

# Budget & Appropriations

# **BOL Meeting Minutes - Final**

Committee Chair: Catherine Borgia

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Monday, February 8, 2021

10:00 AM

**Committee Room** 

#### **CALL TO ORDER**

## Meeting jointly with the Committees on Public Works & Transportation and Public Safety

With a quorum present, Chair Borgia called the meeting to order at 10:17AM.

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: MaryJane Shimsky, Kitley Covill, Melanie Montalto BOL: Colin Smith, 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: Legislator Borgia, Legislator Boykin, Legislator Gashi and Legislator Williams

Remote: Legislator Barr, Legislator Cunzio, Legislator Johnson, Legislator Maher, Legislator

Parker, Legislator Tubiolo, Legislator Walter and Legislator Woodson-Samuels

#### **MINUTES APPROVAL**

#### I. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

ACT-2021-25 Act - Fixing Tax Distribution Tables

AN ACT fixing the Tax Distribution Tables for the County General Fund (for County Operating Purposes and for County share of MTA), for the County Water District No. 1, for the Refuse Disposal District No.1, and for each of the thirteen Sanitary Sewer Districts in the County.

Submitted by COMMITTEE ON BUDGET & APPROPRIATIONS

#### **Budget only**

Guests: Commissioner Berg & Deputy Commissioner Vargas- Department of Finance

Commissioner Berg & Deputy Commissioner Vargas came before the committee to discuss item # 2021-147- Act -Fixing Tax Distribution Tables & 2021-148- Act -Fixing & Determining Amounts of County Taxes. The first Act would fix the tax distribution tables apportioned for the County General Fund (for County Purposes and for County Share of MTA), for County Water District no. 1, for the Refuse District no. 1, each of the 13 Sanitary Sewer Districts in the County of Westchester and any adjustments. The second Act would authorize the County to determine the amounts of County taxes (for County Purposes and for County Share of MTA) and for Special Districts taxes and other charges against the various towns and cities in the County of Westchester, and adjustments for the year 2021. Commissioner Berg discussed the two Acts, and shared the tables with the members. The tables can be found in the legislation packet.

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

Aye:

Legislator Borgia, Legislator Barr, Legislator Boykin, Legislator Cunzio, Legislator Gashi, Legislator Johnson, Legislator Maher, Legislator Parker, Legislator Tubiolo, Legislator Walter, Legislator Williams and Legislator Woodson-Samuels

ACT-2021-26 Act - Fixing & Determining Amounts of County Taxes:

AN ACT fixing and determining the amounts of: General Fund taxes (for County Operating Purposes and for County share of MTA); the Special District Taxes; and other charges against the various towns and cities in the County of Westchester; and levying such apportioned amounts for the purposes therein set forth against such towns and cities.

Submitted by COMMITTEE ON BUDGET & APPROPRIATIONS

#### **Budget only**

Guests: Commissioner Berg & Deputy Commissioner Vargas- Department of Finance Please refer to item #1.

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

Aye:

Legislator Borgia, Legislator Barr, Legislator Boykin, Legislator Cunzio, Legislator Gashi, Legislator Johnson, Legislator Maher, Legislator Parker, Legislator Tubiolo, Legislator Walter, Legislator Williams and Legislator Woodson-Samuels

ACT-2021-20 BOND ACT-Building Systems (BES20, BLR10, B0114, B0115, B015C, B015E)

A BOND ACT authorizing the issuance of bonds of Westchester County in the total aggregate amount of NINE MILLION, SEVENTY-FIVE THOUSAND (\$9,075,000) DOLLARS to finance the following 6 Capital Projects for 2021: BES20-DES Backup Generator, BLR10-Labs and Research Infrastructure Improvements (2017-2021), B0114-Infrastructure Rehabilitation, Valhalla Campus (2021-2025), B0115-Infrastructure Rehabilitation, Mount Vernon District Office (2021-2025), B015C-Interior Infrastructure Repairs, White Plains Complex (2011-2015) and B015E-Interior Infrastructure Repairs, White Plains Complex (2021-2025).

COMMITTEE REFERRAL: COMMITTEES ON BUDGET & APPROPRIATIONS AND PUBLIC WORKS & TRANSPORTATION

#### Joint with PWT

Guests: Commissioner Greechan, Program Coordinator, Robert Abbamont - Department of Public Works/Transportation; Acting Commissioner Wishnie, Chief Dingee and Chief Caputo - Department of Emergency Services; Dr. Milovanovic & Diane Anton-Bockino- Department of Labs & Research Commissioner Greechan & Robert Abbamont from the Department of Public Works & Transportation joined the Commissioner from the related Departments to discuss the following item, #2021-25- Bond Act - Building Systems (BES20, BLR10, B0114, B0115, B015C, B015E). The Committees requested that the Law Department join us to discuss additional information they would like added into the committee report for legislative history. The following information was added to the committee report and is was signed out of committee as amended. This is a Bond Act in the amount of \$9,075,000 would authorize the County to finance the following 6 projects as amended:

BES20 – DES Backup Generator- acquisition of an emergency generator for the County Department of Emergency Services facility. The Department of Public Works and Transportation ("Department") has advised that the existing generator has reached the end of its useful life and does not provide 100% redundancy to the facility. The new generator will also support the planned improvements to the facility. DES Backup Generator is estimated to cost \$3,900,000 for design, construction management and construction. Work will be done by in house staff, design is anticipated to take 9 months and construction is anticipated to take 18 months.

BLR10 – Labs and Research Infrastructure Improvements (2017-2021)-Infrastructure improvements to address replacement of uninterrupted power supply ("UPS") servicing the forensic and toxicology divisions of the County Department of Labs and Research. The Department has advised that the existing UPS is no longer functioning. The UPS is required to protects the sensitive laboratories equipment from voltage fluctuations and surges in addition to providing emergency power to the equipment. Infrastructure improvements is estimated to cost \$600,000 for design, construction management and construction. Work will be done by in house staff, design is anticipated to take 4 months and construction is anticipated to take 9 months.

B0114 – Infrastructure Rehabilitation, Valhalla Campus (2021-2025)- Replacement of the existing 15 KV manhole cable racks which the Department has advised have deteriorated. The cable racks support the electrical distribution cables at the Valhalla campus. Installation of a building management system ("BMS") in the Department Operations Building and associated work at the County's Valhalla Campus. The Department has advised that the Operations Building is not currently part of the Department's County-wide BMS system which controls and monitors a building's heating, cooling and ventilation systems. This work will allow the Department to more efficiently manage the building's systems. Infrastructure Rehabilitation is estimated to cost \$900,000 for design, construction management and construction. Work will be done by in house staff, design is anticipated to take 3 months and construction is anticipated to take 12 months.

B0115 – Infrastructure Rehabilitation, Mount Vernon District Office (2021-2025)- Upgrades to the water storage tank system and associated work at the County's Mount Vernon district office for DPW. This work is required to refurbish and disinfect the existing 10,000 gallon water tank which provides potable water to the building. Infrastructure Rehabilitation is estimated to cost \$200,000 for design, construction management and construction. Work will be done by in house staff, design is anticipated to take 2 months and construction is anticipated to take 3 months.

B015C – Interior Infrastructure Repairs, White Plains Complex (2011-2015)- Replacement of

existing radiator valves, steam traps; steam riser expansion joints and associated work at the County's Michaelian Office Building for DPW. These components, some original to the building, are deteriorated and past their useful life. Infrastructure Repairs, White Plains Complex is estimated to cost \$3,000,000 for design, construction management and construction. Work will be done by in house staff, design is anticipated to be complete by the end of the 1st quarter and construction is anticipated to take 12 months.

B015E – Interior Infrastructure Repairs, White Plains Complex (2021-2025)- Upgrades to the courtroom air systems and associated work at the Richard J. Daronco Courthouse Annex for DPW. The Department has advised that this work is required to provide better ventilation to the courtrooms. Interior Infrastructure Repairs are estimated to cost \$475,000 for design, construction management and construction. Work will be done by in house staff, design is anticipated to take 4 months and construction is anticipated to take 6 months.

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

Aye:

Legislator Borgia, Legislator Barr, Legislator Boykin, Legislator Cunzio, Legislator Gashi, Legislator Johnson, Legislator Maher, Legislator Parker, Legislator Tubiolo, Legislator Walter, Legislator Williams and Legislator Woodson-Samuels

#### ACT-2021-22 BOND ACT-Structure Rehabilitation (BCR56 & B0117)

A BOND ACT authorizing the issuance of TWO MILLION, NINE HUNDRED THOUSAND (\$2,900,000) DOLLARS in bonds of Westchester County to finance Capital Project BCR56 - F-Unit Roof Replacement and B0117 - Infrastructure Rehabilitation, 450 Saw Mill River Road, Ardsley (2021-2025) for 2021.

COMMITTEE REFERRAL: COMMITTEES ON BUDGET & APPROPRIATIONS AND PUBLIC WORKS & TRANSPORTATION

#### Joint with PWT

Guests: Commissioner Greechan, Program Coordinator, Robert Abbamont - Department of Public Works/Transportation; Acting Commissioner Wishnie, Chief Dingee and Chief Caputo - Department of Emergency Services; Warden Vollmer & Bill Fallon, Director of Administrative Services- Department of Corrections

Commissioner Greechan & Robert Abbamont from the Department of Public Works & Transportation joined the Commissioner from the related Departments to discuss the following item, #2021-33- Bond Act - Structure Rehabilitation (BCR56- F Unit Roof Replacement & B00170 Infrastructure Rehabilitation, 450 Saw Mill RIver Road, Ardsley (2021-2025). The Committees requested that the Law Department join us to discuss additional information they would like added into the committee report for legislative history. The following information was added to the committee report and is was signed out of committee as amended. This is a Bond Act in the amount of \$2,900,000 would authorize the County to finance the following 2 projects as amended:

BCR56 – F-Unit Roof Replacement ("BCR56"): The Department of Public Works and Transportation ("Department") has advised that BCR56 will finance design, construction and construction management to replace the roof and all associated mechanical and electrical components at the F-Unit at the County Jail. The Department has further advised that the existing roof, installed in 1999, has exceeded its useful life and is no longer under warranty. The new roof will comply with the New York State energy code and be a highly reflective (cool roof) to minimizes the heat island effect. The F-Unit Roof Replacement is estimated to cost \$1,500,000. Design, construction management an construction will be done by in house staff

and is anticipated to take 3 months and construction is anticipated to take 5 months. B0117 – Infrastructure Rehabilitation, 450 Saw Mill River Road, Ardsley (2021-2025) ("B0117"): The Department has advised that B0117 will finance design, construction management and construction associated with the replacement of the fire service utility line; rehabilitation of curtain wall, storefront and windows; and associated work at 450 saw Mill River Road. This work is required to provide the necessary fire protection and weather tightness for the building. Infrastructure Rehabilitation is estimated to cost \$1,400,000. Design, construction management an construction will be done by a consultant and is anticipated to take 2 months and construction is anticipated to take 6 months.

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

Aye:

Legislator Borgia, Legislator Barr, Legislator Boykin, Legislator Cunzio, Legislator Gashi, Legislator Johnson, Legislator Maher, Legislator Parker, Legislator Tubiolo, Legislator Walter, Legislator Williams and Legislator Woodson-Samuels

<u>ACT-2021-23</u> <u>BOND ACT-Design (BCR61, RB04D, RB04E, RB04C, RB03Z, BLR12, BPF40)</u>

A BOND ACT authorizing the issuance of bonds of Westchester County in the total aggregate amount of SIX MILLION, ONE HUNDRED THOUSAND (\$6,100,000) DOLLARS to finance the following seven Capital Projects for 2021: BCR61-Parking Structure Infrastructure Improvements, RB04D-Park Avenue Viaduct Over Bronx River Parkway, Yonkers (BIN 3348850), RB04E-Austin Avenue Bridge Over I-87, Yonkers (BIN 3368150), RB04C-Lincoln Avenue Bridge Over Blind Brook, Rye Brook (BIN 3348490), RB03Z-Pump House Over Peekskill Hollow Brook, Cortlandt (BIN 3348430), BLR12-Labs & Research Facility Rehabilitation and Upgrade and BPF40 Michaelian Office Building Parking Garage Rehabilitation.

COMMITTEE REFERRAL: COMMITTEES ON BUDGET & APPROPRIATIONS AND PUBLIC WORKS & TRANSPORTATION

#### Joint with PWT

Guests: Commissioner Greechan, Program Coordinator, Robert Abbamont - Department of Public Works/Transportation; Warden Vollmer & Bill Fallon, Director of Administrative Services- Department of Corrections; Dr. Milovanovic & Diane Anton-Bockino- Department of Labs & Research

Commissioner Greechan & Robert Abbamont from the Department of Public Works & Transportation joined the Commissioner from the related Departments to discuss the following item, #2021-34- Bond Act - Design(BCR61,RB04D, RB04E, RB04C, RB03Z, BLR12, BPF40). The Committees requested that the Law Department join us to discuss additional information they would like added into the committee report for legislative history. The following information was added to the committee report and is was signed out of committee as amended. This is a Bond Act in the amount of \$6,100,000 would authorize the County to finance the following 7 projects as amended:

BCR61 – Parking Structure Infrastructure Improvements- the Department of Corrections parking structure infrastructure. Parking Structure Infrastructure Improvements are estimated to cost \$1,225,000. Design will be completed by a consultant. Design is anticipated to take 9 months and construction is anticipated to take 12 months.

RB04D – Park Avenue Viaduct Over Bronx Rover Parkway, Yonkers - the rehabilitation of the concrete arch and abutments, waterproofing of the concrete arch, installing new pavement

and sidewalks, and associated work of the Park Avenue viaduct over the Bronx River Parkway. Park Avenue Viaduct Over Bronx River Parkway, Yonkers is estimated to cost \$875,000. Design will be completed by a consultant and is anticipated to take 12 months and construction is anticipated to take 24 months. The Bridge Condition Rating (BCR) and or the Pavement Condition Index (PCI) in 2019 was 4.48 and the Annual Average Daily Traffic (AADT) is 2,710.

RB04E – Austin Avenue Bridge Over I-87, Yonkers- the rehabilitation of the existing structure including replacement of the deck joints, bearing pads, concrete deck, painting of the existing steel members, reconstruction of the abutment walls and associated work of the Austin Avenue Bridge over I-87 in Yonkers. Austin Avenue Bridge Over I-87, Yonkers is estimated to cost \$875,000. Design will be completed by a consultant and is anticipated to take 12 months and construction is anticipated to take 30 months. The Bridge Condition Rating (BCR) and or the Pavement Condition Index (PCI) in 2018 was 4.48 and the Annual Average Daily Traffic (AADT) is 6,400.

RB04C - Lincoln Avenue Bridge Over Blind Brook, Rye Brook- the rehabilitation of the existing structure including replacement of the concrete deck, painting of all existing steel members and associated work of the Lincoln Avenue Bridge over Blind Brook. Lincoln Avenue Bridge Over Blind Brook, Rye Brook is estimated to cost \$425,000. Design will be completed by a consultant and is anticipated to take 12 months and construction is anticipated to take 18 months. The Bridge Condition Rating (BCR) and or the Pavement Condition Index (PCI) in 2019 was 4.22 and the Annual Average Daily Traffic (AADT) is 4,240. RB03Z - Pump House Road Over Peekskill Hollow Brook. Cortlandt - the removal and replacement of the existing asphalt wearing surface and waterproofing, structural deck rehabilitation, new elastomeric concrete joint system, new elastomeric bearings, rehabilitation of undermined footing areas and concrete wingwalls, railing system to be strengthened, as necessary, and associated work and work in the stream channel will include cofferdams, new rip-rap and rehabilitation of scour locations for Pump House Road over Peekskill Hollow Brook. Pump House Road Over Peekskill Hollow Brook, Cortlandt is estimated to cost \$500,000. Design will be completed by a consultant and is anticipated to take 12 months and construction is anticipated to take 18 months. The Bridge Condition Rating (BCR) and or the Pavement Condition Index (PCI) in 2018 was 4.49 and the Annual Average Daily Traffic (AADT) is 1,618.

BLR12 – Labs & Research Facility Rehabilitation and Upgrade- possible additions and renovation strategy for the existing Labs & Research facility. Labs & Research Facility and Upgrade is estimated to cost \$500,000 for a Study and is to be completed by a consultant. BPF40 – Michaelian Office Building Parking Garage Rehabilitation- the phase-one restoration of the Michaelian Office Building Parking Garage including rehabilitation of the concrete columns and beams, replacement of the ramps including new waterproofing, replacement of the existing fire alarm system, ventilation system, carbon monoxide detection system, rehabilitation of the electrical vault on levels B2 and B3, replacement of the existing expansion joint on both sides of Martin Luther King, Jr. Boulevard and associated plaza restoration, replacement of the existing lighting with new LED fixtures in the affected work areas, replacement of any plumbing and drainage piping as required, installation of an iDAS telecommunications system, and associated work. Michaelian Office Building Parking Garage Rehabilitation is estimated to cost \$1,700,000. Design will be completed by a consultant and is anticipated to take 12 months and construction is anticipated to take 24 months.

On motion of Legislator Gashi, seconded by Legislator Walter, the above item was signed by

committee. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye:

Legislator Borgia, Legislator Barr, Legislator Boykin, Legislator Cunzio, Legislator Gashi, Legislator Johnson, Legislator Maher, Legislator Parker, Legislator Tubiolo, Legislator Walter, Legislator Williams and Legislator Woodson-Samuels

ACT-2021-39 BOND ACT -Furnishings & Equipment (BDA02, BIT4C, BIT6D, BIT47, BIT49, BIT54, BIT45, BIT40, T0045, BLR2E, B015E)

A BOND ACT authorizing the issuance of TEN MILLION, FOUR HUNDRED TWENTY-FIVE THOUSAND (\$10,425,000) DOLLARS in bonds of Westchester County to finance the following 11 Capital Projects for 2021: BDA02-Information Technology (2020-2024), BIT4C-Employee Productivity Systems (2018-2022), BIT6D-Purchase of Computer Equipment (2021-2025), BIT47-Network and Security Infrastructure Upgrades (2020-2024), BIT49-Police Record Management System Upgrade, BIT54-Critical Communication Logging System Replacement (2021-2025), BIT45-Building Access Control and Video Surveillance Systems Upgrade, BIT40-Westchester County Basemap Update-Phase 2, T0045-Replace Bus Wash at the Cerrato Maintenance Facility, BLR2E-Labs and Research Equipment Acquisition (2021-2025), B015E-Interior Infrastructure Repairs, White Plains Complex (2021-2025). As revised in committee by the removal Capital Project BIT44-Telecommunications Replacement Equipment.

## Submitted by COMMITTEES ON BUDGET & APPROPRIATIONS AND PUBLIC WORKS & TRANSPORTATION

Joint with PWT

Guests: Commissioner Greechan, Program Coordinator, Robert Abbamont - Department of Public Works/Transportation; CIO Beirne, Deputy CIO Harris, Sam Wear- Department of Information Technology; Pat D'Imperio, Chief Administrator - District Attorney's Office; Dr. Milovanovic & Diane Anton-Bockino-Department of Labs & Research

CIO Beirne had technical difficulties with her connection to WebEx, Deputy CIO Harris began the discussion by going through all the projects bundled in item # 2021-38. He discussed that project ID BIT44 was no longer going to be bonded this year. Chairwoman Borgia paused the conversation stating it would be best to hold over this item until the IT Department spoke to the Law Department and Budget Department. The removal of the project would require the Departments to go back to Bond Council. Ms. Altschiller stated they will sort it out and hopefully have a resolve by the next Budget & Appropriations meeting. No action was taken.

This ACT - Bond Act was continued

#### <u>ACT-2021-24</u> <u>IMA-Prisoner Transportation-Peekskill</u>

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 PS

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 Gashi, seconded by Legislator Johnson, the above item was signed

by committee. The motion carried by the following vote:

Legislator Borgia, Legislator Barr, Legislator Boykin, Legislator Cunzio, Legislator Gashi, Legislator Johnson, Legislator Maher, Legislator Parker, Legislator Tubiolo,

Legislator Walter and Legislator Woodson-Samuels

Away: Legislator Williams

#### II. OTHER BUSINESS

#### III. RECEIVE & FILE

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

Aye:

Moved by Legislator Walter, seconded by Legislator Barr, the Committee adjourned at 11:49AM