



AG/Planning/Environmental

Committee Meeting

60 Central Ave.
Cortland, NY 13045
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~ Agenda ~

Thursday, August 11, 2022

10:00 AM

Room 302

WebEx Meeting Information

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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 - Jun 9, 2022 10:00 AM

RESOLUTIONS

ON MOTION OF HARBIN

AGENDA ITEM NO. 1

Amend 2022 Budget/Accept New York State Department of Health State Medicaid SFY 2022-2023 Rural Transit Assistance Funding - Planning Department

WHEREAS, for more than 20 years the New York State Department of Health provided funds to the Department of Social Services to provide the essential service of providing for and arranging for non-emergency Medicaid transportation service for medical appointments, AND

WHEREAS, the Department of Social Services contracted with First Transit, Inc. for said transportation service which included a State approved method of paying a share of costs for operating public transportation to benefit all Medicaid recipients using the system to get to medical appointments, AND

WHEREAS, in 2010, the State Department of Health was given statutory authority under 365-h of Social Services Law to assume the administrative management of non-emergency transportation from counties and has since mandated that a private Medicaid brokerage system be implemented, which began

in Cortland County October 1, 2013, AND

WHEREAS, as a result of the transfer of the administrative management of non-emergency transportation to a private Medicaid brokerage system, First Transit lost 40% of its revenue to operate the public transportation service in Cortland County, AND

WHEREAS, transportation providers throughout New York State lobbied to their State Representatives to provide funding to make up for the loss of funding due to the transfer of the administrative management of non-emergency transportation to a private Medicaid brokerage system, AND

WHEREAS, then-Governor Andrew Cuomo, the New York State Department of Health (NYSDOH) and the New York State Department of Transportation (NYSDOT) have identified a series of action targets to preserve critical access to necessary Non-Emergency Medical Transportation (NEMT) services through a coordinated public transportation system in upstate New York, AND

WHEREAS, one of these action targets is to provide rescue funding to the public transportation service in Cortland County to address the lost revenue as a result of the transfer of the administrative management of non-emergency transportation to a private Medicaid brokerage system, AND

WHEREAS, on July 6, 2022, an emailed letter was sent from the New York State Department of Health by the Office of Health Insurance Programs notifying Cortland County of an electronic payment in the amount of \$368,241 for a State Medicaid payment intended for Rural Transit Assistance purposes enacted as part of the State Fiscal Year 2022-2023 Enacted Budget, AND

WHEREAS, Cortland County has received a Rural Transit Assistance payment in the amount of \$368,241 which will be paid to Cortland County's public transportation provider, First Transit, Inc., NOW THEREFORE BE IT

RESOLVED, the Cortland County Legislature authorizes the County Treasurer to release said payment to First Transit, Inc., AND BE IT FURTHER

RESOLVED, the 2022 budget be modified as follows:

	<u>CURRENT</u>	<u>CHANGE</u>	<u>REVISED</u>
Expense: A56305.54815.RESC	0	\$368,241	\$368,241
Revenue: A563043.43594.RESC	0	\$368,241	\$368,241

MONTHLY REPORTS

1. Planning Department Activity Report August 2022
2. Soil & Water Conservation Department Monthly Report
3. SPCA Monthly Report

DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. Holiday Hunt Opt Out
2. Post Census Group Quarters Review Discussion

ADJOURNMENT