

Memorandum Office of the County Executive Michaelian Office Building

May 29, 2025

TO:

Hon. Vedat Gashi, Chair

Hon. Jose Alvarado, Vice Chair

Hon. Tyrae Woodson-Samuels, Majority Leader

Hon. Margaret Cunzio, Minority Leader

FROM:

Kenneth W. Jenkins

County Executive

RE:

Message Requesting Immediate Consideration: Bond Act - BEL04 -

Purchase of Voting Equipment II.

This will confirm my request that the Board of Legislators allow submission of the referenced communication to be submitted to the Board of Legislators June 2, 2025 Agenda.

Transmitted herewith for your review and approval is a bond act ("Bond Act") which, if adopted, would authorize the County of Westchester ("County") to issue bonds in the amount of \$7,800,000 to finance the following capital project: BEL04.

Therefore, since this communication is of the utmost importance, it is respectfully submitted that the County Board of Legislators accepts this submission for June 2, 2025 "blue sheet" calendar.

Thank you for your prompt attention to this matter.



Kenneth W. Jenkins Westchester County Executive

May 28, 2025

Westchester County Board of Legislators 800 Michaelian Office Building White Plains, New York 10601

Dear Members of the Board of Legislators:

Transmitted herewith for your review and approval is a bond act ("Bond Act") which, if adopted, would authorize the County of Westchester ("County") to issue bonds in the amount of \$7,800,000 to finance the following capital project:

BEL04 - Purchase of Voting Equipment II ("BEL04").

The County Board of Elections (the "BOE") has advised that this project funds the purchase of various equipment necessary to hold elections in the County. The Bond Act, in the amount of \$7,800,000, would fund the replacement of the scanner portion of 1,100 voting machines as well as the replacement of 600 voting pads.

The BOE has advised that following bonding authorization, the equipment will be purchased and installed within a matter of weeks.

Based on the importance of this project to the County, favorable action on the proposed Bond Act is respectfully requested.

Kenneth W. Jenkins

Westchester County Executive

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Reference BEL04

HONORABLE BOARD OF LEGISLATORS
THE COUNTY OF WESTCHESTER, NEW YORK

Your Committee is in receipt of a transmittal from the County Executive recommending

approval by the County of Westchester ("County") of a bond act ("Bond Act") in the amount of

\$7,800,000 to finance capital project BEL04 - Purchase of Voting Equipment II ("BEL04").

The County Board of Elections (the "BOE") has advised that this project funds the

purchase of various equipment necessary to hold elections in the County. The Bond Act, which

was prepared by the law firm Hawkins Delafield & Wood, LLP, will fund the replacement of the

scanner portion of 1,100 voting machines as well as the replacement of 600 voting pads.

Following bonding authorization, the equipment will be purchased and installed within a

matter of weeks.

The Department of Planning has advised your Committee that based on its review, RB04F

may be classified as a Type "II" action pursuant to the State Environmental Quality Review Act

and its implementing regulations, 6 NYCRR Part 617 ("SEQR"). Therefore, no environmental

review is required. Your Committee has reviewed the annexed SEQR documentation and concurs

with this recommendation.

It should be noted that an affirmative vote of two-thirds of the members of your Honorable

Board is required in order to adopt the Bond Act. Your Committee recommends the adoption of

the proposed Bond Act.

Dated:

, 20_____.

White Plains, New York

COMMITTEE ON

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

CAPITAL PROJECT #	:BEL04	NO FISCAL IMPACT PROJECTED							
SECTION A - CAPITAL BUDGET IMPACT To Be Completed by Budget									
X GENERAL FUNI	50 St. 430000 St. 6400000 Sport 40000000 Sport 400000000	SPECIAL DISTRICTS FUND							
	Source of County Funds (check one):	X Current Appropriations							
		Capital Budget Amendment							
	SECTION B - BONDING AU To Be Completed by								
Total Principal	\$ 7,800,000 PPU	5 Anticipated Interest Rate 2.87%							
Anticipated Ar	nual Cost (Principal and Interest):	\$ 1,698,394							
Total Debt Ser	Total Debt Service (Annual Cost x Term): \$ 8,491,970								
Finance Department: Interest rates from May 28, 2025 Bond Buyer - ASBA									
SECTION C - IMPACT ON OPERATING BUDGET (exclusive of debt service) To Be Completed by Submitting Department and Reviewed by Budget									
Potential Related Expenses (Annual): \$ -									
	ted Revenues (Annual): \$	_							
to an interesting an appropriate and interesting and appropriate and interesting and interesti		ment operations							
Anticipated savings to County and/or impact of department operations (describe in detail for current and next four years):									
-									
:									
SECTION D - EMPLOYMENT									
As per federal guidelines, each \$92,000 of appropriation funds one FTE Job									
Number of Full Time Equivalent (FTE) Jobs Funded: 85									
Prepared by:	Dianne Vanadia								
Title:	Associate Budget Director	Reviewed By:							
Department:	Budget	Budget Director							
Date:	5/28/25	Date: 0 88 35							





TO:

Michelle Greenbaum, Senior Assistant County Attorney

Jeffrey Goldman, Senior Assistant County Attorney Carla Chaves, Senior Assistant County Attorney Maximilian Zorn, Assistant County Attorney

FROM:

David S. Kvinge, AICP, RLA, CFM

Assistant Commissioner

DATE:

May 21, 2025

SUBJECT:

STATE ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY REVIEW FOR CAPITAL PROJECT:

BEL04 PURCHASE OF VOTING EQUIPMENT II

PROJECT/ACTION: Per Capital Project Fact Sheet as approved by the Planning Department on

5/14/2025 (Unique ID: 2931)

With respect to the State Environmental Quality Review Act and its implementing regulations 6 NYCRR Part 617, the Planning Department recommends that no environmental review is required for the proposed action, because the project or component of the project for which funding is requested may be classified as a **TYPE II action** pursuant to section(s):

• 617.5(c)(31): purchase or sale of furnishings, equipment or supplies, including surplus government property, other than the following: land, radioactive material, pesticides, herbicides, or other hazardous materials.

COMMENTS: None.

DSK/oav

cc: Andrew Ferris, Chief of Staff

Paula Friedman, Assistant to the County Executive

Lawrence Soule, Budget Director

Tami Altschiller, Assistant Chief Deputy County Attorney

Dianne Vanadia, Associate Budget Director

Robert Abbamont, Director of Operations, Department of Public Works & Transportation

Susan Darling, Chief Planner

Michael Lipkin, Associate Planner

Claudia Maxwell, Principal Environmental Planner

BOND ACT AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$7,800,000 BONDS OF THE COUNTY OF WESTCHESTER, OR SO MUCH THEREOF AS MAY BE NECESSARY, TO FINANCE THE COST OF THE REPLACEMENT OF VOTING EQUIPMENT SYSTEMS FOR THE BOARD OF ELECTIONS, STATING THE ESTIMATED TOTAL COST THEREOF IS \$7,800,000; STATING THE PLAN OF FINANCING SAID COST INCLUDES THE ISSUANCE OF \$7,800,000 BONDS HEREIN AUTHORIZED; AND PROVIDING FOR A TAX TO PAY THE PRINCIPAL OF AND INTEREST ON SAID BONDS. (Adopted , 20___)

BE IT ENACTED BY THE COUNTY BOARD OF LEGISLATORS OF THE COUNTY OF WESTCHESTER, NEW YORK (by the affirmative vote of not less than two-thirds of the voting strength of said Board), AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Pursuant to the provisions of the Local Finance Law, constituting Chapter 33-a of the Consolidated Laws of the State of New York (the "Law"), the Westchester County Administrative Code, being Chapter 852 of the Laws of 1948, as amended, and to the provisions of other laws applicable thereto, \$7,800,000 bonds of the County, or so much thereof as may be necessary, are hereby authorized to be issued to finance the cost of the replacement of voting equipment systems for the Board of Elections, including, but not limited to, ballot optical scanning equipment and polling pads, all as set forth in the County's Current Year Capital Budget, as amended. To the extent that the details set forth in this act are inconsistent with any details set forth in the Current Year Capital Budget of the County, such Budget shall be deemed and is hereby

amended. The estimated total cost of said class of objects or purposes, including preliminary costs and costs incidental thereto and the financing thereof is \$7,800,000. The plan of financing includes the issuance of \$7,800,000 bonds herein authorized and any bond anticipation notes issued in anticipation of the sale of such bonds, the levy of a tax to pay the principal of and interest on said bonds and notes.

- Section 2. The period of probable usefulness of said class of objects or purposes, within the limitations of Section 11.00 a. 32 of the Law, is five (5) years.
- Section 3. Current funds are not required to be provided as a down payment pursuant to Section 107.00 d. 9. of the Law prior to issuance of the bonds authorized herein, or any bond anticipation notes issued in anticipation of the sale of such bonds. The County intends to finance, on an interim basis, the costs or a portion of the costs of said objects or purposes for which bonds are herein authorized, which costs are reasonably expected to be reimbursed with the proceeds of debt to be incurred by the County, pursuant to this Act, in the maximum amount of \$7,800,000. This Act is a declaration of official intent adopted pursuant to the requirements of Treasury Regulation Section 1.150-2.
- Section 4. The estimate of \$7,800,000 as the estimated total cost of the aforesaid class of objects or purposes is hereby approved.
- Section 5. Subject to the provisions of this Act and of the Law, and pursuant to the provisions of §30.00 relative to the authorization of the issuance of bond anticipation notes or the renewals thereof, and of §§50.00, 56.00 to 60.00 and 168.00 of said Law, the powers and duties of

the County Board of Legislators relative to authorizing the issuance of any notes in anticipation of the sale of the bonds herein authorized, or the renewals thereof, relative to providing for substantially level or declining annual debt service, relative to prescribing the terms, form and contents and as to the sale and issuance of the respective amounts of bonds herein authorized, and of any notes issued in anticipation of the sale of said bonds or the renewals of said notes, and relative to executing agreements for credit enhancement, are hereby delegated to the Commissioner of Finance of the County, as the chief fiscal officer of the County.

Section 6. Each of the bonds authorized by this Act and any bond anticipation notes issued in anticipation of the sale thereof shall contain the recital of validity prescribed by §52.00 of said Local Finance Law and said bonds and any notes issued in anticipation of said bonds shall be general obligations of the County of Westchester, payable as to both principal and interest by general tax upon all the taxable real property within the County. The faith and credit of the County are hereby irrevocably pledged to the punctual payment of the principal of and interest on said bonds and any notes issued in anticipation of the sale of said bonds or the renewals of said notes, and provision shall be made annually in the budgets of the County by appropriation for (a) the amortization and redemption of the notes and bonds to mature in such year and (b) the payment of interest to be due and payable in such year.

- Section 7. The validity of the bonds authorized by this Act and of any notes issued in anticipation of the sale of said bonds, may be contested only if:
- (a) such obligations are authorized for an object or purpose for which the County is not authorized to expend money, or

- (b) the provisions of law which should be complied with at the date of the publication of this Act or a summary hereof, are not substantially complied with, and an action, suit or proceeding contesting such validity, is commenced within twenty days after the date of such publication, or
 - (c) such obligations are authorized in violation of the provisions of the Constitution.

Section 8. This Act shall take effect immediately upon approval by the County Executive.

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STATE OF NEW YORK)	
: ss.:	
COUNTY OF WESTCHESTER)	
I HEREBY CERTIFY that I	have compared the foregoing Act No20 with
the original on file in my office, and that the	same is a correct transcript therefrom and of the whole
afthe said enising! Act which was duly ada	untail by the County Board of Logislators of the County
of the said original Act, which was duly add	opted by the County Board of Legislators of the County
of Westchester on , 20 and appr	roved by the County Executive on , 20 .
of westeriester on , 20 and appr	oved by the county Executive on , 20
IN WITNESS WHEREOF,	I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the corporate
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	seal of said County Board of Legislators this day
	of ,20
7	Flac Clark and Chief Administration Officer of the
	The Clerk and Chief Administrative Officer of the
	County Board of Legislators, County of Westchester,

LEGAL NOTICE

Legislators on, 20 and the hereafter contested only if such oblic County of Westchester, in the State provisions of law which should have were not substantially complied with	which is published herewith, has been adopted by the Board of 20 and approved by the County Executive on validity of the obligations authorized by such Bond Act may be gations were authorized for an object or purpose for which the e of New York, is not authorized to expend money or if the been complied with as of the date of publication of this Notice th, and an action, suit or proceeding contesting such validity is after the publication of this Notice, or such obligations were ons of the Constitution.						
Complete copies of the Bond Act summarized herewith shall be available for public inspection during normal business hours at the Office of the Clerk of the Board of Legislators of the County of Westchester, New York, for a period of twenty days from the date of publication of this Notice.							
ACT NO20							
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object or purpose: to finance the cost of the replacement of voting equipment systems for the Board of Elections, including, but not limited to, ballot optical scanning equipment and polling pads, all as set forth in the County's Current Year Capital Budget, as amended.							
amount of obligations to be issued and period of probable usefulness:	\$7,800,000; five (5) years						
Dated:, 20 White Plains, New York	6)						
	The Clerk and Chief Administrative Officer of the County Board of Legislators, County of Westchester, New York						

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CAPITAL PROJECT FACT SHEET

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Project ID:* BEL04	□ CBA	70	Fact Sheet Date:* 05-06-2025					
Fact Sheet Year:*	Project Title:*				Legislative District ID:			
2025	PURCHASE OF VOTING EQUIPMENT							
Category*	Department:*				CP Unique	e ID:		
BUILDINGS, LAND & MISCELLANEOUS	BOARD OF ELECTIONS				2931			
Overall Project Description This project funds the purchase of	of equipment syste	ms for the provisi	on of elect	tions.				
☐ Best Management Practices	☐ Ener	gy Efficiencies] Infrastru	cture		
☐ Life Safety	☐ Proje	ect Labor Agreem	ent		Revenue			
☐ Security	Othe	r						
FIVE-YEAR CAPITAL PROC	RAM (in thousa	nds)				,		
	Estimated Ultimate Total Cost	Appropriated	2025	2026	2027	2028	2029	Under Review
Gross	12,500	2,500	10,000	0	0	0	0	
Less Non-County Shares	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Net	12,500	2,500	10,000	0	0	0	0	
Expended/Obligated Amount (Current Bond Description: TO			FSCANN	ER PORT	ION OF 1	-100 VOT	ING MAG	CHINES
AND THE REPLACEMENT OF	600 POLLING P	ADS						
Financing Plan for Current Re	quest:							
Non-County Shares:		\$ 0						
Bonds/Notes:		7,800,000						
Cash:		0						
Total:		\$ 7,800,000						
SEQR Classification: TYPE II								
Amount Requested: 7,800,000								
Comments:								
Energy Efficiencies:								
Appropriation History:								
Year	Amount			Des	cription			
2024	2,500,000	FUNDS THE AC	CQUISITI UP TO 2,2	ON OF A	NEW EL	ECTRON	IC POLL	воок
2025	10,000,000	1,000 REPLACE				SCANNII	NG MACI	HINES
Total Appropriation History								

12,500,000

Total Financing History:

0

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Department of PlanningSEDR

Date
05-14-2025

Department of Public WorksRJB4

Date
05-14-2025

Budget DepartmentDateDEV905-14-2025

Requesting Department Date
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PURCHASE OF VOTING EQUIPMENT II (BEL04)

User Department:

Board of Elections

Managing Department(s):

Board of Elections ;

Estimated Completion Date:

TBD

12,500

Planning Board Recommendation: Project without physical planning aspects of concern to the Westchester County Planning Board.

FIVE YEAR CAPITAL PROGRAM (in thousands)

Est Ult Cost Appropriated

Exp / Obl

2025 2026 2027

2028

2029 Under Review

Gross **Non County Share**

Total

12,500

2,500

2,500

10,000

10,000

Project Description

This project funds the purchase of equipment systems for the provision of elections.

Current Year Description

The current year request funds the acquisition of approximately 1,000 replacement ballot optical scanning machines.

Current Year Financing Plan

Bonds

Cash **Non County** **Total**

2025 10,000,000 **Shares**

10,000,000

Impact on Operating Budget

The impact on the Operating Budget is the debt service associated with the issuance of bonds.

Appropriation History

Year

Year

Amount Description

Status

2024

2,500,000 Funds the acquisition of a new electronic poll book system for up to 2,200 AWAITING BOND AUTHORIZATION

devices

Total

2,500,000

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	Appropriated	Collected	Uncollected
Bond Proceeds	2,500,000		2,500,000
Total	2,500,000		2,500,000