

Budget & Appropriations

BOL Meeting Minutes - Final



Committee Chair: Jewel Williams Johnson

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148 Martine Avenue, 8th Floor
White Plains, NY 10601
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Wednesday, December 6, 2023

10:00 AM

Committee Room

CALL TO ORDER

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The Hon. Legislator Symra Brandon will be participating remotely from the 28 Wells Avenue 5th Floor, Yonkers, NY 10701.

Legislator Colin Smith will be participating remotely from 1132 Main St Suite 1 Peekskill, NY 10566.

With a quorum present, Chair Williams Johnson called the meeting to order at 10:13 AM.

Others in Attendance: DPW: Gayle Katzman, Hernane De Almeida and Rob Abbamont; BOL: Legislator Elect Judah Holstein, Gregory Casciatto, Lisa Hochman, Jill Axelrod and James Silverberg

Present: Legislator Williams Johnson, Legislator Barr, Legislator Gashi, Legislator Maher, Legislator Parker, Legislator Pierce and Committee Vice-Chair Woodson-Samuels

Excused: Legislator Tubiolo

Absent: Legislator Smith

Remote: Committee Chair Imamura and Legislator Brandon

MINUTES APPROVAL

Monday, October 16, 2023 at 10:00 AM Minutes

On motion of Legislator Pierce, seconded by Committee Vice-Chair Woodson-Samuels, the above item was approved. The motion carried.

Wednesday, November 1, 2023 at 10:00 AM Minutes

On motion of Legislator Pierce, seconded by Committee Vice-Chair Woodson-Samuels, the above item was approved. The motion carried.

Tuesday, November 14, 2023 at 10:00 AM Minutes

On motion of Legislator Pierce, seconded by Committee Vice-Chair Woodson-Samuels, the

above item was approved. The motion carried.

Tuesday, November 14, 2023 at 2:00 PM Minutes

On motion of Legislator Pierce, seconded by Committee Vice-Chair Woodson-Samuels, the above item was approved. The motion carried.

Wednesday, November 15, 2023 at 10:00 AM Minutes

On motion of Legislator Pierce, seconded by Committee Vice-Chair Woodson-Samuels, the above item was approved. The motion carried.

Monday, November 20, 2023 at 10:00 AM Minutes

On motion of Legislator Pierce, seconded by Committee Vice-Chair Woodson-Samuels, the above item was approved. The motion carried.

Monday, November 27, 2023 at 10:00 AM Minutes

On motion of Legislator Pierce, seconded by Committee Vice-Chair Woodson-Samuels, the above item was approved. The motion carried.

Monday, November 27, 2023 at 1:00 PM Minutes

On motion of Legislator Pierce, seconded by Committee Vice-Chair Woodson-Samuels, the above item was approved. The motion carried.

I. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

1. [2023-493](#) **CBA-RB151-Commerce Street, Mount Pleasant**

AN ACT amending the 2023 County Capital Budget Appropriations for Capital Project RB151 - Commerce Street, C.R. 29, Mount Pleasant.

SUBMITTED BY: COMMITTEES ON BUDGET & APPROPRIATIONS AND PUBLIC WORKS & TRANSPORTATION

Joint with PWT.

Guests: Department of Public Works & Transportation

First Deputy Commissioner Gayle Katzman

Deputy Commissioner Hernane De Almeida

Director of Operations (Capital Planning) Rob Abbamont

Mr. Abbamont discussed the item with the committee. He said that this will increase the County's share for this project by \$1.2 million. He explained that the additional funding is needed because they discovered a previously unknown gas line adjacent to the proposed drainage system, requiring additional rock excavation, drainage system modifications, relocation of existing utilities, modifications to the maintenance and protection of traffic plan, additional design, and construction inspection.

On motion of Committee Vice-Chair Woodson-Samuels, seconded by Legislator Barr, the above item was signed by committee and referred to Board of Legislators. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: Legislator Williams Johnson, Committee Chair Imamura, Legislator Barr, Legislator Brandon, Legislator Gashi, Legislator Parker, Legislator Pierce and Committee Vice-Chair Woodson-Samuels

Excused: Legislator Tubiolo

Absent: Legislator Smith

WO Prejudice: Legislator Maher

2. [2023-494](#) **BOND ACT(Amended)-RB151-Commerce Street, Mount Pleasant**

A BOND ACT (Amended) authorizing the issuance of an additional ONE MILLION, TWO HUNDRED THOUSAND (\$1,200,000) DOLLARS in bonds of Westchester County to finance Capital Project RB151 - Commerce Street, Mount Pleasant.

SUBMITTED BY: COMMITTEES ON BUDGET & APPROPRIATIONS AND PUBLIC WORKS & TRANSPORTATION

Joint with PWT.

Guests: Department of Public Works & Transportation

First Deputy Commissioner Gayle Katzman

Deputy Commissioner Hernane De Almeida

Director of Operations (Capital Planning) Rob Abbamont

See discussion of Item # 1 above.

On motion of Committee Vice-Chair Woodson-Samuels, seconded by Legislator Barr, the above item was signed by committee and referred to Board of Legislators. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: Legislator Williams Johnson, Committee Chair Imamura, Legislator Barr, Legislator Brandon, Legislator Gashi, Legislator Parker, Legislator Pierce and Committee Vice-Chair Woodson-Samuels

Excused: Legislator Tubiolo

Absent: Legislator Smith

WO Prejudice: Legislator Maher

3. [2023-464](#) **County Roads and Related Work Bond Act Projects - 2024 - RB215, RB219, RB221, RB222, RB225, RB227**

A BOND ACT authorizing the issuance of TWELVE MILLION, SEVEN HUNDRED TWENTY THOUSAND (\$12,720,000) DOLLARS in bonds of Westchester County to finance six (6) Capital Projects: RB215 - Murray Avenue, CR 74, Mamaroneck (\$1,485,000), RB219 - McLean Avenue, CR 127, Yonkers (\$575,000), RB221 - South Ridge Street, CR 54B, Rye Brook (\$1,700,000), RB222 - Columbus Avenue, CR 6411, Mount Pleasant (\$2,300,000), RB225 - Seven Bridges Road, CR 21, New Castle (\$2,660,000), and RB227 - Old Mamaroenck Road, CR 26, White Plains (\$4,000,000).

SUBMITTED BY: COMMITTEES ON BUDGET & APPROPRIATIONS AND PUBLIC WORKS & TRANSPORTATION

Joint with PWT.

Guests: Department of Public Works & Transportation

First Deputy Commissioner Gayle Katzman

Deputy Commissioner Hernane De Almeida

Director of Operations (Capital Planning) Rob Abbamont

First Deputy Commissioner Gayle Katzman, Deputy Commissioner Hernane de Almeida, and Rob Abbamont discussed the item with the committee. Mr. Abbamont said this will finance the cost of design, construction management, and construction associated with the rehabilitation of various County roads and related work.

Ms. Katzman noted that DPW has a Complete Streets checklist that they use for new projects. Legislator Maher asked for a copy of the list, and Ms. Katzman said she would provide it.

On motion of Committee Vice-Chair Woodson-Samuels, seconded by Legislator Barr, the above item was signed by committee and referred to Board of Legislators. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: Legislator Williams Johnson, Committee Chair Imamura, Legislator Barr, Legislator Brandon, Legislator Gashi, Legislator Parker, Legislator Pierce and Committee Vice-Chair Woodson-Samuels

Excused: Legislator Tubiolo

Absent: Legislator Smith

WO Prejudice: Legislator Maher

4. [2023-465](#) **BOND ACT - ROAD/BRIDGE RESURFACING PROJECT - 2024 - RB226**

A BOND ACT authorizing the issuance of ONE MILLION, FOUR HUNDRED TWENTY THOUSAND (\$1,420,000) DOLLARS in bonds of Westchester County to finance Capital Project RB226 - Westchester Avenue, CR62, White Plains/Harrison.

SUBMITTED BY: COMMITTEES ON BUDGET & APPROPRIATIONS AND PUBLIC WORKS & TRANSPORTATION

Joint with PWT.

Guests: Department of Public Works & Transportation

First Deputy Commissioner Gayle Katzman

Deputy Commissioner Hernane De Almeida

Director of Operations (Capital Planning) Rob Abbamont

Mr. Abbamont said that this will finance the cost of design associated with the rehabilitation of approximately 4.2 miles of Westchester Avenue in White Plains/Harrison. He said the work will include milling, resurfacing, new curbing; guiderail replacement, minor bus stops improvements, new traffic signal loops, new pavement markings and related work.

On motion of Committee Vice-Chair Woodson-Samuels, seconded by Legislator Barr, the above item was signed by committee and referred to Board of Legislators. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: Legislator Williams Johnson, Committee Chair Imamura, Legislator Barr, Legislator Brandon, Legislator Gashi, Legislator Parker, Legislator Pierce and Committee Vice-Chair Woodson-Samuels

Excused: Legislator Tubiolo

Absent: Legislator Smith

WO Prejudice: Legislator Maher

5. [2023-466](#) **BOND ACT - ROAD/BRIDGE RESURFACING PROJECT - 2024 - RB04N**

A BOND ACT authorizing the issuance of TWO MILLION, FORTY-SIX THOUSAND (\$2,046,000) DOLLARS in bonds of Westchester County to finance Capital Project RB04N - NYS Route 22 Bridge over Armonk Road Connection, North Castle.

SUBMITTED BY: COMMITTEES ON BUDGET & APPROPRIATIONS AND PUBLIC WORKS & TRANSPORTATION

Joint with PWT.

Guests: Department of Public Works & Transportation

First Deputy Commissioner Gayle Katzman

Deputy Commissioner Hernane De Almeida

Director of Operations (Capital Planning) Rob Abbamont

Mr. Abbamont said that this will finance the cost of design associated with the replacement of the existing bridge structure with a precast arch with stone facing and associated work.

On motion of Legislator Maher, seconded by Committee Vice-Chair Woodson-Samuels, the above item was signed by committee and referred to Board of Legislators. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: Legislator Williams Johnson, Committee Chair Imamura, Legislator Barr, Legislator Brandon, Legislator Gashi, Legislator Maher, Legislator Parker, Legislator Pierce and Committee Vice-Chair Woodson-Samuels

Excused: Legislator Tubiolo

Absent: Legislator Smith

6. [2023-460](#) **Department of Public Works Bond Acts - 2024. B0115, B0117, B0125-2290**

A BOND ACT authorizing the issuance of FOUR MILLION, SEVEN HUNDRED FIFTY THOUSAND (\$4,750,000) DOLLARS in bonds of Westchester County to finance Capital Projects B0115 - Infrastructure Rehab-Mt. Vernon District Office, B0117 - Infrastructure Rehab-450 Saw Mill River Road, Ardsley and B0125 (2290) - Infrastructure Rehab - Record Center, Elmsford.

SUBMITTED BY: COMMITTEES ON BUDGET & APPROPRIATIONS AND PUBLIC WORKS & TRANSPORTATION

Joint with PWT.

Guests: Department of Public Works & Transportation

First Deputy Commissioner Gayle Katzman

Deputy Commissioner Hernane De Almeida

Director of Operations (Capital Planning) Rob Abbamont

Mr. Abbamont said that this will finance three capital projects. He explained that Project

B0115 is for replacement of the roof at the Reginald A. LaFayette County Office Building in Mount Vernon. He said that the roof is over 20 years old, the warranty has expired, and must be replaced to avoid water filtration of the building.

He explained that Projects B0117 and B0125 are for installation of parapet safety railings at 450 Saw Mill River Road in Ardsley and at the Records Center in Elmsford in conjunction with the New York Power Authority photovoltaic system project. He said that the parapet railing system will provide adequate fall protection for personnel maintaining and servicing the equipment on the roof.

On motion of Legislator Maher, seconded by Committee Vice-Chair Woodson-Samuels, the above item was signed by committee and referred to Board of Legislators. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: Legislator Williams Johnson, Committee Chair Imamura, Legislator Barr, Legislator Brandon, Legislator Gashi, Legislator Maher, Legislator Parker, Legislator Pierce and Committee Vice-Chair Woodson-Samuels

Excused: Legislator Tubiolo

Absent: Legislator Smith

II. OTHER BUSINESS

III. RECEIVE & FILE

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Legislator Parker, seconded by Legislator Barr, the Committee adjourned at 11:59am.