith VanGorder, Linda Jones, Eugene Waldbauer, Sandra Price, Mitchel Eccleston
ABSENT:	

ON MOTION OF KEVIN FITCH

RESOLUTION NO. 32-26

**Resolution Supporting the Submission of a New York State Local Government Efficiency Grant
Application Related to Emergency Medical Services Planning**

WHEREAS, Cortland County continues to experience challenges related to emergency medical services and ambulance coverage, including service gaps and response time concerns; AND

WHEREAS, the New York State Department of State administers the Local Government Efficiency Grant Program to assist local governments with planning and service improvement efforts; AND

WHEREAS, New York State has recently enacted legislation requiring counties to engage in formal planning related to emergency medical services and ambulance coverage, thereby placing an increased responsibility on counties to proactively identify service gaps and evaluate potential solutions; AND

WHEREAS, the submission of this grant application allows Cortland County to pursue planning and evaluation funding only, and does not obligate the County to accept any award, establish a county-run ambulance service, or implement any operational changes without further legislative action; NOW THEREFORE BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Cortland County Legislature hereby expresses its support for the submission of the New York State Local Government Efficiency Grant application related to emergency medical services and ambulance coverage planning; AND BE IT FURTHER

RESOLVED, that certified copies of this resolution be forwarded to the New York State Department of State, the County Administrator, the Director of Finance, the Director of Emergency Response and Communications, and the County's Grant Administrator.

Mr. Heider MADE A MOTION TO AMEND the resolution to substitute it for the resolution to award the bid and authorize agreements with Archtop Fiber, LLC; Mr. VanDee SECONDED THE MOTION TO AMEND; and upon unanimous voice vote of members present; MOTION CARRIED.

RESULT:	ADOPTED AS AMENDED (12 TO 0)
MOVER:	Chair of the Legislature Kevin Fitch
SECONDER:	Legislator Paul Heider
AYES:	Douglas Bentley, Beau Harbin, Cathy Bischoff, Ronald VanDee, Jason Prentice, Dominick Mantella, Kevin Fitch, Reed Cleland, Christopher Newell, Joseph Nauseef, William McGovern, Paul Heider
NAYS:	None
EXCUSED:	Keith VanGorder, Linda Jones, Eugene Waldbauer, Sandra Price, Mitchel Eccleston
ABSENT:	

ON MOTION OF KEVIN FITCH

RESOLUTION NO. 33-26

Award Bid/Authorize Agreements with Archtop Fiber, LLC for Funding Application Assistance and Broadband Services Related to the New York State ConnectALL Municipal Infrastructure Program

WHEREAS, Cortland County advertised for and issued a Request for Proposals (RFP) for

“RFP 25-PLN-001 - Funding Application Assistance and Broadband Services”; AND

WHEREAS, the one (1) proposal was received from Archtop Fiber, LLC, of 300 Enterprise Drive, Kingston, NY 12401; AND

WHEREAS, the proposal submitted by Archtop Fiber, LLC was reviewed and evaluated in accordance with the criteria set forth in the RFP, and it has been determined to be responsive, responsible, and in the best interest of Cortland County; AND

WHEREAS, based upon such review and evaluation, it is the recommendation of the reviewing committee to award the RFP to Archtop Fiber, LLC; NOW THEREFORE BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Chairman of the Legislature and/or County Administrator, upon approval by the County Attorney or designee, is hereby authorized and directed to execute an agreement resulting from RFP 25-PLN-001 - Funding Application Assistance & Broadband Services with Archtop Fiber, LLC, of 300 Enterprise Drive, Kingston, NY 12401, for partnership on and the preparation of the Cortland County application pursuant to the New York State ConnectALL Municipal Infrastructure Program Request for Applications, last updated January 12, 2026, as may be amended; AND BE IT FURTHER

RESOLVED, that the award of this Request for Proposals and execution of an agreement for application assistance shall not be construed to guarantee the award of funding by the New York State ConnectALL Office or the execution of any subsequent agreement for broadband infrastructure services; AND BE IT FURTHER

RESOLVED, that such agreement for application assistance shall be subject to the terms and conditions negotiated by the County, shall be consistent with the scope of services set forth in the RFP, and shall not obligate Cortland County beyond subsequently awarded grant funds; AND BE IT FURTHER

RESOLVED, that contingent upon the award and appropriation of funding by the New York State ConnectALL Office or any successor or affiliated agency, the Chairman of the Legislature and/or the County Administrator, upon review and approval as to form by the County Attorney or designee, is hereby authorized and directed to execute a separate agreement or amendment with Archtop Fiber, LLC, of 300 Enterprise Drive, Kingston, NY 12401, for broadband infrastructure services, which shall be consistent with the ownership, federal interest period, and other programmatic requirements of the ConnectALL Municipal Infrastructure Program and the scope of services set forth in the RFP, subject to final scope, terms, conditions, and funding availability.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 05:24 PM.