



Finance & Administration Committee

Committee Meeting

60 Central Ave
Cortland, NY 13045
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Tuesday, October 14, 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 - Sep 16, 2025 9:00 AM
2. Finance & Administration Committee - Special Meeting - Sep 23, 2025 9:00 AM

RESOLUTIONS

ON MOTION OF BISCHOFF

AGENDA ITEM NO. 1

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 \$28,000 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 September 1, 2025 through August 31, 2026.

ON MOTION OF BISCHOFF

AGENDA ITEM NO. 2

Requesting Special Legislation to Amend New York State Tax Law, in Relation to Expanding the Use of Occupancy Tax Dollars

WHEREAS, New York State Tax Law, §1202-g (9) presently authorizes Cortland County to adopt and amend local laws directing all revenues be allocated for tourist and convention development; provided, however, the County shall be authorized to retain up to a maximum of ten percent of such revenue to defer the necessary expenses of the county in administering such tax. The revenue derived from such tax, after deducting the amount provided for administering such tax, as so authorized by local law, shall be allocated to enhance the general economy of Cortland County, its cities, towns, and villages, through promotion of tourist activities, conventions, trade shows, special events, and other directly related and supporting activities; AND

WHEREAS, the current use of occupancy tax revenue is limited to the above stated uses referenced in the preceding paragraph; AND

WHEREAS, economic development is closely intertwined with tourism and vital to the long-term sustainability and growth of the County's economy; AND

WHEREAS, expanding the authorized use of occupancy tax funds to include economic development will allow the County greater flexibility to support projects that enhance local workforce development, business attractions, and related initiatives that directly or indirectly benefit tourism and the County's economy as a whole; NOW THEREFORE BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Legislature of the County of Cortland does hereby request special legislation be enacted to amend New York State Tax Law, §1202 (9), as follows:

1. Expand the permissible uses of occupancy tax revenues to include funding of economic development initiatives, including but not limited to: economic development, to include tourism and recreation related activities, the development, operation, and maintenance of tourist activities that occur at county-owned parks, and such other programs for the benefit of the County's economic development as determined by the majority of the County Legislature;

; AND IT BE FURTHER

RESOLVED, that the Clerk of the Legislature is hereby directed to provide certified copies of this Resolution to New York State Senator Lea Webb, New York State Assemblymember Anna Kelles, and Assemblymember Jeff Gallahan in order to request the introduction of Home Rule Legislation regarding this matter.

ON MOTION OF BISCHOFF

AGENDA ITEM NO. 3

Authorizing Application for Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Microenterprise Assistance Program Funding

WHEREAS, grant funding is available through the New York State Office of Community Renewal under the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program to support Microenterprise initiatives; AND

WHEREAS, Cortland County currently lacks the means to provide direct financial assistance to small businesses with five or fewer employees through existing business development programs; AND

WHEREAS, Cortland County has previously been awarded and successfully administered a Microenterprise Grant, distributing funds in accordance with program requirements; AND

WHEREAS, the Cortland County Legislature recognizes the importance of supporting local entrepreneurs and small businesses as a means of fostering economic growth, job creation, and community vitality; AND

WHEREAS, the Legislature wishes to make funding available to additional eligible businesses should such funds be awarded by the New York State Office of Community Renewal; AND

WHEREAS, a public hearing has been held on October 23, 2025, before the Cortland County Legislature to solicit public input and determine the level of community interest and support for the proposed Microenterprise Grant Program; NOW THEREFORE BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Cortland County Administrator, be and hereby is authorized and directed to file an application for Microenterprise Grant funds from New York State Homes and Community Renewal, Office of Community Renewal, under the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development's Small Cities Community Development Block Grant Program for Fiscal Year 2025; AND BE IT FURTHER

RESOLVED, that the County Administrator and/or Chair of the Legislature, upon review and approval by the County Attorney or designee, are hereby authorized execute a project agreement and other necessary documents with the State of New York for the Cortland County Microenterprise Program.

ON MOTION OF BISCHOFF

AGENDA ITEM NO. 4

Local Law "I" of 2025 - a Local Law Overriding Tax Levy Limit for Fiscal Year 2026

WHEREAS, the New York State Legislature enacted General Municipal Law §3-c which establishes a limit upon real property tax levies by local governments, AND

WHEREAS, pursuant to General Municipal Law §3-c (5), a local government may adopt a budget in excess of the tax levy limit only if the governing body of such local government first enacts a local law to override the tax levy limit for the coming fiscal year only, AND

WHEREAS, the Cortland County Legislature has not yet finalized the fiscal year 2026 budget, and may need the flexibility to exceed the property tax cap if it is deemed necessary;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ENACTED by the Legislature of the County of Cortland, as follows:

Local Law "I" of 2025 - a Local Law Overriding Tax Levy Limit for Fiscal Year 2026

Section 1

Legislative Intent

The Cortland County Legislature has determined that it is important to maintain flexibility in the process of finalizing the fiscal year 2026 budget, and it may be necessary to override the limit on the amount of real property taxes that may be levied by the County of Cortland for the coming fiscal year 2026.

Section 2

Override of Tax Levy Limit

Upon the adoption of this local law, the Cortland County Legislature is hereby authorized to override the

tax levy limit for the coming fiscal year 2026, if the Legislature deems it necessary for the County of Cortland to adopt a budget for the fiscal year 2026 which may require a real property tax levy in excess of the “tax levy limit” as defined by General Municipal Law §3-c.

Section 3

Legal Authority

The authority to override the tax levy limit is authorized by General Municipal Law §3-c (5), which expressly authorizes a local government to override the tax levy limit for the coming fiscal year by the adoption of a local law approved by a vote of sixty percent (60%) of the total voting power of its governing body, the Cortland County Legislature.

Section 4

Effective Date

This Local Law shall take effect immediately, in accordance with the provision of the Municipal Home Rule Law of the State of New York.

Referred from Public Works Committee

ON MOTION OF HEIDER

AGENDA ITEM NO. 5

Create Positions for Information Technology Department

WHEREAS, the needs of the agency will be better served by creating one full-time position of Deputy Director of Information Technology and one full-time position of Information Security Officer; AND

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

RESOLVED, that one position of Deputy Director of Information Technology (Grade 5, \$85,067 - \$113,223, Management Compensation Plan, competitive class, full-time with benefits), and one position of Information Security Officer (Grade 5, \$85,067 - \$113,223, Management Compensation Plan, competitive class, full-time with benefits) be created with approval to fill on October 23, 2025.

Referred from Government Operations Committee

ON MOTION OF NAUSEEF

AGENDA ITEM NO. 6

Authorize Agreement for Appalachian Regional Commission (ARC) "Grants to Grow" Grant and Amend 2025 Cortland County Budget - County Clerk

WHEREAS, Cortland County began utilizing Laserfiche in 2017 with the support of Tompkins County for the use of Records Management, and numerous permanent records were digitized and stored according to New York State standards; AND

WHEREAS, in 2024 Cortland County entered into a contract with ICC Community Development Solutions for the use of Laserfiche, independently from Tompkins County, to allow the Records Management component to continue to expand, and to maximize the use of Laserfiche with its additional capabilities; AND

WHEREAS, the County Clerk as Records Management Officer has committed to supporting the Records Management component by including necessary licenses and related fees in the approved budgets for 2024 and 2025, along with the proposed budget for 2026 in the amount of \$56,960; AND

WHEREAS, through the IT Steering committee and current use across 14 departments, Laserfiche continues to be identified as a critical tool in streamlining and creating efficiencies across the County; AND

WHEREAS, to implement the identified efficiencies additional financial resources are necessary, the *Grants to Grow* through the Appalachian Regional Commission (ARC), provided a funding opportunity to continue to expand the use of Laserfiche focusing on countywide records management, organizational capacity, and operational efficiency; AND

WHEREAS, Cortland County has been awarded funding, requiring the County to enter into a grant agreement with ARC to administer the award, providing the County with \$100,000 to purchase additional Laserfiche licenses, desktop scanners and training, for a contract period November 1, 2025 through October 31, 2027; AND

WHEREAS, the 2025 fiscal year budget for the County Clerk includes \$30,000 of available funds to be applied to the total match expectation of \$153,620; AND

WHEREAS, acceptance of this grant requires Cortland County to enter into a grant agreement with ARC to administer the award; NOW THEREFORE BE IT

RESOLVED, that the 2025 Cortland County Budget is hereby amended as follows:

		Current
INCREASE REVENUE BUDGET:		
A14105.44XXX	ARC Grant	\$100,000
A359900	Appropriated Fund Balance	\$123,620
INCREASE EXPENDITURE BUDGET:		
A14105.54005	Supplies	\$45,360
A14105.54055	Contractual	\$170,760
A14105.54035	Training	\$7,500

; AND BE IT FURTHER

RESOLVED, that the County Administrator, upon review and approval by the County Attorney or designee, be and hereby is authorized to sign an agreement with the Appalachian Regional Commission for acceptance of ARC *Grants to Grow* funding in the amount of \$100,000, with a County Match of \$153,620, for a total project cost of \$253,620, for the contract period November 1, 2025 through October 31, 2027; AND BE IT FURTHER

RESOLVED, that the Director of Finance shall carryover all unused grant funds to the subsequent year(s) budget covered by the grant, per the approved grant agreement.

Referred from Judiciary & Public Safety Committee

Referred from Ag/Planning/Environmental Committee

ON MOTION OF HARBIN

AGENDA ITEM NO. 7

Amending the 2025 Budget to Provide for the STOA 18B Local Match Payment to the Central New York Regional Transportation Authority (CNYRTA)

WHEREAS, the Cortland County Legislature adopted Resolution No. 145-24, which authorized the County to become a participating member of the Central New York Regional Transportation Authority (CNYRTA), also known as Centro of Cortland, LLC, to ensure that citizens continue to have

access to affordable and reliable public transportation; AND

WHEREAS, as a participating member of CNYRTA, Cortland County is required to provide the STOA 18b Local Match portion of funding in support of the public transportation services operated by Centro of Cortland, LLC; AND

WHEREAS, the current 2025 County Budget does not contain sufficient funds within the Contracted Services (A56305.54815) account to pay the STOA 18b Local Match; AND

WHEREAS, revenue of \$46,440.66 generated from the sale of public transportation vehicles at County auctions, together with insurance reimbursements has been set aside in a reserve account (A386300.STOA) designated for transportation-related services; NOW THEREFORE BE IT

RESOLVED, that the County Administrator, upon approval of the County Attorney, is hereby authorized to take all necessary actions to ensure payment of the STOA 18b Local Match portion to Centro of Cortland, LLC; AND BE IT FURTHER

RESOLVED, that the 2025 County Budget be amended as follows:

Increase Use of Reserves:

A.351100	Appropriated Reserves	\$37,622.52
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Increase Expenditure:

A56305.54815	Contracted Services	\$37,622.52
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RESOLVED, that this resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption.

Referred from Health & Human Services

ON MOTION OF VAN DEE

AGENDA ITEM NO. 8

Accept Funds Resource Allocation Plan New York State Office of Children and Family Services

WHEREAS, the New York State Office of Children and Family Services, through the Resource Allocation Plan has made available the sum of \$115,157 to Cortland County, through the Youth Bureau; AND

WHEREAS, the County Youth Bureau has designated the funds to the various county municipalities and agencies for the year October 1, 2025 through September 30, 2026 and for which a copy is in the County Youth Bureau Office; AND

WHEREAS, \$95,383 will be allocated to Cortland County municipalities and \$19,774 will be allocated to the Cortland County Youth Bureau administration; AND

WHEREAS, the 2025 County Budget will need to be amended as follows:

<u>Revenue:</u>		<u>Current</u>	<u>Increase</u>	<u>Balance</u>
A73125.43820.YB	Youth Bureau	(\$107,035)	(\$115,157)	(\$222,192)
<u>Expenditure:</u>		<u>Current</u>	<u>Inc/Dec</u>	<u>Balance</u>
A73125.51005	Personal Services	\$7,887	\$8,602	\$16,489
A73125.54020	Postage	\$87	\$200	\$287
A73125.54040	Dues	\$120	\$120	\$240
A73125.54045	Travel	\$974	\$3,500	\$4,474

A73125.54048	Program Supp	\$6,247	\$6,000	\$12,247
A73125.54800	Program Exp - SDPP	\$107,320	\$95,383	\$202,703
A73125.58060	Health Ins	\$1,788	<u>\$1,352</u>	\$3,140
			\$115,157	

; NOW THEREFORE BE IT

RESOLVED, that the County Administrator, upon review by the County Attorney or designee, be and hereby is authorized to execute the Resource Allocation Planning Agreement with the New York State Office of Children and Family Services and contract with approved agencies; AND BE IT FURTHER

RESOLVED, that the Finance Department is authorized to pay from the appropriate expense account and that in the event that the county does not receive the appropriate funds from the New York State Office of Children and Family Services, the County shall not be liable to pay any of its own funds to meet any deficiency under the terms of the contract; AND BE IT FURTHER

RESOLVED, that the Director of Finance shall carryover all unused grant funds to the subsequent year(s) budget covered by the grant, per the approved grant agreement.

Monthly Reports

1. August 2025 Financial Reports
2. Grant Administrator Monthly Report

DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. Benchmarking of County Labor Contracts/Plans
2. 2026 Cortland County Budget

Adjournment