



Finance & Administration Committee

Special Meeting

60 Central Ave
Cortland, NY 13045
<https://www.cortlandcountyny.gov>

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Thursday, June 27, 2024

4:45 PM

Room 302

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 4:50 PM by Committee Chair Cathy Bischoff

Attendee Name	Organization	Title	Status	Arrived
Beau Harbin	Cortland County, NY	Committee Member	Present	
Linda Jones	Cortland County, NY	Committee Member	Present	
Joseph Nauseef	Cortland County, NY	Committee Member	Present	
Sandra Price	Cortland County, NY	Committee Member	Present	
Eugene Waldbauer	Cortland County, NY	Committee Member	Excused	
William McGovern	Cortland County, NY	Committee Vice-Chair	Present	
Cathy Bischoff	Cortland County, NY	Committee Chair	Present	
Rob Corpora	Cortland County, NY	County Administrator	Present	
Kevin Fitch	Cortland County, NY	Chair of the Legislature	Present	
Savannah Hempstead	Cortland County, NY	Clerk of the Legislature	Present	
Victoria J. Monty	Cortland County, NY	County Attorney	Present	
Melanie Vilardi	Cortland County, NY	Deputy County Administrator	Present	
Andrea Herzog	Cortland County, NY	Director of Finance	Present	

Resolutions

AGENDA ITEM NO. 1 – Authorization to Join Joint Litigation Defense and Accept the Proposed Special Counsel Agreement - Relating to Tax Foreclosure Surplus Matter

RESULT: **APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]**

Next: 6/27/2024 6:00 PM

MOVER: William McGovern, Committee Vice-Chair

SECONDER: Linda Jones, Committee Member

AYES: Harbin, Jones, Nauseef, Price, McGovern, Bischoff

EXCUSED: Eugene Waldbauer

ON MOTION OF FITCH

Authorization to Join Joint Litigation Defense and Accept the Proposed Special Counsel Agreement - Relating to Tax Foreclosure Surplus Matter

WHEREAS, Cortland County has been named, in conjunction with many other counties, in connection with an action entitled *Steele et. al. v. County of Saratoga, et. al.* (hereinafter “Action”); AND

WHEREAS, Harris Beach, PLLC has been retained by six (6) of the County Defendants named in the Action; AND

WHEREAS, the desire is to form a joint defense relationship with other named counties to present uniform and consistent arguments in connection with the Action; AND

WHEREAS, it is the recommendation of the County Attorney to enter into an agreement with

Harris Beach, PLLC, of 99 Garnsey Road, Pittsford, NY 14534, to represent Cortland County in the Action; NOW THEREFORE BE IT

RESOLVED, that the County of Cortland be, and hereby is, authorized to join the other counties of New York in the action entitled *Steele et. al. v. County of Saratoga, et. al.*; AND BE IT FURTHER

RESOLVED, that the County of Cortland Legislature accepts the proposed Special Counsel Agreement from Harris Beach, PLLC, of 99 Garnsey Road, Pittsford, NY 14534, and that upon approval of the County Attorney or Designee, the Chairman of the Cortland County Legislature and/or County Attorney be and hereby is authorized and empowered to execute the Special Counsel Agreement on behalf of the County of Cortland; AND BE IT FURTHER

RESOLVED, that the 2024 budget be and hereby is amended as follows:

Increase:

A359900	Appropriated Fund Balance	\$8,000
A14205.54055	Professional Services	\$8,000

Adjournment

The meeting was closed at 4:57 PM