



Cortland County Legislature

Legislative Session

Legislative Chambers

Cortland, NY 13045

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~ Agenda ~

Thursday, October 24, 2024

6:00 PM

Board Room

Public Hearings

1. Local Law "E" of 2024 - a Local Law to Increase Salary of Officers Elected or Appointed for a Fixed Term During the Term of Office
2. Local Law "F" of 2024 - a Local Law Setting the Salary of Cortland County Election Commissioners
3. Local Law "G" of 2024 - a Local Law Overriding Tax Levy Limit for Fiscal Year 2025
4. Tentative 2025 Cortland County Budget

Salute to the Flag

Call to Order

Roll Call

Attendee Name	Present	Absent	Late	Arrived
Legislator Kris Valentine Behnke	☐	☐	☐	
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 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 26, 2024 6:00 PM

Privilege of the Floor

Proclamations & Recognitions

Presentation of Petitions, Communications, and Notice

Receive and File

Reports of Standing, Special and Ad Hoc Committees

Articles Postponed to Day Certain

Unfinished Business

New Business

Resolutions

Resolutions from the Chair

ON MOTION OF FITCH

AGENDA ITEM NO. 1

Authorize Memorandum of Agreement with the City of Cortland and Town of Cortlandville for the Shared Services Mobile Stage

WHEREAS, Cortland County, the City of Cortland, and the Town of Cortlandville applied for a grant to acquire a shared services mobile stage, with the Town of Cortlandville serving as the lead agency for the grant application; AND

WHEREAS, it is necessary to formalize an agreement between Cortland County, the City of Cortland, and the Town of Cortlandville to comply with the grant requirements and establish terms for the use, maintenance, and management of the shared mobile stage; NOW THEREFORE BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Cortland County Legislature hereby authorizes the County Administrator, upon review and approval by the County Attorney or their designee, to execute a Memorandum of Agreement with the City of Cortland and the Town of Cortlandville for the shared services mobile stage.

Referred from Building & Grounds Committee

ON MOTION OF HEIDER

AGENDA ITEM NO. 2

Authorize Agreement with NRG Energy, Inc. for Natural Gas

WHEREAS, Resolution No. 44-11 authorized the Municipal Electric and Gas Alliance (MEGA) to represent Cortland County in a bid for natural gas; AND

WHEREAS, MEGA, in conjunction with Genesee County, NY, issued invitations to bid; AND

WHEREAS, MEGA's consulting firm, Energy Next, evaluated the bids on behalf of alliance members, including Cortland County; AND

WHEREAS, upon careful review and analysis MEGA determined that NRG Energy, Inc., of 910 Louisiana St Houston, TX 77002, was the lowest responsible bidder and entered into a program agreement with NRG Energy, Inc.; AND

WHEREAS, based on the NRG Energy, Inc. agreement with MEGA, the Cortland County Buildings and Grounds and Finance and Administration Committees have recommended selecting NRG Energy, Inc.'s price protection program, which will provide the County with natural gas at a fixed rate of \$-.- per decatherm for 36 months commencing on November 1, 2024 and ending October 31, 2027, with the option of extensions; NOW THEREFORE BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Cortland County Legislature hereby authorizes the County Administrator, upon the approval of the County Attorney or designee, to enter into an agreement with NRG Energy, Inc., of 910 Louisiana St Houston, TX 77002, for natural gas; AND BE IT FURTHER

RESOLVED, that said agreement with NRG Energy, Inc. shall be for all County properties.

Referred from Highway Committee

ON MOTION OF NEWELL

AGENDA ITEM NO. 3

Approve Grant Application/Authorize Agreement for the Design for the Shifting of Existing Taxiway A, Reconstruction of Taxiway B Stub, and Shifting Taxiway B North Stub at the Cortland County Airport - Chase Field

WHEREAS, the Cortland County Airport-Chase Field, as a public-use facility included in the National Plan of Integrated Airport Systems (NPIAS), will receive funding through the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), Airport Improvement Program (AIP) for Federal Fiscal Year 2024; AND

WHEREAS, the County of Cortland, New York, wishes to continue improvements to the infrastructure of the Cortland County Airport-Chase Field through the Design for the Shifting of Existing Taxiway A, Reconstruction of Taxiway B stub, and Shifting Taxiway B north stub at Cortland County Airport-Chase Field, which is necessary to continue safe operation of aircraft at the Airport; AND

WHEREAS, the attached project narrative of the Design for the Shifting of Existing Taxiway A, Reconstruction of Taxiway B stub, and Shifting of Taxiway B north stub at Cortland County Airport-Chase Field, as provided to the FAA, provides a detailed narrative for the project; AND

WHEREAS, total cost of said project is Four Hundred Sixty-Six Thousand, Ninety-two Dollars (\$466,092.00); AND

WHEREAS, the local share of 5% of the overall grant budget is equal to Twenty Three Thousand, Three hundred five Dollars (\$23,305.00) to complete the design for the Shifting of Existing Taxiway A, Reconstruction of Taxiway B stub, and Shifting Taxiway B north stub at Cortland County Airport-Chase Field; AND

WHEREAS, the County of Cortland desires to advance the projects by completing the Design for the Shifting of Existing Taxiway A, Reconstruction of Taxiway B stub, and Shifting Taxiway B north stub by entering into an engineering agreement with McFarland Johnson, Inc. for the aforesaid design, bidding and grant administration services; NOW THEREFORE BE IT

RESOLVED, that the County of Cortland Legislature hereby endorses and approves the submittal of the FAA AIP Grant Applications for the Shifting of Existing Taxiway A, Reconstruction of Taxiway B stub, and Shifting of Taxiway B north stub at Cortland County Airport-Chase Field, and enters into an engineering agreement with McFarland Johnson, Inc., the County's airport engineering and planning consultant for design and bidding services, in the total amount of Four hundred sixty-three thousand, five hundred ninety-two dollars (\$463,592.00); AND BE IT FURTHER

RESOLVED, that the Chairman of the County of Cortland Legislature upon approval of the County Attorney or Designee, is hereby authorized to execute all necessary documents and plans on behalf of the County of Cortland, with the Federal Aviation Administration, New York State Department of Transportation and McFarland Johnson, Inc. with respect to the design and bidding of Shifting of Existing Taxiway A, Reconstruction of Taxiway B stub, and Shifting Taxiway B north stub at Cortland County Airport-Chase Field; AND BE IT FURTHER

RESOLVED, that a Certified copy of this Resolution be filed with the Federal Aviation Administration and New York State Department of Transportation by attaching it to any necessary Grant Agreement and Engineering Agreement in connection with the Project; AND BE IT FURTHER

RESOLVED, that the 2024 Capital Budget be amended as follows:

		ORIGINAL	CHANGE	FINAL
HH56105.54055.TWAB	PROF SERVICES	\$0	\$466,092	\$466,092
HH561043.43597.TWAB	STATE REVENUE	\$0	\$23,305	\$23,305
HH561044.44597.TWAB	FEDERAL REVENUE	\$0	\$419,482	\$419,482
HH99015.45031.TWAB	INTER-FUND TRANSFER	\$0	\$23,305	\$23,305
A99095.59950.TWAB	TRANSFER TO CAPITAL	\$0	\$23,305	\$23,305
A359900	General Fund balance	\$0	\$23,305	\$23,305

; AND BE IT FURTHER

RESOLVED, that this Resolution shall take effect immediately.

Referred from Government Operations Committee

ON MOTION OF NAUSEEF

AGENDA ITEM NO. 4

Amend Pre-Employment Background Investigation Policy

WHEREAS, the Cortland County Legislature adopted the Cortland County Pre-Employment Background Investigation Policy on 7/28/2016; AND

WHEREAS, there is a need to make changes to said policy due to the enactment of the Clean Slate Act; NOW THEREFORE BE IT

RESOLVED, that the plan will be amended effective November 16, 2024 to include required provisions set forth by the Clean Slate Act.

ON MOTION OF NAUSEEF

AGENDA ITEM NO. 5

Authorize Amendments Employment Policy Manual for Department Heads, Management Employees and Management/Confidential Employees

WHEREAS, the Management Compensation Review Committee has reviewed the Employment Policy Manual for Departments Heads, Management Employees and Management/Confidential Employees; AND

WHEREAS, the committee has identified several amendments to the language of the document which are necessary to clarify existing practices and to provide Management employees with benefits that are at least equal to union employees' benefits; AND

WHEREAS, these language changes do not change anything in the existing salary grade plan; NOW THEREFORE BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Cortland County Legislature hereby approves the language amendments to the Employment Policy Manual for Department Heads, Management Employees and Management/Confidential Employees as attached effective January 1, 2025.

ON MOTION OF NAUSEEF

AGENDA ITEM NO. 6

Adopt Local Law "E" of 2024 - a Local Law to Increase Salary of Officers Elected or Appointed for a Fixed Term During the Term of Office

WHEREAS, said Local Law has been in its final form upon the desks of the members of the Legislature at least seven (7) calendar days, exclusive of Sunday, prior to this date; AND

WHEREAS, a public hearing thereon has been held before this Legislature after publication of notice thereof as legally required; NOW THEREFORE BE IT

RESOLVED, that Local Law "E" for the year 2024 is hereby adopted and shall take effect upon the filing thereof in the Office of the Secretary of State as provided by Municipal Home Rule Law; AND BE IT FURTHER

RESOLVED, that, as this local law is subject to permissive referendum, the Clerk of the Legislature shall cause an abstract of this local law to be published in the County's official newspaper at least once a week for two successive weeks, the first publication of which shall be had within ten days after the local law is adopted; NOW THEREFORE

BE IT ENACTED by the Legislature of the County of Cortland, as follows:

SECTION 1.

LEGISLATIVE INTENT

The County Legislature hereby states the intent of this local law is to preserve the integrity of the Management Compensation Plan, the goal of which is to treat all employees equally by maintaining grade level salary increments attached to years of service to the County. It is therefore necessary for the County Legislature to extend by local law the same increase in salary for those County officers elected or appointed for a fixed term, in compliance with New York State County Law §201, as has been previously adopted pursuant to the amended Grade and Step Schedule for Management Confidential Employees through Cortland County Local Laws.

SECTION II.

The Cortland County Employment Policy Manual for Department Heads, Management and Management/Confidential Employees includes a Grade and Step Schedule, with salary increments tied to grade levels and years of service. Certain officers are excluded pursuant to New York State County Law §201, as the salary of any officer elected or appointed for a fixed term may only be increased by local law subject to permissive referendum as provided for in Municipal Home Rule Law §24(2)(h).

SECTION III.

The same rate of annual salary increase for fiscal year 2025 extended to Cortland County Management and Management/Confidential Employees through the modification of the Grade and Step Schedule, shall be provided to those officers elected or appointed for a fixed term, during their term of office. The annual salary of said officers elected or appointed for a fixed term, during their term of office, is to be adjusted and paid over the balance of the 2025 calendar year, upon the effective date of this local law.

This Local Law shall function to increase the salary of the following officers elected or appointed for a fixed term, during their term of office:

Elected officers include:

County Clerk
County Coroner(s)
County Sheriff

Officers appointed for a fixed term include:

Clerk of the Legislature
County Attorney
Public Defender
Veteran's Services Officer
Commissioner of Social Services
Highway Superintendent
Personnel Officer
Public Health Director
Real Property Tax Services Director

SECTION IV:

This local law is subject to permissive referendum and shall not take effect until at least forty-five (45) days after its adoption as provided for by Municipal Home Rule Law §24.

ON MOTION OF NAUSEEF

AGENDA ITEM NO. 7

Adopt Local Law "F" of 2024 - a Local Law Setting the Salary of Cortland County Election Commissioners

WHEREAS, said Local Law has been in its final form upon the desks of the members of the Legislature at least seven (7) calendar days, exclusive of Sunday, prior to this date; AND

WHEREAS, a public hearing thereon has been held before this Legislature after publication of notice thereof as legally required; NOW THEREFORE BE IT

RESOLVED, that Local Law "F" for the year 2024 is hereby adopted and shall take effect upon the filing thereof in the Office of the Secretary of State as provided by Municipal Home Rule Law; AND BE IT FURTHER

RESOLVED, that, as this local law is subject to permissive referendum, the Clerk of the Legislature shall cause an abstract of this local law to be published in the County's official newspaper at least once a week for two successive weeks, the first publication of which shall be had within ten days after the local law is adopted; NOW THEREFORE

BE IT ENACTED by the County Legislature of the County of Cortland as follows:

Section I:

Pursuant to Election Law §3-208, each Cortland County Election Commissioner shall receive an equal annual salary, to be fixed by the County Legislature.

Section II:

The annual salary for each Cortland County Election Commissioner shall be increased from \$57,528 to \$59,254 for fiscal year 2025 and paid over the balance of 2025 calendar year, upon the effective date of this local law.

Section III:

This local law is subject to permissive referendum and shall not take effect until at least forty-five (45) days after its adoption as provided for by Municipal Home Rule Law §24.

Referred from Judiciary & Public Safety Committee

ON MOTION OF PRICE

AGENDA ITEM NO. 8

Authorize Multi-Year Contracts for Coroner

WHEREAS, the Cortland County Coroner must execute contracts with several organizations and individuals for various services to operate on a day to day basis; NOW THEREFORE BE IT

RESOLVED, that the County Administrator, upon review 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 for three year contract terms beginning on or after October 1, 2024 and ending on or before September 30, 2027 with the following:

Darshan Patel, MD
James A. Terzian MD
NMS Labs
Our Lady of Lourdes Memorial Hospital, Inc
Robert Stoppacher, MD
TLC
Zirbel Funeral Home

Referred from Agriculture/Planning/Environment Committee

ON MOTION OF HARBIN

AGENDA ITEM NO. 9

Set Date for Public Hearing for Cortland County Strategic Development Plan - Planning Department

WHEREAS, the Cortland County Legislature has received a draft of the Cortland County Strategic Development Plan; AND

WHEREAS, the Cortland County Legislature encourages feedback on the draft Cortland County Strategic Development Plan; NOW THEREFORE BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Cortland County Legislature does hereby schedule a Public Hearing for the draft Cortland County Strategic Development Plan on November 21, 2024 at 6:00 PM; AND BE IT FURTHER

RESOLVED, that said Public Hearing shall be held in the Legislative Chambers, located at the Cortland County Office Building, 60 Central Avenue, Room 306, Cortland, New York 13045; AND BE IT FURTHER

RESOLVED, that the Clerk of the Legislature properly advertise said meeting in the County's designated newspaper.

**State Environmental Quality Review (SEQR) - Declaration of Intent to be Lead Agency for
Cortland County Strategic Development Plan - Planning Department**

WHEREAS, the Cortland County Legislature (hereinafter referred to as the Legislature) has reviewed and completed the SEQR Full Environmental Assessment Form (EAF) Part 1, prepared by the MRB Group (hereinafter referred to as County Consulting Firm) on the above referenced Cortland County Strategic Plan Adoption (hereinafter referred to as Action); AND

WHEREAS, the Legislature determines that said Action is classified as a Type 1 Action under the State Environmental Quality Review (SEQR) Regulations; AND

WHEREAS, the Legislature determines that said Action is also subject to review and approval by other involved agencies under SEQR Regulations; AND

WHEREAS, the Legislature determines that it is the most appropriate agency to ensure the coordination of this Action and will provide written notifications to involved agencies, for the purposes of conducting a coordinated review and making the determination of significance thereon under the SEQR Regulations; NOW THEREFORE BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Legislature does hereby declare its intent to be designated as the lead agency for the Action and directs the County Administrator to sign and date the Full EAF Part 1; AND BE FURTHER

RESOLVED, that the County's Consulting Firm is directed to provide notice hereof to the involved and interested agencies, seeking their agreement (or objection thereto) in writing.

Adopt Cortland County Public Transportation System Title VI Plan - Planning Department

WHEREAS, the Title VI Act of 1964 ensured that anti-discrimination is enforced throughout the work undertaken by all recipients of federal funding; AND

WHEREAS, the New York State Department of Transportation (NYSDOT) Title VI/Environmental Justice program serves, creates, implements and regulates procedures that comply with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, the Environmental Justice Executive Order 12898, Executive Order 13166, Limited English proficiency, the Civil Rights Restoration Act of 1987 and the Title 49 CFR Part 21; AND

WHEREAS, the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) requires all applicants who receive federal funding ensure their programs, policies, and activities comply with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964; AND

WHEREAS, Title VI provisions include, but are not limited to, prohibiting discrimination on the grounds of race, color, sex, age, nationality, religion, disabling condition, or being included within minority populations and/or low income populations, as well as prohibits exclusion from participation, denial of benefits to, or others subject to discrimination under any program or activity administered by NYSDOT; AND

WHEREAS, Cortland County is an applicant on various types of transportation grants; AND

WHEREAS, Melissa Potter, MPH, Mobility Manager, is the Public Transportation Title VI Officer; AND

WHEREAS, under the requirements of the Federal Transit Administration (FTA), all recipients who receive Federal Funding must have a Transportation Title VI Plan and Procedures; AND

WHEREAS, the adoption of the Cortland County Public Transportation System Title VI Plan will fulfill the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) requirement; NOW THEREFORE BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Cortland County Legislature be and hereby officially adopts the Cortland County Public Transportation System Title VI Plan.

Referred from Health & Human Services Committee

ON MOTION OF VAN DEE

AGENDA ITEM NO. 12

Amend Resolution No. 29-24/Authorize Lease Extension at 91-101 Main Street, LLC - Workforce Development

WHEREAS, the Cortland County Legislature adopted Resolution No. 29-24 that Resolution No. 229-22, authorizing a lease agreement with 91-101 Main Street, LLC from December 1, 2022 to November 30, 2024; AND

WHEREAS, there is a need to extend the lease contract by 3 months from November 30, 2024 to February 28, 2025; NOW THEREFORE BE IT

RESOLVED, that the County Administrator is hereby authorized to execute an extension on the current lease for 91-101 Main Street, LLC through February 28, 2025.

ON MOTION OF VAN DEE

AGENDA ITEM NO. 13

Authorize Administration and Program Agreements - Department of Social Services

WHEREAS, Cortland County Department of Social Services must execute several contracts for various administrative and program services for the calendar year 2025; 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 12/31/24 and ending on or before 12/31/25:

Catholic Charities
Cayuga Addictions Recovery Services
Cayuga Centers
Children's Home of Wyoming Conference
Community Action Program (CAPCO)
Cortland County Area Agency on Aging
Cortland County Central Services
Cortland County District Attorney's Office
Cortland County Employment and Training
Cortland County Mental Health Department
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.
Salvation Army
Staffing Healthcare Systems, Inc.
Upstate Services Group
YWCA

ON MOTION OF VAN DEE

AGENDA ITEM NO. 14

Authorize Agreements for Work Experience Sites - Department of Social Services

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 12/31/24 through 12/31/25 for work experience site placements with the following:

Cortland County Buildings and Grounds
Cortland County Agency on Aging
Cortland County Clerk
Cortland County Employment and Training
Cortland County Health Department
Cortland County Highway Department
Cortland County Mental Health Clinic
Cortland County Personnel Department

ON MOTION OF VAN DEE

AGENDA ITEM NO. 15

Authorize Agreements for Day Care Services - Department of Social Services

WHEREAS, the Cortland County Department of Social Services must be able to purchase day care services from day care centers to provide care for children eligible for the Low-Income Day Care and Temporary Assistance Day Care programs; AND

WHEREAS, the payment rates for such services are established by New York State as Child Care Market Rates; AND

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

WHEREAS, payments for day care services are made from one of the following accounts; A60105.56055, A60105.56070, or A60105.56119; NOW THEREFORE BE IT

RESOLVED, that the County Administrator be and hereby is authorized and directed to execute contractual agreements for Day Care Services to be provided in 2025 with agencies/providers pursuant to criteria established 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. 16

Authorize Agreements for Foster Care Services - Department of Social Services

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 2025 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. 17

Authorize Agreements for Qualified Independent Assessments - Department of Social Services

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 2025 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. 18

Authorize Agreements for Administrative and Program Services - Office for Aging

WHEREAS, Cortland County Office for Aging and other departments must execute several

contracts for various administrative and program services for the 2025 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 2025 for or with the following:

Classen Home Health Association
Cortland Chenango Rural Services, Inc. (LASS)
Cortland Transit
Center 4 Arts
Cortland Park Rehabilitation & Nursing Facility
Cortland Repertory Theatre
Crown Park Rehabilitation and Nursing
Guthrie Cortland Nursing & Rehabilitation Facility
Elizabeth Brewster House
Family Health Network
Homemakers of Western New York (d/b/a Caregivers Home Care)
Integrity Home Care Services
J.M. Murray Center
KPH Healthcare Services/Kinney Drugs
Language Line
Portzline Day Program & Respite Center, LLC
Resource Center for Independent Living
Rural Roots Nutrition
Scott United Methodist Church
Self-Direct, Inc./Response4HELP
SEPP Corporation
Seven Valleys Health Coalition
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
Town of Truxton (LASS)
Truxton United Methodist Church
Virgil United Methodist Church (LASS)
Walden Place
Walgreens Co.
Walmart Stores, Inc.

ON MOTION OF VAN DEE

AGENDA ITEM NO. 19

Authorizing and Approving Settlement Agreements to an Action Relating to the Opioid Crisis

WHEREAS, there is pending the matter on behalf of Cortland County regarding the opioid addiction crisis, in which Cortland County is the named plaintiff in the action (the "Action"); AND

WHEREAS, the Action is against several defendants, including manufacturers of opioids,

distributors of opioids and chain pharmacies; AND

WHEREAS, after discussion the Cortland County Legislature authorized the County Attorney to accept confidential settlements for in relation to two (2) such defendants in the ongoing matter; NOW THEREFORE BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Cortland County Legislature hereby authorizes the Chairman of the Legislature to accept said settlements and execute Participation and Release Forms for each defendant; AND BE IT FURTHER

RESOLVED, that all funds received from the settlement be set aside into a special reserve account for the sole purpose of addressing the opioid epidemic in Cortland County.

Referred from Finance & Administration Committee

ON MOTION OF BISCHOFF

AGENDA ITEM NO. 20

Authorize the Allocation of Funding to Tompkins Cortland Community College Facilities Master Plan

WHEREAS, Tompkins Cortland Community College requires the development of a Facilities Master Plan to assess and guide future infrastructure needs; AND

WHEREAS, a professional assessment is necessary to evaluate the current and future facilities requirements of Tompkins Cortland Community College to effectively create this plan; AND

WHEREAS, Cortland County is a sponsor county for Tompkins Cortland Community College; AND

WHEREAS, the total cost of the assessment is \$56,852, with the sponsor counties' share being \$28,426, of which Cortland County's portion is \$10,801.88; AND

WHEREAS, it is the recommendation of the Cortland County Legislature's Finance and Administration Committee to allocate \$10,801.88 to Tompkins Cortland Community College to fund a professional assessment of the facilities for the Facilities Master Plan; NOW THEREFORE BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Cortland County Legislature be and hereby authorizes the allocation of \$10,801.88 to Tompkins Cortland Community College to fund a professional assessment of its facilities as part of the Facilities Master Plan development; AND BE IT FURTHER

RESOLVED, that the Director of Finance is hereby directed to amend the 2024 budget as follows:

INCREASE:

A24955.54780	Sponsor Contributions	\$10,801.88
A359900	Appropriated Fund Balance	\$10,801.88

ON MOTION OF BISCHOFF

AGENDA ITEM NO. 21

Local Law "G" of 2024 - a Local Law Overriding Tax Levy Limit for Fiscal Year 2025

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 2025 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:

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 2025 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 2025.

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 2025, if the Legislature deems it necessary for the County of Cortland to adopt a budget for the fiscal year 2025 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