

## Memorandum

Office of the County Executive Michaelian Office Building

January 22, 2021

TO:

Hon. Benjamin Boykin, Chair

Hon. Alfreda Williams, Vice Chair

Hon. MaryJane Shimsky, Majority Leader Hon. Margaret Cunzio, Minority Leader

FROM:

George Latimer

Westchester County Executive

RE:

Message Requesting Immediate Consideration: IMA - Prisoner

Transportation, City of Peekskill.

This will confirm my request that the Board of Legislators allow submission of the referenced communication to be submitted to the Board of Legislators January 25, 2021 Agenda.

Transmitted herewith for your review and approval is legislation which would authorize the County to enter into an IMA with the City of Peekskill to reimburse the County for costs incurred in transporting prisoners, as well as meals to such prisoners.

Therefore, since this communication is of the utmost importance, it is respectfully submitted that the County Board of Legislators accepts this submission for January 25, 2021 "blue sheet" calendar.

Thank you for your prompt attention to this matter.



George Latimer County Executive

January 22, 2021

Westchester County Board of Legislators 800 Michaelian Office Building White Plains, New York 10601

Dear Honorable Members of the Board of Legislators:

Pursuant to New York State Correction Law sections 500-c and 500-d, the County is required to transport, at its own expense, prisoners between local municipalities and the Westchester County Jail located at Valhalla, New York. In addition, the County is required to provide meals to such prisoners. The County relies on assistance from local municipalities to carry out these functions and by so doing saves taxpayer funds.

Transmitted herewith for your review and approval is legislation which would authorize the County to enter into an intermunicipal agreement ("IMA") with the City of Peekskill ("Peekskill") to reimburse to Peekskill the annual amount of \$234,376 for a total amount not to exceed \$468,752 for the term commencing January 1, 2020 and terminating December 31, 2021. This IMA will allow the County to reimburse Peekskill for the costs it incurs in transporting prisoners who have been arraigned to and from Peekskill and the Westchester County Jail, located at Valhalla, New York.

Reimbursement to Peekskill will be for round trip transportation and will be based on the per hour labor costs of police officers which range from \$54.25 to \$81.38 per hour. Reimbursement for hourly wage and fringe benefit costs will be for a maximum of four hours per officer per trip. Peekskill will also be reimbursed for vehicle usage at the current Internal Revenue Service mileage rate, multiplied by the mileage to and from the Westchester County Jail. The County will also reimburse Peekskill for the actual and reasonable cost of meals provided to post-arraignment prisoners.

The Department of Planning has advised that pursuant to 6 NYCRR 617.2(b) of the New York State Environmental Quality Review Act ("SEQRA") Regulations, the proposed prisoner transportation does not meet the definition of an "action" and therefore, no further environmental review is required.

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I believe that this agreement with the City of Peekskill is in the best interests of the County of Westchester, and I therefore, recommend that your Honorable Board approve the annexed legislation.

Very truly yours,

George Latimer County Executive

GL/DI Att.

# TO THE COUNTY BOARD OF LEGISLATORS COUNTY OF WESTCHESTER

Upon a communication from the County Executive, your Committee has been advised that pursuant to sections 500-c and 500-d of the New York State Correction Law, the County is required at its own expense to transport prisoners between local municipalities and the Westchester County Jail located at Valhalla, New York. In addition, the County must provide meals to such prisoners.

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Your Committee has been advised that a majority of the voting strength of the Board of Legislators is required in order to adopt the annexed Act.

After review and careful consideration, your Committee recommends favorable action upon the proposed legislation.

Dated:

, 2021

White Plains, New York

**COMMITTEE ON** 

C:DI 1/15/21

## **FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT**

SUBJECT:	Pris. Trans. Peekskill 2020-2021	NO FISCAL IMPACT PROJECTED
	OPERATING BUDGET To Be Completed by Submitting Department	
	SECTION A - FU	ND
X GENERAL FUND	AIRPORT FUND	SPECIAL DISTRICTS FUND
	SECTION B - EXPENSES AN	D REVENUES
Total Current Year E	xpense \$ 234,376	
<b>Total Current Year R</b>	evenue \$ -	
Source of Funds (che	eck one): X Current Appropriations	Transfer of Existing Appropriations
Additional Appr	opriations	Other (explain)
Identify Accounts:	35-1000-1000-4445	
Potential Related O Describe:	perating Budget Expenses:  2020\$234,376 (to reimburse City of	Annual Amount Peekskill for transporting Prisoners)
Potential Related O	perating Budget Revenues:	Annual Amount
Anticipated Savings Current Year:	to County and/or Impact on Departmen	nt Operations:
Next Four Year	s: 2021-\$234,376	III
	William Fallon WF	
Prepared by:		- 035/
Title:	Director of Administrative Services	Reviewed By:
Department:	Correction	Budget Director
Date:	January 20, 2021	



## Memorandum Department of Planning

TO:

Daniela Infield

**Assistant County Attorney** 

FROM:

David S. Kvinge, AICP, RLA, CFM

Director of Environmental Planning

DATE:

March 13, 2020

SUBJECT:

STATE ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY REVIEW FOR PRISONER

TRANSPORTATION INTERMUNICIPAL AGREEMENTS

**PROJECT/ACTION:** Intermunicipal agreements between the County and local municipalities, whereby the County will reimburse the local municipality for costs incurred associated with the transport of prisoners to and from the local courthouse and the Westchester County Jail.

With respect to the State Environmental Quality Review Act and its implementing regulations 6 NYCRR Part 617, the Planning Department recommends that no further environmental review is required because the project/action:

$\boxtimes$	DOES NOT MEET THE DEFINITION OF AN "ACTION" AS DEFINED UNDER
	SECTION 617.2(b)

MAY BE CLASSIFIED AS TYPE II PURSUANT TO SECTION 617.5(c)( ):

COMMENTS: None.

#### DSK/cnm

cc: Andrew Ferris, Chief of Staff
Paula Friedman, Assistant to the County Executive
Tami Altschiller, Assistant Chief Deputy County Attorney
Norma Drummond, Commissioner
Claudia Maxwell, Associate Environmental Planner

AN ACT authorizing the County to enter into an Intermunicipal Agreement with the City of Peekskill in order to provide reimbursement for prisoner transportation to the Westchester County Jail.

**BE IT ENACTED**, by the County Board of Legislators of the County of Westchester, State of New York as follows:

Section 1. The County of Westchester (the "County") be and hereby is authorized to enter into an Intermunicipal Agreement ("IMA") with the City of Peekskill ("Peekskill") in order to reimburse the municipality for the cost to transport prisoners round trip between Peekskill and the Westchester County Jail located at Valhalla, New York, at an annual cost not to exceed TWO HUNDRED THIRTY-FOUR THOUSAND THREE HUNDRED SEVENTY-SIX (\$234,376) DOLLARS for a total amount not to exceed FOUR HUNDRED SIXTY-EIGHT THOUSAND SEVEN HUNDRED FIFTY-TWO (\$468,752) DOLLARS, for the term January 1, 2020 through December 31, 2021.

**§2.** The County will reimburse Peekskill for the actual and reasonable costs for round trip prisoner transportation as follows:

**Personnel:** Reimbursement for personnel costs shall be calculated by multiplying the hourly wage that Peekskill reimburses its Police Officers, as indicated on Schedule "A" attached hereto and made a part hereof, by the number of hours, that such personnel are actually engaged in prisoner transportation duties up to a maximum of four (4) hours per round trip.

**Mileage:** Reimbursement for vehicle usage shall be at the current Internal Revenue Service mileage rate, between the City Court of Peekskill and the Westchester County Jail, which is agreed to be twenty (20) miles each way.

**Meals:** Reimbursement will be made for the actual and reasonable costs of meals provided to post-arraignment prisoners.

- §3. The County Executive or his authorized designee be and hereby is authorized and empowered to execute instruments and take all action necessary and appropriate to accomplish the purposes hereof.
  - §4. This Act shall take effect immediately.

## SCHEDULE "A"

### PEEKSKILL REIMBURSEMENT

# HOURLY RATE (WAGES without FRINGE)

#### 2020 and 2021:

POLICE OFFICER I

\$54.25 per hour

POLICE OFFICER II

\$81.38 per hour

#### PRISONER TRANSPORTATION-PEEKSKILL

	THIS AGREEMENT, made this	day of	, 2021
by and b	petween:		
	THE COUNTY OF WESTCHESTE of New York having an office and pla Building, 148 Martine Avenue, White	ce of business in th	ne Michaelian Office
	(hereinafter referred to as the "County	r'')	
and			
	THE CITY OF PEEKSKILL, a mu	nicipality of the St	ate of New York

having its office and place of business at 840 Main Street, Peekskill, New York 10566

(hereinafter referred to as the "Municipality")

WHEREAS, pursuant to Sections 500-c and 500-d of the Corrections law prisoners are required to be transported between local municipalities and the Westchester County Jail in Valhalla, New York; and

WHEREAS, the County and the Municipality agree to cooperate in providing such prisoner transportation.

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the terms and conditions herein contained, the County and the Municipality agree as follows:

1. PRISONER TRANSPORTATION: Except for prisoners arrested by Westchester County Department of Public Safety, the Municipality shall provide round trip prisoner transportation using its own police department personnel and vehicles between the Municipality and the Westchester County Department of Correction for all prisoners remanded to the Westchester County Jail by court order or required to appear before the local

court within the Municipality. The County will reimburse the Municipality for the actual number of round trips. The Municipality, where possible, shall hold prisoners for one daily trip to the Department of Correction.

2. <u>REIMBURSEMENT</u>: The Municipality shall be reimbursed by the County for prisoner transportation services at the hourly wage indicated in Schedule "A" which is attached hereto made a part hereof and up to a maximum of four (4) hours per round trip.

The municipality shall also be reimbursed for vehicle usage at the current Internal Revenue Service mileage rate, between the City Court of Peekskill and the Westchester County Jail which is deemed to be twenty (20) miles each way.

- 3. <u>MEALS</u>: The County shall reimburse the Municipality for meals provided to post-arraignment prisoners for the actual and reasonable costs incurred and receipts submitted as part of the municipality's monthly voucher submitted to the Department of Correction.
- 4. <u>TERM</u>: This Agreement shall commence on January 1, 2020 and shall terminate on December 31, 2021. The County may, upon thirty (30) days written notice to the Municipality, terminate this Agreement in whole or in part when it deems it to be in its best interest. In such event, the Municipality shall be compensated and the County shall be liable only for payment for services rendered prior to the effective date of termination.
- 5. <u>PAYMENT</u>: Requests for reimbursement shall be submitted by the Municipality on a monthly basis on properly executed County claim forms and paid after approval by the Commissioner of Correction. The number of round trips made, prisoners transported and dates should be listed on the claim forms submitted to the Department of

Correction. Reimbursement request shall be subject to audit by the County, and the Municipality shall keep and make available to the County such detailed books and records as are reasonably necessary to substantiate the basis for reimbursement. The Municipality shall not be entitled to reimbursement for any prisoner transportation expense not specifically provided for herein.

The total aggregate cost to the County under this Agreement pursuant to Act

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shall not exceed \$468,752. This Agreement shall be deemed executory only to the extent of
the monies appropriated and available for the purpose of this Agreement and no liability on
account hereof shall be incurred by the County beyond the amount of such monies.

- 6. INSURANCE AND INDEMNIFICATION: All personnel and vehicles engaged in prisoner transportation duties shall at all times remain and be deemed the employees and property of the Municipality. In addition to, and not in limitation of the insurance provisions contained in Schedule "B" of this Agreement, the Municipality agrees to indemnify, defend and hold the County, its officers, employees and agents harmless from and against any and all liability, loss, damage or expense the County may suffer as a result of any and all claims, demands, causes of action or judgments arising directly or indirectly out of the transportation of prisoners for which reimbursement is sought hereunder for losses arising out of the negligent acts or omissions of the Municipality, its agents or employees.
- 7. ENTIRE AGREEMENT: This Agreement constitutes the entire and integrated agreement between and among the parties hereto and supersedes any and all prior negotiations, agreements and conditions, whether written or oral. Any modification or amendment to this Agreement shall be void unless it is in writing and subscribed by the party to be charged.
- 7. <u>APPLICABLE LAW</u>: This Agreement shall be construed and enforced in accordance with the laws of the State of New York.

8. <u>APPROVALS</u>: This Agreement is subject to the approval of the Westchester County Board of Legislators, the Westchester County Board of Acquisition and Contract and the governing legislative body of the Municipality.

IN WITNESS WHE	<b>REOF</b> , the County and the Municipality have executed
this Agreement on the da	y of, 2021.
THE COUNTY OF WESTCHEST	TER THE CITY OF PEEKSKILL
Ву:	By:
Joseph Spano Commissioner of Correction	(Name)
Approved by the Westchester Couthe day of , 2021.	nty Board of Legislators by Act Number 2021 - on
Approved by the City Council of, 2021.	the City of Peekskill on the day of
Approved as to form and manner of execution:	Approved as to form and manner of execution:
Assistant County Attorney The County of Westchester K/I/DCR/Peekskill IMA 2020-1	

## MUNICIPALITY'S ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

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# CERTIFICATE OF AUTHORITY (Municipality)

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(Na	ame of Municipality)
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(Title of such person),	100
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(Town Board, Village l	Board, City Council)
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ss.: COUNTY OF WESTCHESTER)	
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	Notary Public County

## SCHEDULE "A"

### PEEKSKILL REIMBURSEMENT

HOURLY RATE (WAGES without FRINGE)

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#### SCHEDULE "B"

# STANDARD INSURANCE PROVISIONS (MUNICIPALITY)

1. Prior to commencing work, the Municipality shall obtain at its own cost and expense the required insurance from insurance companies licensed in the State of New York, carrying a Best's financial rating of A or better, and shall provide evidence of such insurance to the County of Westchester, as may be required and approved by the Director of Risk Management of the County. The policies or certificates thereof shall provide that thirty days prior to cancellation or material change in the policy, notices of same shall be given to the Director of Risk Management of the County of Westchester by registered mail, return receipt requested, for all of the following stated insurance policies. All notices shall name the Municipality and identify the Agreement.

If at any time any of the policies required herein shall be or become unsatisfactory to the County, as to form or substance, or if a company issuing any such policy shall be or become unsatisfactory to the County, the Municipality shall upon notice to that effect from the County, promptly obtain a new policy, submit the same to the Department of Risk Management of the County of Westchester for approval and submit a certificate thereof. Upon failure of the Municipality to furnish, deliver and maintain such insurance, the Agreement, at the election of the County, may be declared suspended, discontinued or terminated. Failure of the Municipality to take out, maintain, or the taking out or maintenance of any required insurance, shall not relieve the Municipality from any liability under the Agreement, nor shall the insurance requirements be construed to conflict with or otherwise limit the contractual obligations of the Municipality concerning indemnification. All property losses shall be made payable to and adjusted with the County.

In the event that claims, for which the County may be liable, in excess of the insured amounts provided herein are filed by reason of any operations under the Agreement, the amount of excess of such claims or any portion thereof, may be withheld from payment due or to become due the Municipality until such time as the Municipality shall furnish such additional security covering such claims in form satisfactory to the County of Westchester.

- 2. The Municipality shall provide proof of the following coverage (if additional coverage is required for a specific agreement, those requirements will be described in the "Special Conditions" of the contract specifications):
- (a) Workers' Compensation. Certificate form C-105.2 (9/07) or State Fund Insurance Company form U-26.3 is required for proof of compliance with the New York State Workers' Compensation Law. State Workers' Compensation Board form DB-120.1 is required for proof of compliance with the New York State Disability Benefits Law. Location of operation shall be "All locations in Westchester County, New York."

Where an applicant claims to not be required to carry either a Workers' Compensation Policy or Disability Benefits Policy, or both, the employer must complete NYS form CE-200, available to download at: <a href="https://www.wcb.state.ny.us">www.wcb.state.ny.us</a> (click on Employers/Businesses, then Business Permits/Licenses/Contracts to see instruction manual).

If the employer is self-insured for Worker's Compensation, he/she should present a certificate from the New York State Worker's Compensation Board evidencing that fact (Either SI-12, Certificate of Workers' Compensation Self-Insurance, or GSI-105.2, Certificate of Participation in Workers' Compensation Group Self-Insurance).

- (b) Employer's Liability with minimum limit of \$100,000.00.
- (c) Commercial General Liability Insurance with a minimum limit of liability per occurrence of \$1,000,000.00 for bodily injury and \$100,000.00 for property damage or a combined single limit of \$1,000,000.00 (c.s.l.), naming the County of Westchester as an additional insured. This insurance shall indicate the following coverages:
  - (i) Premises Operations.
  - (ii) Broad Form Contractual.
- (d) Automobile Liability Insurance with a minimum limit of liability per occurrence of \$1,000,000.00 per occurrence for bodily injury and a minimum limit of \$100,000.00 per occurrence for property damage or a combined single limit of \$1,000,000.00 unless otherwise indicated in the contract specifications. This insurance shall include for bodily injury and property damage the following coverages:
  - (i) Owned automobiles.
  - (ii) Hired automobiles.
  - (iii) Non-owned automobiles.
  - 3. All policies of the Municipality shall be endorsed to contain the following clauses:
- (a) Insurers shall have no right to recovery or subrogation against the County of Westchester (including its employees and other agents and agencies), it being the intention of the parties that the insurance policies so affected shall protect both parties and be primary coverage for any and all losses covered by the above-described insurance.
- (b) The clause "other insurance provisions" in a policy in which the County of Westchester is named as an insured, shall not apply to the County of Westchester.
- (c) The insurance companies issuing the policy or policies shall have no recourse against the County of Westchester (including its agents and agencies as aforesaid) for payment of any premiums or for assessments under any form of policy.
- (d) Any and all deductibles in the above described insurance policies shall be assumed by and be for the account of, and at the sole risk of, the Municipality.