



Cortland County Legislature

Legislative Session

Legislative Chambers
Cortland, NY 13045
<https://www.cortlandcountyny.gov>

~ Agenda ~

Thursday, October 23, 2025

6:00 PM

Board Room

Public Hearings

1. Proposal to Submit Community Development Block Grant Applications to the New York State Office of Community Renewal
2. Local Law "I" of 2025 - a Local Law Overriding Tax Levy Limit for Fiscal Year 2026.

Call to Order

Salute to the Flag

Roll Call

Attendee Name	Present	Absent	Late	Arrived
Legislator Douglas Bentley	☐	☐	☐	
Legislator Cathy Bischoff	☐	☐	☐	
Legislator Reed Cleland	☐	☐	☐	
Legislator Mitchel Eccleston	☐	☐	☐	
Minority Leader Beau Harbin	☐	☐	☐	
Majority Leader Paul Heider	☐	☐	☐	
Legislator Linda Jones	☐	☐	☐	
Legislator Dominick Mantella	☐	☐	☐	
Legislator William McGovern	☐	☐	☐	
Legislator Joseph Nauseef	☐	☐	☐	
Legislator Christopher Newell	☐	☐	☐	
Legislator Jason Prentice	☐	☐	☐	
Legislator Sandra Price	☐	☐	☐	
Legislator Ronald J. Van Dee	☐	☐	☐	
Legislator Keith VanGorder	☐	☐	☐	
Legislator Eugene Waldbauer	☐	☐	☐	
Chair of the Legislature Kevin Fitch	☐	☐	☐	

Approval of Minutes

1. Cortland County Legislature - Legislative Session - Sep 25, 2025 6:00 PM

Privilege of the Floor

Proclamations & Recognitions

1. Breast Cancer Awareness Month Proclamation

Presentation of Petitions, Communications, Presentations and Notices

1. Legislative Update - Assemblyman Gallahan

Reports of Standing, Special and Ad Hoc Committees

Receive and File

Articles Postponed to Day Certain

Unfinished Business

New Business

Resolutions

Resolutions from the Chair

ON MOTION OF FITCH

AGENDA ITEM NO. 1

Appoint Legislative Representatives to the Tourism Marketing Grant Committee

WHEREAS, the Cortland County Tourism Marketing Grant Committee, formally known as the Cortland County Occupancy Tax Allocation Committee, is presently comprised of the Director of the Cortland County Convention and Visitors Bureau, three members from the Tourism Board and three members from the Cortland County Chamber of Commerce Board; AND

WHEREAS, it is desired to add two Legislators representing each political party to the committee to determine recommendations/allocations of Occupancy Tax Monies; NOW THEREFORE BE IT

RESOLVED, that Republican Keith VanGorder, Legislator District 7, and Democrat Cathy Bischoff, Legislator District 3, be and hereby are appointed to serve on the Cortland County Tourism Marketing Grant Committee for a term to expire Dec. 31, 2025.

Referred from Public Works Committee

ON MOTION OF HEIDER

AGENDA ITEM NO. 2

Appoint Member to the Dwyer Memorial Park Advisory Board

WHEREAS, the Cortland County Legislature adopted Resolution No. 298-18 to Establish The Dwyer Memorial Park Citizen's Advisory Board; AND

WHEREAS, the Cortland County Legislature adopted Resolution No. 43-24 which adopted the By-Laws of the Dwyer Memorial Park Citizen's Advisory Board; AND

WHEREAS, the By-Laws state that the Advisory Board shall consist of 5-7 members that shall be residents of Cortland County and familiar with Dwyer Memorial Park; AND

WHEREAS, the term of appointment to the Board shall be for four (4) years; AND

WHEREAS, the Committee provides recommendations and feedback regarding current and future use of the park; AND

WHEREAS, upon the resignation of board member Steven Fisher, the board has appointed a new member to complete his term; NOW THEREFORE BE IT

RESOLVED, that in accordance with the recommendation of the Cortland County Legislature's Public Works Committee, the following name is hereby approved for service on said Board for a term to complete the term of the previous board member set to expire on December 31, 2027:

John Congdon, 1096 Madden Lane, Cortland NY 13045

ON MOTION OF HEIDER

AGENDA ITEM NO. 3

Resolution Authorizing the Permitting Process for Construction of a New Landfill Cell through the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC)

WHEREAS, Cortland County owns and operates the Cortland County Landfill located in the Town of Cortlandville, which is permitted and regulated by the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC); AND

WHEREAS, the County Landfill is approaching capacity within its existing permitted cells, necessitating planning for continued operations and future solid waste disposal needs; AND

WHEREAS, the development of an additional landfill cell is required to ensure the County's ability to responsibly and sustainably manage solid waste in compliance with environmental regulations; AND

WHEREAS, the next step in this process involves initiating and completing the required permitting process with the DEC, including engineering design, environmental review, and public notice as mandated under State and Federal regulations; AND

WHEREAS, the Cortland County Department of Public Works has requested authorization to proceed with the preparation and submission of necessary permit applications and supporting documentation to the DEC for approval of a new landfill cell; AND

WHEREAS, funding for engineering and permitting activities shall be included in the proposed budget allocations for 2026; NOW THEREFORE BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Cortland County Legislature hereby authorizes the Cortland County Department of Public Works, in coordination with the County's consulting engineers, to initiate the permitting process with the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation for the construction of a new landfill cell; AND BE IT FURTHER

RESOLVED, that the County Administrator, upon review and approval by the County Attorney or designee, is hereby authorized to execute any and all documents necessary to carry out the intent of this

resolution; AND BE IT FURTHER

RESOLVED, that copies of this resolution be sent to the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation, the Cortland County Department of Public Works, and any other parties as deemed appropriate.

ON MOTION OF HEIDER

AGENDA ITEM NO. 4

Award the Construction Project for Replacement of East River Crossing Bridge Over the East Branch of the Tioughnioga River (BIN 3312310)

WHEREAS, the East River Crossing Bridge Replacement Project (PIN 3756.87) has been approved by the New York State Department of Transportation (NYSDOT) and the project is to be funded with 95% Federal funds; AND

WHEREAS, the Cortland County Legislature approved the implementation and funding of said project in the first instance, 100% of the Federally funded eligible costs of a transportation Federal Aid project and appropriating funds by Resolution No. 339-19; AND

WHEREAS, the Cortland County Legislature approved the NYSDOT Supplemental No. 3 Agreement that amended the amount approved for the construction phase of said project to by adopting Resolution No. 128-25; AND

WHEREAS, the amount budgeted for the construction and construction administration/inspection of said project in the 2025 Capital Projects Budget is \$3,549,000.00; AND

WHEREAS, the Public Works Commissioner has advertised for and received bids for the Construction of the East River Crossing Bridge Replacement and they are as follows:

<u>BIDDERS</u>	<u>BID</u>
JP Dugon Construction, LLC 76 Mountain Road Windsor, NY 13865	\$2,735,014.22
Economy Paving Co., Inc. 1819 NYS Route 13 Cortland, NY 13045	\$2,879,879.20
R. DeVinsentis Construction, Inc. 1 Brick Ave Binghamton, NY 13901	\$3,012,000.00
Vector Construction Corporation 6364 Island Road Cicero, NY 13039	\$3,041,864.47
ING Civil Inc. 11 Arch Street Watervliet, NY 12189	\$3,245,400.00
Slate Hill constructors, Inc. 6573 Herman Road Warners, NY 13164	\$3,577,132.20

; AND

WHEREAS, the lowest responsible bid received for the Construction of the said project was received from JP Dugon Construction, LLC, of 76 Mountain Road, Windsor, NY 13865; NOW THEREFORE BE IT

RESOLVED, that contingent upon NYSDOT's approval of award, the Cortland County Administrator, upon review and approval by the County Attorney or designee, is hereby authorized to execute an agreement for the Construction of said project with JP Dugon Construction, LLC, of 76 Mountain Road, Windsor, NY 13865, for an amount not to exceed \$2,735,014.22; AND BE IT FURTHER

RESOLVED, that the project costs be charged to the already established Account No. HH51225.52800.ERRBR.

ON MOTION OF HEIDER

AGENDA ITEM NO. 5

Resolution Authorizing Chair of the Cortland County Legislature to Sign Easement Termination

WHEREAS, Daniel M. Owen and Sally J. Owen are the owners of lands situate, lying and being in the Town of Cortlandville, County of Cortland and State of New York, which lands are described in a certain deed dated November 14, 1993, and recorded in the Cortland County Clerk's Office in Book 556 of Deeds at page 49; AND

WHEREAS, Russel E. Owen and Frances M. Owen granted to the County an easement across their property for electric lines in an instrument dated January 6, 1968, and recorded in the Cortland County Clerk's Office on December 4, 1968, in Book 314 of Deeds at page 107; AND

WHEREAS, said easement contained a clause stating that the agreement extended to their successors and assigns. Daniel M. Owen and Sally J. Owen are the assigns of Russel E. Owen and Frances M. Owen by deed dated November 14, 1993, and recorded in the Cortland County Clerk's Office on November 19, 1993, in Book 556 of Deeds at page 49; AND

WHEREAS, said easement states that in the event the easement granted therein is at any time abandoned by the County, then the rights granted therein shall terminate and revert to the owners of the property as described therein; AND

WHEREAS, the Commissioner of Public Works has determined that the easements were for obstruction lights no longer utilized by the County and agrees that the County has abandoned said easement and therefore termination is proper; NOW THEREFORE BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Chair of the Legislature upon review and approval by the County Attorney or designee, is hereby authorized to sign an Easement Termination acknowledging that the County has abandoned the easement outlined in an instrument dated January 6, 1968, and recorded in the Cortland County Clerk's Office on December 4, 1968, in Book 314 of Deeds at page 107, and therefore termination is proper and the rights granted by said easement shall revert to Daniel M. Owen and Sally J. Owen, as the owners of the property.

ON MOTION OF HEIDER

AGENDA ITEM NO. 6

Authorize Agreement with Chimera Integrations, LLC - Installation of Locking System for Cortland County Gymnasium

WHEREAS, the Cortland County Department of Buildings and Grounds has identified the need to enhance security within the gymnasium area through the installation of locking systems on two doors; AND

WHEREAS, Chimera Integrations, LLC has provided a proposal in the amount of \$5,978.10 for the installation of the locking systems; AND

WHEREAS, additional costs are anticipated for associated wiring and camera integration necessary to complete the project; AND

WHEREAS, funding for this project is available within the existing Buildings and Grounds budget; NOW THEREFORE BE IT

RESOLVED, that the County Administrator, upon review and approval by the County Attorney or designee, be and hereby is authorized to enter into an agreement with Chimera Integrations, LLC in the amount of \$5,978.10 for the installation of locking systems on two gymnasium doors; AND BE IT FURTHER

RESOLVED, that the total project cost, including wiring and camera integration, shall not exceed \$10,000 and shall be paid from the existing Buildings and Grounds budget.

ON MOTION OF HEIDER

AGENDA ITEM NO. 7

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. 8

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.

ON MOTION OF NAUSEEF

AGENDA ITEM NO. 9

2025 Standard Workday Reporting

WHEREAS, the New York State Comptroller is authorized by Sections 34 and 334 of the Retirement and Social Security Law to adopt rules and regulations for reporting the service and salary information for all employees of participating employers in the New York State and Local Employees' Retirement System ("Retirement System"); AND

WHEREAS, Cortland County is a participating employer in the Retirement System; AND

WHEREAS, the New York State Comptroller has promulgated Regulation 315.4 which imposes certain reporting requirements for elected and appointed officials of participating employers, and requires the governing board of each participating employer to adopt a resolution establishing a standard work day

for each elected or appointed official; AND

WHEREAS, among the requirements for employers are a more detailed description of a Standard Work Day along with a Legislative resolution establishing and reporting such Standard Work Day, public posting of the Resolution, and submission of the Resolution to the New York State Retirement System; AND

WHEREAS, pursuant to Regulation 315.4, in the event that elected or appointed officials do not participate in an employer's time keeping system, they are required to keep a record of activities (ROA) for a three month period; AND

WHEREAS, each of the elected or appointed officials listed in this resolution have kept records of their actual time (ROA) worked in their current position for the required ninety days or taken part in the Cortland County time keeping system; NOW THEREFORE BE IT

RESOLVED, that the County of Cortland/10011 hereby establishes the following standard work days for these titles and will report the officials to the New York State and Local Retirement System based on time keeping system records or their record of activities:

Name	SSN	NYSLRS ID	Title	Current Term Begin & End Dates	Standard Work Day	Record of Activities Result	Not Submitted	Pay Frequency	Tier 1
Elected Officials:									
Patrick Perfetti			District Attorney	01/01/25-12/31/28	7	30.84	☐	Bi-weekly	☐
Kevin Fitch			County Legislator	01/01/24-12/31/27			☒	Bi-weekly	☐
Beau Harbin			County Legislator	01/01/24-12/31/27			☒	Bi-weekly	☐
Dominick Mantella			County Legislator	01/01/24-12/31/27			☒	Bi-weekly	☐
Reed Cleland			County Legislator	01/01/24-12/31/27			☒	Bi-weekly	☐
Joseph Nauseef			County Legislator	01/01/24-12/31/27			☒	Bi-weekly	☐
Mitchel Eccleston			County Legislator	01/01/24-12/31/27			☒	Bi-weekly	☐

I, Savannah M. Hempstead, ~~secretary~~**clerk** of the governing board of the Cortland County, of the State of New York, do hereby certify that I have compared the foregoing with the original resolution passed by such board at a legally convened meeting held on the 23rd day of October, 2025 on file as part of the minutes of such meeting, and that same is true copy thereof and the whole of such original.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and the seal of the County of Cortland on this ____ day of _____, 2025.
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Affidavit of Posting: I Savannah M. Hempstead, being duly sworn, deposes and says that the posting of the Resolution began on October 24, 2025 and continued for at least 30 days, That the Resolution was available to the public on the:

Employer's website at www.cortlandcounyny.gov <<http://www.cortlandcounyny.gov>>

Official sign board at 60 Central Avenue, Cortland NY 13045

Main entrance secretary or clerk's office at 60 Central Avenue, Room 306, Cortland NY 13045

ON MOTION OF NAUSEEF

AGENDA ITEM NO. 10

Amend Anti-Discrimination Policy

WHEREAS, there is a need to amend the Cortland County Anti-Discrimination Policy to update and clarify the existing policy; AND

WHEREAS, there is also a need to amend the title of the current policy to include prohibition against harassment; AND

WHEREAS, the County Attorney has reviewed the amendments; AND

WHEREAS, the Government Operations Committee approves these amendments; NOW THEREFORE BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Cortland County Legislature hereby authorizes the amendments to the Anti-Discrimination Policy effective October 24, 2025.

Referred from Judiciary & Public Safety Committee

ON MOTION OF PRICE

AGENDA ITEM NO. 11

Adopt Amended Bylaws of the Cortland County Traffic Safety Board

WHEREAS, Resolution No. 161-20 adopted the Traffic Safety Board Bylaws for Cortland County; AND

WHEREAS, the Traffic Safety Board has recommended changes to their Bylaws, which are subject to Legislative review and approval; AND

WHEREAS, the Judiciary and Public Safety Committee of the Cortland County Legislature has reviewed the changes to the Bylaws; NOW THEREFORE BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Cortland County Legislature be and hereby approves the Bylaws of the Cortland County Traffic Safety Board; AND BE IT FURTHER

RESOLVED, that a copy of the bylaws shall be kept on file with the Clerk of the Legislature.

ON MOTION OF PRICE

AGENDA ITEM NO. 12

Appoint Members - Traffic Safety Board

WHEREAS, pursuant to Article 43 §1672 of Vehicle and Traffic Safety Laws, Local Law No. 4 for the Year 1971 of the Cortland County Legislature established a Cortland County Traffic Safety Board; AND

WHEREAS, Local Law No. 3 for the Year 1978 amended Local Law No. 4 for the Year 1971 and established the membership of the Board is appointed by the Cortland County Legislature; NOW THEREFORE BE IT

RESOLVED, that the following members be and hereby are appointed to serve the terms as listed below:

Name	Organization	Address	Term Expiration
Jeff Guido	Community Member	36 Abdallah Ave., Cortland, NY 13045	12/31/2028
Ryan Riley	Community Member	1010 W. State Rd., Cortland, NY 13045	12/31/2027

Catherine Wilde	Community Member	10 North Main Street, Homer, NY 13077	12/31/2026
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ON MOTION OF PRICE

AGENDA ITEM NO. 13

Subscriber Agreement for TransUnion Risk and Alternative Data Solutions, Inc. (“TRADS”) and Cortland County Office of Assigned Counsel

WHEREAS, the Cortland County Office of Assigned Counsel requires access to an investigative, background check, and people finder service in order for its 18b panel attorneys to effectively and efficiently represent indigent clients, AND

WHEREAS, TransUnion Risk and Alternative Data Solutions, Inc. (“TRADS”) provides such a service; AND

WHEREAS, TRADS will be used to run the necessary background investigative searches in-house, rather than pay an outside investigative entity to run the same background and people finder services, while paying an enhanced rate for this service to a third party and an hourly rate for the third party’s time; AND

WHEREAS, TRADS requires the execution of a Subscriber Agreement (Agreement) to establish an active account, and to install, maintain, and support the program for case analysis; AND

WHEREAS, the Agreement will be an open-ended contract at a flat rate cost of one hundred (\$100) dollars per month in which either party may terminate the Agreement at any time for any reason upon notice to the other party; AND

WHEREAS, the cost for TRADS services will be paid by the Cortland County Office of Assigned Counsel and will utilize grant funds provided by the New York State Office of Indigent Legal Services (ILS) for all costs associated with the agreement; NOW THEREFORE BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Cortland County Administrator, upon review and approval of the County Attorney, and subject to appropriation of funding by the County Legislature, is hereby authorized to sign the AGREEMENT with TRADS for the aforementioned services; AND BE IT FURTHER

RESOLVED, that all costs associated with the Agreement shall be paid from the Office of Assigned Counsel’s Professional Services account #A11755.54055.HH11.

Referred from Agriculture/Planning/Environment Committee

ON MOTION OF HARBIN

AGENDA ITEM NO. 14

Approve Negative Declaration of Environmental Impact Under State Environmental Quality Review (SEQR) for Cortland County Snowmobile Trails - Planning Department

WHEREAS, Article 27 of the New York State Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation Law establishes a mechanism for allocating funds to local governmental sponsors for the development and maintenance of snowmobile trails designated as part of the State Snowmobile Trail System; AND

WHEREAS, having reviewed the criteria contained in 6NYCRR, Section 617.7, Cortland County finds that there will be no significant adverse environmental impact resulting from the development and use of snowmobile trails throughout Cortland County; AND

WHEREAS, it is the County’s intent to support the development and maintenance of snowmobile

trails as an important economic and recreational resource for Cortland County; NOW THEREFORE BE IT

RESOLVED, that the County Administrator, upon review and approval by the County Attorney or designee, be and hereby is authorized to sign a Negative Declaration of Environmental Impact statement under the New York State Environmental Quality Review (SEQR), Article 8 of the New York State Environmental Conservation Law, stating that there will be no significant adverse environmental impact resulting from the development and use of snowmobile trails throughout Cortland County.

ON MOTION OF HARBIN

AGENDA ITEM NO. 15

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.

ON MOTION OF HARBIN

AGENDA ITEM NO. 16

Authorize Federal Section 5310 Grant Application for Enhanced Mobility of Seniors and Individuals with Disabilities Grant Program New York State Department of Transportation - Planning Department

WHEREAS, County of Cortland, through its Department of Planning/Mobility Management Office, recognizes the need to improve transportation options for seniors and individuals with disabilities; AND

WHEREAS, the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Section 5310 Enhanced Mobility of Seniors and Individuals with Disabilities Program, administered by the New York State Department of Transportation (NYSDOT), provides funding for operating, capital, and mobility management projects that provide support beyond traditional public transportation and American with Disabilities Act (ADA) complementary paratransit services; AND

WHEREAS, County of Cortland, is eligible to apply for Section 5310 and is submitting a request for grant funds to the New York State Department of Transportation, pursuant to Section 5310 for operating and capital projects to improve and enhance mobility for seniors and individuals with disabilities throughout Cortland County; AND

WHEREAS, no not-for-profit corporations or associations are readily available in the area to provide transportation services to seniors and individuals with disabilities with the application; AND

WHEREAS, Cortland County and the State of New York have entered into continuing agreements, or may enter into successor continuing agreements, which authorizes the undertaking of the project(s) and reimbursement of the Federal Share; NOW THEREFORE BE IT

RESOLVED, that the County Administrator, upon review and approval of the County Attorney or designee, is authorized to act on behalf of Cortland County to sign the application and any related contracts, and to progress and complete the above-named project(s); AND BE IT FURTHER,

RESOLVED, that the County Administrator, upon review and approval by the County Attorney or designee, is authorized to sign any contracts or agreements between Cortland County and any third-party subcontractor necessary to complete the 5310 project(s).

Referred from Health & Human Services Committee

ON MOTION OF VAN DEE

AGENDA ITEM NO. 17

Authorize Agreements for Administrative and Program Services - Office for Aging

WHEREAS, Cortland County Agency for Aging and other departments must execute several contracts for various administrative and program services for the 2026 calendar year; NOW THEREFORE BE IT

RESOLVED, that the County Administrator, upon review and approval by the County Attorney or designee as to form and subject to any appropriation of funding by the Legislature, be and hereby is authorized to execute agreements through the end of 2026 for or with the following:

- CD Choices
- Classen Home Health Association
- Cortland Chenango Rural Services, Inc. (LASS)
- Center 4 Arts
- Central New York Regional Transportation Authority (Centro)
- Cortland Park Rehabilitation & Nursing Facility
- Cortland Repertory Theatre
- Crown Park Rehabilitation and Nursing
- Guthrie Cortland Nursing & Rehabilitation Facility
- Elizabeth Brewster House
- Family Counseling Services
- Family Health Network
- Food Net Meals on Wheels

Homemakers of Western New York (d/b/a Caregivers Home Care)
Integrity Home Care Services
JA Food Service
J.M. Murray Center
KPH Healthcare Services/Kinney Drugs
Language Line
Mom's Meals
Portzline Day Program & Respite Center, LLC
Portzline Family Home
Resource Center for Independent Living
Rural Roots Nutrition
Scott United Methodist Church
Self-Direct, Inc./Response4HELP
SEPP Corporation
Seven Valley Health Coalition
SCC MedQR
SUNY Cortland
Syracuse University
The Scott Club, Inc. (LASS)
TLC Medical Transportation Services, Inc.
Visiting Nurse Service of New York Choice
Town of Preble (LASS)
Town of Willet (LASS)
Town of Truxton (LASS)
Truxton United Methodist Church
Virgil United Methodist Church (LASS)
Walden Place
Walgreens Co.
Walmart Stores, Inc.
Wegmans
YMCA
YWCA

ON MOTION OF VAN DEE

AGENDA ITEM NO. 18

**Authorize Contract Amendment with Community Computer Service, Inc. (MEDENT) to Include
HealtheConnections - Mental Health Department**

WHEREAS, the Cortland County Mental Health Department currently contracts with Community Computer Service, Inc. (MEDENT) for electronic medical record services; AND

WHEREAS, Community Computer Service, Inc. offers a HealtheConnections Health Information Exchange (HIE) subscription which will enhance the exchange of health records and improve the continuity of care for clients; AND

WHEREAS, the subscription cost is \$75 per month per practice (2-5 providers); AND

WHEREAS, the additional cost for calendar year 2025 is covered within the current Mental Health Department budget; NOW THEREFORE BE IT

RESOLVED, that the County Administrator, upon review and approval of the County Attorney

or designee, is hereby authorized to execute a contract amendment with Community Computer Service, Inc. (MEDENT) to include the HealthConnections HIE Subscription at the rate of \$75 per month per practice (2-5 providers), with the cost for 2025 to be paid from appropriations within the 2025 Cortland County Mental Health Department budget.

ON MOTION OF VAN DEE

AGENDA ITEM NO. 19

Authorize Agreement with Dr. Gulhati - Mental Health Department

WHEREAS, the Mental Health Department is in need of a youth and adolescent psychiatrists to provide consultation services for the children and youth population served; AND

WHEREAS, it would be in the best interest of the county to provide these services through an outside vendor contractor who specializes in this unique expertise; AND

WHEREAS, Dr. Gulhati, a licensed psychiatrist is the contractor selected to provide this to the Mental Health Department; AND

WHEREAS, Dr. Gulhati will provide consultation services up to four (4) hours a month at a rate of \$250 hr.; NOW THEREFORE BE IT

RESOLVED, that the 2025 Cortland County budget be and hereby has the funds under the contracted medical services line (A.43115.54615); AND BE IT FURTHER

RESOLVED, that the County Administrator, upon review by the County Attorney or designee, be and hereby is authorized to enter into a three (3) year agreement with Dr. Gulhati, M.D. for Mental Health Department children and youth consultation services.

ON MOTION OF VAN DEE

AGENDA ITEM NO. 20

Resolution to Enter into an Agreement with Family and Children Counseling Services

WHEREAS, the Cortland County Mental Health Department and the Cortland County Office for Aging authorizes agreements with Family and Children Counseling Services; AND

WHEREAS, there are no costs to Cortland County; AND

WHEREAS, this agreement will set forth understanding regarding collaborative care coordination activities; NOW THEREFORE BE IT

RESOLVED, that the County Administrator, upon review and approval by the County Attorney or designee, is hereby authorized to execute an agreement with Family and Children Counseling Services, of 165 Main Street, Cortland, NY 13045, for collaborative care coordination activities at no cost to the County.

ON MOTION OF VAN DEE

AGENDA ITEM NO. 21

Appoint Members - Community Services Board and Mental Health Subcommittee

WHEREAS, the By-Laws of the Cortland County Community Services Board (CSB), Article 3, Section 1 states that the Board shall have separate Subcommittees for Mental Health, Developmental Disabilities, and Substance Use Disorder, each have no more than nine (9) members; AND

WHEREAS, the term of each member of the Subcommittee shall be four (4) years except for the vacancies of unexpired terms; AND

WHEREAS, the Community Services Board and the Mental Health Subcommittee have vacancies due to member resignations; NOW THEREFORE BE IT

RESOLVED, that the following CSB and Subcommittee appointments be made:

COMMUNITY SERVICES BOARD

NAME/ADDRESS

TERM EXPIRATION

Tammy McCall
5035 Town Line Rd
McGraw, NY 13101
DSS Employee - advocate

12/31/2026
(Completing term of Dr. Pearl
Reed-Klein)

MENTAL HEALTH SUBCOMMITTEE

Janet Johnson, MD
2251 Greenwood Rd
Cortland, NY 13045
Retired Medical Doctor

12/31/2028
(Completing Term of Dr. Pearl
Reed-Klein)

ON MOTION OF VAN DEE

AGENDA ITEM NO. 22

Authorize Various Contracts - Mental Health Department

WHEREAS, the Cortland County Mental Health Department must execute contracts with several organizations and businesses to operate on a day to day basis which are included in the approved budget; AND

WHEREAS, the Cortland County Mental Health Department must execute contracts with several Schools and Universities to provide internship opportunities to students; AND

WHEREAS, there are no costs to Cortland County associated with these internships; AND

WHEREAS, the Cortland County Mental Health Department must execute contracts with several insurance companies to be considered in network for optimal payment; AND

WHEREAS, there are no costs to Cortland County associated with these insurance carrier contracts; NOW THEREFORE BE IT

RESOLVED, that the County Administrator, upon review and approval by the County Attorney or designee, and subject to appropriation of funding by the Legislature, is hereby authorized to execute an agreement for 2026 with each of the following:

Ability (Billing Clearinghouse)
Access to Independence
Binghamton University
Catholic Charities of Cortland
CAPCO
CDPHP
Cigna
Community Computer (Medent)
Cornell University
Excellus
Family and Childrens Counseling Services
Fidelis

FFT, LLC
Global Payment Integrated
Humana
Identrust (prescribing security)
Ithaca College
Kinney Drugs
Keuka College
LeMoyne College
MD Hub
Molina
MVP
Oneida College
Onondaga Cortland Madison Counties BOCES
OQ Measures, LLC
RHI
St. John Fisher University
State University of New York at Cortland
SUNY Oswego
SUNY Plattsburg
Sweeney Pest Control
Tompkins Cortland Community College
Tricare
United Health Care (UHC)
Upstate Medical University
Utica College
WellCare
W2 Operator Training Group
YWCA

ON MOTION OF VAN DEE

AGENDA ITEM NO. 23

Authorize Agreements Department of Social Services (Several Agencies and Departments)

WHEREAS, Cortland County Department of Social Services must execute several contracts for various administrative and program services for the calendar year 2026; AND

WHEREAS, such contracts, costs, terms, functional areas and associated account numbers are listed in the attached chart; NOW THEREFORE BE IT

RESOLVED, that the County Administrator, upon review by the County Attorney or designee and subject to appropriation of funding by the Legislature, be and hereby is authorized to execute agreements for or with the following for contract terms beginning on or after 12/31/25 and ending on or before 12/31/26:

Accufund/Brisbane
Catholic Charities
Cayuga Addictions Recovery Services
Cayuga Centers
Children's Home of Wyoming Conference
Cortland County Office for Aging
Cortland County Information Technology
Cortland County District Attorney's Office
Cortland County Employment and Training
Cortland County Probation Department
Cortland County Sheriff's Department
Cortland County Veteran's Services Office
Elmcrest Children's Services

Family Counseling Services
Hillside Children's Center
J.M. Murray Center
Jennifer Genovese, ACSW, LCSW
Josie's Journey
LabCorp
Language Line
L. Woerner, Inc d/b/a Home Care of Rochester
Lifeline Systems, Inc.
Rural Health Institute
Salvation Army
Staffing Healthcare Systems, Inc.
Upstate Services Group
Vitalshred
YWCA

ON MOTION OF VAN DEE

AGENDA ITEM NO. 24

Authorize Agreements Department of Social Services Foster Care and Detention

WHEREAS, the Cortland County Department of Social Services must be able to purchase foster care, detention and adoption services for specialized care and placement of children; AND

WHEREAS, the payment rates for such services are established by New York State as Maximum State Aid Rates; AND

WHEREAS, the funds are expended once services are required and provided; AND

WHEREAS, payments for such services are made from one of the following accounts; A60105.56109, A60105.56119, or A60105.56123; NOW THEREFORE BE IT

RESOLVED, that the County Administrator, upon review by the County Attorney or designee, be and hereby is authorized and directed to execute contractual agreements in 2026 for foster care, detention and adoption services with licensed agencies and/or foster care parents licensed or otherwise authorized by the New York State Office of Children and Family Services; AND BE IT FURTHER

RESOLVED, that the said agreements shall be contingent upon the approval of the County Attorney or designee and subject to appropriation of funding by the Legislature.

ON MOTION OF VAN DEE

AGENDA ITEM NO. 25

Authorize Agreements Department of Social Services Work Experience Sites

WHEREAS, the Cortland County Department of Social Services is required to provide Work Experience activities as part of an Employment Plan required by the New York State Office of Temporary and Disability; AND

WHEREAS, there are no funds paid for such services; NOW THEREFORE BE IT

RESOLVED, that the County Administrator, upon review by the County Attorney or designee, be and hereby is authorized and directed to execute contractual agreements for dates from 12/31/25 through 12/31/26 for work experience site placements with the following:

Cortland County Office for Aging
Cortland County Clerk
Cortland County Employment and Training

ON MOTION OF VAN DEE

AGENDA ITEM NO. 26

Authorize Agreements Department of Social Services Qualified Independent Assessments

WHEREAS, the Cortland County Department of Social Services must be able to purchase Qualified Independent Assessments from state authorized individuals or agencies to comply with Families First legislation requirements for children placed in qualifying residential foster care centers; AND

WHEREAS, the payment rates for such services are negotiated as needed with qualified entities available and able to perform such assessments within required timeframes; AND

WHEREAS, the funds are expended once services are required and provided; AND

WHEREAS, payments for such services are made from the A60105.54800 Program Expense account; NOW THEREFORE BE IT

RESOLVED, that the County Administrator, upon review by the County Attorney or designee, be and hereby is authorized and directed to execute contractual agreements in 2026 for Qualified Independent Assessments with individuals or agencies authorized by the New York State Office of Children and Family Services; AND BE IT FURTHER

RESOLVED, that the said agreements shall be contingent upon the approval of the County Attorney or designee and subject to appropriation of funding by the Legislature.

ON MOTION OF VAN DEE

AGENDA ITEM NO. 27

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

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

\$1,352
\$115,157

\$3,140

; 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.

ON MOTION OF VAN DEE

AGENDA ITEM NO. 28

Appoint Member to the Cortland County Youth Board

WHEREAS, the members of the Cortland County Youth Board are appointed by the Cortland County Legislature; AND

WHEREAS, due to the resignation of Shannon Phillips, a vacancy exists on the Cortland County Youth Board; AND

WHEREAS, Youth Representatives on the Board serve one-year terms and all other members serve three-year terms; AND

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Cortland County Youth Board By-Laws any person appointed to fill a vacancy due to resignation shall be appointed for the remainder of the term; NOW THEREFORE BE IT

RESOLVED, that the following persons be and hereby is appointed as a member of the Cortland County Youth Board for the remainder of the vacant term:

NAME	CAPACITY	ADDRESS	TERM ENDING
Alexis Amsden	Cortland Works and Career Center	35 Pomeroy Street, Cortland, NY 13045	12/31/2027

ON MOTION OF VAN DEE

AGENDA ITEM NO. 29

Authorize the Chairman of the Cortland County Legislature to Sign Local Plan for Program Year 2025-2028

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Workforce Innovation & Opportunity Act (HR 803, PL 113-118) a Local Plan is required to be submitted for the Cayuga Cortland Workforce Development Area (CCWDA) for the Title I-B and Wagner Peyser Programs; AND

WHEREAS, said Local Plan must be signed by the Workforce Development Board Chair and the Chief Elected Officials in Cayuga and Cortland Counties; AND

WHEREAS, said plan upon signing is to be submitted to the New York State Department of

Labor; AND

WHEREAS, this legislature has been informed that there are no local funds involved in the execution of said plan; NOW THEREFORE BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Chair of the Cortland County Legislature and Cayuga Cortland Workforce Development Board Director, upon review and approval by the County Attorney, be and hereby is authorized and directed to execute the Local Plan for WIOA Title 1-B and Wagner Peyser programs and related programs.

Referred from Finance & Administration Committee

ON MOTION OF BISCHOFF

AGENDA ITEM NO. 30

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. 31

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. 32

Authorize Agreement Cortland County Convention and Visitors Bureau for Provision of Public Benefits and Promotion and Publicity

WHEREAS, the County of Cortland desires to promote and publicize the advantages, benefits and attractions of Cortland County in order to attract visitors, businesses and industry; AND

WHEREAS, Cortland County has imposed an Occupancy Tax for the purpose of enhancing 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, Section 224 of County Law provides the County may contract with non-profit organizations promoting Cortland County as a tourism destination; NOW THEREFORE BE IT

RESOLVED, that pursuant to Section 224 of County Law, the County shall enter into a contract with the Cortland County Convention and Visitors Bureau, Inc. (CVB) under the following terms and conditions:

1. CVB shall provide the County with its tourism marketing and promotion services and shall promote and publicize the advantages of Cortland County in such a mode and manner as it deems appropriate, including, but not limited to, all media, print, radio, television, direct contact, event publicity, contests, or other promotional devices.
2. CVB shall be responsible, out of the portion of Occupancy Tax funds it receives, for the distribution of occupancy funds to nonprofit organizations as outlined in the Cortland County Occupancy Tax Funding Request Guidelines.
3. Cortland County shall remit to CVB a portion of the Occupancy Tax Funds received in the amount of \$623,434, to the tourism and publicity account. Prior to funds being remitted, CVB shall submit a marketing plan to the County's Finance and Administration Committee for its review and approval.
4. CVB shall be permitted to use a portion of these funds to cover office administrative staff and operational costs of CVB, which shall not exceed thirty-five percent (35%) of the total tourism budget.
5. The term of the agreement shall be one (1) year from January 1, 2026 through December 31, 2026.
6. CVB shall submit a written quarterly report no later than fifteen (15) days after the conclusion of each quarter to the Clerk of the Legislature and the County Administrator.

7. Within sixty (60) days of the termination of this agreement, CVB shall provide and render to the County a verified account of the disbursements of such organization with verified or certified vouchers therefore attached.
8. CVB shall place any unused monies into a dedicated account for the purpose of developing new events and funding unanticipated activities that support tourism in Cortland County with an emphasis on events that produce multi-day visits or overnight stays.

; AND IT BE FURTHER

RESOLVED, that the County Administrator, upon review and approval of the County Attorney or designee, be hereby is authorized and directed to enter into an agreement with the Cortland County Convention and Visitors Bureau, Inc. for the period of January 1, 2026 through December 31, 2026, in accordance with the terms and conditions listed above.

ON MOTION OF BISCHOFF

AGENDA ITEM NO. 33

Authorize Agreement Cortland Regional Sports Council for Provision of Public Benefits and Promotion and Publicity

WHEREAS, the County of Cortland desires to promote and publicize the advantages, benefits and attractions of Cortland County in order to attract visitors, businesses and industry; AND

WHEREAS, Cortland County has imposed an Occupancy Tax for the purpose of enhancing 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, Section 224 of County Law provides the County may contract with non-profit organizations promoting Cortland County as a tourism destination; AND

WHEREAS, by and through its sports event development, support and promotion of various sporting events occurring within Cortland County, Cortland Regional Sports Council (CRSC) promotes Cortland County as a tourism destination through its marketing of local accommodations, casual and fine dining, and recreation and leisure available for its incoming participants and spectators within the County; NOW THEREFORE BE IT

RESOLVED, that pursuant to Section 224 of County Law, the County shall enter into a contract with the Cortland Regional Sports Council under the following terms and conditions:

1. CRSC shall, through its event development, support and promotion of various sporting events occurring within Cortland County publicizes the advantages of Cortland County in such a mode and manner as it deems appropriate, including, but not limited to, direct sporting event bid solicitation, and all media, print, radio, television, direct contact, event publicity, contests, or other promotional devices.
2. Cortland County shall remit to CRSC a portion of the Occupancy Tax Funds received in the amount of \$140,800, to its tourism and publicity account. Prior to funds being remitted, CRSC shall submit a marketing plan to the County's Finance and Administration Committee for its review and approval.
3. CRSC shall be permitted to use a portion of these funds to cover office administrative staff and operational costs of CRSC, which shall not exceed the fixed percentage of the total tourism budget established in CRSC agreement with the COUNTY.
4. The term of the agreement shall be one (1) year from January 1, 2026 through December 31,

2026.

5. CRSC shall submit a written quarterly report no later than fifteen (15) days after the conclusion of each quarter to the Clerk of the Legislature and the County Administrator.
6. Within sixty (60) days of the termination of this agreement, CRSC shall provide and render to the County a verified account of the disbursements of such organization with verified or certified vouchers therefore attached.

; AND IT BE FURTHER

RESOLVED, that the County Administrator, upon review and approval of the County Attorney or designee, be and hereby is authorized and directed to enter into an agreement with the Cortland Regional Sports Council for the period of January 1, 2026 through December 31, 2026, in accordance with the terms and conditions listed above.

ON MOTION OF BISCHOFF

AGENDA ITEM NO. 34

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.

Announcements**Adjournment**