



**Cortland County
Legislature
Legislative Session
~ Agenda ~**

Legislative Chambers
60 Central Ave.
Cortland, NY 13045
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Thursday, May 28, 2026

6:00 PM

Legislative Chambers

Public Hearings

1. Public Hearing No. 2 - CDBG Microenterprise Project No. ME286ME-23

Call to Order

Salute to the Flag

Roll Call

Attendee Name	Present	Absent	Late	Arrived
Legislator Douglas Bentley				
Legislator Cathy Bischoff				
Legislator Reed Cleland				
Legislator Mitchel Eccleston				
Legislator Beau Harbin				
Majority Leader Paul Heider				
Legislator Linda Jones				
Legislator Dominick Mantella				
Legislator William McGovern				
Legislator Joseph Nauseef				
Legislator Christopher Newell				
Legislator Jason Prentice				
Minority Leader Sandra Price				
Legislator Ronald J. Van Dee				
Legislator Keith VanGorder				
Legislator Eugene Waldbauer				
Chair of the Legislature Kevin Fitch				

Approval of Minutes

1. Cortland County Legislature - Legislative Session - April 23, 2026
2. Cortland County Legislature - Special Legislative Session - May 12, 2026

Privilege of the Floor

Proclamations & Recognitions

Presentation of Petitions, Communications, Presentations and Notices

1. Centro Update - One Year of Service in Cortland County
1. Audit Presentation - Stephen Trobert, Manager of Audit and Financial Projects

Reports of Standing, Special and Ad Hoc Committees

Receive and File

1. 2025 Health Department Annual Report
2. 2025 Office For Aging Annual Report

Articles Postponed to Day Certain

Unfinished Business

New Business

Resolutions

Resolutions from the Chair

ON MOTION OF KEVIN FITCH

AGENDA ITEM NO. 1

Appoint Members to the Cortland County Board of Ethics

WHEREAS, On August 28, 2008, the Cortland County Legislature adopted Local Law 2 of 2008 “Adopting a County Code of Ethics and Requiring Financial Disclosure by Certain County Officials and Employees”; AND

WHEREAS, Local Law 2 of 2008 establishes a five-member County Board of Ethics, charged with the general responsibility for ensuring full compliance with the Code of Ethics and disclosure and which shall serve a four (4) year term at the pleasure of the Cortland County Legislature; AND

WHEREAS, there are currently three (3) vacancies on the Board of Ethics; NOW THEREFORE BE IT

RESOLVED, that the following is hereby appointed/reappointed to the Board of Ethics for the term designated:

Name	Address	Designation	Term Expiration
Timothy Haskell	129 Madison Street Cortland, NY 13045	County Resident	12/31/2029
Andy Jewett	23 Floral Avenue Cortland, NY 13045	Municipal Employee	12/31/2029
Timothy Densmore	3431 Pendleton Street Ext. Cortland, NY 13045	County Resident	12/31/2029

Referred from Government Operations Committee

ON MOTION OF JOSEPH NAUSEEF

AGENDA ITEM NO. 2

Authorize October 1, 2025 - March 31, 2026 Mortgage Tax Distribution - Office of the County Clerk

WHEREAS, in accordance with NYS Tax Law, Article 11, §261, the Semi-Annual Mortgage Tax Report for October 1, 2025-March 31, 2026, has been prepared and submitted by the Cortland County Clerk and has been approved by the New York State Department of Taxation and Finance; AND

WHEREAS, the Basic Mortgage Tax has been submitted with interest to the Cortland County Finance Department; AND

WHEREAS, the mortgage tax has been calculated to apportion the basic mortgage tax between the towns and villages; NOW THEREFORE BE IT

RESOLVED that the Cortland County Legislature authorize the County Finance Officer to make payments to each of the tax districts within the County of Cortland as shown below, either by check or by electronic bank deposit based on the request of the receiving municipality.

Cincinnatus, Town of	\$7,829.22
Cortland, City of	\$117,139.17
Cortlandville, Town of	\$45,824.08
Cuyler, Town of	\$4,720.90
Freetown, Town of	\$6,112.32
Harford, Town of	\$8,302.04
Homer, Town of	\$25,207.27
Homer, Village of	\$18,838.68
Lapeer, Town of	\$6,007.65
Marathon, Town of	\$6,909.31
Marathon, Village of	\$3,628.50
McGraw, Village of	\$1,253.84
Preble, Town of	\$8,599.08
Scott, Town of	\$9,362.71
Solon, Town of	\$4,786.49
Taylor, Town of	\$2,885.39
Truxton, Town of	\$4,179.86
Virgil, Town of	\$19,985.65
Willet, Town of	\$4,767.50
Total	\$306,339.66

ON MOTION OF JOSEPH NAUSEEF

AGENDA ITEM NO. 3

Appoint Personnel Officer

WHEREAS, the Cortland County Legislature has a vacant position of Personnel Officer; AND

WHEREAS, interviews were conducted by the County Administrator and interview committee and they have offered a recommendation for this appointment; AND

WHEREAS, the Government Operations Committee approves the appointment as recommended by the interview committee; AND

WHEREAS, the County Legislature has received from the County Administrator and the Government Operations Committee the recommendation for appointment of _____ as Personnel Officer at an annual salary of \$_____ (Grade 3, Step __, Management Compensation Plan, non-competitive class); NOW THEREFORE BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Cortland County Legislature does hereby appoint _____ as Personnel Officer at an annual salary of \$_____ (Grade 3, Step __, Management Compensation Plan, non-competitive class) in accordance with Section 15 of the New York State Civil Service Law, effective _____, 202__ at 12:01 AM through November 17, 2028.

Referred from Public Works Committee

ON MOTION OF PAUL HEIDER

AGENDA ITEM NO. 4

Abolish One Senior Network Specialist/Create One Network Specialist - Department of Information Technology

WHEREAS, there is an anticipated Senior Network Specialist vacancy in the Department of Information Technology; AND

WHEREAS, the needs of the Department of Information Technology will be better served by instead, filling this vacancy with a Network Specialist by abolishing one (1) position of Senior Network Specialist, and creating one (1) position of Network Specialist; AND

WHEREAS, the Public Works Committee recommends the abolition and creation of these positions; NOW THEREFORE BE IT

RESOLVED, that one (1) position of Senior Network Specialist (Grade 25, CSEA, \$35.0243-\$44.3319/hr, competitive class, full time with benefits) be abolished effective upon the vacancy of the current incumbent but no earlier than May 28, 2026 at midnight; AND BE IT FURTHER

RESOLVED, that one (1) position of Network Specialist (Grade 22, CSEA \$31.2705-\$39.5804/hr, competitive class, full time with benefits) be created with permission to fill effective upon the vacancy of the current incumbent but no earlier than May 29, 2026 at 12:01 a.m.

ON MOTION OF PAUL HEIDER

AGENDA ITEM NO. 5

Approve Purchase Kobelco Excavator - Department of Public Works

WHEREAS, the Public Works Committee has approved the purchase of a Kobelco SK260LC-11 Excavator; AND

WHEREAS, the Commissioner of Public Works has recommended the purchase of one (1) Kobelco SK260LC-11 Excavator as follows:

VENDOR

QUOTE

Tracey Road Equipment 6803 Manlius Center Rd East Syracuse, NY 13057	One (1) Kobelco SK260LC-11 Excavator w 194 HP Engine \$269,889.00
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; AND

WHEREAS, the amount is not to exceed \$269,889.00; AND

WHEREAS, Cortland County will be using Sourcewell Contract #011723-KBL for the purchase of this piece of equipment; AND

WHEREAS, it has been determined that it is in the County's best interest financially to purchase this equipment using the Road Machinery Capital Reserve account (E.386300.CAP); NOW THEREFORE BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Cortland County Legislature hereby authorizes the purchase of one (1) Kobelco DK260LC-11 Excavator for an amount not to exceed \$269,889.00; AND BE IT FURTHER

RESOLVED, that the Road Machinery fund 2026 budget be amended as follows:

INCREASE:

E51305.52015	Department Specific Equipment	\$269,889
E.351100	Appropriated Reserves	\$269,889

Referred from Judiciary & Public Safety Committee

ON MOTION OF SANDRA PRICE

AGENDA ITEM NO. 6

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	\$100,000	\$241,726	\$341,726

	GRANT			
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. 7

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. 8

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	830 Phillips Road, Victor, NY 14564	\$739,682.00
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Company		
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.

Referred from Agriculture, Economic Development, Planning & Environment Committee

Referred from Health & Human Services Committee

ON MOTION OF RONALD VANDEE

AGENDA ITEM NO. 9

Create One (1) Position of Forensic Counselor - Mental Health Department

WHEREAS, the Mental Health Department currently has one (1) position of Forensic Counselor; AND

WHEREAS, the needs of the agency will be better served by creating one (1) additional full-time position of Forensic Counselor, which will be 100% grant funded; AND

WHEREAS, the Health and Human Services Committee recommends the creation of this position; NOW THEREFORE BE IT

RESOLVED, that one (1) position of Forensic Counselor (Grade 22, CSEA \$31.2705-\$39.5804/hr, competitive class, full time with benefits) be created with permission to fill effective May 29, 2026 at 12:01 a.m., said position to remain in effect only for the duration of available grant funding and to be abolished upon the discontinuation or unavailability of such funding.

ON MOTION OF RONALD VANDEE

AGENDA ITEM NO. 10

Award Bid/Authorize Agreement with Salvation Army for Code Blue Funding - Department of Social Services

WHEREAS, Cortland County advertised for and issued a Request for Proposals (RFP) for Code Blue Services (RFP 26-DSS-004) on February 19, 2026; AND

WHEREAS, all proposals were solicited in accordance with County policy; AND

WHEREAS, sealed proposals were received by and opened in the Office of the Clerk of the Legislature on April 16, 2026; AND

WHEREAS, the County received the following bid from the following for Code Blue Services for Cortland County:

<u>Company</u>	<u>Address</u>	<u>Price</u>
Salvation Army	138 Main Street Cortland, NY 13045	\$567,371.00

;AND

WHEREAS, it is the recommendation of the Health and Human Services Committee of the Cortland County Legislature to award the bid to the Salvation Army, of 138 Main Street, Cortland, NY 13045, as outlined in the RFP submission; AND

WHEREAS, the RFP authorizes up to four (4) annual renewals of the contract, and The Salvation Army will require an annual increase of up to five percent (5%) for each renewal period; AND

WHEREAS, the New York State Office of Temporary and Disability Assistance mandates counties to implement regulations in Title 18NYCRR Section 304.1 titled Protection of Vulnerable Homeless Persons, otherwise referred to as “Code Blue” to provide shelter during inclement weather when air temperatures are at or below 32 degrees Fahrenheit; AND

WHEREAS, the New York State (NYS) Code Blue policy was established as an emergency Executive Order on December 16, 2016, with a commitment of reimbursement for additional costs to counties that are directly related to the requirements of the Code Blue regulation; AND

WHEREAS, the current Code Blue policy is no longer adequate or effective given the significant changes in affordable housing availability and evolving complex human needs of unhoused individuals since that time; AND

WHEREAS, the cost of delivering Code Blue services continues to escalate due to increasing numbers of individuals in need, rising behavioral challenges stemming from untreated mental health conditions, substance use disorders, developmental disabilities, and the rising costs of staffing, utilities, and essential supplies; AND

WHEREAS, NYS has capped the amount of funding allocated to counties for the operation of Code Blue programs, with Cortland County receiving funding equal to the expenditures of the previous year, which does not account for the annual increase in operational costs or the growing demand for services; AND

WHEREAS, the NYS proposed SFY 26-27 budget does not increase Code Blue funding and the current level of funding is inadequate to cover the increased staffing and resources necessary to safely operate warming centers, Cortland County is forced to place the burden of these rising costs on local taxpayers as a new unfunded mandate; AND

WHEREAS, Cortland County was allocated \$323,648 by NYS for the 2025-2026 Code Blue season; AND

WHEREAS, the contract costs for Code Blue services will be paid from expense account A60105.54800.4696; NOW THEREFORE BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Cortland County Legislature be and hereby awards the bid for Code Blue Warming Center to Salvation Army, 138 Main Street, Cortland, NY 13045, as outlined in the RFP submission; AND BE IT FURTHER

RESOLVED, that the County Administrator, upon review and approval of the County Attorney or designee, be and hereby is authorized to enter into a one-year agreement for the months of October 1, 2026 –

April 30, 2027 with up to four annual renewals, with Salvation Army, Cortland, NY 13045, for the Code Blue Warming Center, with each renewal term subject to an increase of up to five percent (5%) annually; AND BE IT FURTHER

RESOLVED that the following budget accounts be changed for 2026:

Increase:

Expense A60105.54800.4696 current \$540,526 change \$40,767 new \$581,293

Revenue A601043.43689.4696 current \$323,648 change \$40,767 new \$364,415

ON MOTION OF RONALD VANDEE

AGENDA ITEM NO. 11

Authorize 2026 Budget Modifications - Mental Health Department

WHEREAS, the County of Cortland continues to closely monitor fiscal performance in light of current budget constraints and projected deficit; AND

WHEREAS, additional revenue has been identified within the Mental Health Department related to the Federal Salary Sharing (FMAC); AND

WHEREAS, it is necessary to adjust the 2026 Adopted Budget to accurately reflect this increase in revenue and align appropriations accordingly; NOW THEREFORE BE IT

RESOLVED that the Cortland County Legislature hereby authorizes a budget modification to increase revenue and appropriations within the Mental Health Department as follows:

INCREASE REVENUE:

Account No.: A43105-44490

Account Description: Mental Health Federal Salary Sharing (FMAC)

Amount: \$75,000

EXPENSE:

Account No.:A43105-55055

Account Description: Professional Services

Amount: \$60,000

Account No.:A43105-54025

Account Description: Utilities

Amount: \$15,000

; AND BE IT FURTHER

RESOLVED that the Director of Finance is hereby authorized and directed to make the above budgetary adjustments.

ON MOTION OF RONALD VANDEE

AGENDA ITEM NO. 12

Appoint Commissioner of Social Services

WHEREAS, the Cortland County Legislature will have a vacant position of Commissioner of Social Services; AND

WHEREAS, pursuant to New York State Social Services Law, the term of office for a Commissioner of Social Services shall be five (5) years; AND

WHEREAS, interviews were conducted by the County Administrator and interview committee and they have offered a recommendation for this appointment; AND

WHEREAS, the Health & Human Services Committee approves the appointment as recommended by the interview committee; AND

WHEREAS, the County Legislature has received from the County Administrator and the Health & Human Services Committee the recommendation for appointment of _____ as Commissioner of Social Services at an annual salary of \$_____ (Grade 2, Step __, Management Compensation Plan, non-competitive class); NOW THEREFORE BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Cortland County Legislature does hereby appoint _____ as Commissioner of Social Services at an annual salary of \$_____ (Grade 2, Step __, Management Compensation Plan, non-competitive class) effective June 27, 2026 at 12:01 AM through June 26, 2031; AND BE IT FURTHER

RESOLVED, that the incumbent shall have the right to return to their previous position for one year from appointment, which includes a ninety day notice from the incumbent to return to said position or upon a mutually agreeable time period.

ON MOTION OF RONALD VANDEE

AGENDA ITEM NO. 13

**Authorize Agreement and Accept New York State Office of Mental Health Loan Repayment Program
Funding - Mental Health Department**

WHEREAS, the New York State Office of Mental Health (OMH) has established the Community Mental Health Loan Repayment Program (CMHLRP) to support the recruitment and retention of qualified clinical staff in community mental health settings; AND

WHEREAS, the Cortland County Community Services Board, through the Cortland County Mental Health Department, submitted an application for funding under the CMHLRP 2026 Mental Health Clinicians Request for Proposals; AND

WHEREAS, OMH has approved said application and awarded funding in the amount of \$26,250 to support student loan repayment for Lindsay Meldrim, Licensed Master Social Worker; AND

WHEREAS, the award requires a three (3) year service commitment beginning March 21, 2026 and ending March 20, 2029, with a minimum schedule of at least 35 hours per week, including at least 28 hours of clinical services, for no fewer than 45 weeks per year; AND

WHEREAS, the acceptance of this funding will enhance the County's ability to recruit and retain critical clinical staff, thereby strengthening the delivery of mental health services to residents; AND

WHEREAS, this award is contingent upon execution of a contract between OMH and Cortland County, subject to approval by the New York State Attorney General and the Office of the State Comptroller, with funds to be disbursed retroactive to the start date of the service commitment; NOW THEREFORE BE IT

RESOLVED that the Cortland County Legislature does hereby authorize the acceptance of CMHLRP funding in the amount of \$26,250 from the New York State Office of Mental Health; AND BE IT FURTHER

RESOLVED that the County Administrator is hereby authorized to execute any and all contracts, agreements, and related documents necessary to accept and administer funding; AND BE IT FURTHER

RESOLVED that the 2026 General Fund budget be amended as follows:

INCREASE:

A43105.43490.LRP	Mental Health State Aid	\$26,250
A43105.54035.LRP	Education & Training	\$26,250

Referred from Finance & Administration Committee

ON MOTION OF CATHY BISCHOFF

AGENDA ITEM NO. 14

Create Per Diem Tax Map Technician - Real Property Tax Services

WHEREAS, the needs of the agency will be better served by creating one (1) per diem position of Tax Map Technician valid through December 31, 2026 AND;

WHEREAS, there will be a thirty (30) day transition period allowed once the currently vacant full-time position is filled; AND

WHEREAS, the Finance and Administration Committee recommends the creation of this position; NOW THEREFORE BE IT

RESOLVED, that one (1) position of Tax Map Technician (Grade 16, \$25.2266-\$31.9304/hr, CSEA, competitive class, per diem, up to 15 hrs/week, no benefits), be created with approval to fill May 29, 2026 at 12:01 AM.

ON MOTION OF CATHY BISCHOFF

AGENDA ITEM NO. 15

Authorize First Quarter 2026 Sales Tax Distribution - Department of Finance

WHEREAS, the Cortland County Legislature adopted Resolution No. 190-25, which provides for the distribution of sales tax from the County to local municipalities; AND

WHEREAS, the 2026 first quarter sales tax information has been provided by the New York State Comptroller's Office showing a total collection for fourth quarter 2025 to be \$10,512,527.57; AND

WHEREAS, the total amount available for distribution is \$9,800,410.39; AND

WHEREAS, individual municipalities by resolution have opted to apply a portion of their sales tax dollars to off-set the property tax levy and that amount (\$577,500.00) is to be withheld from the quarterly distribution; AND

WHEREAS, Cortland County receives (57.5%), or \$5,635,235.97 of the total quarterly distribution; AND

WHEREAS, respective payments are now ready for disbursement; NOW THEREFORE BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Cortland County Legislature authorizes the Director of Finance or designee to release sales tax payments for the first quarter of 2026 as so stated below from Account No. A19855.54101 in either the form of a county check or by direct bank transfer as per the request of the receiving municipality:

Municipality	Distribution Amount Pre-Tax Credit	Applied Tax Credits	Net Distribution After Tax Credit	Balance Owed Against Tax Credits
Cortland, City of	\$1,764,073.87	\$-0-	\$1,764,073.87	\$-0-
Cincinnatus, Town of	\$71,176.79	\$-0-	\$71,176.79	\$-0-
Cortlandville, Town of	\$687,730.97	\$-0-	\$687,730.97	\$-0-
Cuyler, Town of	\$56,011.20	\$(14,375.00)	\$41,636.20	\$(43,125.00)
Freetown, Town of	\$49,199.41	\$-0-	\$49,199.41	\$-0-
Harford, Town of	\$87,518.49	\$(70,000.00)	\$17,518.49	\$-0-
Homer, Town of	\$241,964.72	\$-0-	\$241,964.72	\$-0-
Homer, Village of	\$178,284.71	\$-0-	\$178,284.71	\$-0-
Lapeer, Town of	\$97,220.02	\$(97,220.02)	\$-0-	\$(232,779.98)
Marathon, Town of	\$72,177.56	\$-0-	\$72,177.56	\$-0-
Marathon, Village of	\$39,145.78	\$-0-	\$39,145.78	\$-0-
McGraw, Village of	\$31,202.07	\$-0-	\$31,202.07	\$-0-
Preble, Town of	\$114,385.97	\$-0-	\$114,385.97	\$-0-
Scott, Town of	\$69,505.29	\$-0-	\$69,505.29	\$-0-
Solon, Town of	\$58,399.19	\$-0-	\$58,399.19	\$-0-
Taylor, Town of	\$41,089.02	\$(20,000.00)	\$21,089.02	\$-0-
Truxton, Town of	\$81,289.30	\$-0-	\$81,289.30	\$-0-
Virgil, Town of	\$368,500.40	\$(25,000.00)	\$343,500.40	\$(75,000.00)
Willet, Town of	\$56,299.66	\$-0-	\$56,299.66	\$-0-
Total	4,165,174.42	\$(226,595.02)	\$3,938,579.40	\$(350,904.98)

ON MOTION OF CATHY BISCHOFF

AGENDA ITEM NO. 16

Resolution Endorsing Legislation to Amend New York State Tax Law in Relation to Expanding the Authorized Use of Occupancy Tax Revenue in Cortland County (Senate Bill No. S.10556 and Assembly Bill No. A.11466)

WHEREAS, pursuant to Cortland County Resolution No. 106-26, the Cortland County Legislature previously requested special Home Rule legislation to amend New York State Tax Law in relation to expanding the authorized use of occupancy tax revenue in Cortland County; AND

WHEREAS, New York State Tax Law §1202-g presently authorizes Cortland County to impose an occupancy tax and requires the use of such revenues primarily for tourist and convention development purposes; AND

WHEREAS, the Cortland County Legislature has determined that economic development activities are closely interconnected with tourism promotion and are critical to the long-term economic sustainability and growth of Cortland County; AND

WHEREAS, the proposed legislation would provide Cortland County with greater flexibility in the use of occupancy tax revenues by authorizing a portion of said revenues to be utilized for economic development purposes that directly or indirectly support tourism, workforce growth, local business development, hospitality initiatives, and related economic activities; AND

WHEREAS, companion legislation has been introduced in the New York State Legislature identified as Senate Bill S.10556 and Assembly Bill A.11466, which would amend New York State Tax Law in relation to expanding the authorized use of occupancy tax revenue in Cortland County; AND

WHEREAS, the Cortland County Legislature desires to formally endorse said legislation and request its approval by the New York State Legislature and Governor; NOW THEREFORE BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Cortland County Legislature does hereby endorse Senate Bill S.10556 and Assembly Bill A.11466 amending New York State Tax Law in relation to expanding the authorized use of occupancy tax revenue in Cortland County and respectfully requests the approval and enactment of said legislation by the New York State Legislature and Governor Kathy Hochul; AND BE IT FURTHER

RESOLVED, that the Chairman of the Legislature and Clerk of the Legislature be and hereby are authorized to execute the appropriate Home Rule Request for the enactment of said special law.

Announcements

Adjournment