



**Cortland County Judiciary
& Public Safety
Committee
Committee Meeting
~ Agenda ~**

60 Central Ave.
Cortland, NY 13045
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Thursday, February 12, 2026

9:00 AM

Room 302

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Thursday, February 12, 2026 9:00 AM | 1 hour | (UTC-05:00) Eastern Time (US & Canada)

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Call to Order

Attendee Name	Present	Absent	Late	Arrived
Committee Member Douglas Bentley				
Committee Member Cathy Bischoff				
Committee Member Mitchel Eccleston				
Committee Member Christopher Newell				
Committee Member Jason Prentice				
Committee Vice-Chair Eugene Waldbauer				
Committee Chair Sandra Price				

Approval of Minutes

1. **January 8, 2026 Judiciary & Public Safety Committee Minutes**

Resolutions

ON MOTION OF SANDRA PRICE

AGENDA ITEM NO. 1.

Authorize Agreement with Axon Justice Premier Plus - Public Defender

WHEREAS, the County was awarded and has already received block grant funds from the Division of Criminal Justice Services for the State’s Aid to Defense for Discovery Reform Program in the amount of \$129,309.00 and supplemental block grant funds in the amount of \$127,983.00, for a total of \$257,292.00; AND

WHEREAS, the Grant Award Notice specifically states: “This funding must be used to support public defense services and expenses related to discovery reform implementation, including, but not limited to, digital evidence transmission technology, administrative support, computers, hardware and operating software, data connectivity, development of training materials, staff training...”; AND

WHEREAS, AXON is a company that provides digital evidence management and storage; AND

WHEREAS, the Cortland County District Attorney’s office, the New York State Police, the Cortland City Police Department, and the SUNY Cortland University Police Department currently use Axon for video/digital evidence gathering; AND

WHEREAS, AXON has agreed to provide such services to the Cortland County Public Defender’s Office at a cost of \$72,229.60 for five years, January 1, 2026 – December 31, 2030; NOW THEREFORE BE IT

RESOLVED, that the County Administrator, upon review and approval by the County Attorney or her designee, be and hereby is authorized to sign the AXON Justice Premier+ contract, as discussed above, for the period from January 1, 2026 through December 31, 2030 for a cost of at the rate of \$72,229.60 for the period of January 1, 2026 through December 31, 2030; AND BE IT FURTHER

RESOLVED, that the Cortland County Legislature hereby authorizes the Director of Finance to amend the 2026 Cortland County Budget as follows:

Increase:

A117055.43389	Other Public Safety State Aid	\$72,229.60
A117055.54015	Maintenance Agreements	\$72,229.60

ON MOTION OF SANDRA PRICE

AGENDA ITEM NO. 2.

Appoint Member to the Cortland County Jury Board/ Louis Fulmer Supreme Court Law Library

WHEREAS, it is required pursuant to Article 16, Section 503a, 1 of Judiciary Law that one Legislator be appointed to the Cortland County Jury Board; AND

WHEREAS, a seat is designated for a County Legislator as Trustee for the Louis H. Folmer Supreme Court Law Library; NOW THEREFORE BE IT

RESOLVED, that Sandra Price, of 1189 Church Street, Cortland, NY 13045, is hereby appointed to the Cortland County Jury Board, as the Legislative Representative, for a term commencing immediately and ending December 31, 2027; AND BE IT FURTHER

RESOLVED, that Sandra Price is hereby appointed as the Legislative Representative and sitting Trustee for the Louis H. Folmer Supreme Court Law Library for a term commencing immediately and ending December 31, 2027.

**Accept and Authorize Emergency Services Information (ESI) Grant Award - Department of
Emergency Response & Communications**

WHEREAS, the New York State Department of Homeland Security and Emergency Services (NYS DHSES) has awarded the Cortland County Department of Emergency Response and Communications an Emergency Services Information Network 911 Grant (ESI) grant for FY2026 in the amount of \$689,655 resulting in no new county costs, in support of strengthening 911 operations; AND

WHEREAS, the grant performance period for the ESI grant is January 1, 2026 to December 31, 2030; NOW THEREFORE BE IT

RESOLVED, that Cortland County Department of Emergency Response and Communications is hereby directed to expend the grant funds according to the stated grant guidance; AND BE IT FURTHER

RESOLVED, that the 2026 budget is amended as follows:

Current Change Revised

INCREASE REVENUE BUDGET:

A302043.43306.ESI	DHSES Grant	\$0	\$0	\$689,655
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INCREASE EXPENDITURE BUDGET:

A30205.52015.ESI	Dept Specific Equipment	\$0	\$0	\$689,655
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; AND BE IT FURTHER

RESOLVED, that the County Administrator, upon review and approval by the County Attorney or designee and subject to appropriation of funding, be and hereby is authorized to sign the grant contract with the New York State Department of Homeland Security and Emergency Services at an amount not to exceed \$689,655; AND BE IT FURTHER

RESOLVED, the Director of Finance shall carryover all unused grant funds to the subsequent year(s) budget covered by the grant, per the approved grant agreement.

Appoint Probation Director - Probation Department

WHEREAS, Cortland County has a current vacancy for the position of Probation Director;
AND

WHEREAS, Legislators Sandy Price, Cathy Bischoff and Keith VanGorder, County Administrator Michael Ponticiello and Personnel Officer Laurie Leonard conducted interviews and offered a recommendation for this appointment; AND

WHEREAS, the County Legislature has received the recommendation for the appointment of _____ as Probation Director; NOW THEREFORE BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Cortland County Legislature does hereby appoint _____ as Probation Director at an annual salary of \$_____ (Grade 6, Step __, Management Compensation Plan, competitive class, full-time) effective March 30, 2026.

Discussion Items

Monthly Reports

1. **Assigned Counsel Monthly Report**
2. **Public Defender Monthly Report**
3. **Department of Emergency Response & Communications Monthly Report**
4. **Probation Monthly Report**
5. **Coroner Monthly Report**

Adjournment