

# Cortland County Judiciary & Public Safety Committee

MINUTES

OCTOBER 6, 2009

10:00 AM

COUNTY OFFICE BUILDING  
ROOM 304

MEETING CALLED BY	Mr. Hartnett called the meeting to order at 10:03 a.m.
TYPE OF MEETING	Regular Committee
COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT	Tom Hartnett, Chairman; Danny Ross, Jack Williams, Gene Waldbauer, Tony Piombo and Don Spaulding
ATTENDEES	Bob Duell, Fire & Emergency Management; Catherine Wilde, Cortland Standard; Keith Dayton, Public Defender; Dave Hartnett, Assistant County Attorney; Tony Pace, Lee Price, Sheriff; Kathie Arnold, legislator; Lt. Mark Helms; Scott Schrader, County Administrator; Eric Mulvihill, WXHC; Sandy Price, legislator; Rob Corpora, I.T.; John Steger, legislator; Dennis Whitt, County Auditor; Mark Suben, District Attorney; John Daniels, legislator
NOT PRESENT	Dan Tagliente

## *Minutes Approval*

Mr. Spaulding made a motion to approve the minutes of the September 8, 2009, Judiciary & Public Safety Committee Meeting. Seconded by Mr. Ross. All members voting in favor; none opposed, and the minutes were approved as printed.

## *Resolutions*

RESOLUTION #1	<b>Accept 2008 Homeland Security Grant - Fire &amp; Emergency Management</b>
DISCUSSION	Mr. Jack Williams made a motion to approve the resolution. Seconded by Mr. Spaulding. Mr. Duell said the majority of these funds will go for the final communications tower and GIS planning. All members voting in favor; none opposed. The motion was approved.
RESOLUTION #2	<b>Accept Bids/Authorize Agreement - Fire &amp; Emergency Management</b>
DISCUSSION	Mr. Ross made a motion to approve the resolution. Seconded by Mr. Spaulding. Mr. Schrader said a new company is being used. Mr. Duell said that initially this will cost a little more than last year, but with the options available in the contract, it will cost the county less

	in the long run. All members voting in favor; none opposed. The motion was approved.
<b>RESOLUTION #3</b>	<b>Transfer Funds – Sheriff’s Department/Medical</b>
<b>DISCUSSION</b>	Mr. Ross made a motion to approve the resolution. Seconded by Mr. Piombo. Sheriff Price said that due to medical costs associated with inmates, he needs to transfer funds to cover expenses. He said he had one inmate that cost more than \$100,000 in medical costs. Mr. Schrader pointed out that this was a parole violator that the county was housing for the state, but still cost the county. Sheriff Price said inmates will have the option of getting a seasonal flu shot. All members voting in favor; none opposed. The motion was approved.
<b>OTHER DISCUSSION ITEMS</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The board discussed the vacant Conflict Attorney position. Mr. Schrader said he has tried multiple times to set up a meeting with the local judges, but that the judges have been unavailable or not interested in getting together. He said that if he is not able to get a meeting, he will advertise and fill the position. If the appeal on the previous court decision fails, then the county can re-write the local law, as recommended by the attorney for the Association of Counties.</li> <li>• Ms. Arnold said she has had conversations with emergency staff at Cortland Regional Medical Center and with the county coroners. She said that death certificates must be signed within 72 hours. If the death is unattended the coroner can’t sign the death certificate, and the county only has one Coroner’s Physician. If this physician can not be reached, the county will incur the cost of an autopsy. She requested that the county look into adding another coroner’s physician or allowing other emergency personnel to sign the death certificates. Mr. Schrader said he would look into this.</li> </ul>
<b>ADJOURNMENT</b>	Mr. Jack Williams made a motion to adjourn. Seconded by Mr. Waldbauer. All members voting in favor; none opposed. The meeting was adjourned.