



Public Works & Transportation

BOL Meeting Minutes - Final

Committee Chair: Vedat Gashi

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White Plains, NY 10601
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Monday, November 8, 2021

10:00 AM

Committee Room

CALL TO ORDER

Meeting joint with the Committees on Budget & Appropriations, Public Safety, and Environment & Health

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 Gashi called the meeting to order at 11:45 AM.

Others in Attendance: BOL: Catherine Borgia, Damon Maher, Colin Smith, Alessandra Restiano, Anand Singh, Jill Axelrod, Yolanda Valencia, Lisa Hochman, Carolyn Stevens, Melanie Montalto BOL Remote: Alfreda Williams, Margaret Cunzio, Nancy Barr, 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 Gashi, Legislator Covill, Legislator Boykin, Legislator Tubiolo and Legislator Walter

Absent: Legislator Johnson

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

MINUTES APPROVAL

I. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

1. [ACT-2021-197](#) CBA-BLR10-Labs & Research Infrast. Improvements '17-'21

AN ACT amending the 2021 County Capital Budget Appropriations for Capital Project BLR10 - Labs & Research Infrastructure Improvements 2017-2021.

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

Joint with B&A and E&H.

Guests: Dr. Milovanovic and Diane Anton, Chief Administrator; Robert Abbamont, Director of Capital Projects - DPW&T

Dr. Aleksandar Milovanovic and Robert Abbamont appeared before the Committee to discuss

item #2021-546-CBA-BLR10-Labs & Research Infrastructure Improvements (2017-2021) and item #2021-547-BOND ACT(Amended)-BLR10-Labs & Research Infrastructure Improvements (2017-2021). The act will amend the County's current-year capital budget, as well as adoption if a related amended bond act in the total amount of \$1,000,000, to finance this capital project. The Capital Budget Amendment will amend the increase the County share for BLR10 by \$400,000. The increase is required because of the bids received. The original intent was to rehabilitate the existing equipment, however, during design and in consultation with the original equipment manufacturer, it was determined that it would be prudent to replace the existing equipment, which is over forty years old and is leaking conditioned air from its joints. The Department advises that this is necessary to ensure that the Microbiology Laboratory remains in compliance with instrument parameters and New York State Clinical Laboratory Evaluation Program requirements. The instrumentation used in the lab may only operate within very strict humidity ranges. Testing performed outside of those ranges are subject to erroneous results. The new equipment will use a variable frequency drive, newer coil technology. The newer equipment will eliminate the hot water heating completely and use existing team at the facility, and thereby will be more energy-efficient. Design has been completed by in-house staff. It is estimated that construction will take four months to complete and will begin after award and execution of construction contracts.

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

Aye: Committee Chair Gashi, Legislator Covill, Legislator Parker, Legislator Boykin, Committee Vice-Chair Shimsky, Legislator Tubiolo, Legislator Walter and Legislator Woodson-Samuels

Absent: Legislator Johnson

2. [ACT-2021-198](#) **BOND ACT(Amended)-BLR10-Labs & Research Infrast. Improvements '17-'21**

A BOND ACT (Amended) authorizing the issuance of additional bonds of Westchester County in the amount of FOUR HUNDRED THOUSAND (\$400,000) DOLLARS to finance Capital Project BLR10 - Labs & Research Infrastructure Improvements 2017-2021 ("BLR10").

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

Joint with B&A and E&H.

Guests: Dr. Milovanovic and Diane Anton, Chief Administrator; Robert Abbamont, Director of Capital Projects - DPW&T

Please refer to item #1.

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

Aye: Committee Chair Gashi, Legislator Covill, Legislator Parker, Legislator Boykin, Committee Vice-Chair Shimsky, Legislator Tubiolo, Legislator Walter and Legislator Woodson-Samuels

Absent: Legislator Johnson

3. [ACT-2021-196](#) **BOND ACT-B0108-85 Court St. Bldg Improvements-White Plains**

A BOND ACT authorizing the issuance of TWO MILLION, NINETY THOUSAND (\$2,090,000) DOLLARS in bonds of Westchester County to finance Capital Project B0108 - 85 Court Street Building Improvements, White Plains (2015-2019).

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

Joint with B&A.

Guests: Robert Abbamont, Director of Capital Projects - DPW&T

Robert Abbamont appeared before the Committee to discuss item #2021-545-BOND ACT-B0108-85 Court Street Building Improvements-White Plains (2015-2019). This bond act in the amount of \$2,090,000 to finance the cost of design, construction management and construction associated with replacement of the existing gas fire boilers with new gas fire boilers, and associated work at the County-owned office building located at 85 Court Street, White Plains. He advised that this will replace the existing equipment which is over 40 years old and has exceeded its expected useful service life. The new equipment will reduce the amount of energy required for heating this building. Design by a consultant is currently underway and is expected to be completed by the end of 2021. It is estimated that the construction will take ten months to complete.

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

Aye: Committee Chair Gashi, Legislator Covill, Legislator Parker, Legislator Boykin, Committee Vice-Chair Shimsky, Legislator Tubiolo, Legislator Walter and Legislator Woodson-Samuels

Absent: Legislator Johnson

4. **[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 PS.

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 Legislator Covill, seconded by Legislator Parker, the above item was signed by committee. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: Committee Chair Gashi, Legislator Covill, Legislator Parker, Legislator Boykin, Committee Vice-Chair Shimsky, Legislator Tubiolo, Legislator Walter and Legislator Woodson-Samuels

Absent: Legislator Johnson

5. **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 PS.

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.

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 Legislator Tubiolo, seconded by Legislator Walter, the above item was signed by committee. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: Committee Chair Gashi, Legislator Covill, Legislator Parker, Legislator Boykin, Committee Vice-Chair Shimsky, Legislator Tubiolo, Legislator Walter and Legislator Woodson-Samuels

Absent: Legislator Johnson

II. OTHER BUSINESS

III. RECEIVE & FILE

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Legislator Covill, seconded by Committee Vice-Chair Shimsky, the Committee adjourned at 12:18 PM.