



Judiciary & Public Safety Committee

Committee Meeting

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

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Thursday, June 13, 2024

9:00 AM

Room 302

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 AM by Committee Chair Sandra Price

Attendee Name	Organization	Title	Status	Arrived	Departed
Sandra Price	Cortland County, NY	Committee Chair	Present		
Christopher Newell	Cortland County, NY	Committee Member	Present		
Douglas Bentley	Cortland County, NY	Committee Member	Present		9:50 AM
Susan Wilson	Cortland County, NY	Committee Member	Present		
Eugene Waldbauer	Cortland County, NY	Committee Vice-Chair	Present		
Mitchel Eccleston	Cortland County, NY	Committee Member	Present		
Reed Cleland	Cortland County, NY	Committee Member	Present		
Patrick Perfetti	Cortland County, NY	District Attorney	Present		
Savannah Hempstead	Cortland County, NY	Clerkof the Legislature	Present		
Scott Roman	Cortland County, NY	Director of Emergency Response and Communications	Present		
Kevin Fitch	Cortland County, NY	Chair of the Legislature	Present		
Rob Corpora	Cortland County, NY	County Administrator	Present		
Mark Helms	Cortland County, NY	Sheriff	Present		
Chad Burhans	Cortland County, NY	Undersheriff	Present		
Anthony Phelps	Cortland County, NY	Road Patrol	Present		
Kevin Jones	Cortland County, NY	Public Defender	Present		
Nicole Albro	Cortland County, NY	Probation Director	Present		
Laurie Leonard	Cortland County, NY	Personnel Officer	Present		
Melanie Vilardi	Cortland County, NY	Deputy County Administrator	Present		
Ronald J. Van	Cortland	Board Member	Present		

Dee	County, NY				
Andrea Herzog	Cortland County, NY	Director of Finance	Present		
Margaret Mellot		Cortland Standard Reporter	Present		
Trish Hansen	Cortland County, NY	TLC	Present		
William McGovern	Cortland County, NY	Board Member	Present	9:24 AM	
Paul Heider	Cortland County, NY	Board Member	Present	9:44 AM	
Ashley Millard	Cortland County, NY	Deputy Clerk of the Legislature	Remote		
Nicole Compton	Cortland County, NY	Paralegal	Remote		

MINUTES

1. Judiciary & Public Safety Committee - Committee Meeting - May 9, 2024 9:00 AM

RESULT:	APPROVED
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DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. Road Patrol Presentation

RESULT:	COMPLETED
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2. Sheriff's Department Civil Division Presentation

RESULT:	COMPLETED
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3. Committee Update - ILS Statewide Expansion Grant

RESULT:	COMPLETED
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MONTHLY REPORTS

1. Assigned Counsel Monthly Report

RESULT:	COMPLETED
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2. Monthly Probation Report- May 2024

RESULT:	COMPLETED
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3. Coroner Monthly Report

RESULT:	COMPLETED
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4. Public Defender Monthly Report

RESULT:	COMPLETED
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5. DOERC Report - June 2024

RESULT:	COMPLETED
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6. District Attorney Monthly Report

RESULT:	COMPLETED
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RESOLUTIONS

AGENDA ITEM NO. 1 – Appoint Members Assigned Counsel Plan Committee - Office of Assigned Counsel

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
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Next: 6/27/2024 6:00 PM

MOVER: Christopher Newell, Committee Member

SECONDER: Mitchel Eccleston, Committee Member

AYES: Price, Newell, Bentley, Wilson, Waldbauer, Eccleston, Cleland

ON MOTION OF PRICE

RESOLUTION NO.

Appoint Members Assigned Counsel Plan Committee - Office of Assigned Counsel

WHEREAS, the Cortland County Legislature adopted Resolution No. 61-15 which created the Assigned Counsel Plan and the Assigned Counsel Plan Administrator; AND

WHEREAS, the Assigned Counsel Plan calls for the appointment of a Assigned Counsel Plan Committee to oversee the operation of the Assigned Counsel Plan and its Administrator; AND

WHEREAS, the Assigned Counsel Plan specifies that the Assigned Counsel Plan Committee shall consist of four members of the Bar Association elected by membership as a whole, and four members of the County Legislature to be selected as the County may determine; NOW THEREFORE BE IT

RESOLVED, that the following individuals are hereby appointed to serve on said Assigned Counsel Plan Committee for a two year term commencing immediately upon adoption of this resolution and expiring on December 31, 2026.

LEGISLATORS

Douglas Bentley
Joseph Nauseef
Sandra Price
Ron VanDee

ATTORNEYS

Keith Dayton
Janice Stafford
Zela Brotherton
Karen Leahy

AGENDA ITEM NO. 2 – Reallocate Salary Grade Data Officer - Assigned Counsel

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
	Next: 6/27/2024 6:00 PM
MOVER:	Reed Cleland, Committee Member
SECONDER:	Susan Wilson, Committee Member
AYES:	Price, Newell, Bentley, Wilson, Waldbauer, Eccleston, Cleland

ON MOTION OF PRICE

RESOLUTION NO.

Reallocate Salary Grade Data Officer - Assigned Counsel

WHEREAS, the Personnel/Civil Service Office has reviewed the salary grade for Data Officer in the Assigned Counsel Office; AND

WHEREAS, it is recommended that the aforesaid position be reallocated from Grade 4H (\$21.1369-28.1333/hr) to Grade 6H (\$24.4262-32.5115/hr) in the Management Compensation Plan; AND

WHEREAS, the Data Officer position is 100% grant funded; NOW THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the position of Data Officer is hereby reallocated from Grade 4H (\$21.1369-28.1333/hr) to Grade 6H (\$24.4262-32.5115/hr) in the Management Compensation Plan effective June 28, 2024.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 3 – Authorize Contract - Celerity Integrated Services - Department of Emergency Response & Communication

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
	Next: 6/27/2024 6:00 PM
MOVER:	Mitchel Eccleston, Committee Member
SECONDER:	Susan Wilson, Committee Member
AYES:	Price, Newell, Bentley, Wilson, Waldbauer, Eccleston, Cleland

Authorize Contract - Celerity Integrated Services - Department of Emergency Response & Communication

WHEREAS, Cortland County's Department of Emergency Response & Communications is seeking professional services for a fiber optic routing feasibility study to route a fiber optic network connection from its 911 facility at 22 West Court Street into the County's radio system that does not go through the County Office Building and that prevents a single point of failure; AND

WHEREAS, Cortland County's Department of Emergency Response & Communications has used Celerity Integrated Services before for fiber optic feasibility routing services; AND

WHEREAS, the Department was awarded grant funding for this project, which was approved by Resolution No. 72-23; NOW THEREFORE BE IT

RESOLVED, that the County Administrator, upon approval of the County Attorney or designee, is authorized to execute an agreement with Celerity Integrated Services in the amount of \$8,380.00.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 4 – Authorize Agreement - Smart Transcription Service - Department of Emergency Response & Communications

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
	Next: 6/27/2024 6:00 PM
MOVER:	Susan Wilson, Committee Member
SECONDER:	Mitchel Eccleston, Committee Member
AYES:	Price, Newell, Bentley, Wilson, Waldbauer, Eccleston, Cleland

Authorize Agreement - Smart Transcription Service - Department of Emergency Response & Communications

WHEREAS Cortland County's Department of Emergency Response & Communications operates a Motorola Vesta 911 telephone system supported by Frontier Communications previously awarded under resolution 194-23; AND

WHEREAS Cortland County's Department of Emergency Response & Communications is seeking to add the service of Smart Transcription to its Vesta 911 telephone system; AND

WHEREAS there is funding available in the Department of Emergency Response and Communications 2024 budget for the initial startup and configuration costs of Smart Transcription services in account A30205.54015; NOW BE IT THEREFORE

RESOLVED, that the County Administrator, upon approval of the County Attorney or designee, is authorized to execute an agreement with Frontier Communications to upgrade to the County's 911 telephone system in the amount of \$26,657.14.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 5 – Authorize Use of County Vehicle Repair/Replacement Reserve for Sheriff Vehicle - Sheriff's Office

RESULT: APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]

Next: 6/27/2024 6:00 PM

MOVER: Reed Cleland, Committee Member

SECONDER: Christopher Newell, Committee Member

AYES: Price, Newell, Bentley, Wilson, Waldbauer, Eccleston, Cleland

ON MOTION OF PRICE

RESOLUTION NO.

Authorize Use of County Vehicle Repair/Replacement Reserve for Sheriff Vehicle - Sheriff's Office

WHEREAS, the Cortland County Legislature adopted Resolution No. 107-15, which established the County Vehicle Repair/Replacement Reserve for the purpose of vehicle related costs; AND

WHEREAS, funds are required for the repair of a Sheriff Road Patrol vehicle damaged in an accident; AND

WHEREAS, the County Vehicle Repair/Replacement Reserve has funding available to cover this expense; NOW THEREFORE BE IT

RESOLVED, the Cortland County Legislature be and hereby approves the use of the County Vehicle Repair/Replacement Reserve for the repair of a damaged Sheriff Road Patrol vehicle; AND BE IT FURTHER

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

Increase:

A31205.54300	Vehicle Repairs & Maintenance	\$3,400.00
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A351100	Appropriated Reserves	\$3,400.00
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AGENDA ITEM NO. 6 – Endorsement of Senate Bill S06602 to Amend Military and Workers' Compensation Law for World Trade Center Rescue, Recovery, and Cleanup Operations

RESULT: APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]

Next: 6/27/2024 6:00 PM

MOVER: Reed Cleland, Committee Member

SECONDER: Douglas Bentley, Committee Member

AYES: Price, Newell, Bentley, Wilson, Waldbauer, Eccleston, Cleland

ON MOTION OF PRICE

RESOLUTION NO.

Endorsement of Senate Bill S06602 to Amend Military and Workers' Compensation Law for World Trade Center Rescue, Recovery, and Cleanup Operations

WHEREAS, New York Senate Bill S06602 seeks to amend the military law and the workers' compensation law to include members of the organized militia in the World Trade Center rescue, recovery, and cleanup operations as qualifying for employee status under workers' compensation law; AND

WHEREAS, members of the organized militia, including the New York Army National Guard, New York Air National Guard, New York Naval Militia, and New York Guard, have demonstrated extraordinary bravery and sacrifice in their participation in the World Trade Center operations following

the tragic events of September 11, 2001; AND

WHEREAS, it is vital to ensure that these brave individuals receive the proper recognition and benefits they deserve for their service, including eligibility for workers' compensation claims related to their participation in these operations; AND

WHEREAS, Senate Bill S06602 provides necessary amendments to the military and workers' compensation laws to facilitate these benefits, including allowing alternative proof of active service in the rescue, recovery, and cleanup operations as recognized by the division of military and naval affairs; AND

WHEREAS, supporting this bill aligns with Cortland County's commitment to honor and support our servicemen and servicewomen who have rendered invaluable service to our state and nation; NOW THEREFORE BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Cortland County Legislature hereby expresses its strong support for New York Senate Bill S06602 and urges its swift passage by the New York State Legislature; AND BE IT FURTHER

RESOLVED, that the Clerk of the Legislature be and hereby is directed to forward copies of this resolution to Governor Kathy Hochul, the New York State Legislature, and all others deemed necessary and proper.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 7 – Authorize Agreement Between the County of Cortland/Sheriff and the CSEA Cortland County Local 812, Correction Officer/Civilian Unit #6550-03 - Effective January 1, 2025 to December 31, 2029

It was MOVED by Mr. Eccleston, seconded by Mr. Cleland, and unanimously approved by voice vote of members present, to enter into an executive session to discuss the collective negotiations pursuant to article fourteen of the civil service law, with Rob Corpora, Savannah Hempstead, Melanie Vildari, Laurie Leonard, Mark Helms and Chad Burhans permitted to stay in the room. MOTION CARRIED.

An executive session was held from 9:52 a.m. to 10:03 a.m., at which time on motion of Mr. Newell, seconded by Mr. Cleland, it was unanimously approved by voice vote to exit executive session

RESULT:	APPROVED [6 TO 0]
	Next: 6/27/2024 6:00 PM
MOVER:	Susan Wilson, Committee Member
SECONDER:	Reed Cleland, Committee Member
AYES:	Price, Newell, Wilson, Waldbauer, Eccleston, Cleland
AWAY:	Douglas Bentley

ON MOTION OF NAUSEEF

RESOLUTION NO.

Authorize Agreement Between the County of Cortland/Sheriff and the CSEA Cortland County Local 812, Correction Officer/Civilian Unit #6550-03 - Effective January 1, 2025 to December 31, 2029

WHEREAS, Cortland County/Sheriff and CSEA Local 812, Corrections Officer/Civilian Unit #6550-03 negotiating committees have met to negotiate a new contract; AND

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

WHEREAS, CSEA ratified the contract on May 7, 2024; NOW THEREFORE BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Cortland County Legislature hereby approves the Agreement by and between the County of Cortland and CSEA Cortland County Local 812, Unit #6550, for the time period of January 1, 2025 to December 31, 2029.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was closed at 10:04 AM