

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, Vice-Chair Barr called the meeting to order at 10:22 AM.

Others in Attendance: GUESTS: Frank Donovan, Keith Hoffman, Vincent Kopicki, Lou Vetrone, Jazmin Logan, Robert Zambardino, Dianne Vanadia; BOL: James Nolan, Catherine Parker, Emiljana Ulaj, Dayana Gomez, Shatika Parker, James Silverberg, Alie Restiano, Lisa Hochman, Marcello Figueroa, Warren Watson

Present: Legislator Barr, Legislator Holstein, Legislator Pierce, Legislator Williams and Legislator Gashi

Absent: Legislator Smith, Legislator Tubiolo and Legislator Woodson-Samuels

Remote: Legislator Williams Johnson

MINUTES APPROVAL

I. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

1. [ACT-2025-53](#) IMA-Additional Police Services-Mount Kisco

AN ACT authorizing the County of Westchester (the "County") to enter into an inter-municipal agreement with the Village of Mount Kisco (the "Village") for a term commencing on January 1, 2025 and expiring March 31, 2025, whereby the County, acting through its Department of Public Safety Services, will provide additional general police services to the Village.

SUBMITTED BY: COMMITTEES ON BUDGET & APPROPRIATIONS AND PUBLIC SAFETY

B&A Only.

Guest: Department of Public Safety

Captain Frank Donovan

Captain Frank Donovan appeared before the Committee to discuss this IMA with the Village of Mount Kisco. The term would commence retroactively on January 1, 2025 and expire on March 31, 2025, whereby the County will provide general additional policing services to the Village. This shall include patrol services consisting of the assignment of 17 police officer full time equivalents to patrol the Village in consultation and coordination with the Village, with at least 2 police officers, each with a patrol car, at any given time; Investigative services consisting of 3 detective full time equivalents assigned at such times as the County shall deem appropriate, in order to investigate matters that arise in the Village; and First-line police supervisors consisting of the assignment of 5 police sergeant full time equivalents with one police sergeant full time equivalent provided with a patrol car at all times. For the 3 month term, the Village shall pay the County a sum equal to the County's costs, including but not limited to salary, overtime, holiday pay, shift differential, and fringe benefits for that period. The Village shall pay the Prorated Annual Fee on or before April 30, 2025. The estimated fee is \$1,810,665.

On motion of Legislator Pierce, 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 Williams and Legislator Gashi

Absent: Legislator Smith, Legislator Tubiolo and Legislator Woodson-Samuels

2. [ACT-2025-48](#) **BOND ACT-BLR2E-Labs & Research Equipment Acquisition '21-'25**

A BOND ACT authorizing the issuance of FIVE HUNDRED TEN THOUSAND (\$510,000) DOLLARS in bonds of Westchester County to finance Capital Project BLR2E - Labs & Research Equipment Acquisition 2021-2025.

SUBMITTED BY: COMMITTEES ON BUDGET & APPROPRIATIONS AND HUMAN SERVICES

Joint with HS.

Guest: Department of Labs & Research

Chief Administrator Keith Hoffman

Chief Administrator Keith Hoffman appeared before the Committee to discuss this Bond Act in the amount of \$510,000 to finance capital project BLR2E. This will finance the replacement of scientific equipment at the end of its useful life such as: Environmental unit: ICP/OES, Microwave Digestion System, Automated TKN digesters; Forensics Unit equipment: Qiagen Qiacube; Microbiology equipment: IBM Power10 9105-22B Server; and Toxicology equipment: Refrigerated Centrifuges. The Department must use complex, high-tech new and replacement instrumentation in order to carry out its required activities and maintain a state of the art laboratory facility. Most of this equipment is considered end of life or end of service and replacement is therefore necessary in order to continue providing existing services. Following authorization, it is expected that the Department will purchase the equipment within 6 months.

On motion of Legislator Pierce, seconded by Legislator Holstein, 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 Williams and Legislator Gashi

Absent: Legislator Smith, Legislator Tubiolo and Legislator Woodson-Samuels

3. [ACT-2025-45](#) **BOND ACT-RD021-Haulage Vehicle and Solid Waste Equipment Phase VI**

A BOND ACT authorizing the issuance of TWO MILLION, FIVE HUNDRED THOUSAND (\$2,500,000) DOLLARS in bonds of Westchester County to finance Capital Project RD021 - Haulage Vehicle and Solid Waste Equipment Phase VI.

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

Joint with PWT.

Guests: Department of Environmental Facilities

Commissioner Vincent Kopicki

First Deputy Commissioner Lou Vetrone

Deputy Commissioner Nat Federici

Environmental Project Director Jazmin Logan

Program Coordinator-Capital Programs Robert Zambardino

With this funding, the department will be purchasing a haulage vehicle and solid waste equipment as mentioned in project RD021 since the currently used ones are at the end of their useful life. The Comptroller already has \$5.5 Million approved in bonds and the current request of \$2.5 Million would cover the remainder for completion. Equipment purchases were deferred during the Comptroller's approval timeline which led to maximum usage for items such as trailers, which with this request a quarter of them will be replaced. The department submitted the list of equipment to New York State for approval and, although typically it has taken six months for approval, they are still waiting. There will be a Request for Proposal (RFP) process for these purchases at a later time. Additionally, some of the delays experienced are specific to the tractors since they include very specific customization for its needs. They do not anticipate any haulage issues since they are able to work with what they currently have access to. The food waste collection truck will be used to pick up recyclable buckets for the compost facility and will be a replacement to the current vehicle on hand. This truck will also be used as a hybrid since they have a contractor to pick up the food waste and as food waste collection evolves, they will reassess in the future about adding to the fleet.

On motion of Legislator Pierce, 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 Williams and Legislator Gashi

Absent: Legislator Smith, Legislator Tubiolo and Legislator Woodson-Samuels

4. [ACT-2025-46](#) **BOND ACT(Amended)-SNY95-Pumping Station Rehab. Prgm.-No. Yonkers SSD**

A BOND ACT (Amended) authorizing the issuance of an additional SEVENTEEN MILLION (\$17,000,000) DOLLARS in bonds of Westchester County to finance Capital Project SNY95 - Pumping Station Rehabilitation Program.

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

Joint with PWT.

Guests: Department of Environmental Facilities

Commissioner Vincent Kopicki

First Deputy Commissioner Lou Vetrone

Deputy Commissioner Nat Federici

Environmental Project Director Jazmin Logan

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Project SNY95 is requesting \$17 Million for construction of the Alexander Street and Irvington Pump Stations, which are both at 100% design, approved by the Department of Health and will be put out to bid in the second quarter of this year. There are a lot of equipment at the end of useful life and both of these pump stations are in need of reconstruction. These \$17 Million were always contemplated to be requested specifically for the Alexander Street and Irvington Pump Stations within a previously approved bond act for \$20.8 Million which named all four pump stations: Hastings, Dobbs Ferry, Alexander Street and Irvington. This funding will also account for contingency costs during construction.

On motion of Legislator Williams, 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 Williams and Legislator Gashi

Absent: Legislator Smith, Legislator Tubiolo and Legislator Woodson-Samuels

5. [ACT-2025-47](#) **BOND ACT-SOS08-Ossining WRRF Structural Rehabilitation**

A BOND ACT authorizing the issuance of TWO MILLION (\$2,000,000) DOLLARS in bonds of Westchester County to finance Capital Project SOS08 - Ossining Wastewater Resource Recovery Facility (WRRF) Structural Rehabilitation.

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

Joint with PWT.

Guests: Department of Environmental Facilities

Commissioner Vincent Kopicki

First Deputy Commissioner Lou Vetrone

Deputy Commissioner Nat Federici

Environmental Project Director Jazmin Logan

Program Coordinator-Capital Programs Robert Zambardino

This request will cover construction and construction management for the Ossining Water Resource Recovery Facility's shoreline structural restoration to limit erosion and preserve the foundation around the tanks. Although there is no concrete information for how long the tanks' useful life will extend, they anticipate that it can be about 30 years and the shoreline's protection about 50 years. The designer will be suggesting the types of plants for this project for erosion control.

On motion of Legislator Gashi, seconded by Legislator Williams, 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 Williams and Legislator Gashi

Absent: Legislator Smith, Legislator Tubiolo and Legislator Woodson-Samuels

6. [ACT-2025-49](#) **BOND ACT-SPC16-2819-Port Chester WRRF Secondary Clarifier and Sludge Thickener Equipment Replacement**

A BOND ACT authorizing the issuance of THREE MILLION, FIVE HUNDRED THOUSAND (\$3,500,000) DOLLARS in bonds of Westchester County to finance Capital Project SPC 16 (2819) - Port Chester Water Resource Recovery Facility (WRRF) Secondary Clarifier and Sludge Thickener Equipment Replacement.

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

Joint with PWT.

Guests: Department of Environmental Facilities

Commissioner Vincent Kopicki

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The \$3.5 Million request will cover the replacement of the secondary clarifier and sludge thickener equipment at the Port Chester Water Resource Recovery Facility. This funding will be split two-ways: \$500,000 for a flow study at the Port Chester plant and the remaining \$3 Million is for the design of this project in relation to the aforementioned equipment. The department is currently assessing all of the plants to gauge capacity and its proximity, as well as to evaluate other items that may need to be upgraded and next steps. The flow and the load capacity at the Port Chester plant is at 90% and once a plant reaches 95% the Department of Environmental Conservation mandates putting in a plant for expansion. At the moment, there are no other facilities with their capacity at 90% or higher and the Port Chester facility's capacity usage is not currently viewed as an emergency but rather as preemptive measure for future needs. Although the design process is expected to be completed in 2027, the study should be completed long before that.

On motion of Legislator Barr, seconded by Legislator Pierce, 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 Williams and Legislator Gashi

Absent: Legislator Smith, Legislator Tubiolo and Legislator Woodson-Samuels

7. [ACT-2025-51](#) **BOND ACT-SW029-Sewer Maintenance & Rehabilitation CMOM Program**

A BOND ACT authorizing the issuance of ONE MILLION, FOUR HUNDRED THOUSAND (\$1,400,000) DOLLARS in bonds of Westchester County to finance Capital Project SW029 - Sewer Maintenance and Rehabilitation (CMOM) Program.

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

Joint with PWT.

Guests: Department of Environmental Facilities

Commissioner Vincent Kopicki

First Deputy Commissioner Lou Vetrone

Deputy Commissioner Nat Federici

Environmental Project Director Jazmin Logan

Program Coordinator-Capital Programs Robert Zambardino

Project SW029 requests \$1.4 Million for the Capacity, Management, Operation and Maintenance (CMOM) program to inspect, and repair as needed, a 7,000 linear feet pipeline. In an effort to continue being proactive and ahead of State and Federal mandates, Westchester County monitors and repairs about 1-2% of the pipelines annually, which in turn ensures that everything is within industry standard guidelines. The pipeline is still in good condition and it tends to be better to just repair any apparent problem, unless there is a bigger issue. Small defects will be repaired within this project, however, larger repairs will be submitted under a separate request at a later time. All of the work associated with this project will be done through a contractor.

On motion of Legislator Williams Johnson, 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 Williams and Legislator Gashi

Absent: Legislator Smith, Legislator Tubiolo and Legislator Woodson-Samuels

8. [ACT-2025-52](#) **BOND ACT-SW034-Heavy Equipment & Vehicle Replacement**

A BOND ACT authorizing the issuance of EIGHT HUNDRED THOUSAND (\$800,000) DOLLARS in bonds of Westchester County to finance Capital Project SW034 - Heavy Equipment and Vehicle Replacement.

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

Joint with PWT.

Guests: Department of Environmental Facilities

Commissioner Vincent Kopicki

First Deputy Commissioner Lou Vetrone

Deputy Commissioner Nat Federici

Environmental Project Director Jazmin Logan

Program Coordinator-Capital Programs Robert Zambardino

Project SW034 pertains to the replacement of heavy equipment and vehicles that are at the end of useful life due to high mileage and other issues beyond repair, with a cost totaling to \$1.2 Million. The current request for \$800,000 will make up the difference since the department has \$400,000 left over from 2024.

On motion of Legislator Williams, seconded by Legislator Pierce, 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 Williams and Legislator Gashi

Absent: Legislator Smith, Legislator Tubiolo and Legislator Woodson-Samuels

9. [ACT-2025-50](#) **IMA - Multiple Municipalities - National Night Out**

AN ACT authorizing the County of Westchester to enter into inter-municipal agreements with one or more Westchester County municipal corporations as defined in Article 5-G of the New York State General Municipal Law, acting by and through either their Police Department, or Fire Department pursuant to which each municipality will provide its National Night Out program during the period from January 1, 2025 through December 31, 2025.

SUBMITTED BY: COMMITTEES ON BUDGET & APPROPRIATIONS AND PUBLIC SAFETY

B&A Only.

Guests: Legislators

This Act consists of IMAs with multiple municipalities for the 2025 National Night Out Program. The following municipalities will receive not to exceed amounts of: City of New Rochelle \$4,120.00; City of Peekskill \$2,000.00; City of Yonkers \$10,000.00; Mount Kisco Volunteer Fire Department \$2,500.00; Town of Bedford \$2,500.00; Town of Eastchester \$4,000.00; Village of Bronxville \$4,000.00; and Village of Tuckahoe \$2,000.00. In consideration, each municipality shall provide the Program on or about the first Tuesday of August (August 5, 2025), weather permitting. In the event of weather cancelation, each municipality shall provide the Program before December 31, 2025. The Program is a community-building campaign that promotes police-community partnerships and neighborhood camaraderie to make neighborhoods safer, more caring places. The Program enhances the relationship between the residents of each municipality and their respective PD/FD, all while creating a sense of community.

On motion of Legislator Holstein, seconded by Legislator Williams, 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 Williams and Legislator Gashi

Absent: Legislator Smith, Legislator Tubiolo and Legislator Woodson-Samuels

II. OTHER BUSINESS

III. RECEIVE & FILE

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Legislator Pierce, seconded by Legislator Holstein, the Committee adjourned at 12:10 PM. by the following vote:

Aye: Legislator Williams Johnson, Legislator Barr, Legislator Holstein, Legislator Pierce, Legislator Williams and Legislator Gashi

Absent: Legislator Smith, Legislator Tubiolo and Legislator Woodson-Samuels

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