



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

60 Central Ave.
Cortland, NY 13045
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Wednesday, May 13, 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. Judiciary & Public Safety Committee Minutes - April 9, 2026**

Resolutions

ON MOTION OF SANDRA PRICE

AGENDA ITEM NO. 1.

**Accept and Authorize 2025/2026 Public Safety Answering Point Operations Grant - 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 a Public Safety Answering Point Operations Grant (PSAP) grant for FY2025 & FY2026 in the amount of \$341,726, resulting in no new county costs, in support of Public Safety Answering Point operations, for the period of

January 1, 2026 to December 31, 2028; 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				
A302043.43306.PSP	DHSES GRANT	\$100,000	\$241,726	\$341,726
Increase Expense				
A30205.51005.PSP	Personnel	\$100,000	\$0	\$100,000
A30205.54048.PSP	Dept Specific Equipment	\$0	\$241,726	\$241,726

; 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 \$341,726 AND BE IT FURTHER

RESOLVED, the Director of Finance shall carry over 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.

Accept and Authorize 2025/2026 Statewide Interoperable Communications Grant - 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 a Statewide Interoperable Communications Formula Grant (SICG) grant for FY2025 & FY2026 in the amount of \$1,336,038, resulting in no new county costs, in support of Interoperable Communications operations, for the period of 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				

A30205.44389.SICG	DHSES GRANT	\$0	\$1,336,038	\$1,336,038
Increase Expense				
A30205.54015.SICG	Equipment maintenance	\$0	\$1,236,038	\$1,236,038
A30205.54048.SICG	Dept Specific Equipment	\$0	\$100,000	\$100,000

; 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 \$1,336,038; AND BE IT FURTHER

RESOLVED, the Director of Finance shall carry over 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. 3.

Award Bid/Authorize Agreement - Fiber Optic Expansion Project - Department of Emergency Response & Communications

WHEREAS, the County of Cortland, New York, wishes to continue improvements to the infrastructure of Cortland County 911 center through the new construction of dedicated dark fiber lines; AND

WHEREAS, Cortland County's Department of Emergency Response and Communications has grant funding available from NYS Department of Homeland Security as previously approved by the Cortland County Legislature under resolutions; AND

WHEREAS this fiber optic network project is beneficial to the County as it increases the resiliency and diversity of the County's 911 center network connections eliminating the potential single failure point of the network at 60 Central Avenue, AND

WHEREAS, Cortland County has solicited proposals from qualified vendors for a dedicated turnkey fiber optic line installation between the County's facilities at 22 West Court Street and the Virgil Radio Tower located at 1914 Tower Road, Cortland; AND

WHEREAS, the following bids were received and do not meet the turnkey solution as outlined in the RFP:

Utilities One	300 W Somerdale Suite 5E, Voorhees, NJ 08043	\$281,697.75	Make ready extra
First Light	7890 Lehigh Crossing, Victor, NY 14564	\$314,824.44	5 year IRU lease upfront
		\$362,366.64	10 year IRU lease upfront
		\$6,000.00	monthly 60 months IRU
Celerity	3500 AM Drive, Quakertown PA 18634	\$383,600.75	Make ready costs not included

Reliable One (MWBE)	PO Box 91, Dallas PA 18612	\$409,968.64	Make ready costs not included
Adesta	4259 Albany Street, Albany NY12205	\$549,575.90	Make ready costs not included
ECC Technologies	2136 Five Mile Line Road, Penfield, NY 14526	\$80,023.00	Construction management only

; AND

WHEREAS, acceptable bids were received and opened on April 15, 2026 from the following:

O'Connell Electric Company	830 Phillips Road, Victor, NY 14564	\$739,682.00
Syracuse Utilities	PO Box 587; Brewerton, NY 13029-0587	\$754,860.64
Northern Pride Communications	Suite 101; 31 Centre Street, Bath ME 04530	\$1,027,800.00
AirSmith	318 West Avenue; Saratoga Springs, NY 12866	\$1,149,384.52

; AND

WHEREAS, based upon the results of the bids, the Judicial and Public Safety Committee recommends that the bids be awarded to the lowest responsible bidder; AND

WHEREAS, it would be in the best interest of Cortland County to contract with O'Connell Electric Company of 830 Phillips Road, Victor, NY 14564 for the proposed amount of \$739,682.00 plus any applicable permit fees; NOW THEREFORE BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Cortland County Legislature hereby rejects the bids submitted by Utilities One, FirstLight, Celerity, Reliable One, Adesta, and ECC Technologies as non-responsive for failure to meet the turnkey solution requirements as outlined in the Request for Proposals; AND BE IT FURTHER

RESOLVED, that the Cortland Legislature hereby authorizes the County Administrator, upon review and approval of the County Attorney or designee, to enter into an agreement with O'Connell Electric Company of 830 Phillips Road, Victor, NY 14564, for the total proposed amount of \$739,682 plus any additional applicable permit fees.

Action Items

Discussion Items

- 1. Expansion of NYS Volunteer Firefighter Stipend Program**
- 2. NYS Required County EMS Update**

Monthly Reports

- 1. Department of Emergency Response & Communications Monthly Report**
- 2. Assigned Counsel Monthly Report**
- 3. District Attorney Monthly Report**

4. **Probation Department Monthly Report**
5. **Coroner Monthly Report**
6. **Public Defender Monthly Report**

Adjournment