



Finance & Administration Committee

Committee Meeting

60 Central Ave
Cortland, NY 13045
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Tuesday, June 17, 2025

9:00 AM

Room 302

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CALL TO ORDER

Attendee Name	Present	Absent	Late	Arrived
Committee Member Beau Harbin	☐	☐	☐	
Committee Member Linda Jones	☐	☐	☐	
Committee Member Joseph Nauseef	☐	☐	☐	
Committee Member Sandra Price	☐	☐	☐	
Committee Member Eugene Waldbauer	☐	☐	☐	
Committee Vice-Chair William McGovern	☐	☐	☐	
Committee Chair Cathy Bischoff	☐	☐	☐	

MINUTES

1. Finance & Administration Committee - Committee Meeting - May 13, 2025 9:00 AM
2. Finance & Administration Committee - Special Meeting - May 20, 2025 8:00 AM

Presentation

1. TC3 2025-2026 Budget

Discussion Items

1. Cortland County Convention & Visitor's Bureau - Updates from Executive Director Michelle Enright
2. County Auditor Quarterly Update
3. Grant Administration Monthly Report
4. April 2025 Finance Reports

Resolutions

ON MOTION OF BISCHOFF

AGENDA ITEM NO. 1

Adopt 2025-2026 Tompkins Cortland Community College Operating Budget

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees of Tompkins Cortland Community College has presented to this Legislature an Operating Budget for the college fiscal year September 1, 2025 through August 31, 2026; AND

WHEREAS, a public hearing on said budget has been held on June 26, 2025, and heard all persons wishing to speak on this topic, pursuant to notice duly published; NOW THEREFORE BE IT

RESOLVED, that said operating budget in the amount of \$35,185,275 be and hereby is approved and adopted; AND BE IT FURTHER

RESOLVED, that the Cortland County Legislature include in the Cortland County Budget for the year 2026 an amount determined pursuant to a plan for said college per adopted Resolution No. 129 for the year 1966, as amended by Resolution No. 128 and 131 for the year 1971, totaling approximately \$1,855,495 as Cortland County's share of the total Sponsoring Community Contribution of \$4,882,882, to be paid in four equal payments from account A24955.54780 after January 1, 2026; AND BE IT FURTHER

RESOLVED, that this resolution shall become effective upon adoption of a concurrent resolution by the Tompkins County Legislature.

ON MOTION OF BISCHOFF

AGENDA ITEM NO. 2

Authorize Agreement - GovOS - Occupancy Tax Online Platform - Finance & Administration

WHEREAS, Cortland County desires to create a more efficient process for compliance with County and State short-term rental laws; AND

WHEREAS, GovOS provides an online platform for compliance with registration requirements and quarterly occupancy tax payments by providing registration & recording, licensing and tax filing services; AND

WHEREAS, GovOS has provided a contract with a cost of \$19,995 for one (1) year; AND

WHEREAS, funds are budgeted in A64105.54055; NOW THEREFORE BE IT

RESOLVED, that the County Administrator or Chair of the Legislature, upon approval of the County Attorney or designee, is hereby authorized and directed to enter into an agreement with GovOS, 8310 N. Capital of Texas Hwy., Bldg 2, Ste. 250, Austin, TX 78731 for the above services and cost for a period of July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2026.

ON MOTION OF BISCHOFF

AGENDA ITEM NO. 3

Accept Contributions from Cortland Tobacco Asset Securitization Corporation

WHEREAS, the Cortland Tobacco Asset Securitization Corporation (CTASC) Board voted to provide up to \$70,000 in funding for furniture and office equipment for the new Mental Health building; AND

WHEREAS, the CTASC Board voted to provide up to \$100,000 in funding for IT computers, if other sources are not found by December 31, 2025; NOW BE IT THEREFORE

RESOLVED, the Cortland County Legislature accepts the contributions of up to \$70,000 and \$100,000 for Mental Health furniture and office equipment and IT computers, respectively, from CTASC; AND BE IT FURTHER

RESOLVED, that the 2025 Cortland County Budget be and hereby is amended as follows to accept the funding from the CTASC for the uses specified above:

INCREASE:

A16805.52060	Computers	\$100,000
A16805.42705	Gifts & Donations	\$100,000
A43105.52005	Capital Office Equipment	\$ 70,000
A43105.42705	Gifts & Donations	\$ 70,000

Referred from Public Works Committee

ON MOTION OF HEIDER

AGENDA ITEM NO. 4

Abolish/Create Positions for Department of Public Works

WHEREAS, the Cortland County Buildings and Grounds Department is moving under the newly created Cortland County Department of Public Works; AND

WHEREAS, the Public Works Committee recommends the abolishment of the following full-time positions:

One - Superintendent of Highway (Management, Grade 2, \$105,677-140,657, unclassified service)
One - Deputy Superintendent of Highway (Management, Grade 5, \$85,067-113,223, exempt class)
One - Superintendent of Buildings and Grounds (Management, Grade 8, \$68,475-91,141, competitive Class)
One - Buildings and Grounds Foreperson (CSEA, Grade 19, \$27.2911-34.5436/hr, competitive class)
One - Secretary 1 (CSEA, Grade 10, \$20.1738-25.5349/hr, competitive class); AND

WHEREAS, the Public Works Committee recommends the creation of the following full-time positions:

One - Commissioner of Public Works (Management, Grade 1, \$113,603-151,206, pending jurisdictional classification)
One - Deputy Commissioner of Public Works (Management, Grade 4, \$91,446-121,715, pending jurisdictional classification)
One - Supervisor of Buildings and Grounds (Management, Grade 9, \$63,697-84,781, competitive class)
One - Building Maintenance Mechanic (CSEA, Grade 10, \$20.1738-25.5349/hr, non-competitive class)

; NOW THEREFORE BE IT

RESOLVED, that the following positions are abolished effective June 29, 2025:

One - Superintendent of Highway (Management, Grade 2, \$105,677-140,657, unclassified service)
One - Deputy Superintendent of Highway (Management, Grade 5, \$85,067-113,223, exempt class)
One - Superintendent of Buildings and Grounds (Management, Grade 8, \$68,475-91,141, competitive class)
One - Buildings and Grounds Foreperson (CSEA, Grade 19, \$27.2911-34.5436/hr, competitive class)
One - Secretary 1 (CSEA, Grade 10, \$20.1738-25.5349/hr, competitive class); AND BE IT FURTHER

RESOLVED, that the following positions are created with approval to fill effective June 30, 2025:

One - Commissioner of Public Works (Management, Grade 1, \$113,603-151,206, pending jurisdictional classification)
One - Deputy Commissioner of Public Works (Management, Grade 4, \$91,446-121,715, pending

jurisdictional classification)
One - Supervisor of Buildings and Grounds (Management, Grade 9, \$63,697-84,781, competitive class)
One - Building Maintenance Mechanic (CSEA, Grade 10, \$20.1738-25.5349/hr, non-competitive class)

; AND BE IT FURTHER

RESOLVED, that the current Superintendent of Highways is hereby appointed to serve as Commissioner of Public Works for a term ending December 31, 2026, aligning with the remainder of the current appointment term.

Referred from Government Operations Committee

ON MOTION OF NAUSEEF

AGENDA ITEM NO. 5

Authorize Amendments to the Employment Policy Manual for Department Heads, Management Employees and Management/Confidential Employees

WHEREAS, the Legislature's Government Operations Committee has reviewed recommended amendments to the County of Cortland Employment Policy Manual for Department Heads, Management Employees, Management/Confidential Employees and supports the various amendments; NOW THEREFORE BE IT

RESOLVED, the Cortland County Legislature hereby adopts the amended County of Cortland Employment Policy Manual for Department Heads, Management Employees, Management/Confidential Employees as attached effective June 30, 2025.

Referred from Judiciary & Public Safety Committee

Referred from Ag/Planning/Environmental Committee

Referred from Health & Human Services

ON MOTION OF VAN DEE

AGENDA ITEM NO. 6

Authorize Agreement with Brisbane Consulting Group, LLC - Department of Social Services

WHEREAS, the Cortland County Department of Social Services (CCDSS) must provide adult protective representative payee services pursuant to Social Services Law 473 and 18 NYCRR 457.5; AND

WHEREAS, CCDSS is currently managing the money of up to 200 disabled individuals using an archaic and unreliable software system; AND

WHEREAS, CCDSS desires to contract with Brisbane Consulting Group, LLC for the implementation of an AccuFund software system for the performance of representative payee and reporting functions of the Department; AND

WHEREAS, the cost of the one-time professional service implementation fee is \$12,000; AND

WHEREAS, the cost of the AccuFund Cloud Anywhere Solution for a year's subscription is \$9,060.00, but would be \$7,927.50 in the first year if engagement occurs prior to July 1, 2025; AND

WHEREAS, this purchase and contract shall be for a one (1) year period including implementation fees and software with cloud storage in an amount not to exceed \$19,999.00; NOW THEREFORE BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Cortland County Legislature hereby authorizes the County Administrator or Chair of the Legislature, upon review and approval by the County Attorney or designee, to enter into an agreement with Brisbane Consulting Group, LLC for the initial time period of July 1, 2025 - June 30, 2026, for an amount not to exceed \$19,999.00; AND BE IT FUTHER

RESOLVED, that the following budget accounts be changed for 2025:

Increase:

Expense A60105.54015 Maintenance Agreements current \$2,730 change \$7,999 new
\$10,729

Expense A60105.54055 Professional Services current \$47,000 change \$12,000
new \$59,000

Decrease:

Expense A6010.54800 Program Expense current \$2,143,905 change \$19,999
new \$2,123,906

ON MOTION OF VAN DEE

AGENDA ITEM NO. 7

Amend Contract with New York State Office of Mental Health and Office of Addiction Services and Support (OASAS) - Mental Health Department

WHEREAS, the Cortland County Legislature approved to contract with and accept funds from New York State Office of Mental Health and Office of Addiction Services and Support (OASAS) for various County community programs for the year 2025; AND

WHEREAS, Cortland County has received Opioid Stewardship Funds from New Your State; AND

WHEREAS, it is necessary to revise the contract per the OASAS State Aid Funding Authorization (SAFA) of June 2, 2025 to include \$3,523 to provider 70030, Cortland County Mental Health program 408410 for the purchase and distribution of FDA-approved formulations of naltrexone and buprenorphine-naloxone to treat county jail inmates with opioid use disorder under Opioid Stewardship Funds as of July 1, 2025; NOW THEREFORE BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Chairman of the County Legislature, upon review and approval by the County Attorney or designee, is hereby authorized to accept these funds and amend the contracts as needed for the distribution of \$3,523 to Cortland County Mental Health as of July 1, 2025: AND BE IT FURTHER

RESOLVED, that the 2025 County Mental Health budget be amended as follows:

Account	Account Number	Budget Amt	Total Alloc.	Inc/Dec
INCREASE EXPENDITURE:				
Contracted Medical Services	A43105.54615	\$40,000	\$43,523	\$3,523
INCREASE REVENUE:				
OASAS	A43105.43492	\$1,652,048	\$1,655,571	\$3,523

Amend 2025 Budget/Accept Increased State Aid OASAS Funding - Mental Health Department

WHEREAS, the Cortland County Legislature approved to contract with and accept funds from NYS Office of Mental Health and Office of Addiction Services and Support (OASAS) for various County community programs for the year 2025; AND

WHEREAS, Cortland County Mental Health Department has received confirmation from OASAS that State Aid funding for Catholic Charities of Cortland County has been increased by \$63,271 for 2025 for a new program; NOW THEREFORE BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Chairman of the County Legislature, upon review and approval by the County Attorney or designee, is hereby authorized to execute an agreement to accept the additional funds as listed; AND BE IT FURTHER

RESOLVED, that the 2025 County Mental Health budget be amended as follows:

Agency	Account Number	Budget Amt	Total Alloc.	Inc/Dec
INCREASE EXPENDITURE:				
Catholic Charities of Cortland County	A43105.54815.4213	\$419,313	\$482,584	\$63,271
INCREASE REVENUE:				
OASAS	A43105.43492	\$1,588,777	\$1,652,048	\$63,271

Amend 2025 Budget/Authorize Agreements for Code Blue for 2025-2026 Season

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, NYS passed a SFY 25-26 budget that 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 2024-2025 Code Blue season; AND

WHEREAS, Cortland County estimates the cost to operate Code Blue contracts and services for the 2025-2026 season will be approximately \$543,700 leaving approximately \$220,052 to be funded by Cortland County if NYS provides an allocation consistent with the prior year; AND

WHEREAS, the Salvation Army has agreed to contract with Cortland County to provide Warming Center services for the 2025-2026 season; AND

WHEREAS, the Salvation Army cannot be open for all hours when the County Office Building is closed so another location may need to be leased for approximately 12 hours each week; AND

WHEREAS, the need for an on-site security officer has been identified for all warming center locations and hours outside of when the County Office Building is open to enhance safety of warming center staff and guests; AND

WHEREAS, the Salvation Army will contract with a security firm for all hours they open a warming center and the estimated cost of such service is \$139,000; AND

WHEREAS, a majority of the costs for Code Blue services will be paid from expense account A60105.54800.4696; AND

WHEREAS, the first two months and start-up costs of the Salvation Army contract for the Code Blue season will fall within the 2025 County fiscal year requiring \$176,900 to be available; NOW THEREFORE BE IT

RESOLVED that the County Administrator upon review and approval by the County Attorney or designee, is hereby authorized to sign an agreement with the Salvation Army for Warming Center services for the term October 1, 2025 – April 30, 2026, in an amount not to exceed \$518,700.00; AND BE IT FURTHER

RESOLVED that the County Administrator upon review and approval by the County Attorney or designee, is hereby authorized to sign an agreement with a landlord of a location to be determined for hours the Salvation Army is not open in an amount not to exceed \$25,000; AND BE IT FURTHER

RESOLVED that the following budget accounts be changed for 2025:

Increase:

Expense A60105.54800.4696	current \$320,000	change \$67,000.66	new \$387,000.66
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Revenue A601043.43689.4696	current \$320,000	change \$67,000.66	new \$387,000.66
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Report on Centralized Assessments - A Review of Current Practice

Microenterprise Assistance Program Application Review

Committee Updates

1. Sales Tax
2. County Administrator Recruitment
3. Broadband

Discussion Items Continued

1. NYS County Occupancy Tax Law
2. Cortland County Occupancy Tax Law
3. Opt In/Opt Out of Short Term Rental Registry
4. Registration Fee for Short Term Rentals
5. Fiscal Year 2025 Budget Update: Status and Trend lines
6. Fiscal Year 2026 Preliminary Budget: Process and Next Steps

Adjournment