

November 14, 2022

TO: Hon. Catherine Borgia, Chair
Hon. Nancy Barr, Vice Chair
Hon. Christopher Johnson, Majority Leader
Hon. Margaret Cunzio, Minority Leader

FROM: George Latimer 
Westchester County Executive

RE: **Message Requesting Immediate Consideration: IMA – City of Peekskill – Prisoner Transportation.**

This will confirm my request that the Board of Legislators allow submission of the referenced communication to be submitted to the Board of Legislators November 14, 2022 Agenda.

Transmitted herewith for your review and approval is legislation which would authorize the County to enter into an intermunicipal agreement (“IMA”) with the City of Peekskill.

Therefore, since this communication is of the utmost importance, it is respectfully submitted that the County Board of Legislators accepts this submission for November 14, 2022 “blue sheet” calendar.

Thank you for your prompt attention to this matter.



George Latimer
County Executive

November 10, 2022

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

Dear Honorable Members of the Board of Legislators:

Pursuant to New York State Correction Law sections 500-c and 500-d, the County is required to transport, at its own expense, prisoners between local municipalities and the Westchester County Jail located at Valhalla, New York. In addition, the County is required to provide meals to such prisoners. The County relies on assistance from local municipalities to carry out these functions and by so doing saves taxpayer funds.

Transmitted herewith for your review and approval is legislation which would authorize the County to enter into an intermunicipal agreement ("IMA") with the City of Peekskill ("Peekskill") to reimburse to Peekskill the annual amount of \$210,000 for a total amount not to exceed \$420,000 for the term commencing January 1, 2022 and terminating December 31, 2023. 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.

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 \$54.63 to \$89.90 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 Internal Revenue Service 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.

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The Department of Planning has advised that pursuant to 6 NYCRR 617.2(b) of the New York State Environmental Quality Review Act ("SEQRA") Regulations, the proposed prisoner transportation does not meet the definition of an "action" and therefore, no further environmental review is required. Please refer to the memorandum from the Department of Planning dated January 14, 2022, which is on file with the Clerk of the Board of Legislators.

I believe that this agreement with the City of Peekskill is in the best interests of the County of Westchester, and I therefore, recommend that your Honorable Board approve the annexed legislation.

Very truly yours,



George Latimer
County Executive

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Att.

**TO THE COUNTY BOARD OF LEGISLATORS
COUNTY OF WESTCHESTER**

Upon a communication from the County Executive, your Committee has been advised that pursuant to sections 500-c and 500-d of the New York State Correction Law, the County is required at its own expense to transport prisoners between local municipalities and the Westchester County Jail located at Valhalla, New York. In addition, the County must provide meals to such prisoners.

The County Executive has forwarded legislation which would authorize the County to enter into an intermunicipal agreement (“IMA”) with the City of Peekskill (“Peekskill”) to reimburse to Peekskill the annual amount of \$210,000 for a total amount not to exceed \$420,000 for the term commencing January 1, 2022 and terminating December 31, 2023. 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.

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The Department of Planning has advised that pursuant to 6 NYCRR 617.2(b) of the New York State Environmental Quality Review Act (“SEQRA”) Regulations, the proposed prisoner transportation does not meet the definition of an “action” and therefore, no further environmental review is required. Therefore, your Honorable Board need take no further action on this matter pursuant to SEQRA. Your Committee concurs in this conclusion. Please refer to the

memorandum from the Department of Planning dated January 14, 2022, which is on file with the Clerk of the Board of Legislators.

Your Committee has been advised that a majority of the voting strength of the Board of Legislators is required in order to adopt the annexed Act.

After review and careful consideration, your Committee recommends favorable action upon the proposed legislation.

Dated: _____, 2022

White Plains, New York

COMMITTEE ON

C:DI 8/8/22

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

SUBJECT: City of Peekskill Prisoner Transport 2022-2023

NO FISCAL IMPACT PROJECTED

OPERATING BUDGET IMPACT

(To be completed by operating department and reviewed by Budget Department)

A) GENERAL FUND AIRPORT SPECIAL REVENUE FUND (Districts)

B) EXPENSES AND REVENUES

Total Current Year Cost \$ 237,891

Total Current Year Revenue \$ _____

Source of Funds (check one): Current Appropriations

Transfer of Existing Appropriations Additional Appropriations Other (explain)

Identify Accounts: _____

Potential Related Operating Budget Expenses: Annual Amount \$ _____

Describe: 2023 - \$ 237,891

Potential Related Revenues: Annual Amount \$ _____

Describe: _____

Anticipated Savings to County and/or Impact on Department Operations:

Current Year: _____

Next Four years: _____

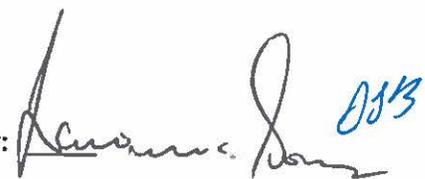
Prepared by: William Fallon



Title: Director Of Administrative Services

Department: Correction

Reviewed By: _____



Budget Director

11/4/22

If you need more space, please attach additional sheets.

ACT NO. - 2022

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.

BE IT ENACTED, by the County Board of Legislators of the County of Westchester, State of New York as follows:

Section 1. The County of Westchester (the “County”) be and hereby is authorized to enter into an Intermunicipal Agreement (“IMA”) with the City of Peekskill (“Peekskill”) in order to reimburse the municipality for the cost to transport prisoners round trip between Peekskill and the Westchester County Jail located at Valhalla, New York, at an annual cost not to exceed TWO HUNDRED TEN THOUSAND (\$210,000) DOLLARS for a total amount not to exceed FOUR HUNDRED TWENTY THOUSAND (\$420,000) DOLLARS, for the term January 1, 2022 through December 31, 2023.

§2. The County will reimburse Peekskill for the actual and reasonable costs for round trip prisoner transportation as follows:

Personnel: Reimbursement for personnel costs shall be calculated by multiplying the hourly wage that Peekskill reimburses its Police Officers, as indicated on Schedule “A” attached hereto and made a part hereof, by the number of hours, that such personnel are actually engaged in prisoner transportation duties up to a maximum of four (4) hours per round trip.

Mileage: Reimbursement for vehicle usage shall be at the current Internal Revenue Service mileage rate, between the City Court of Peekskill and the Westchester County Jail, which is agreed to be twenty (20) miles each way.

Meals: Reimbursement will be made for the actual and reasonable costs of meals provided to post-arraignment prisoners.

§3. The County Executive or his authorized designee be and hereby is authorized and empowered to execute instruments and take all action necessary and appropriate to accomplish the purposes hereof.

§4. This Act shall take effect immediately.

SCHEDULE "A"

PEEKSKILL REIMBURSEMENT

HOURLY RATE
(WAGES without FRINGE)

2022:

POLICE OFFICER I	\$54.63 per hour
POLICE OFFICER II	\$88.14 per hour

2023:

POLICE OFFICER I	\$55.72 per hour
POLICE OFFICER II	\$89.90 per hour

PRISONER TRANSPORTATION--PEEKSKILL

THIS AGREEMENT, made this _____ day of _____, 2022

by and between:

THE COUNTY OF WESTCHESTER, a municipal corporation of the State of New York having an office and place of business in the Michaelian Office Building, 148 Martine Avenue, White Plains, New York 10601

(hereinafter referred to as the "County")

and

THE CITY OF PEEKSKILL, a municipality of the State of New York having its office and place of business at 840 Main Street, Peekskill, New York 10566

(hereinafter referred to as the "Municipality")

WHEREAS, pursuant to Sections 500-c and 500-d of the Corrections law prisoners are required to be transported between local municipalities and the Westchester County Jail in Valhalla, New York; and

WHEREAS, the County and the Municipality agree to cooperate in providing such prisoner transportation.

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the terms and conditions herein contained, the County and the Municipality agree as follows:

1. **PRISONER TRANSPORTATION**: Except for prisoners arrested by Westchester County Department of Public Safety, the Municipality shall provide round trip prisoner transportation using its own police department personnel and vehicles between the Municipality and the Westchester County Department of Correction for all prisoners

remanded to the Westchester County Jail by court order or required to appear before the local court within the Municipality. The County will reimburse the Municipality for the actual number of round trips. The Municipality, where possible, shall hold prisoners for one daily trip to the Department of Correction.

2. **REIMBURSEMENT**: The Municipality shall be reimbursed by the County for prisoner transportation services at the hourly wage indicated in Schedule "A" which is attached hereto made a part hereof and up to a maximum of four (4) hours per round trip.

The municipality shall also be reimbursed for vehicle usage at the current Internal Revenue Service mileage rate, between the City Court of Peekskill and the Westchester County Jail which is deemed to be twenty (20) miles each way.

3. **MEALS**: The County shall reimburse the Municipality for meals provided to post-arraignment prisoners for the actual and reasonable costs incurred and receipts submitted as part of the municipality's monthly voucher submitted to the Department of Correction.

4. **TERM**: This Agreement shall commence on January 1, 2022 and shall terminate on December 31, 2023. The County may, upon thirty (30) days written notice to the Municipality, terminate this Agreement in whole or in part when it deems it to be in its best interest. In such event, the Municipality shall be compensated and the County shall be liable only for payment for services rendered prior to the effective date of termination.

5. **PAYMENT**: Requests for reimbursement shall be submitted by the Municipality on a monthly basis on properly executed County claim forms and paid after approval by the Commissioner of Correction. The number of round trips made, prisoners transported and dates should be listed on the claim forms submitted to the Department of

Correction. Reimbursement request shall be subject to audit by the County, and the Municipality shall keep and make available to the County such detailed books and records as are reasonably necessary to substantiate the basis for reimbursement. The Municipality shall not be entitled to reimbursement for any prisoner transportation expense not specifically provided for herein.

The total aggregate cost to the County under this Agreement pursuant to Act No. 2022 - adopted by the Westchester County Board of Legislators on _____, 2022, shall not exceed \$420,000. This Agreement shall be deemed executory only to the extent of the monies appropriated and available for the purpose of this Agreement and no liability on account hereof shall be incurred by the County beyond the amount of such monies.

6. **INSURANCE AND INDEMNIFICATION**: All personnel and vehicles engaged in prisoner transportation duties shall at all times remain and be deemed the employees and property of the Municipality. In addition to, and not in limitation of the insurance provisions contained in Schedule "B" of this Agreement, the Municipality agrees to indemnify, defend and hold the County, its officers, employees and agents harmless from and against any and all liability, loss, damage or expense the County may suffer as a result of any and all claims, demands, causes of action or judgments arising directly or indirectly out of the transportation of prisoners for which reimbursement is sought hereunder for losses arising out of the negligent acts or omissions of the Municipality, its agents or employees.

7. **ENTIRE AGREEMENT**: This Agreement constitutes the entire and integrated agreement between and among the parties hereto and supersedes any and all prior negotiations, agreements and conditions, whether written or oral. Any modification or amendment to this Agreement shall be void unless it is in writing and subscribed by the party to be charged.

7. **APPLICABLE LAW**: This Agreement shall be construed and enforced in accordance with the laws of the State of New York.

8. **APPROVALS:** This Agreement is subject to the approval of the Westchester County Board of Legislators, the Westchester County Board of Acquisition and Contract and the governing legislative body of the Municipality.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the County and the Municipality have executed this Agreement on the _____ day of _____, 2022.

THE COUNTY OF WESTCHESTER

THE CITY OF PEEKSKILL

By: _____
Joseph Spano
Commissioner of Correction

By: _____
(Name)
(Title)

Approved by the Westchester County Board of Legislators by Act Number 2022 - on the _____ day of _____, 2022.

Approved by the City Council of the City of Peekskill on the _____ day of _____, 2022.

Approved as to form and manner of execution:

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Assistant County Attorney
The County of Westchester
K/I/DCR/Peekskill IMA 2022-3

MUNICIPALITY'S ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

STATE OF NEW YORK)
) ss.:
COUNTY OF WESTCHESTER)

On this _____ day of _____, 2022, before me personally came
_____, to me known, and known to me to be the
_____ of _____,
the municipal corporation described in and which executed the within instrument, who being by me
duly sworn did depose and say that he, the said _____ resides at

and that he is _____ of said municipal corporation.

Notary Public County

CERTIFICATE OF AUTHORITY
(Municipality)

I, _____,
(Officer other than officer signing contract)

certify that I am the _____ of the
(Title)

(Name of Municipality)

(the "Municipality") a corporation duly organized in good standing under the

(Law under which organized, e.g., the New York Village Law, Town Law,
General Municipal Law)

named in the foregoing agreement that _____
(Person executing agreement)

who signed said agreement on behalf of the Municipality was, at the time of execution

_____ of the Municipality, that said
(Title of such person),

agreement was duly signed for on behalf of said Municipality by authority of its thereunto

(Town Board, Village Board, City Council)

duly authorized, and that such authority is in full force and effect at the date hereof.

(Signature)

STATE OF NEW YORK)

ss.:

COUNTY OF WESTCHESTER)

On this _____ day of _____, 2022, before me personally came _____
_____ whose signature appears above, to me known, and know to be the
_____ of _____,
(title)

the municipal corporation described in and which executed the above certificate, who being by
me duly sworn did depose and say that he, the said _____
resides at _____, and that he is
the _____ of said municipal corporation.
(title)

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SCHEDULE "B"

STANDARD INSURANCE PROVISIONS
(MUNICIPALITY)

1. Prior to commencing work, the Municipality shall obtain at its own cost and expense the required insurance from insurance companies licensed in the State of New York, carrying a Best's financial rating of A or better, and shall provide evidence of such insurance to the County of Westchester, as may be required and approved by the Director of Risk Management of the County. The policies or certificates thereof shall provide that thirty days prior to cancellation or material change in the policy, notices of same shall be given to the Director of Risk Management of the County of Westchester by registered mail, return receipt requested, for all of the following stated insurance policies. All notices shall name the Municipality and identify the Agreement.

If at any time any of the policies required herein shall be or become unsatisfactory to the County, as to form or substance, or if a company issuing any such policy shall be or become unsatisfactory to the County, the Municipality shall upon notice to that effect from the County, promptly obtain a new policy, submit the same to the Department of Risk Management of the County of Westchester for approval and submit a certificate thereof. Upon failure of the Municipality to furnish, deliver and maintain such insurance, the Agreement, at the election of the County, may be declared suspended, discontinued or terminated. Failure of the Municipality to take out, maintain, or the taking out or maintenance of any required insurance, shall not relieve the Municipality from any liability under the Agreement, nor shall the insurance requirements be construed to conflict with or otherwise limit the contractual obligations of the Municipality concerning indemnification. All property losses shall be made payable to and adjusted with the County.

In the event that claims, for which the County may be liable, in excess of the insured amounts provided herein are filed by reason of any operations under the Agreement, the amount of excess of such claims or any portion thereof, may be withheld from payment due or to become due the Municipality until such time as the Municipality shall furnish such additional security covering such claims in form satisfactory to the County of Westchester.

2. The Municipality shall provide proof of the following coverage (if additional coverage is required for a specific agreement, those requirements will be described in the "Special Conditions" of the contract specifications):

(a) Workers' Compensation. Certificate form C-105.2 (9/07) or State Fund Insurance Company form U-26.3 is required for proof of compliance with the New York State Workers' Compensation Law. State Workers' Compensation Board form DB-120.1 is required for proof of compliance with the New York State Disability Benefits Law. Location of operation shall be "All locations in Westchester County, New York."

Where an applicant claims to not be required to carry either a Workers' Compensation Policy or Disability Benefits Policy, or both, the employer must complete NYS form CE-200, available to download at: www.wcb.state.ny.us (click on Employers/Businesses, then Business Permits/Licenses/Contracts to see instruction manual).

If the employer is self-insured for Worker's Compensation, he/she should present a certificate from the New York State Worker's Compensation Board evidencing that fact (Either SI-12, Certificate of Workers' Compensation Self-Insurance, or GSI-105.2, Certificate of Participation in Workers' Compensation Group Self-Insurance).

(b) Employer's Liability with minimum limit of \$100,000.00.

(c) Commercial General Liability Insurance with a minimum limit of liability per occurrence of \$1,000,000.00 for bodily injury and \$100,000.00 for property damage or a combined single limit of \$1,000,000.00 (c.s.l.), naming the County of Westchester as an additional insured. This insurance shall indicate the following coverages:

- (i) Premises - Operations.
- (ii) Broad Form Contractual.

(d) Automobile Liability Insurance with a minimum limit of liability per occurrence of \$1,000,000.00 per occurrence for bodily injury and a minimum limit of \$100,000.00 per occurrence for property damage or a combined single limit of \$1,000,000.00 unless otherwise indicated in the contract specifications. This insurance shall include for bodily injury and property damage the following coverages:

- (i) Owned automobiles.
- (ii) Hired automobiles.
- (iii) Non-owned automobiles.

3. All policies of the Municipality shall be endorsed to contain the following clauses:

(a) Insurers shall have no right to recovery or subrogation against the County of Westchester (including its employees and other agents and agencies), it being the intention of the parties that the insurance policies so affected shall protect both parties and be primary coverage for any and all losses covered by the above-described insurance.

(b) The clause "other insurance provisions" in a policy in which the County of Westchester is named as an insured, shall not apply to the County of Westchester.

(c) The insurance companies issuing the policy or policies shall have no recourse against the County of Westchester (including its agents and agencies as aforesaid) for payment of any premiums or for assessments under any form of policy.

(d) Any and all deductibles in the above described insurance policies shall be assumed by and be for the account of, and at the sole risk of, the Municipality.