

Budget & Appropriations

BOL Meeting Minutes - Final



Committee Chair: Jewel Williams Johnson

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148 Martine Avenue, 8th Floor
White Plains, NY 10601
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Monday, March 17, 2025

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, Chair Williams Johnson called the meeting to order at 10:05 AM.

Others in Attendance: GUESTS: Susan Spear, Neil Caputo; BOL: James Silverberg, Dayana Gomez

MINUTES APPROVAL

Thursday, January 18, 2024 at 11:00 AM Minutes

On motion of Legislator Pierce, seconded by Legislator Williams, the minutes were approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: Legislator Williams Johnson, Legislator Barr, Legislator Holstein, Legislator Pierce, Legislator Smith, Legislator Williams and Legislator Woodson-Samuels

Absent: Legislator Tubiolo

Monday, January 22, 2024 at 10:00 AM Minutes

On motion of Legislator Pierce, seconded by Legislator Williams, the minutes were approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: Legislator Williams Johnson, Legislator Barr, Legislator Holstein, Legislator Pierce, Legislator Smith, Legislator Williams and Legislator Woodson-Samuels

Absent: Legislator Tubiolo

Monday, March 4, 2024 at 10:00 AM Minutes

On motion of Legislator Pierce, seconded by Legislator Williams, the minutes were approved.

The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: Legislator Williams Johnson, Legislator Barr, Legislator Holstein, Legislator Pierce, Legislator Smith, Legislator Williams and Legislator Woodson-Samuels

Absent: Legislator Tubiolo

Monday, March 11, 2024 at 10:00 AM Minutes

On motion of Legislator Pierce, seconded by Legislator Williams, the minutes were approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: Legislator Williams Johnson, Legislator Barr, Legislator Holstein, Legislator Pierce, Legislator Smith, Legislator Williams and Legislator Woodson-Samuels

Absent: Legislator Tubiolo

Monday, March 25, 2024 at 10:00 AM Minutes

On motion of Legislator Pierce, seconded by Legislator Williams, the minutes were approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: Legislator Williams Johnson, Legislator Barr, Legislator Holstein, Legislator Pierce, Legislator Smith, Legislator Williams and Legislator Woodson-Samuels

Absent: Legislator Tubiolo

Monday, April 15, 2024 at 1:00 PM Minutes

On motion of Legislator Pierce, seconded by Legislator Williams, the minutes were approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: Legislator Williams Johnson, Legislator Barr, Legislator Holstein, Legislator Pierce, Legislator Smith, Legislator Williams and Legislator Woodson-Samuels

Absent: Legislator Tubiolo

Monday, April 22, 2024 at 10:00 AM Minutes

On motion of Legislator Pierce, seconded by Legislator Williams, the minutes were approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: Legislator Williams Johnson, Legislator Barr, Legislator Holstein, Legislator Pierce, Legislator Smith, Legislator Williams and Legislator Woodson-Samuels

Absent: Legislator Tubiolo

Monday, July 22, 2024 at 10:00 AM Minutes

On motion of Legislator Pierce, seconded by Legislator Williams, the minutes were approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: Legislator Williams Johnson, Legislator Barr, Legislator Holstein, Legislator Pierce, Legislator Smith, Legislator Williams and Legislator Woodson-Samuels

Absent: Legislator Tubiolo

Wednesday, September 4, 2024 at 10:00 AM Minutes

On motion of Legislator Pierce, seconded by Legislator Williams, the minutes were approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: Legislator Williams Johnson, Legislator Barr, Legislator Holstein, Legislator Pierce, Legislator Smith, Legislator Williams and Legislator Woodson-Samuels

Absent: Legislator Tubiolo

Monday, September 30, 2024 at 1:00 PM Minutes

On motion of Legislator Pierce, seconded by Legislator Williams, the minutes were approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: Legislator Williams Johnson, Legislator Barr, Legislator Holstein, Legislator Pierce, Legislator Smith, Legislator Williams and Legislator Woodson-Samuels

Absent: Legislator Tubiolo

I. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

1. [2025-77](#) **CBA-BES24-Replacement of Smoke House Building**

AN ACT amending the 2025 County Capital Budget Appropriations for Capital Project BES24 - Replacement of Smoke House Building.

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

Joint with PWT.

Guests: Department of Emergency Services

Commissioner Susan Spear

Chief Neil Caputo, Director, Fire Services Division

Commissioner Susan Spear and Chief Neil Caputo from the Department of Emergency Services appeared before the Committee to discuss this proposed capital budget amendment, which will amend the County's 2025 capital budget to increase the County share for this project by \$1,900,000. This increase is needed due to higher than anticipated construction cost estimates associated with this project. The Bond Act, in the total aggregate amount of \$8,210,000, which includes \$2,810,000 in previously authorized bonds of the County, and \$5,400,000 in additional funding, would finance the completion of construction associated with the replacement of the current 50-year-old building located at the Westchester County Department of Emergency Service Training Center in Valhalla. The prop building is used by local fire departments and other first responders to train in a variety of fire response conditions, including live fire. The current building does not meet National Fire Protection Agency standards and has failed inspection. With the current building out of service, the County uses the Rockland/Orange Counties training facility as well as a live fire training

building in Harrison. Design will be scheduled and is anticipated to take one month to complete and will be performed by outside consultants. It is estimated that construction will take one year to complete and will begin after award and execution of the construction contracts.

On motion of Legislator Barr, seconded by Legislator Smith, 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 Smith, Legislator Williams and Legislator Woodson-Samuels

Absent: Legislator Tubiolo

WO Prejudice: Legislator Pierce

2. [2025-78](#) **BOND ACT-BES24-Replacement of Smoke House Building**

A BOND ACT authorizing the issuance of EIGHT MILLION, TWO HUNDRED TEN THOUSAND (\$8,210,000) DOLLARS in bonds of Westchester County to finance Capital Project BES24 - Replacement of Smoke House Building.

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

Joint with PWT.

Guests: Department of Emergency Services

Commissioner Susan Spear

Chief Neil Caputo, Director, Fire Services Division

Please refer to item #1.

On motion of Legislator Barr, seconded by Legislator Smith, 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 Smith, Legislator Williams and Legislator Woodson-Samuels

Absent: Legislator Tubiolo

WO Prejudice: Legislator Pierce

3. [2025-81](#) **IMA-Fire Suppression Services-Valhalla Fire District**

AN ACT authorizing the County of Westchester to enter into an intermunicipal agreement with the Valhalla Fire District to provide specialized training and fire suppression services for a two (2) year term commencing retroactively on January 1, 2025 and expiring on December 31, 2026 in an aggregate amount not to exceed ONE HUNDRED THOUSAND (\$100,000) DOLLARS.

SUBMITTED BY: COMMITTEES ON BUDGET & APPROPRIATIONS AND PUBLIC SAFETY

B&A Only.

Guests: Department of Emergency Services

Commissioner Susan Spear

Chief Neil Caputo, Director, Fire Services Division

This Act will authorize the County to enter into an intermunicipal agreement with the Valhalla Fire District for a term of two years commencing retroactively on January 1, 2025 and expiring on December 31, 2026. For services to be provided, the District will be paid the aggregate amount not to exceed \$100,000 Dollars, subject to appropriation. The County's agreement with the District for these same services expired on December 31, 2024. In order to respond to the unique environments on the Grasslands Reservation, the District will participate in specialized training and activities with the Grasslands Fire Brigade and furnish, at its sole cost and expense, equipment appropriate to prepare for fire suppression activities and rescue operations on the Grasslands Reservation. The District agrees to train with DES staff and develop a plan whereby the District may be called upon to operate District vehicles or DES vehicles to transport the Mass Decontamination Unit trailer, Rough Terrain Vehicle transport trailers, Mass Casualty Incident trailers and other types of equipment trailers owned by the County to emergency scenes in and around Westchester County. The District shall supply and maintain a minimum of six firefighters who have completed said training.

On motion of Legislator Woodson-Samuels, seconded by Legislator Smith, 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 Smith, Legislator Williams and Legislator Woodson-Samuels

Absent: Legislator Tubiolo

4. [2025-82](#) **IMA-Fire Suppression Services-Hawthorne Fire District**

AN ACT authorizing the County of Westchester to enter into an intermunicipal agreement with the Hawthorne Fire Department to provide specialized training and fire suppression services for a two (2) year term commencing retroactively on January 1, 2025 and expiring on December 31, 2026, in an aggregate amount not to exceed THIRTY THOUSAND (\$30,000) DOLLARS.

SUBMITTED BY: COMMITTEES ON BUDGET & APPROPRIATIONS AND PUBLIC SAFETY

B&A Only.

Guests: Department of Emergency Services

Commissioner Susan Spear

Chief Neil Caputo, Director, Fire Services Division

This Act will authorize the County to enter into an intermunicipal agreement with the Hawthorne Fire District for a term of two years commencing retroactively on January 1, 2025 and expiring on December 31, 2026. For services to be provided, the District will be paid the aggregate amount not to exceed \$30,000 Dollars, subject to appropriation. The County's agreement with the District for these same services expired on December 31, 2024. In order to respond to the unique environments on the Grasslands Reservation, the District will participate in specialized training and activities with the Grasslands Fire Brigade and furnish, at its sole cost and expense, equipment appropriate to prepare for fire suppression activities and rescue operations on the Grasslands Reservation. The District agrees to train with DES staff and develop a plan whereby the District may be called upon to operate District vehicles or DES vehicles to transport the Mass Decontamination Unit trailer, Rough Terrain Vehicle

transport trailers, Mass Casualty Incident trailers and other types of equipment trailers owned by the County to emergency scenes in and around Westchester County. The District shall supply and maintain a minimum of six firefighters who have completed said training.

On motion of Legislator Woodson-Samuels, seconded by Legislator Pierce, the above item was signed by committee. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: Legislator Williams Johnson, Legislator Barr, Legislator Holstein, Legislator Pierce, Legislator Smith, Legislator Williams and Legislator Woodson-Samuels

Absent: Legislator Tubiolo

II. OTHER BUSINESS

III. RECEIVE & FILE

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Legislator Woodson-Samuels, seconded by Legislator Williams, the Committee adjourned at 10:30 AM. by the following vote:

Aye: Legislator Williams Johnson, Legislator Barr, Legislator Holstein, Legislator Pierce, Legislator Smith, Legislator Williams and Legislator Woodson-Samuels

Absent: Legislator Tubiolo