



Budget & Appropriations

BOL Meeting Minutes - Final

Committee Chair: Jewel Williams Johnson

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Monday, July 10, 2023

10:00 AM

Committee Room

CALL TO ORDER

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Others in Attendance: GUESTS: Robert Lopane-PRC ; BOL: Margaret Cunzio, James Nolan, Terry Clements, Chris Johnson

Present: Committee Chair Williams Johnson, Legislator Barr, Legislator Gashi, Committee Chair Imamura, Legislator Maher, Legislator Parker, Legislator Pierce, Legislator Smith, Legislator Tubiolo and Committee Vice-Chair Woodson-Samuels

MINUTES APPROVAL

Tuesday, June 20, 2023 at 10:00 AM Minutes

On motion of Legislator Tubiolo, seconded by Committee Chair Imamura, the minutes were approved. The motion carried unanimously.

Monday, June 12, 2023 at 10:00 AM Minutes

On motion of Legislator Tubiolo, seconded by Committee Chair Imamura, the minutes were approved. The motion carried unanimously.

Monday, June 5, 2023 at 10:00 AM Minutes

On motion of Legislator Tubiolo, seconded by Committee Chair Imamura, the minutes were approved. The motion carried unanimously.

I. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

1. [ACT-2023-124](#) IMA(Amend)-Addition of County Police Officer-Cortlandt

AN ACT authorizing the County of Westchester, to further amend its inter-municipal agreement with the Town of Cortlandt, whereby the County, acting by and through its Department of Public Safety Services, provides police services to the Town for a term commencing February 1, 2020 and expiring January 31, 2025, in order to add the services of an additional County Police Officer to serve as a full time community policing and traffic safety

officer for the Town.

SUBMITTED BY: COMMITTEES ON BUDGET & APPROPRIATIONS AND PUBLIC SAFETY

Joint with PS.

Guest: Department of Public Safety

Lieutenant Edward Reich

Lieutenant Edward Reich from the Department of Public Safety appeared before the Committee to discuss the item.

On motion of Legislator Tubiolo, seconded by Committee Vice-Chair Woodson-Samuels, the above item was signed by committee and referred to Board of Legislators. The motion carried.

2. **[ACT-2023-125](#) CBA-Port Chester WWTP-Bulkhead Rehabilitation**

AN ACT amending the 2023 County Capital Budget Appropriations for Capital Project SPC37 Port Chester Wastewater Treatment Plant Bulkhead Rehabilitation.

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

Joint with PWT.

Guests: Department of Environmental Facilities

Commissioner Vincent Kopicki

Deputy Commissioner Nat Federici

Program Coordinator (Capital Program) Joe Brown

Commissioner Kopicki, Deputy Commissioner Nat Federici, and Mr. Brown discussed the item. Commissioner Kopicki said that additional funding is required based on the latest cost estimate and material and labor cost escalations. The Bond Act would finance the cost of reconstruction or rehabilitation of steel or stone bulkheads along the Byram River and the refurbishment of the effluent line, at or for the County's Port Chester Wastewater Treatment Plant.

Legislator Barr asked if the County looks into grants for this type of work to defray costs for the County and the municipalities, especially now that the Infrastructure Act has made more money available for water infrastructure improvement. Commissioner Kopicki said they have in-house staff and consultants to identify and work on grants, and are constantly looking for them. Legislator Barr asked him to keep the legislators in the loop if it's in their district so they can help get cooperation from the municipality if necessary.

Legislator Parker asked how much money have we received in grants to offset wastewater treatment plants the incredibly expensive infrastructure needs of wastewater treatment plants. Assistant Commissioner Federici said that last year the County received \$16.2 million for a project in Yonkers. They submitted three or four grant applications last year, and will submit six to eight this year.

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.

3. **[ACT-2023-126](#) BOND ACT-SPC37-Port Chester WWTP-Bulkhead Rehabilitation**

A BOND ACT authorizing the issuance of FOUR MILLION, SEVEN HUNDRED FIFTY THOUSAND (\$4,750,000) DOLLARS in bonds of Westchester County to finance Capital Project SPC37 - Port Chester Wastewater Treatment Plant - Bulkhead Rehabilitation.

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

Joint with PWT.

Guests: Department of Environmental Facilities

Commissioner Vincent Kopicki

Deputy Commissioner Nat Federici

Program Coordinator (Capital Program) Joe Brown

Please refer to item #2.

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.

4. **[ACT-2023-131](#) BOND ACT-SNR95-Pumping Station Rehab. Prgm.-New Rochelle SSD**

A BOND ACT authorizing the issuance of NINE MILLION, ONE HUNDRED FIFTY THOUSAND (\$9,150,000) DOLLARS in bonds of Westchester County to finance Capital Project SNR95 - Pumping Station Rehabilitation Program - New Rochelle Sanitary Sewer District.

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

Joint with PWT.

Guests: Department of Environmental Facilities

Commissioner Vincent Kopicki

Deputy Commissioner Nat Federici

Program Coordinator (Capital Program) Joe Brown

Commissioner Kopicki said this is to finance the cost of design, construction management and construction associated with the rehabilitation of the County's Fifth Avenue Pumping Station located in the New Rochelle Sanitary Sewer District. Work will include: installation of new bar screens, pumps and pump control panel replacements, piping and valves, gas and fire detection systems; all mechanical, instrumentation and electrical systems; structural and architectural repairs and replacement such as walls, windows, and roofs; relocation and/or replacement of the station's emergency generator; flood hazard mitigation; and repair and replacement of the electrical duct banks serving the Glen Island Pumping Station in New Rochelle. He said that DEF has a 20-year rotation for rehab work on the pumping stations, but it may vary as needed.

Legislator Pierce asked for a schedule of the rehab work for the various pumping stations. Commissioner Kopicki said he will provide that.

On motion of Legislator Pierce, seconded by Committee Vice-Chair Woodson-Samuels, the above item was signed by committee and referred to Board of Legislators. The motion carried.

5. **[ACT-2023-132](#) BOND ACT(Amended)-SPK95-Pumping Station Rehab. Prgm. -Peekskill SSD**

A BOND ACT (Amended) removing the authorization for bonds for design and construction management costs associated with project SNR96 for the rehabilitation of the Fifth Avenue Pumping Station and reduce the estimated maximum cost and the amount of bonds thereunder by EIGHT HUNDRED THOUSAND (\$800,000) DOLLARS from ONE MILLION, EIGHT HUNDRED THOUSAND (\$1,800,000) DOLLARS to ONE MILLION (\$1,000,000) DOLLARS.

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

Joint with PWT.

Guests: Department of Environmental Facilities

Commissioner Vincent Kopicki

Deputy Commissioner Nat Federici

Program Coordinator (Capital Program) Joe Brown

Mr. Brown explained that this is part of bond cleanup, and will remove the design and construction management costs for the rehab of the Fifth Avenue Pumping Station in the New Rochelle Sanitary Sewer District (SNR95), which is being consolidated with other costs in a separate bond act, and decrease the estimated maximum cost and the bonds authorized to be issued by \$800,000, leaving \$1,000,000 bonds authorized for cost of design and construction management for the rehabilitation of the Water Street Pumping Station in the Peekskill Sanitary Sewer District.

On motion of Legislator Pierce, seconded by Committee Vice-Chair Woodson-Samuels, the above item was signed by committee and referred to Board of Legislators. The motion carried.

6. [ACT-2023-127](#) **CBA-RCC17-County Center Facility Improvements**

AN ACT amending the 2023 County Capital Budget Appropriations for Capital Project RCC17 - County Center Facility Improvements.

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

Joint with PWT and PR.

Guests: PRC

Commissioner Kathleen O'Connor

First Deputy Commissioner Peter Tartaglia

Commissioner O'Connor and First Deputy Commissioner Tartaglia discussed the item. Mr. Tartaglia said that the CBA will amend the County's current-year capital budget to increase the County share for RCCI 7 by \$350,000 and add this specific project to the program funded through RCCI 7. The Bond Act in the amount of \$350,000 would finance construction management and construction associated with the replacement of the existing theatrical stage lighting system, including new electrical wiring, a new winch system and associated work at the County Center building. Since the facility has reopened for public programming, the current aged and antiquated stage lighting system which has fallen into disrepair needs replacement in order to book traditional and new stage and theatrical shows.

Legislator Parker noted that the County Center should be looked at as a holistic example of

how we can do a total rebuild and make it net zero.

On motion of Legislator Tubiolo, seconded by Committee Vice-Chair Woodson-Samuels, the above item was signed by committee and referred to Board of Legislators. The motion carried.

7. [ACT-2023-135](#) **BOND ACT-RCC17-County Center Facility Improvements**

A BOND ACT authorizing the issuance of THREE HUNDRED FIFTY THOUSAND (\$350,000) DOLLARS in bonds of Westchester County to finance Capital Project RCC17 - County Center Facility Improvements.

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

Joint with PWT and PR.

Guests: PRC

Commissioner Kathleen O'Connor

First Deputy Commissioner Peter Tartaglia

Please refer to item #6.

On motion of Legislator Tubiolo, seconded by Committee Vice-Chair Woodson-Samuels, the above item was signed by committee and referred to Board of Legislators. The motion carried.

8. [ACT-2023-129](#) **CBA-RGC05-Mohansic Golf Course Rehabilitation**

AN ACT amending the 2023 County Capital Budget Appropriations for Capital Project RGC05 - Mohansic Golf Course Rehabilitation.

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

Joint with PWT and PR.

Guests: PRC

Commissioner Kathleen O'Connor

First Deputy Commissioner Peter Tartaglia

Mr. Tartaglia said that the CBA, which will amend the County's current-year capital budget to increase the County share for RGC05 by \$400,000, is required to fund the increased construction costs associated with this project. The Amended Bond Act, in the total amount of \$4,000,000, which includes \$3,600,000 in previously authorized bonds of the County, would finance additional construction costs associated with modifications to the concrete footings, roof replacement and site elevation changes for the new golf cart storage facility at Mohansic Golf Course. The concrete footings were substantially increased in size to address soil bearing capacity deficiencies not identified in the initial test borings. While the original design intent was to preserve a portion of the existing roof structure of the original cart storage building, the extent of roof deterioration discovered during construction necessitated a complete replacement of the roof and associated structural elements supporting the roof. Additional embankment fill was also required to elevate a retaining wall and asphalt driveway.

On motion of Legislator Gashi, seconded by Committee Vice-Chair Woodson-Samuels, the above item was signed by committee and referred to Board of Legislators. The motion carried.

9. [ACT-2023-130](#) **BOND ACT-RGC05(Amended)-Mohansic Golf Course Rehabilitation**

A BOND ACT (Amended) authorizing the issuance of an additional FOUR HUNDRED THOUSAND (\$400,000) DOLLARS in bonds of Westchester County to finance Capital Project RGC05 - Mohansic Golf Course Rehabilitation.

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

Joint with PWT and PR.

Guests: PRC

Commissioner Kathleen O'Connor

First Deputy Commissioner Peter Tartaglia

Please refer to item #8.

On motion of Legislator Gashi, seconded by Committee Vice-Chair Woodson-Samuels, the above item was signed by committee and referred to Board of Legislators. The motion carried.

10. [RES-2023-109](#) **PH - WCC 2023-2024 Budget**

A RESOLUTION to set a Public Hearing on an ACT adopting the Westchester Community College Budget for 2023-2024 and making appropriations for the operation of Westchester Community College. [Public Hearing set for August 7, 2023 at 10:30 a.m.].

SUBMITTED BY: COMMITTEE ON BUDGET & APPROPRIATIONS

B&A Only.

Chair Jewel Williams Johnson reviewed the reasons for the three items related to the Westchester Community College 2023-2024 Budget and read into the record the Suspension of Rules and Public Hearing Rules.

On motion of Committee Vice-Chair Woodson-Samuels, seconded by Legislator Pierce, the above item was signed by committee and referred to Board of Legislators. The motion carried.

11. [RES-2023-110](#) **WCC Budget 2023-2024 Suspension of Rules**

A RESOLUTION suspending certain Rules of the Board of Legislators solely with regard to the proposed 2023-2024 Westchester Community College Budget.

SUBMITTED BY: COMMITTEE ON BUDGET & APPROPRIATIONS

B&A Only.

Please refer to item #10.

On motion of Committee Vice-Chair Woodson-Samuels, seconded by Legislator Pierce, the above item was signed by committee and referred to Board of Legislators. The motion carried.

12. [RES-2023-111](#) **WCC Budget 2023-2024 Public Hearing Rules**

A RESOLUTION adopting Rules for the Westchester Community College proposed 2023-2024 Budget Public Hearing.

SUBMITTED BY: COMMITTEE ON BUDGET & APPROPRIATIONS

B&A Only.

Please refer to item #10.

On motion of Committee Vice-Chair Woodson-Samuels, seconded by Legislator Pierce, the above item was signed by committee and referred to Board of Legislators. The motion carried.

13. [ACT-2023-133](#) **ACT-Year-End Transfers Across County Departments**

AN ACT authorizing the transfer of appropriations across County departments in the amount of SIXTY ONE MILLION, ONE HUNDRED SEVENTY-SEVEN THOUSAND (\$61,177,000) DOLLARS.

SUBMITTED BY: COMMITTEE ON BUDGET & APPROPRIATIONS

***Please note: This item was placed directly into Committee for immediate consideration.**

B&A Only.

Guest: Budget Department

Director Larry Soule

Westchester County Budget Director Larry Soule appeared before the Committee to discuss the Year-End Transfers Across County Departments, Year-End Transfers Within Various Departments, and the Year-End Budget Amendment.

On motion of Committee Vice-Chair Woodson-Samuels, seconded by Legislator Pierce, the above item was signed by committee and referred to Board of Legislators. The motion carried.

14. [RES-2023-112](#) **RES-Year-End Transfers Within Various Departments**

A RESOLUTION authorizing the transfer of appropriations within various departments in the amount of SEVENTEEN MILLION, TWO HUNDRED THIRTY-ONE THOUSAND (\$17,231,000) DOLLARS.

SUBMITTED BY: COMMITTEE ON BUDGET & APPROPRIATIONS

***Please note: This item was placed directly into Committee for immediate consideration.**

B&A Only.

Guest: Budget Department

Director Larry Soule

Please refer to item #13.

On motion of Committee Vice-Chair Woodson-Samuels, seconded by Legislator Pierce, the above item was signed by committee and referred to Board of Legislators. The motion carried.

15. [ACT-2023-134](#) **ACT-2022 Year-End Budget Amendment**

AN ACT authorizing the amendment of the 2022 County Airport Budget in the amount of ONE MILLION, SEVEN HUNDRED TEN THOUSAND (\$1,710,000) DOLLARS and the 2022 County Special Districts Budget in the amount of EIGHT MILLION, FOUR HUNDRED

EIGHTEEN THOUSAND (\$8,418,000) DOLLARS.

SUBMITTED BY: COMMITTEE ON BUDGET & APPROPRIATIONS

***Please note: This item was placed directly into Committee for immediate consideration.**

B&A Only.

Guest: Budget Department

Director Larry Soule

Please refer to item #13.

On motion of Committee Vice-Chair Woodson-Samuels, seconded by Legislator Pierce, the above item was signed by committee and referred to Board of Legislators. The motion carried.

II. OTHER BUSINESS

III. RECEIVE & FILE

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Legislator Tubiolo, seconded by Committee Vice-Chair Woodson-Samuels, the Committee adjourned at 12:07 PM.