



Agriculture, Planning & Environmental Committee

60 Central Ave.
Cortland, NY 13045

Committee Meeting

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~ Agenda ~

Thursday, November 7, 2024

10:00 AM

Room 302

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CALL TO ORDER

Attendee Name	Present	Absent	Late	Arrived
Committee Member Reed Cleland	☐	☐	☐	
Committee Member Mitchel Eccleston	☐	☐	☐	
Committee Member Paul Heider	☐	☐	☐	
Committee Member William McGovern	☐	☐	☐	
Committee Member Sandra Price	☐	☐	☐	
Committee Member Kris Valentine Behnke	☐	☐	☐	
Committee Chair Beau Harbin	☐	☐	☐	

MINUTES

1. Ag/Planning/Environmental - Committee Meeting - Oct 10, 2024 10:00 AM

PRESENTATIONS

1. Presentation by CNYRPDB Regarding Updates on Proposed CNYNET Broadband Network Project

RESOLUTIONS

ON MOTION OF HARBIN

AGENDA ITEM NO. 1

Resolution Authorizing the Execution of a Commitment Letter to the Central New York Regional Planning and Development Board for the CNYNET Broadband Network Project

WHEREAS, the Cortland County Legislature recognizes the importance of accessible and reliable broadband service to support economic growth, educational advancement, and community development throughout Cortland County and Central New York; AND

WHEREAS, the Central New York Regional Planning and Development Board (CNYRPDB) has submitted an application to the New York State (NYS) ConnectAll Office under the Municipal Infrastructure Program - Phase 3 to support the development of broadband infrastructure, referred to as

the CNYNET Broadband Network project; AND

WHEREAS, the proposed CNYNET Broadband Network project aims to construct a 325-mile open access network that will deliver essential broadband services to unserved and underserved rural communities in Cortland and Cayuga Counties; AND

WHEREAS, CNYRPDB has requested a grant of \$26.1 million to support the development of this project; AND

WHEREAS, Cortland County has been requested to provide a commitment of \$3 million to support its proportional allocation of financing and reserve requirements for the project; AND

WHEREAS, this \$3 million commitment by Cortland County will be structured as interim construction financing and will be repaid to the County from grant funds awarded to the CNYRPDB by the NYS ConnectAll Office upon successful approval and disbursement of funds, contingent upon the review of final project plans, the State's grant award, and the formal appropriation of funds by the Cortland County Legislature; AND

WHEREAS, the Cortland County Legislature is fully supportive of this collaborative initiative to expand broadband access and foster connectivity throughout rural areas in the County; NOW THEREFORE BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Chairman of the Cortland County Legislature, upon review by the County Attorney or designee, is hereby authorized and directed to execute a commitment letter to the Central New York Regional Planning and Development Board to confirm Cortland County's support of the CNYNET Broadband Network project and provide a financial commitment in the amount of \$3 million, as outlined in the letter; AND BE IT FURTHER

RESOLVED, that this commitment of financing is expressly subject to the review and approval of final project development plans, the NYS ConnectAll Office's Municipal Infrastructure Program (MIP) grant award and disbursement agreement, and a formal appropriation of funds by the Cortland County Legislature.

ON MOTION OF HARBIN

AGENDA ITEM NO. 2

Appoint Members to the Transportation Advisory Committee

WHEREAS, Resolution No. 289-19 authorized the formalization of the Transportation Advisory Committee as a Citizen's Advisory Committee; AND

WHEREAS, the Transportation Advisory Committee, as a formal subcommittee of the Agriculture, Planning, and Environmental Committee, will consist of a membership from a wide variety of community service agencies and government agencies; AND

WHEREAS, the Cortland County Legislature approved changes to the Bylaws of the Transportation Advisory Committee, which include staggering terms of members; NOW THEREFORE BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Cortland County Legislature be and hereby appoints the following community service and government agency representatives, or their designee, to the Transportation Advisory Committee for a term beginning January 1, 2025 as follows:

NAME	AGENCY/CAPACITY	TERM ENDING
Jackie Leaf	Seven Valley Health Coalition	12/31/2027
Brian Moore	Cortland County Department of Social Services	12/31/2027

Jennifer Hillman	Cortland County Health Department	12/31/2027
Christopher Maroney	SUNY Cortland	12/31/2027

ON MOTION OF HARBIN

AGENDA ITEM NO. 3

Renew Joint Municipal Agreement for Public Transportation with Cortland and Tompkins Counties

WHEREAS, there are a large number of residents of Cortland County who are employed in Tompkins County and therefore commute to Tompkins County on a daily basis; AND

WHEREAS, Resolution Nos. 116-07, 94-12, 57-15, and 294-19 authorized an agreement between Cortland County and Tompkins County in order to provide a commuter bus service to Cornell University and associated services related to existing routes 6,7,10, and 11 which are located in Tompkins County; AND

WHEREAS, Cortland County proposes to continue providing service to Tompkins County and extend the agreement with Tompkins County to provide service to Tompkins County for a period of 7 months, beginning October 1, 2024 ending May 1, 2025; NOW THEREFORE BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Chairman of the Cortland County Legislator, upon review by the County Attorney or designee, be and hereby authorized to enter into an agreement between Cortland County and Tompkins County to provide a commuter bus service to Tompkins County.

MONTHLY REPORTS

1. SWCD Monthly Report
2. Planning Department Activity Report

DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. Agricultural District Inclusion Period

ADJOURNMENT