



# Public Safety

## BOL Meeting Minutes - Final

Committee Chair: Colin Smith

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Monday, February 8, 2021

10:00 AM

Committee Room

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### CALL TO ORDER

Meeting joint with the Committee on Budget & Appropriations.

*With a quorum present, Chair Smith called the meeting to order at 10:22 AM.*

*Pursuant to Governor Andrew Cuomo's Executive Order No. 202.1, "Continuing Temporary Suspension and Modification of Laws Relating to the Disaster Emergency," which temporarily suspends portions of the New York State Open Meetings Law.*

*A section of the order, "Suspension of law allowing the attendance of meetings telephonically or other similar services," provides for the suspension of "Article 7 of the Public Officers Law, to the extent necessary to permit any public body to meet and take such actions authorized by the law without permitting in public in-person access to meetings and authorizing such meetings to be held remotely by conference call or similar service, provided that the public has the ability to view or listen to such proceeding and that such meetings are recorded and later transcribed."*

*Guests: BOL REMOTE: Alfreda Williams, Catherine Parker, David Tubiolo, Damon Maher, Melanie Montalto BOL: Catherine Borgia, Vedat Gashi, Ruth Walter, Alessandra Restiano, James Silverberg FINANCE REMOTE: Ann Marie Berg, Cesar Vargas DPW/T: Hugh Greechan, Robert Abbamont, Mike Swee DES REMOTE: Susan Spear, Mike Volk, William Dingee, Neil Caputo LABS REMOTE: Dr. Milovanovic, Diane Anton-Bockino DOC REMOTE: Bill Fallon, Karl Vollmer DOIT REMOTE: Marguerite Beirne, Lennox Harris, Sam Wear DA REMOTE: Pat D'Imperio*

**Present:** Committee Chair Smith and Legislator Boykin

**Remote:** Legislator Barr, Legislator Covill, Committee Vice-Chair Cunzio, Legislator Johnson, Legislator Shimsky and Legislator Woodson-Samuels

### MINUTES APPROVAL

#### I. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

1. [ACT-2021-24](#) IMA-Prisoner Transportation-Peekskill

AN ACT authorizing the County to enter into an Intermunicipal Agreement with the City of Peekskill in order to provide reimbursement for prisoner transportation to the Westchester County Jail.

**COMMITTEE REFERRAL: COMMITTEES ON BUDGET & APPROPRIATIONS AND PUBLIC SAFETY**

*Joint with B&A*

*Guests: Warden Vollmer & Bill Fallon, Director of Administrative Services- Department of Corrections Warden Vollmer and Director of Administrative Services Bill Fallon from the Department of Corrections appeared before the Committee to discuss item # 2021-118-IMA-Prisoner Transportation-Peekskill. This IMA will allow the County to reimburse Peekskill for the costs it incurs in transporting prisoners who have been arraigned to and from Peekskill and the Westchester County Jail, located at Valhalla, New York. The IMA would allow the County to reimburse Peekskill the annual amount of \$234,376 for a total amount not to exceed \$468,752 for the term commencing January 1, 2020 and terminating December 31, 2021.*

*Reimbursement to Peekskill will be for round trip transportation and will be based on the per hour labor costs of police officers which range from \$54.25 to \$81.38 per hour.*

*Reimbursement for hourly wage and fringe benefit costs will be for a maximum of four hours per officer per trip. Peekskill will also be reimbursed for vehicle usage at the current IRS mileage rate, multiplied by the mileage to and from the Westchester County Jail. The County will also reimburse Peekskill for the actual and reasonable cost of meals provided to post-arraignment prisoners. Warden Vollmer added that they agreed with the Chief of Police from Peekskill to keep the hourly rate the same and to reduce the maximum amount of hours from five to four.*

*Chair Smith asked if they anticipate any savings from reducing the maximum hours from five to four? Director Fallon said there is no anticipated savings since the total is based on the actual amount of time spent not the maximum. Legislator Maher asked what the population of the jail was and the answer was 646 current residents. Legislator Maher requested the number of transports for the past three years to be sent to the BOL. Legislator Maher asked how many officer are required for each transport? Warden Vollmer responded that there must be a minimum of two officers for each transport. Legislator Walter asked if the County transports for both arraignment and court? Warden Vollmer responded that they transport for court. The transports are conducted following arraignment and then they come pick up the inmates to be transported to and from court. Legislator Walter asked about the timing when officers have to wait in court for their inmates case to be taken up? Warden Vollmer responded that the reimbursement is for transportation only, the municipality pays for the time spent in court. Legislator Johnson asked if we anticipate less trips because of Bail Reform? Warden Vollmer stated that they do and that they also anticipate less trips because of COVID and virtual court hearings. However, arrests and after arraignment the inmates still need to be transported to the Jail. Chair Smith asked how many municipalities does the County transport to? Director Fallon responded that there are 15 municipalities that the County transports to.*

On motion of Legislator Cunzio, seconded by Legislator Johnson, the above item was signed by committee. The motion carried by the following vote:

**Aye:** Committee Chair Smith, Legislator Barr, Legislator Boykin, Legislator Covill, Committee Vice-Chair Cunzio, Legislator Johnson, Legislator Shimsky and Legislator Woodson-Samuels

**II. OTHER BUSINESS****III. RECEIVE & FILE****ADJOURNMENT**

Moved by Legislator Cunzio, seconded by Legislator Shimsky, the Committee adjourned at 11:50 AM.