

Public Safety & Veterans Meeting Agenda



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Committee Chair: David Tubiolo

Monday, April 27, 2026

10:00 AM

Committee Room

Joint with B&A, I&H

CALL TO ORDER

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MINUTES APPROVAL

I. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

[2026-195](#) **CBA-BCR66-Correctional Facility Chiller Replacement**

AN ACT amending the 2026 County Capital Budget Appropriations for Capital Project BCR66 - Correctional Facility Chiller Replacement.

COMMITTEE REFERRAL: COMMITTEES ON BUDGET & APPROPRIATIONS, INFRASTRUCTURE & HOUSING AND PUBLIC SAFETY & VETERANS

Guests:

Department of Corrections

Assistant Warden Karl Vollmer and Director of Administrative Services Bill Fallon

Department of Public Works & Transportation

Deputy Commissioner Hernane De Almeida

[2026-196](#) **BOND ACT-BCR66-Correctional Facility Chiller Replacement**

A BOND ACT authorizing the issuance of THREE MILLION, FIVE HUNDRED FORTY THOUSAND (\$3,540,000) DOLLARS in bonds of Westchester County to finance Capital Project BCR66 - Correctional Facility Chiller Replacement.

COMMITTEE REFERRAL: COMMITTEES ON BUDGET & APPROPRIATIONS, INFRASTRUCTURE & HOUSING AND PUBLIC SAFETY & VETERANS

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[2026-188](#)

ACT-Enter into Grant Agreement-Justice Assistance Grant Program

AN ACT to authorize the County of Westchester to (i) enter into a grant agreement with the United States Department of Justice, Bureau of Justice Assistance to accept grant funds in the amount not-to-exceed \$75,545 under the FY24 Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant, (ii) enter into an intermunicipal agreement with the City of Yonkers and the City of Mount Vernon.

COMMITTEE REFERRAL: COMMITTEES ON BUDGET & APPROPRIATIONS AND PUBLIC SAFETY & VETERANS

Guests:

Public Safety Department

Chief James Luciano and Sergeant John Butcher

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 an act, which, if adopted, will amend the County’s current-year capital budget (“Capital Budget Amendment”), as well as adoption of a related bond act (“Bond Act”) in the amount of \$3,540,000 prepared by the law firm Harris Beach Murtha, to finance a new capital project, BCR66 – Correctional Facility Chiller Replacement (“BCR66”).

The proposed Capital Budget Amendment will amend the County’s current-year capital budget to add a new capital project BCR66, and to add a County share for BCR66 in the amount of \$3,540,000.

The Bond Act, in the amount of \$3,540,000, would finance the cost of improvements to the jail tower at the County’s Norwood E. Jackson Correctional Center, including replacement of chiller CH-3 and all related work.

The Department of Correction (“Department”) has advised that the Capital Budget Amendment is necessary to fund the replacement of chiller CH-3 which recently failed. The new chiller will be a modern, energy-efficient equivalent featuring a variable frequency drive to optimize system performance.

Following bond authorization, design will be begin and is estimated to take two months to complete. It is anticipated that design will be completed by in-house staff. It is estimated that work will take eight months to complete and will begin after execution of the purchase and installation contract.

The Planning Department has advised your Committee that based on its review, BCR66 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, which is on file with the Clerk of your Honorable Board, and concurs with this recommendation.

In addition, Section 167.131 of the Laws of Westchester County mandates that a capital budget amendment that introduces a new capital project or changes the location, size or character of an existing capital project be accompanied to the Board of Legislators by a report of the Westchester County Planning Board (the “Planning Board”) with respect to the physical planning aspects of the project. Accordingly, the Planning Board report for BCR66 will be transmitted under separate cover.

Your Committee has carefully considered the proposed Capital Budget Amendment, as well as the related Bond Act, and recommends approval of both of the proposed Acts, noting that the Bond Act may only be enacted following adoption of the Capital Budget Amendment. It should also be noted that an affirmative vote of two-thirds of the members of your Honorable Board is required in order to amend the County’s Capital Budget as well as to adopt the related Bond Act.

Dated: _____, 20____
White Plains, New York

COMMITTEE ON

s: MG/4-8-26

An Act amending the 2026 County
Capital Budget Appropriations for
Capital Project

BE IT ENACTED by the Board of Legislators of the County of Westchester as follows:

Section 1. The Capital section of the 2026 County Budget is hereby amended as follows:

Previous 2026 Appropriation	Change	Revised 2026 Appropriation
_____	_____	_____

Section 2. The estimated method of financing in the Capital Section of the 2026 Westchester County Capital Budget is amended as follows:

II. METHOD OF FINANCING

Bonds and/or Notes

Non County Shares

Cash

Total

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Section 3. The ACT shall take effect immediately.

ACT NO. -20__

BOND ACT AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$3,540,000 BONDS OF THE COUNTY OF WESTCHESTER, OR SO MUCH THEREOF AS MAY BE NECESSARY, TO FINANCE THE COST OF THE IMPROVEMENTS TO THE JAIL TOWER AT THE NORWOOD E. JACKSON CORRECTIONAL CENTER; STATING THE ESTIMATED MAXIMUM COST THEREOF IS \$3,540,000; STATING THE PLAN OF FINANCING SAID COST INCLUDES THE ISSUANCE OF \$3,540,000 BONDS HEREIN AUTHORIZED TO FINANCE SUCH COST; 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, to the provisions of other laws applicable thereto, \$3,540,000 bonds of the County, or so much thereof as may be necessary, are hereby authorized to be issued to finance the cost of the improvements to the jail tower at the Norwood E. Jackson Correctional Center, including replacement of chiller CH-3 and all related work; 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 objects or purposes, including preliminary costs and costs incidental thereto and the financing thereof is \$3,540,000. The plan of financing includes the issuance of \$3,540,000 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.

Section 2. The period of probable usefulness applicable to the specific object or purpose for which bonds authorized by this resolution is to be issued within the limitations of Section 11.00 a. 13 of the Law, is ten (10) 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 \$3,540,000. This Act is a declaration of official intent adopted pursuant to the requirements of Treasury Regulation Section 1.150-2.

Section 4. 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 5. 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. 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 6. 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 7. 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__

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object or purpose: improvements to the jail tower at the Norwood E. Jackson Correctional Center, including replacement of chiller CH-3 and all related work; 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: \$3,540,000; ten (10) 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



Kenneth W. Jenkins
County Executive

April 6, 2026

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

Dear Honorable Members of the Board of Legislators:

Transmitted herewith for your review and approval is an Act which, if adopted, would: (i) authorize the County of Westchester (“County”), acting by and through its Department of Public Safety Services (“Department”), to enter into a grant agreement with the United States Department of Justice, Bureau of Justice Assistance (“BJA”), pursuant to which the County will accept grant funds in the amount not-to-exceed \$75,545 (the “JAG funds”) under the BJA FY24 Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant program (“JAG grant program”), for the period from October 1, 2023 through September 30, 2027 (the “Agreement”); and (ii) authorize the County, acting by and through its Department, to enter into an inter-municipal agreement (“IMA”) with the City of Yonkers and the City of Mount Vernon (the “Municipalities”), in which the County shall administer the distribution of the JAG funds to the Municipalities, for the period from October 1, 2023 through September 30, 2027.

Pursuant to the IMA, of the \$75,545 of the JAG Funds, the County will disburse \$36,640 to the City of Yonkers, and will disburse \$21,019 to the City of Mt. Vernon. City of Yonkers will use the disbursed JAG funds to fund approximately 445 hours of police overtime, particularly those that reduce gun violence, such as high saturation, law enforcement patrols to combat crime, quality of life complaints, and for investigations such as burglary, robbery, auto related crimes and gun tracings. City of Mount Vernon will use the disbursed JAG funds for technology improvements and equipment by enhancing its Body Worn Camera program and to purchase additional body worn cameras to promote public trust, accountability, and transparency. The County will use the remainder of the balance of the JAG Funds of \$17,886 to fund overtime costs to coordinate investigations with the narcotics unit, DEA task force as well as the FBI task force to combat the growing fentanyl and heroin epidemic as well as other violent crimes within Westchester County.

The County will disburse the JAG funds in accordance with the terms and conditions of the both the Agreement and the IMA, and only after receipt of all appropriate documentation from the Municipalities.

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The JAG grant program allows local governments to support a broad range of activities to prevent and control crime based on local needs and conditions.

Based upon the foregoing, I recommend the adoption of the annexed proposed Act.

Sincerely,

Kenneth W. Jenkins
Westchester County Executive

**THE HONORABLE BOARD OF LEGISLATORS
THE COUNTY OF WESTCHESTER**

Your Committee is in receipt of a communication from the County Executive recommending the approval of an Act which would authorize the County of Westchester (“County”), acting by and through its Department of Public Safety (“Department”), to: (i) enter into a grant agreement with the United States Department of Justice, Bureau of Justice Assistance (“BJA”), pursuant to which the County will accept grant funds in the amount not-to-exceed \$75,545 (the “JAG funds”) under the BJA FY24 Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (“JAG grant program”), for the period from October 1, 2023 through September 30, 2027 (the “Agreement”); and (ii) authorize the County, acting by and through its Department, to enter into an inter-municipal agreement (“IMA”) with the City of Yonkers and the City of Mount Vernon (the “Municipalities”), in which the County shall administer the distribution of the JAG funds to the Municipalities, for the period from October 1, 2023 through September 30, 2027.

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The Planning Department has advised that the IMA does not meet the definition of an “action” under the State Environmental Quality Review Act (“SEQR”), and its implementing regulations, 6 NYCRR, Part 617. Please refer to the memorandum from the Department of Planning dated January 9, 2026, which is on file with the Clerk of the Board of Legislators. Your Committee concurs with this recommendation.

Approval of the proposed IMA must be by an affirmative vote of not less than a majority of your Honorable Board. Based upon careful consideration of the foregoing, your Committee recommends the adoption of the aforementioned Act.

Date: _____, 2026
White Plains, New York

COMMITTEE ON

ACT NO. _____-20_____

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BE IT ENACTED by the County Board of the County of Westchester as follows:

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§3. The County Executive, or his duly authorized designee, is hereby authorized and empowered to take such actions and to execute and deliver such instruments as may be necessary and appropriate to accomplish the purposes hereof.

§4. This Act shall take effect immediately.