

Budget & Appropriations

BOL Meeting Minutes - Final



Committee Chair: Jewel Williams Johnson

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10:00 AM

Committee Room

CALL TO ORDER

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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 10:14 AM.

Others in Attendance: GUESTS: Michael Gerald, Bill Fallon, Karl Vollmer, Gayle Katzman, Rob Abbamont, Nadia Savage, Nat Federici, Marian Pompa, Lindsay Jackson; BOL: David Imamura, Emiljana Ulaj, Dayana Gomez, Marcello Figueroa, Warren Watson, Greg Casciato, Jill Axelrod, James Silverberg,

Present: Legislator Williams Johnson, Legislator Barr, Legislator Holstein, Legislator Pierce, Legislator Tubiolo, Legislator Woodson-Samuels and Legislator Gashi

Remote: Legislator Smith and Legislator Williams

MINUTES APPROVAL

I. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

1. [ACT-2024-96](#) **BOND ACT-BCR64-Correctional Facility Replace Fire Alarm System**

A BOND ACT authorizing the issuance of SIX HUNDRED SIXTY-FIVE THOUSAND (\$665,000) DOLLARS in bonds of Westchester County to finance Capital Project BCR64 - Correctional Facility Replace Fire Alarm System.

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

Joint with PWT.

Guests: Department of Correction
Deputy Commissioner Michael Gerald
Warden Karl Vollmer
Director of Administrative Services Bill Fallon

Department of Public Works & Transportation
First Deputy Commissioner Gayle Katzman
Director Rob Abbamont

Mr. Abbamont explained that the facility has three different systems, one of which began having issues in 2017. In late 2022 a decision was made to replace all three systems with one complete building wide fire alarm system: the oldest of the three systems was then reaching the end of its useful life and the other two were soon to follow. Once approved, in-house design will begin in order to bring this project closer to completion. Construction for this project will go out to bid at a later time. It is estimated that design and construction will each take about eight months to complete.

On motion of Legislator Barr, seconded by Legislator Tubiolo, the above item was signed by committee and referred to Board of Legislators. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: Legislator Williams Johnson, Legislator Barr, Legislator Holstein, Legislator Pierce, Legislator Smith, Legislator Tubiolo, Legislator Williams, Legislator Woodson-Samuels and Legislator Gashi

2. [RES-2024-104](#) **PH-Sewer District Mod-Return-Cortlandt**

A Public Hearing on "AN ACT to modify the Peekskill Sanitary Sewer District by the addition of one (1) parcel of property located in the Town of Cortlandt. [Public Hearing set for June 3, 2024 at 7:30 p.m.]. ACT INTRO: 2024-254.

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

Joint with PWT.

Guests: Department of Environmental Facilities
Deputy Commissioner Nat Federici
Director Marian Pompa

This property was removed from the Peekskill Sewer District in 1998 for the 1999 tax year and the sewer became available to this parcel around 2004. The owner asked to be returned to the district because their septic system is failing. The property is about one-third of an acre in size, will generate around 450 gallons per day of flow and the sewer district is able to sustain this flow. Reinstating this parcel will not have an impact on the tax structure and they have no objection to adding it back.

On motion of Legislator Smith, seconded by Legislator Gashi, the above item was signed by committee and referred to Board of Legislators. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: Legislator Williams Johnson, Legislator Barr, Legislator Holstein, Legislator Pierce, Legislator Smith, Legislator Tubiolo, Legislator Williams, Legislator Woodson-Samuels and Legislator Gashi

3. [ACT-2024-102](#) **ACT-Sewer District Mod-Return-Cortlandt**

AN ACT to modify the Peekskill Sanitary Sewer District by the addition of one (1) parcel of property located in the Town of Cortlandt.

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

Joint with PWT.

Guests: Department of Environmental Facilities

Deputy Commissioner Nat Federici

Director Marian Pompa

Please refer to item #2.

On motion of Legislator Smith, seconded by Legislator Gashi, the above item was signed by committee and referred to Board of Legislators. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: Legislator Williams Johnson, Legislator Barr, Legislator Holstein, Legislator Pierce, Legislator Smith, Legislator Tubiolo, Legislator Williams, Legislator Woodson-Samuels and Legislator Gashi

4. [ACT-2024-93](#) **BOND ACT-SY058-2498-Yonkers Joint WRRF Info Tech Infrast. Upgrade**

A BOND ACT authorizing the issuance of EIGHT HUNDRED FIFTY THOUSAND (\$850,000) DOLLARS in bonds of Westchester County to finance Capital Project SY058 - Yonkers Joint Water Resource and Recovery Facility (WRRF) Info Tech Infrastructure Upgrade.

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

Joint with PWT.

Guests: Department of Environmental Facilities

Deputy Commissioner Nat Federici

Director Marian Pompa

This study will update data communication services. The current system is over 20 years old and has reached the end of its useful life. Design will be done in-house in conjunction with the Information Technology Department. Updating this system will also increase bandwidth, so the system will be in-line with current needs and meet cybersecurity compliance.

On motion of Legislator Holstein, seconded by Legislator Tubiolo, the above item was signed by committee and referred to Board of Legislators. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: Legislator Williams Johnson, Legislator Barr, Legislator Holstein, Legislator Pierce, Legislator Smith, Legislator Tubiolo, Legislator Williams, Legislator Woodson-Samuels and Legislator Gashi

5. [ACT-2024-94](#) **BOND ACT-SPK26-McGregory Brook Relief Sewer**

A BOND ACT authorizing the issuance of ONE MILLION, NINE HUNDRED THOUSAND (\$1,900,000) DOLLARS in bonds of Westchester County to finance Capital Project SPK26 - McGregor Brook Relief Sewer.

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

Joint with PWT.

Guests: Department of Environmental Facilities

Deputy Commissioner Nat Federici

Director Marian Pompa

This funding request is for construction of a relief sewer, to address a portion of the sewer that was built on a flat slope in 1980. The work is needed for two reasons: system age and an anticipated increase in capacity connected with new construction planned for the area.

On motion of Legislator Smith, seconded by Legislator Tubiolo, the above item was signed by committee and referred to Board of Legislators. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: Legislator Williams Johnson, Legislator Barr, Legislator Holstein, Legislator Pierce, Legislator Smith, Legislator Tubiolo, Legislator Williams, Legislator Woodson-Samuels and Legislator Gashi

6. [ACT-2024-95](#) **BOND ACT(Amended)-SPK26-McGregory Brook Relief Sewer**

A BOND ACT (Amended) reflecting the correct estimated maximum cost and the amount of bonds authorized thereunder of TWO MILLION, NINE HUNDRED THOUSAND (\$2,900,000) DOLLARS for projects SOS07, SPK23, SY044 and SY053.

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

Joint with PWT.

Guests: Department of Environmental Facilities

Deputy Commissioner Nat Federici

Director Marian Pompa

Please refer to item #5.

On motion of Legislator Smith, seconded by Legislator Tubiolo, the above item was signed by committee and referred to Board of Legislators. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: Legislator Williams Johnson, Legislator Barr, Legislator Holstein, Legislator Pierce, Legislator Smith, Legislator Tubiolo, Legislator Williams, Legislator Woodson-Samuels and Legislator Gashi

7. [ACT-2024-97](#) **BOND ACT-SPC43-Port Chester WRRF Effluent Forcemain**

A BOND ACT authorizing the issuance of SEVEN HUNDRED FIFTY THOUSAND (\$750,000) DOLLARS in bonds of Westchester County to finance Capital Project SPC43 - Port Chester Water Resource Recovery Facility (WRRF) Effluent Forcemain.

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

Joint with PWT.

Guests: Department of Environmental Facilities

Deputy Commissioner Nat Federici

Director Marian Pompa

This item allows funding for a study regarding the rehabilitation of the pipe that discharges effluent from Port Chester to the Long Island Sound. In recent years they had two breaks and need to evaluate how to best move forward in rectifying this issue. This is a 4-mile stretch of pipe built in the late 1960s to the early 1970s. The pipe size is appropriate for any anticipated

increase of effluent in the future, but the pipe condition is deteriorated. Sections will need to be replaced and others relined. A complete replacement is not anticipated.

On motion of Legislator Barr, seconded by Legislator Tubiolo, the above item was signed by committee and referred to Board of Legislators. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: Legislator Williams Johnson, Legislator Barr, Legislator Holstein, Legislator Pierce, Legislator Smith, Legislator Tubiolo, Legislator Williams, Legislator Woodson-Samuels and Legislator Gashi

8. **First Quarter Report**

Guest: Budget Department
Director Larry Soule

*Budget Director Larry Soule appeared before the Committee to present the First Quarter Update for Fiscal Year 2024. The report can be found on at:
<https://www.westchestergov.com/county-budgets>*

9. **[ACT-2024-98](#) ACT - Enter into Agreement with Harco National Ins.**

AN ACT authorizing the County of Westchester to enter into an agreement with Harco National Insurance Company, as surety (the "Surety") for Transit Construction Corp., ("Transit"), and with Transit-Halmar, JV, for the County to settle its claim against the Surety regarding Department of Public Works and Transportation Contract No. 19-510, (the "Contract"), whereby the Surety shall tender to the County, the services of Transit-Halmar, JV, and Transit-Halmar, JV shall agree to complete the remaining work under the Contract.

SUBMITTED BY: COMMITTEES ON BUDGET & APPROPRIATIONS AND LAW & MAJOR CONTRACTS

Joint with LMC.

Guests: Law Department
County Attorney John Nonna

Assistant Chief Deputy County Attorney Justin Adin

Mr. Adin and two representatives from DPW - First Deputy Commissioner Gayle Katzman and Director of Construction Nadia Savage discussed the item with the committee members. Mr. Adin gave an overview of the background of the agreement, but said any further questions should be discussed in executive session.

With a motion by Chairman Gashi, and seconded by Legislator Woodson-Samuels, the Committee went into Executive Session to discuss negotiations and legal advice at 11:29 AM. With a motion by Legislator Pierce, and seconded by Legislator Barr, the Committee came out of Executive Session at 11:41 AM.

On motion of Legislator Gashi, 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, Legislator Barr, Legislator Holstein, Legislator Pierce, Legislator Smith, Legislator Tubiolo, Legislator Williams, Legislator Woodson-Samuels and Legislator Gashi

II. **OTHER BUSINESS**

III. **RECEIVE & FILE**

1. **ACT-Gifting Surplus Motor Vehicles to Certain Municipalities**

AN ACT authorizing the County of Westchester to make gifts of various surplus motor vehicles to various local municipalities for use by their respective police departments in connection with their participation in the Drug Enforcement Agency Westchester County Task Force.

COMMITTEE REFERRAL: COMMITTEES ON BUDGET & APPROPRIATIONS AND PUBLIC SAFETY

On motion of Legislator Tubiolo, seconded by Legislator Pierce, the above item was received, filed, and approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: Legislator Williams Johnson, Legislator Barr, Legislator Holstein, Legislator Pierce, Legislator Smith, Legislator Tubiolo, Legislator Williams, Legislator Woodson-Samuels and Legislator Gashi

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Legislator Tubiolo, seconded by Legislator Pierce, the Committee adjourned at 11:46 AM. by the following vote:

Aye: Legislator Williams Johnson, Legislator Barr, Legislator Holstein, Legislator Pierce, Legislator Smith, Legislator Tubiolo, Legislator Williams, Legislator Woodson-Samuels and Legislator Gashi

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