



AG/Planning/Environmental

Committee Meeting

60 Central Ave.
Cortland, NY 13045
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Thursday, June 8, 2023

10:00 AM

Room 302

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CALL TO ORDER

Attendee Name	Present	Absent	Late	Arrived
Committee Vice Chair Douglas Bentley	☐	☐	☐	
Committee Chair Beau Harbin	☐	☐	☐	
Committee Member Ronald J. Van Dee	☐	☐	☐	
Committee Member Paul Heider	☐	☐	☐	
Committee Member Cathy Bischoff	☐	☐	☐	
Committee Member Susan Wilson	☐	☐	☐	
Committee Member Mitchel Eccleston	☐	☐	☐	

MINUTES

1. Ag/Planning/Environmental - Committee Meeting - May 11, 2023 10:00 AM

RESOLUTIONS

ON MOTION OF HARBIN

AGENDA ITEM NO. 1

Appoint Members - Central New York Regional Planning and Development Board

WHEREAS, there is an ex-officio position for the Cortland County Planning Director as a Cortland County Representative on the Central New York Regional Planning and Development Board, NOW THEREFORE BE IT

RESOLVED, that the following be appointed in conformance with the Regional Planning and Development Board By-Laws:

Name	Capacity	Term Expiration
Trisha Hiemstra	Cortland County Planning Director	12/31/23

ON MOTION OF HARBIN

AGENDA ITEM NO. 2

Resolution Supporting Cortland Harvest and Cortland County Agriculture

WHEREAS, food system issues significantly affect the public health, land use, safety, economy and quality of life of Cortland County residents, and food related concerns are prevalent here, at a higher rate than other New York State counties, AND

WHEREAS, food security is a necessity of life, recognized as a condition in which all community residents can obtain a safe, culturally acceptable, nutritionally adequate diet through a sustainable food system that maximizes community self-reliance and sovereignty, AND

WHEREAS, the Cortland County Legislature has made community food systems and agricultural products a top priority for economic development and job growth, AND

WHEREAS, the Cortland County Legislature believes that a well-conceived agriculture promotion program can dramatically increase support for local farmers and food processors, increase access to high quality food and products, reduce instances of food insecurity which place undue stress on other local resources, and build a shared sense of pride in both the citizens and the community, AND

WHEREAS, according to a 2019 article published by Todd Schmit, a Cornell University agricultural economics professor, when \$1 is generated by an agricultural business, about half of that (\$.49) is spent locally, ultimately building a thriving and vibrant community, AND

WHEREAS, for every job directly related to agriculture an additional .65 non-agricultural job is created - meaning that in rural communities like Cortland County, employment is bolstered across industries when agricultural entities are able to grow, AND

WHEREAS, Cortland County recognizes the establishment of an agriculture promotion program will encourage:

- Cortland County residents and visitors to purchase local food;
- the establishment of small businesses;
- the offering of locally available healthier and fresher food;
- small-scale food processors to build their businesses in Cortland County;
- larger institutional entities to commit to the use of local food to support growth and the local economy;
- efficient use of land and its conservation for agriculture;
- reduction in food transportation; and

, NOW THEREFORE BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Cortland County Legislature hereby supports Cortland Harvest and the Cortland Food Project, which developed and supported the creation of Cortland Harvest, AND BE IT FURTHER

RESOLVED that the Cortland County Legislature supports programming, promotion, and sustainability of Cortland Harvest by:

- advertising Cortland Harvest on the county website;
- providing advertising space on Cortland County transit buses, if available, to promote Cortland Harvest;
- working with the Cortland County IDA/BDC, Cortland County Chamber of Commerce, and Cornell Cooperative Extension of Cortland County to further promote Cortland Harvest with new and existing businesses, producers, and farms;
- engaging with the Experience Cortland/County Visitor's Bureau to promote the Cortland Harvest brand to visitors;
- ensuring Cortland Harvest has promotional materials at county events and offices;

- exploring opportunities for county institutions to participate in local purchasing;

, AND BE IT FURTHER

RESOLVED, that the Cortland County Legislature encourages all County agencies that purchase food to provide a geographic preference for Cortland County-based food and beverage products whenever practicable.

ON MOTION OF HARBIN

AGENDA ITEM NO. 3

Reject Bid for Operation and Management of the Cortland County Public Transportation System and Authorize Amended Agreement Between Cortland County and TransDev

WHEREAS, Cortland County advertised and received bids for Operation and Management of the Cortland County Public Transportation System, with the Provisions of Fixed Route and Demand Responsive Public Transportation, AND

WHEREAS, the County received one bid from the following:

First Transit, 720 E. Butterfield Rd., Suite 300, Lombard, IL 60148

, AND

WHEREAS, based upon evaluation of the bid it has been determined that it is in the County's best interest to continue the existing contract with First Transit and Cortland County, AND

WHEREAS, there is a need to amend the agreement with First Transit to assign the existing agreement between Cortland County and TransDev, as First Transit has been acquired by TransDev on March 6, 2023, NOW THEREFORE BE IT

RESOLVED, the Cortland County Legislature be and hereby formally rejects the bid proposal received on April 24, 2023 for the Operation and Management of the Cortland County Public Transportation System, with the Provisions of Fixed Route and Demand Responsive Public Transportation and directs the County Plan, AND BE IT FURTHER

RESOLVED, that the Chairman of the Cortland County Legislature and/or County Administrator, upon review by the County Attorney or designee, be and hereby is authorized to execute an amended agreement with TransDev.

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