



# Government Operations Committee

## Committee Meeting

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

### ~ Agenda ~

Thursday, May 22, 2025

4:30 PM

Room 302

### WebEx Meeting Information

<https://cortlandny.webex.com/cortlandny/j.php?MTID=m3396905c1b6b661cbcf6b31f43365b3>

Thursday, May 22, 2025 4:30 PM | 1 hour | (UTC-04:00) Eastern Time (US & Canada)

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### CALL TO ORDER

| Attendee Name                          | Present                  | Absent                   | Late                     | Arrived |
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| Committee Member Douglas Bentley       | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |         |
| Committee Member Cathy Bischoff        | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |         |
| Committee Member Paul Heider           | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |         |
| Committee Member Dominick Mantella     | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |         |
| Committee Member Linda Jones           | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |         |
| Committee Member Eugene Waldbauer      | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |         |
| Committee Vice-Chair Mitchel Eccleston | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |         |
| Committee Chair Joseph Nauseef         | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |         |

### MINUTES

1. Government Operations Committee - Committee Meeting - Apr 8, 2025 11:00 AM

### RESOLUTIONS

#### ON MOTION OF NAUSEEF

#### AGENDA ITEM NO. 1

#### **Authorize Mortgage Tax Disbursement for October 2024 - March 2025**

WHEREAS, in accordance with New York State Tax Law, Article 11, § 261, the Semi-Annual Mortgage Tax Report for October 1, 2024 - March 31, 2025, has been prepared and submitted by the Cortland County Clerk and has been approved by the New York State Department of Taxation and Finance; AND

WHEREAS, the Basic Mortgage Tax has been submitted with interest to the Cortland County Director of Finance; AND

WHEREAS, the mortgage tax has been calculated to apportion the basic mortgage tax between the towns and villages; NOW THEREFORE BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Cortland County Legislature hereby authorizes the Cortland County

Director of Finance to make payments to each of the tax districts within the County of Cortland as shown below, either by check or by electronic bank deposit based on the request of the receiving municipality.

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|-------------------|--------------|
| Cincinnatus       | \$4,940.99   |
| Cortland          | \$166,324.38 |
| Cortlandville     | \$53,922.68  |
| Cuyler            | \$3,070.58   |
| Freetown          | \$2,145.75   |
| Harford           | \$2,241.09   |
| Homer, Town       | \$19,053.12  |
| Homer, Village    | \$14,114.45  |
| Lapeer            | \$1,846.53   |
| Marathon, Town    | \$7,331.37   |
| Marathon, Village | \$3,873.26   |
| McGraw, Village   | \$1,484.86   |
| Preble            | \$4,997.11   |
| Scott             | \$11,262.82  |
| Solon             | \$5,790.12   |
| Taylor            | \$1,483.01   |
| Truxton           | \$7,647.70   |
| Virgil            | \$18,029.78  |
| Willet            | \$3,542.66   |
| TOTAL             | \$333,102.26 |

**ON MOTION OF NAUSEEF**

**AGENDA ITEM NO. 2**

**Authorize 2026 - 2029 Cortland County Sheriff and the County Police Association of Cortland (CPAC) Contract**

WHEREAS, the County of Cortland/Cortland County Sheriff and the County Police Association of Cortland (CPAC) negotiating committees have met to negotiate a new contract; AND

WHEREAS, the negotiating committees have agreed on a new contract; AND

WHEREAS, CPAC ratified the contract on April 28, 2025; NOW THEREFORE BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Cortland County Legislature hereby approves the Agreement by and between the County of Cortland/Cortland County Sheriff and the County Police Association of Cortland, for the time period of January 1, 2026 to December 31, 2029.

**ON MOTION OF NAUSEEF**

**AGENDA ITEM NO. 3**

**Endorsing State Legislation Amending Chapter 443 of the Laws of 2007 Amending the Tax Law Relating to Authorizing the County of Cortland to Impose an Additional Mortgage Recording Tax, in Cortland County Until December 1, 2027 (Senate Bill No. \_\_\_\_, Assembly Bill No. \_\_\_\_)**

WHEREAS, the Cortland County Legislature approved Resolution No. 6-25 and 82-25, "A Home Rule Request For Special Legislation to Amend the Tax Law, in Relation to Extending the Authorization For Imposition of Mortgage Recording Tax in Cortland County" and "Amend Resolution No. 6-25 to Amend the Home Rule Request for Special Legislation to Amend the Tax Law, in Relation to Extending the Authorization for Imposition of Local Mortgage Recording Tax in Cortland County"; AND

WHEREAS, New York State Tax Law §253-v presently authorizes Cortland County to adopt and amend local laws imposing a mortgage recording tax of twenty five cents (\$.25) for each one hundred dollars (\$100.00) and each remaining major fraction thereof of principal debt or obligation which is or under any contingency may be secured at the date of execution thereof, or at any time thereafter, by a mortgage on real property situated in Cortland County and recorded on or after the date upon which such tax takes effect, (beginning September 30, 2007 and ending December 1, 2025); AND

WHEREAS, in the current economic climate it would create a fiscal hardship for Cortland County if this source of revenue was to expire, and such a loss would result in a substantial burden on County property owners through increased property taxes or loss of essential services; NOW THEREFORE BE IT

RESOLVED, that this Legislature endorses and requests State approval of Senate Bill No. \_\_\_\_ and Assembly Bill No. \_\_\_\_, and urges its elected representatives in the Senate and Assembly to support this legislation extending the authorization through December 1, 2027; AND BE IT FURTHER

RESOLVED, that the Clerk of this Legislature be and hereby is directed to prepare the documentation necessary for the New York State Legislature to enact said Legislation; AND BE IT FURTHER

RESOLVED, that the Chairman of the Legislature and Clerk of the Legislature be and hereby are authorized to execute the appropriate Home Rule Request for the enactment of said special law.

#### **ON MOTION OF NAUSEEF**

#### **AGENDA ITEM NO. 4**

##### **Amend 2025 Budget/Authorize Agreement with CivicPlus for Agenda and Minutes Software and Live Streaming Services - Clerk of the Legislature**

WHEREAS, the Cortland County Legislature recognizes the need for a centralized, efficient, and publicly accessible platform to manage legislative agendas, minutes, and live-streamed meetings; AND

WHEREAS, CivicPlus offers an integrated software solution for agenda and minutes management and meeting live streaming that will enhance transparency, accessibility, and internal workflows; AND

WHEREAS, the proposed agreement with CivicPlus includes an initial implementation and setup cost; AND

WHEREAS, funds are not currently budgeted for this expense in the 2025 Adopted Budget; NOW THEREFORE BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Chair of the Legislature, upon review and approval by the County Attorney or designee, and subject to appropriation by the legislature, is hereby authorized to execute an agreement with CivicPlus for agenda and minutes software and live streaming services, with an initial implementation and setup cost not to exceed \$17,000; AND BE IT FURTHER

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

INCREASE

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| A10405.54015 | Maint. Agreements | \$17,000 |
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INCREASE

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| A.359900 | Appr.Fund Balance | \$17,000 |
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## **MONTHLY REPORTS**

1. Clerk of the Legislature Monthly Report
2. FOIL Report
3. Weights and Measures Monthly Report
4. County Clerk Monthly Report
5. Board of Elections Monthly Report
6. County Attorney Monthly Report
7. Safety Director Monthly Report
8. Personnel Monthly Reports

## **DISCUSSION ITEMS**

## **ADJOURNMENT**