



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

60 Central Ave.
Cortland, NY 13045
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Thursday, April 9, 2026

9:00 AM

Room 302

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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. March 12, 2026 - Judiciary & Public Safety Committee Minutes**

Resolutions

ON MOTION OF SANDRA PRICE

AGENDA ITEM NO. 1.

Accept and Authorize FEMA Hazard Mitigation Grant - Emergency Response & Communications

WHEREAS, the US Department of Homeland Security and Emergency Services Federal Emergency Management Agency (DHSES-FEMA) has awarded the Cortland County Department of Emergency Response and Communications a grant in the amount of \$150,000, resulting in no new county costs, in support of Multi-Jurisdictional Local Hazard Mitigation Planning; AND

WHEREAS, the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP) is a Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) program designed to help communities reduce long-term risk to people and property from future natural hazards after a federally declared disaster; AND

WHEREAS, Studies consistently show that hazard mitigation saves money. FEMA-supported mitigation programs have demonstrated an average return of \$6 in avoided future losses for every \$1 invested, making HMGP a critical tool for resilience and fiscal responsibility; AND

WHEREAS, there is a 25% non-federal match in the amount \$37,500 that can be in either matching funds, in-kind services, or other eligible sources; 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:

Account		Current	Change	Revised
A34105.44389.26HMG	DHSES HMP Grant	0	\$112,500	\$112,500
A34105.54048.26HMG	Program Specific Materials	0	\$150,000	\$150,000
A.359900	Appropriated Fund Balance	0	\$ 37,500	\$ 37,500

; 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 US Department of Homeland Security and Emergency Services Federal Emergency Management Agency at an amount not to exceed \$150,000; 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.

ON MOTION OF SANDRA PRICE

AGENDA ITEM NO. 2.

**Authorize Agreement with Aurelian Software for Call Automation Program - Department of
Emergency Response & Communications**

WHEREAS, the Cortland County Department of Emergency Response and Communications previously received grant funding from the New York State Department of Homeland Security and Emergency Services to enhance and modernize 911 services at the County level; AND

WHEREAS, the Cortland County Legislature authorized acceptance of the Next Generation 911 grant award in the amount of \$1,266,796 pursuant to Resolution No. 111-25, with funding appropriated in expense account A30205.54048.NG911; AND

WHEREAS, the Cortland County Department of Emergency Response and Communications has obtained pricing from Aurelian Software for an artificial intelligence (AI) call automation program that fully integrates with the County's Motorola Flex 911 Computer Aided Dispatch (CAD) system; AND

WHEREAS, implementation of this integrated AI call automation program will enhance operational efficiency and support call handling capacity during periods of high call volume and emergency incidents; NOW THEREFORE BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Cortland County Legislature hereby authorizes the use of Next Generation 911 grant funding for the purchase and implementation of an AI call automation software program from Aurelian Software; AND BE IT FURTHER

RESOLVED, that the County Administrator, upon review and approval by the County Attorney or designee, is hereby authorized to execute a three (3) year agreement with Aurelian Software in the amount of \$38,000 per year, for a total contract amount not to exceed \$114,000, to be paid from account A30205.54048.NG911.

Discussion Items

- 1. NYS Rural Ambulance Task Force Report**
- 2. 2025 Annual Probation Report**

Monthly Reports

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

Adjournment