

Budget & Appropriations

BOL Meeting Minutes - Final



Committee Chair: Jewel Williams Johnson

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1:00 PM

Committee Room

CALL TO ORDER

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Others in Attendance: GUESTS: Dianne Vanadia, Natasha Caputo, Vincent Kopicki, Lou Vetrone, Peter Tartaglia, Rob Lopane, Magruerite Beirne, Lennox Harris, Aji Palappillil, Richard Wishnie, Susan Spear, Captain John Munson, Lieutenant Michael Cindrich; BOL: Jose Alvarado, James Nolan; Legislator-Elect Judah Holstein, Jill Axelrod, James Silverberg, Beth LoBello, and Shatika Parker

Present: Legislator Williams Johnson, Committee Chair Imamura, Legislator Barr, Legislator Brandon, Legislator Maher, Legislator Parker and Legislator Pierce

Excused: Legislator Tubiolo

Absent: Legislator Gashi, Legislator Smith and Committee Vice-Chair Woodson-Samuels

MINUTES APPROVAL

I. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

1. [2023-496](#) **ACT-Tourist Promotion Agency-2024**

AN ACT designating the Westchester County Office of Tourism and Film as the Tourist Promotion Agency for Westchester County for the period from January 1, 2024 through December 31, 2024.

SUBMITTED BY: COMMITTEE ON BUDGET & APPROPRIATIONS

B&A Only.

Guest: Office of Tourism & Film

Director Natasha Caputo

Director Natasha Caputo appeared before the Committee to discuss the items.

On motion of Legislator Barr, seconded by Legislator Brandon, the above item was signed by

committee and referred to Board of Legislators. The motion carried.

2. [2023-497](#) **RES-Tourist Promotion Agency-2024**

A RESOLUTION designating the Westchester County Office of Tourism and Film as the Promotion Agency for Westchester County for the period from January 1, 2024 through December 31, 2024.

SUBMITTED BY: COMMITTEE ON BUDGET & APPROPRIATIONS

B&A Only.

Guest: Office of Tourism & Film

Director Natasha Caputo

Please refer to item #1.

On motion of Legislator Barr, seconded by Legislator Brandon, the above item was signed by committee and referred to Board of Legislators. The motion carried.

3. [2023-469](#) **BOND ACT - Environmental Facilities - 2024 - RD021**

A BOND ACT authorizing the issuance of FIVE MILLION, FIVE HUNDRED THOUSAND (\$5,500,000) DOLLARS in bonds of Westchester County to finance Capital Project RD021 - Haulage Vehicle and Solid Waste Equipment (Phase VI).

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

Joint with PWT.

Guests: Department of Environmental Facilities

Commissioner Vincent Kopicki

First Deputy Commissioner Lou Vetrone

Mr. Vetrone said that this Bond Act will finance the cost of replacement of vehicles and equipment for District facilities and transfer stations, including \$4 million for 10 tractors, 25 trailers, 25 roll off containers, and about \$1 million for repairs.

Chair Williams Johnson asked for a list of DEF's rolling stock and the age, mileage and expected lifespan of the vehicles. Mr. Vetrone said he will provide a spreadsheet with that information.

On motion of Legislator Maher, seconded by Legislator Brandon, the above item was signed by committee and referred to Board of Legislators. The motion carried.

4. [2023-472](#) **BOND ACT - Environmental Facilities 2024 - SBB95**

A BOND ACT (Amended) authorizing the issuance of an additional FIVE MILLION, FIVE HUNDRED THOUSAND (\$5,500,000) DOLLARS in bonds of Westchester County to finance Capital Project SBB95 - Playland Pumping Station Rehabilitation for 2024.

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

Joint with PWT.

Guests: Department of Environmental Facilities

Commissioner Vincent Kopicki

First Deputy Commissioner Lou Vetrone

Commissioner Kopicki discussed the item with the committee. He said that the work under this project includes the replacement or repair of all mechanical, plumbing, fire protection, HVAC, odor control, electrical, instrumentation, structural, and architectural systems. Flood hazard mitigation will also be addressed, including the installation of a flood wall, water tight flood doors, hatches, stop logs, and sealing building penetrations.

On motion of Legislator Barr, seconded by Legislator Maher, the above item was signed by committee and referred to Board of Legislators. The motion carried.

5. [2023-442](#) **BOND ACT-RSP05-Sprain Ridge Pool Building**

A BOND ACT authorizing the issuance of ONE MILLION, SIX HUNDRED FIFTY THOUSAND (\$1,650,000) DOLLARS in bonds of Westchester County to finance Capital Project RSP05 - Sprain Ridge Pool Building.

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

Joint with PWT and PR.

Guests: Parks, Recreation & Conservation

First Deputy Commissioner Peter Tartaglia

Program Coordinator (Capital Planning) Rob Lopane

Mr. Tartaglia and Mr. Lopane discussed the item with the committee. Mr. Tartaglia said that this Bond Act will finance the cost of planning for improvements to the Sprain Ridge Pool Building, including design for replacement of the existing bathhouse building, a new bathhouse building, restrooms, lifeguard station, first aid station and concession building, related site work, landscaping and infrastructure. He noted that a new building is required to accommodate the public during the swimming season and for staff year-round.

On motion of Legislator Maher, seconded by Legislator Parker, the above item was signed by committee and referred to Board of Legislators. The motion carried.

6. [2023-508](#) **CBA-RMAC4-Woodlands Lake Dam at V.E. Macy Park**

AN ACT amending the 2023 County Capital Budget Appropriations for Capital Project RMAC4 - Woodlands Lake Dam at V.E. Macy Park.

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

Joint with PWT and PR.

Guests: Parks, Recreation & Conservation

First Deputy Commissioner Peter Tartaglia

Program Coordinator (Capital Planning) Rob Lopane

Mr. Tartaglia said that this will finance additional construction costs for modifications to the pedestrian footbridge foundation, earthwork operations and site utility changes. He said that the existing stone masonry dam structure was deemed unsuitable to support the new pedestrian bridge, so new reinforced concrete footings, piers and abutments are needed to support the new bridge structure. He also said that additional excavation of sediment and filling of suitable backfill materials are needed to meet design elevations and to stabilize the edges of the new stone channel.

On motion of Committee Chair Imamura, seconded by Legislator Maher, the above item was

signed by committee and referred to Board of Legislators. The motion carried.

7. [2023-509](#) **BOND ACT(Amended)-RMAC4-Woodlands Lake Dam at V.E. Macy Park**

A BOND ACT (Amended) authorizing an additional THREE MILLION (\$3,000,000) DOLLARS, making the total EIGHT MILLION (\$8,000,000) DOLLARS, in bonds of Westchester County to finance Capital Project RMAC4 - Woodlands Lake Dam, V.E. Macy Park.

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

Joint with PWT and PR.

Guests: Parks, Recreation & Conservation

First Deputy Commissioner Peter Tartaglia

Program Coordinator (Capital Planning) Rob Lopane

Please refer to item #6.

On motion of Committee Chair Imamura, seconded by Legislator Parker, the above item was signed by committee and referred to Board of Legislators. The motion carried.

8. [2023-510](#) **CBA-RBR04-Bronx River Reservation**

AN ACT amending the 2023 County Capital Budget Appropriations for Capital Project RBR04 - Bronx River Reservation.

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

Joint with PWT.

Guests: Parks, Recreation & Conservation

First Deputy Commissioner Peter Tartaglia

Program Coordinator (Capital Planning) Rob Lopane

Mr. Abbamont discussed the item with the committee. Legislator Pierce asked for a more detailed cost breakdown, including bid tabulation and an item by item breakdown. Mr. Abbamont said he would provide that.

On motion of Legislator Maher, seconded by Legislator Brandon, the above item was signed by committee and referred to Board of Legislators. The motion carried.

9. [2023-511](#) **BOND ACT(Amended)-RBR04-Bronx River Reservation**

A BOND ACT (Amended) authorizing the issuance of an additional EIGHT MILLION, FIVE HUNDRED THOUSAND (\$8,500,000) DOLLARS, making the total FIFTEEN MILLION, THREE HUNDRED FIFTY THOUSAND (\$15,350,000) DOLLARS, in bonds of Westchester County to finance Capital Project RBR04 - Bronx River Reservation.

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

Joint with PWT.

Guests: Parks, Recreation & Conservation

First Deputy Commissioner Peter Tartaglia

Program Coordinator (Capital Planning) Rob Lopane

Please refer to item #8.

On motion of Legislator Maher, seconded by Legislator Brandon, the above item was signed by committee and referred to Board of Legislators. The motion carried.

10. [2023-473](#) **Recreation Bond Acts - 2024 - RGP15, RGP16**

A BOND ACT authorizing the issuance of ONE MILLION, ONE HUNDRED THOUSAND (\$1,100,000) DOLLARS in bonds of Westchester County to finance Capital Projects: RGP15 - General Infrastructure - Fuel Tank Replacement (2024-2028) and RGP16 - General Infrastructure - Roofing Systems (2024-2028).

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

Joint with PWT.

Guests: Parks, Recreation & Conservation

First Deputy Commissioner Peter Tartaglia

Program Coordinator (Capital Planning) Rob Lopane

Mr. Tartaglia discussed the item with the committee. Legislator Pierce asked how many in ground tanks we have and where are they located. Mr. Tartaglia said he did not know, but would provide that information.

On motion of Committee Chair Imamura, seconded by Legislator Parker, the above item was signed by committee and referred to Board of Legislators. The motion carried.

11. [2023-474](#) **Recreation Bond Acts - 2024 - BPL36, T0073, T0047, RCC17, RBR07, B015E, RB180, RB04A, BCR50, BCR62**

A BOND ACT (Amended) authorizing the issuance of THIRTEEN MILLION, SIX HUNDRED FIFTY THOUSAND (\$13,650,000) DOLLARS in bonds of Westchester County to finance Capital Projects BPL36, T0073, T0047, RCC17, RBR07, B015E, RB180, RB04A, BCR50 and BCR62 - Amendment of bundled bond acts to remove a FIFTY THOUSAND (\$50,000) DOLLAR portion of the design bond authorization for RCC17 - County Center Facility Improvements.

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

Joint with PWT.

Guests: Parks, Recreation & Conservation

First Deputy Commissioner Peter Tartaglia

Program Coordinator (Capital Planning) Rob Lopane

Director Larry Soule-Budget

Dianne Vanadia, Associate Budget Director, explained that ID #2023-474 involves the amendment downward of a prior bond act that contained several projects within the design funds. She said that the original bundled design bond act from 2021 is being reduced by \$50,000, and being put into the new bond act (ID #2023-475) for \$10,050,000. This will allow County Center roof design and construction completed.

Mr. Tartaglia explained that the County Center roof is in poor condition and in need of replacement. He said that the existing roof is leaking in several places and has exceeded its

life expectancy. He noted that this infrastructure repair is critical to the safe operation of the park facility.

On motion of Committee Chair Imamura, seconded by Legislator Brandon, the above item was signed by committee and referred to Board of Legislators. The motion carried.

12. [2023-475](#) **Recreation Bond Act - 2024 - RCC17**

A BOND ACT authorizing the issuance of TEN MILLION, FIFTY THOUSAND (\$10,050,000) DOLLARS in bonds of Westchester County to finance Capital Project RCC17 - County Center Facility Improvements.

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

Joint with PWT.

Guests: Parks, Recreation & Conservation

First Deputy Commissioner Peter Tartaglia

Program Coordinator (Capital Planning) Rob Lopane

On motion of Committee Chair Imamura, seconded by Legislator Brandon, the above item was signed by committee and referred to Board of Legislators. The motion carried.

13. [2023-483](#) **BOND ACT-BIT9A, BIT48**

A BOND ACT authorizing the issuance of THREE HUNDRED THOUSAND (\$300,000) DOLLARS in bonds of Westchester County to finance the following two Capital Projects: BIT9A-Geographic Information Systems (\$100,000) (2015-2019) (BIT9A) and BIT48 - Computer Aided Dispatch Upgrade (\$200,000) - Police, Fire and EMS (BIT48).

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

Joint with PWT and PS.

Guests: Department of Information Technology

Chief Information Officer Marguerite Beirne

Department of Emergency Services

Commissioner Richard Wishnie

Deputy Commissioner Susan Spear

Captain John Munson

Department of Public Safety

Lieutenant Michael Cindrach

Mr. Harris said that this bond act will finance the purchase of GIS hardware, software and consulting services to support the GIS program, and the purchase of additional modules, hardware, software and implementing services to upgrade and enhance the Computer Aided Dispatch System located at the Emergency Services Communications Center.

Lt. Michael Cindrach and Capt. Munson explained the dispatch upgrades, and how they will improve police, fire and EMS functions.

On motion of Legislator Brandon, seconded by Legislator Barr, the above item was signed by committee and referred to Board of Legislators. The motion carried.

14. [2023-456](#) **Department of Information Technology Bond Acts - 2024. BIT4D, BIT6D, BIT45, BIT47, BIT53, BIT54, BIT60**

A BOND ACT authorizing the issuance of SIX MILLION (\$6,000,000) DOLLARS in bonds of Westchester County to finance the following Capital Projects: BIT6D - Purchase of Computer Equipment 2021-2025 (\$1,000,000), BIT45 - Building Access Control and Video Surveillance Systems Upgrade (\$2,000,000), BIT4D - Employee Productivity Systems 2023-2027 (\$1,000,000), BIT60 - Telecommunications Equipment/Software Replacement and Upgrade (\$350,000), BIT53 - Business Continuity and Disaster Recovery (\$250,000), BIT47 - Network and Security Infrastructure Upgrades 2020-2024 (\$900,000) and BIT54 - Critical Communication Logging System Replacement 2021-2025 (\$500,000).

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

Joint with PWT.

Guests: Department of Information Technology

Chief Information Officer Marguerite Beirne

DCIO Lennox Harris

DCIO Aji Palappillil

Mr. Harris discussed the item with the committee. He said that this bond act in the amount of \$6,000,000 to finance the cost of purchase and installation of various equipment, hardware and software for the Department of Information Technology.

On motion of Committee Chair Imamura, seconded by Legislator Brandon, the above item was signed by committee and referred to Board of Legislators. The motion carried.

II. OTHER BUSINESS

III. RECEIVE & FILE

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Legislator Barr, seconded by Legislator Pierce, the Committee adjourned at 4:07 PM.