



Public Safety

BOL Meeting Minutes - Final

Committee Chair: Colin Smith

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Monday, November 8, 2021

10:00 AM

Committee Room

CALL TO ORDER

Meeting joint with the Committees on Budget & Appropriations and Public Works & Transportation

The County Board will meet pursuant to Chapter 417 of New York State Laws of 2021, allowing public bodies to meet and take action without permitting in-person public access to meetings and authorizes such meetings and public hearings to be held remotely by conference call or similar service, provided the public has the ability to view or listen and that such meetings are recorded and later transcribed. To access the meeting, please visit: <https://westchestercountyny.legistar.com>

With a quorum present, Chair Smith called the meeting to order at 12:05 PM.

Others in Attendance: BOL: Catherine Borgia, Vedat Gashi, Damon Maher, Alessandra Restiano, Anand Singh, Jill Axelrod, Yolanda Valencia, Lisa Hochman, Carolyn Stevens, Melanie Montalto BOL Remote: Alfreda Williams, James Silverberg LAW: John Nonna, Fred Sullivan, Sean Carey LABS & RESEARCH Remote: Diane Anton, Dr. Milovanovic DPW/T: Robert Abbamont, Hernane DeAlmeida DOC Remote: Michael Gerald PS Remote: William McGunniess GUESTS: Vincent Toomey, Dominick Cassanelli

Present: Committee Chair Smith, Legislator Boykin and Legislator Covill

Absent: Legislator Johnson

Remote: Legislator Barr, Committee Vice-Chair Cunzio, Legislator Shimsky and Legislator Woodson-Samuels

MINUTES APPROVAL

I. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

1. [ACT-2021-199](#) **BOND ACT-BCR5D-Infrastructure Improvements 3-'16-'20**

A BOND ACT authorizing the issuance of ONE MILLION, SEVEN HUNDRED THOUSAND (\$1,700,000) DOLLARS in bonds of Westchester County to finance Capital Project BCR5D - Infrastructure Improvements 3 - 2016-2020.

Submitted by COMMITTEES ON BUDGET & APPROPRIATIONS, PUBLIC WORKS & TRANSPORTATION AND PUBLIC SAFETY

Joint with B&A and PW&T.

Guests: Deputy Commissioner Michael Gerard and William Fallon, Director of Administrative Services

Robert Abbamont appeared before the Committee to discuss item #2021-553-BOND ACT-BCR5D-Infrastructure Improvements 3 (2016-2020). This bond act is in the amount of \$1,700,000, which will finance the cost of design, construction, and construction management in connection with the replacement of the security windows and associated masonry and facade in the K-Block first floor of the County Jail. He advised that the windows in K-Block are about forty years old and beyond their useful life. In order to maintain security and building integrity, it is necessary to replace them. Design is anticipated to take five months to complete and will be performed by in-house staff. Construction is estimated to take eight months.

Legislator Maher asked if there is any technology that would let more light in? Mr. Abbamont responded that the newer windows are a more traditional window and showed pictures comparing the current windows with the new option. Legislator Maher asked if there were national standards that they must follow? Mr. Abbamont responded yes and that everything they do has to pass through State Corrections for approval. Chair Borgia of the Budget & Appropriations Committee noted that more light is good for a myriad of reasons. Legislator Covill asked if this was a sole sourced contract? Mr. Abbamont responded that this project would be publicly bid.

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

Aye: Committee Chair Smith, Legislator Barr, Legislator Boykin, Legislator Covill, Committee Vice-Chair Cunzio, Legislator Shimsky and Legislator Woodson-Samuels

Absent: Legislator Johnson

2. [ACT-2021-200](#) **BOND ACT(Amended)-BCR55-G-Block Window Replacement**

A BOND ACT (Amended) authorizing the issuance of additional bonds of Westchester County in the amount of ONE MILLION, FOUR HUNDRED THOUSAND (\$1,400,000) DOLLARS to finance Capital Project BCR55 - G-Block Window Replacement.

Submitted by COMMITTEES ON BUDGET & APPROPRIATIONS, PUBLIC WORKS & TRANSPORTATION AND PUBLIC SAFETY

Joint with B&A and PW&T.

Guests: Deputy Commissioner Michael Gerard and William Fallon, Director of Administrative Services

Robert Abbamont appeared before the Committee to discuss item #2021-554-BOND ACT(Amended)-BCR55-G-Block Window Replacement. This bond act in the total amount of \$1,710,000, which includes \$310,000, in previously authorized bonds will finance the cost of design, construction, construction management in connection with the replacement of the security windows and associated facade in the G-Block first floor of the County Jail. He advised that the windows in G-Block are about forty years old and beyond their useful life. In order to maintain security and building integrity, it is necessary to replace them. Design is anticipated to take five months to complete and will be performed by in-house staff. Construction is estimated to take eight months to complete.

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On motion of Committee Vice-Chair Cunzio, seconded by Legislator Shimsky, the above item was signed by committee. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: Committee Chair Smith, Legislator Barr, Legislator Boykin, Legislator Covill, Committee Vice-Chair Cunzio, Legislator Shimsky and Legislator Woodson-Samuels

Absent: Legislator Johnson

ACT-2021-202 ACT-Amend Lease Agrmnt-Police Vehicles-Mount Vernon

AN ACT authorizing the County of Westchester to amend an agreement with the City of Mount Vernon in order to increase the number of police vehicles leased to the City of Mt. Vernon, and also to correct certain clerical errors contained in Schedule "A" of the Agreement.

Submitted by COMMITTEES ON BUDGET & APPROPRIATIONS AND PUBLIC SAFETY

Joint with B&A

Guest - Ann Marie Berg, Commissioner of Finance

Captain William McGuinness appeared before the Committee to discuss item

#2021-587-ACT-Amend Lease Agreement-Police Vehicles-Mount Vernon. This Act will authorize the County to amend its lease agreement with the City of Mount Vernon, wherein the County leased certain police vehicles to Mt. Vernon for use by the Mt. Vernon Police Department in its daily patrol operations, in order to increase the number of police vehicles leased by the County to Mt. Vernon from four to seven and also correct certain clerical errors contained in Schedule "A" of the Agreement. Captain McGuinness advised that the Department of Public Safety has determined that there are three additional vehicles that are no longer necessary to meet the operational demands of the Department but are still in good working order. Mt. Vernon continues to be unable to purchase new vehicles at the present time due to budgetary constraints and has requested the additional vehicles for its daily patrol operations. He added that pursuant to the terms of the agreement, the County will lease the additional vehicles in its "AS IS" condition and Mt. Vernon will pay the County \$1.00. Mt. Vernon will operate, repair and maintain the additional vehicles as required. Mt. Vernon will be responsible to register the additional vehicles and maintain insurance naming the County as additional insured. Mt. Vernon will also indemnify, hold harmless and defend the County against any claims resulting from Mt. Vernon's use and/or maintenance of the additional vehicles. Title of the additional vehicles will remain with the County and at the expiration of the agreement, on April 14, 2026, all leased vehicles, including the additional vehicles, will be returned to the County.

Legislator Woodson-Samuels stated that the fleet being used in Mt. Vernon currently is dilapidated and somewhat out of date, so the four previously acquired and these additional three will go a long way in helping the police officers. He added that public safety is a prerequisite for prosperity and this can help us move in the right direction as a municipality.

Legislator Tubiolo stated that he agrees with his colleague Legislator Woodson-Samuels and that this is a wonderful opportunity for the City of Mt. Vernon.

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

Aye: Committee Chair Smith, Legislator Barr, Legislator Boykin, Legislator Covill, Committee Vice-Chair Cunzio, Legislator Shimsky and Legislator Woodson-Samuels

Absent: Legislator Johnson

II. OTHER BUSINESS

III. RECEIVE & FILE

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Committee Vice-Chair Cunzio, seconded by Legislator Boykin, the Committee adjourned at 12:24 PM.