



Budget & Appropriations

BOL Meeting Minutes - Final

Committee Chair: Vedat Gashi

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Monday, June 6, 2022

10:00 AM

Committee Room

CALL TO ORDER

Meeting jointly with the Committee on Law & Major Contracts

This meeting will be held pursuant to Chapter 1 of the New York State Laws of 2022 and Executive Order 11, as extended, which authorize any public body to meet and take such action authorized by law without permitting in public-in-person access to meetings and authorize such meetings to be held remotely by conference call or similar service, provided that the public has the ability to view or listen to such proceeding and that such meetings are recorded and later transcribed. To access the meeting, please visit:

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With a quorum present, Chair Gashi called the meeting to order at 10:18 AM.

Present: Committee Chair Gashi, Legislator Barr, Legislator Maher, Legislator Smith and Legislator Williams Johnson

Absent: Legislator Borgia

Remote: Legislator Nolan, Legislator Parker, Legislator Pierce, Committee Vice-Chair Shimsky, Legislator Tubiolo and Legislator Woodson-Samuels

MINUTES APPROVAL

Thursday, April 28, 2022 at 10:00 AM Minutes

On motion of Legislator Maher, seconded by Legislator Williams Johnson, the minutes were approved. The motion carried unanimously.

I. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

1. [ACT-2022-67](#) **ACT - Lawsuit Settlement Robinson v. County of Westchester**

AN ACT authorizing the County Attorney to settle the lawsuit of Lisa A. Robinson v. County of Westchester, et al, in Westchester County Supreme Court, Index No. 56667/2020, in the amount of ONE HUNDRED TWENTY-FIVE THOUSAND (\$125,000) DOLLARS, inclusive of attorney's fees.

Submitted by: COMMITTEES ON BUDGET & APPROPRIATIONS AND LAW & MAJOR CONTRACTS

Joint with LMC.

Guest:

Senior Assistant County Attorney Mark Gardner-LAW

Mr. Gardner discussed the item. Legislator Barr asked the approximate amount of the Medicaid lien. Mr. Gardner said he would check and provide that information within a few

hours.

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

Aye: Committee Chair Gashi, Legislator Barr, Legislator Maher, Legislator Nolan, Legislator Parker, Legislator Pierce, Committee Vice-Chair Shimsky, Legislator Smith, Legislator Tubiolo, Legislator Williams Johnson and Legislator Woodson-Samuels

Absent: Legislator Borgia

2. RES-Year-End Transfer Within Various Departments

A RESOLUTION authorizing the transfer of appropriations within various departments in the amount of EIGHTEEN MILLION, THREE HUNDRED EIGHTY-THREE THOUSAND (\$18,383,000) DOLLARS for the 2021 County Budget.

COMMITTEE REFERRAL: COMMITTEE ON BUDGET & APPROPRIATIONS

Guests:

Budget Director Larry Soule and Deputy Budget Director Gideon Grande
Director Larry Soule and Deputy Director Gideon Grande appeared before the Committee to discuss item #2022-298 RES-Year-End Transfer Within Various Departments, which authorizes the transfer of appropriations within various departments on the amount of \$18,383,000. These transfers are required to fund expensed in several departments, primarily for a higher than anticipated Disproportionate Share Medicaid transfer to Westchester Medical Center, distribution of sales and uses tax collection to the municipalities and school districts, non-salary personnel service costs resulting from COVID, and transfer to the County's general liability (6N) fund. These transfers are fully funded by expenditure savings within each department.

This RESOLUTION was approved

3. ACT-2022-68 ACT-Year-End Transfers Across County Departments

AN ACT authorizing the transfer of appropriations across County departments in the amount of TWENTY-FOUR MILLION, FIVE HUNDRED FOUR THOUSAND (\$24,504,000) DOLLARS for the 2021 County Operating Budget.

Submitted by: COMMITTEE ON BUDGET & APPROPRIATIONS

Guests:

Budget Director Larry Soule and Deputy Budget Director Gideon Grande
Director Larry Soule and Deputy Director Gideon Grande appeared before the Committee to discuss item #2022-299 ACT-Year-End Transfers Across County Departments, which would authorize the transfer of appropriations across County departments in the amount of \$24,504,000. These transfers are required to complete the 2021 fiscal year on a sound financial basis, and are fully funded by savings within the 2021 Operating Budget. This Act contains an increase in the appropriations for various departments. Increased appropriations are needed primarily for COVID mitigation and response activities and a higher Disproportionate Share Medicaid Transfer to the Westchester Medical Center. These increases are fully funded by savings from other departments, primarily the Children with

Special Needs programs, during fiscal year 2021.

On motion of Legislator Maher, seconded by Legislator Barr, the above item was signed by committee. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: Committee Chair Gashi, Legislator Barr, Legislator Maher, Legislator Nolan, Legislator Parker, Legislator Pierce, Committee Vice-Chair Shimsky, Legislator Smith, Legislator Tubiolo, Legislator Williams Johnson and Legislator Woodson-Samuels

Absent: Legislator Borgia

4. [ACT-2022-69](#) **ACT-2021 Budget Amendment**

AN ACT authorizing the amendment of the 2021 County Airport Budget in the amount of FIVE HUNDRED NINETY THOUSAND (\$590,000) DOLLARS AND THE 2021 County Special Districts Budget in the amount of ONE MILLION, FOUR HUNDRED EIGHTEEN THOUSAND (\$1,418,000) DOLLARS.

Submitted by: COMMITTEE ON BUDGET & APPROPRIATIONS

Guests:

Budget Director Larry Soule and Deputy Budget Director Gideon Grande

Director Larry Soule and Deputy Director Gideon Grande appeared before the Committee to discuss item #2022-300 ACT-2021 Budget Amendment. This act would authorize the amendment of the 2021 County Airport Budget in the amount of \$590,000, and the 2021 County Special Districts Budget in the amount of \$1,418,000. This act contains an increase of \$590,000 in appropriations for additional contractual services at the Airport for on-going environmental monitoring and conservation programs. This increase is fully funded by additional FAA Airport Improvement Program Aid allocated to the County in the CRRSA and ARP Acts. Also included in this requested amendment are appropriations increases for debt service within the County's sanitary sewer district funds. An unanticipated debt service payment associated with the County's Environmental Facilities Corporation debt results in the required appropriation increases. These increases are offset by higher than anticipated interest earnings for the districts during 2021, and Local Fiscal Recovery Fund revenues applied to the sewer districts to fund operations costs.

On motion of Legislator Maher, seconded by Legislator Williams Johnson, the above item was signed by committee. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: Committee Chair Gashi, Legislator Barr, Legislator Maher, Legislator Nolan, Legislator Parker, Legislator Pierce, Committee Vice-Chair Shimsky, Legislator Smith, Legislator Tubiolo, Legislator Williams Johnson and Legislator Woodson-Samuels

Absent: Legislator Borgia

II. OTHER BUSINESS

III. RECEIVE & FILE

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Legislator Smith, seconded by Legislator Maher, the Committee adjourned at 11:06

AM.