

Parks & Environment Meeting Agenda



Committee Chair: Erika Pierce

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10:00 AM

Committee Room

Joint w/B&A and I&H

CALL TO ORDER

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MINUTES APPROVAL

I. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

1. [2026-248](#) BOND ACT-RCC17-County Center Facility Improvements

A BOND ACT authorizing the issuance of FIVE MILLION (\$5,000,000) DOLLARS in bonds of Westchester County to finance Capital Project RCC17 - County Center Facility Improvements.

COMMITTEE REFERRAL: COMMITTEES ON BUDGET & APPROPRIATIONS, INFRASTRUCTURE & HOUSING, AND PARKS & ENVIRONMENT

Guest: Parks Dept.:

II. OTHER BUSINESS

III. RECEIVE & FILE

ADJOURNMENT

**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 \$5,000,000 to finance capital project RCC17 – County Center Facility Improvements (“RCC17”). The Bond Act, which was prepared by the law firm Hawkins, Delafield and Wood, will finance the cost of design, construction and construction management of interior building improvements at the County Center Building, consisting of improvements to the dressing/locker rooms, restroom facilities, interior sports and arena lighting fixtures and related work.

The Department of Parks, Recreation and Conservation (“Department”) has advised that the antiquated dressing/locker rooms need modernization and required lighting upgrades to attract and retain collegiate and professional sports teams including for the Westchester Knicks, as well as to attract professional entertainers, and the public restroom facilities require renovations.

Following bonding authorization, design will be scheduled and is anticipated to take twelve months to complete. It is anticipated that the design work will be completed by in-house staff and consultants. It is estimated that construction and installation of lighting will take four months to complete and will begin after award and execution of the contracts.

The Department of Planning has advised your Committee that based on its review, RCC17 may be classified as a Type “II” action pursuant to the State Environmental Quality Review Act (“SEQR”) and its implementing regulations, 6 NYCRR Part 617. Therefore, no environmental review is required. Your Committee has reviewed the 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

ACT NO. -20_____

BOND ACT AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$5,000,000 BONDS OF THE COUNTY OF WESTCHESTER, OR SO MUCH THEREOF AS MAY BE NECESSARY, TO FINANCE THE COST OF THE DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION OF INTERIOR BUILDING IMPROVEMENTS AT THE COUNTY CENTER BUILDING, STATING THE ESTIMATED MAXIMUM COST THEREOF IS \$5,000,000; STATING THE PLAN OF FINANCING SAID COST INCLUDES THE ISSUANCE OF \$5,000,000 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, \$5,000,000 bonds of the County, or so much thereof as may be necessary, are hereby authorized to be issued to finance the design, construction and construction management of interior building improvements at the County Center Building, consisting of improvements to the dressing/locker rooms, restroom facilities, interior sports and arena lighting fixtures and related work in connection therewith; 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 maximum cost of said specific object or purpose, including preliminary costs and costs incidental thereto and the financing thereof is \$5,000,000. The plan of financing includes the issuance of \$5,000,000 bonds herein authorized, and any bond anticipation notes issued in anticipation of the sale of such bonds, and 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 specific object or purpose, within the limitations of Section 11.00 a. 12(a)(2) of the Law, is fifteen (15) 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 improvements 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 \$5,000,000. 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 \$5,000,000 as the estimated maximum cost of the aforesaid specific object or purpose 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 in accordance with Section 107.71 of the Westchester County Charter.

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LEGAL NOTICE

A Bond Act, a summary of which is published herewith, has been adopted by the Board of Legislators on _____, 20____ and approved by the County Executive on _____, 20____ and the validity of the obligations authorized by such Bond Act may be hereafter contested only if such obligations were authorized for an object or purpose for which the County of Westchester, in the State of New York, is not authorized to expend money or if the provisions of law which should have been complied with as of the date of publication of this Notice were not substantially complied with, and an action, suit or proceeding contesting such validity is commenced within twenty days after the publication of this Notice, or such obligations were authorized in violation of the provisions 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 NO. _____-20____
BOND ACT AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$5,000,000 BONDS OF THE COUNTY OF WESTCHESTER, OR SO MUCH THEREOF AS MAY BE NECESSARY, TO FINANCE THE COST OF THE DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION OF INTERIOR BUILDING IMPROVEMENTS AT THE COUNTY CENTER BUILDING, STATING THE ESTIMATED MAXIMUM COST THEREOF IS \$5,000,000; STATING THE PLAN OF FINANCING SAID COST INCLUDES THE ISSUANCE OF \$5,000,000 BONDS HEREIN AUTHORIZED; AND PROVIDING FOR A TAX TO PAY THE PRINCIPAL OF AND INTEREST ON SAID BONDS (Adopted _____, 20____)

Object or purpose: to finance the design, construction and construction management of interior building improvements at the County Center Building, consisting of improvements to the dressing/locker rooms, restroom facilities, interior sports and arena lighting fixtures and related work in connection therewith; 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: \$5,000,000; fifteen (15) years

Dated: _____, 20____
White Plains, New York

Clerk and Chief Administrative Officer of the County Board of Legislators of the County of Westchester, New York