



Finance & Administration Committee

Special Meeting

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Cortland, NY 13045
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Thursday, November 21, 2024

3:00 PM

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	☐	☐	☐	

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.

Adjournment