



Cortland County Legislature

Special Meeting

Legislative Chambers

Cortland, NY 13045

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~ Agenda ~

Thursday, May 22, 2025

5:30 PM

Board Room

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	☐	☐	☐	

Resolutions

ON MOTION OF FITCH

AGENDA ITEM NO. 1

Resolution Authorizing the Chair of the Cortland County Legislature to Withdraw from the County's Commitment to the CNYNET Broadband Network Project

WHEREAS, the Cortland County Legislature adopted Resolution No. 244-24 on December 19, 2024, authorizing the execution of a commitment letter to the Central New York Regional Planning and Development Board (CNYRPDB) in support of the CNYNET Broadband Network Project, including a financial commitment of \$3 million from Cortland County structured as interim construction financing; AND

WHEREAS, said commitment was expressly contingent upon multiple conditions including, but not limited to, review and approval by the Cortland County Legislature of final project development plans, the award and disbursement of grant funds from the New York State ConnectAll Office, formal appropriation of funds by the Cortland County Legislature, the adoption of a corresponding commitment by the Cayuga County Legislature, and full compliance with the New York State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQRA); AND

WHEREAS, the Cortland County Legislature has determined that it is in the best interest of the County to withdraw its financial and project support commitment to the CNYNET Broadband Network Project at this time, due to unresolved contingencies and evolving County priorities; AND

WHEREAS, no final appropriation of funds has been made, and the County has not yet undertaken or approved the final project plans; NOW THEREFORE BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Cortland County Legislature hereby rescinds its prior commitment to the CNYNET Broadband Network Project as authorized by Resolution No. 244-24; AND BE IT FURTHER

RESOLVED, that the Chair of the Cortland County Legislature, upon review and approval by the County Attorney or designee, is hereby authorized and directed to issue written notice to the Central New York Regional Planning and Development Board formally withdrawing Cortland County's participation and financial commitment to the Project; AND BE IT FURTHER

RESOLVED, that the Clerk of the Legislature is hereby directed to send a certified copy of this resolution to the Central New York Regional Planning and Development Board and to any other necessary parties to effectuate the intent of this resolution.

Adjournment