

Budget & Appropriations

BOL Meeting Minutes - Final



Committee Chair: Jewel Williams Johnson

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10:00 AM

Committee Room

Joint with PWT

CALL TO ORDER

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Legislator Colin Smith will be participating remotely from 1132 Main St., Suite 1, Peekskill, NY 10566

With a quorum present, Chair Williams Johnson called the meeting to order at 10:14 AM.

Others in Attendance: GUESTS: Susan Spear, Michael Volk, Jeffrey Weiss, Joe Spinelli, Matt Ricoszi, Gayle Katzman, Michael Swee, Robert Abbamont, Dianne Vanadia; BOL: Catherine Parker, Emiljana Ulaj, James Silverberg, Jill Axelrod, Lisa Hochman, Warren Watson

Present: Legislator Williams Johnson, Legislator Barr, Legislator Holstein, Legislator Pierce, Legislator Williams, Legislator Woodson-Samuels and Legislator Gashi

Absent: Legislator Tubiolo

Remote: Legislator Smith

MINUTES APPROVAL

I. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

1. [ACT-2025-33](#) **BOND ACT-BES19-Westchester Emergency Operations Center Upgrades**

A BOND ACT authorizing the issuance of TWO MILLION, TEN THOUSAND (\$2,010,000) DOLLARS in bonds of Westchester County to finance Capital Project BES19 (2716) Westchester Emergency Operations Center Upgrades.

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

Joint with PWT.

Guests: Department of Emergency Services

Commissioner Susan Spear

Chief Michael Volk, Director, Communications and EMS Division

This \$2.01 Million bond act is a two-part request relating to the Emergency Operations Center (EOC) which is used by both the Departments of Emergency Services and Public Safety. The first part, consisting of about \$500,000, is to add an independent backup for the 911 dispatch system, avoiding a single point of failure and ensuring they meet State requirements. The remainder of the funds will be for the second part to upgrade the audio/visual system at this facility since the current is beyond its useful life and repair. The audio/visual system is about 20 years old and this project will modernize it to become a state of the art control room to ensure that everyone at the EOC has the same information for proper planning.

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

Aye: Legislator Williams Johnson, Legislator Barr, Legislator Holstein, Legislator Smith, Legislator Williams, Legislator Woodson-Samuels and Legislator Gashi

Absent: Legislator Tubiolo

WO Prejudice: Legislator Pierce

2. [ACT-2025-28](#) **IMA-Communications and Dispatch Services-Tuckahoe**

AN ACT authorizing the County of Westchester to enter into an intermunicipal agreement with the Village of Tuckahoe pursuant to which the County Department of Public Safety will provide the Village Police Department with communications and dispatch services during the midnight shift.

SUBMITTED BY: COMMITTEES ON BUDGET & APPROPRIATIONS AND PUBLIC SAFETY

B&A Only.

Guests: Department of Public Safety

Captain Jeffrey Weiss

Sergeant Joseph Spinelli

Captain Jeffrey Weiss, Sergeant Joseph Spinelli and Sergeant Matt Ricoszi appeared before the Committee to discuss the item. Sgt. Spinelli explained that this item is an IMA with the Village of Tuckahoe to provide emergency dispatch services between the hours of 11:00 PM and 7:00 AM. This includes both their 911 and non-emergency phone calls during those hours. This agreement has been in place since 2015 on 5 year contracts. The County receives about 3 calls daily.

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

Aye: Legislator Williams Johnson, Legislator Barr, Legislator Holstein, Legislator Pierce, Legislator Smith, Legislator Williams, Legislator Woodson-Samuels and Legislator Gashi

Absent: Legislator Tubiolo

3. [ACT-2025-32](#) BOND ACT-BPS42-Firing Range Rehabilitation

A BOND ACT authorizing the issuance of THREE HUNDRED TWENTY-FIVE THOUSAND (\$325,000) DOLLARS in bonds of Westchester County to finance Capital Project BPS42 - Firing Range Rehabilitation.

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

Joint with PWT.

Guests: Department of Public Safety

Captain Jeffrey Weiss

Sergeant Joseph Spinelli

This \$325,000 bond act request will fund the upgrade of the firing range which was originally built in 2007 and rehabilitated around 2014. The manufacturer will replace the entire plating system with new materials to provide a safer experience and in turn to avoid the projectiles from deflecting back to the shooters as it currently does. The estimated costs for the work itself is about \$288,000 and after adding administrative costs they estimate a total of \$325,000. The firing range will also be offline for about two weeks during their downtime for the completion of these upgrades with an extended lifespan longer than the previous.

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

Aye: Legislator Williams Johnson, Legislator Barr, Legislator Holstein, Legislator Pierce, Legislator Smith, Legislator Williams, Legislator Woodson-Samuels and Legislator Gashi

Absent: Legislator Tubiolo

4. [ACT-2025-29](#) BOND ACT(Amended)-RB03W-Quaker Bridge Road Over Croton River, Cortlandt

A BOND ACT (Amended) authorizing the issuance of additional bonds of Westchester County in the amount of TWO MILLION, FOUR HUNDRED TWENTY-FIVE THOUSAND (\$2,425,000) DOLLARS to finance Capital Project RB03W - Quaker Bridge Road Over Croton River, Cortlandt.

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

Joint with PWT.

Guest: Department of Public Works & Transportation

First Deputy Commissioner Gayle Katzman

This bond act amendment to add \$2.425 Million to the previously approved \$300,000 will finance a total of \$2.725 Million for the design costs of the Quaker Bridge Road Over Croton River in Cortlandt. This bridge was originally built in 1894 as a one-lane bridge and will be replaced with a two-lane bridge, modernized with a sidewalk and brought up to code. Due to extensive deterioration surrounding the structure, there are no repairs that will be feasible to uphold this bridge for additional use and therefore it needs to be replaced altogether. There will not be a temporary bridge during construction, design is already underway and the

department anticipates the completion to be around mid-year of 2026. A public hearing was held in Cortland in January of 2025 where community members expressed that they would like the new bridge to visually resemble the old one as much as possible. Additionally, school buses will not need to adhere to height limitations with the new bridge, as they currently do. There is no anticipation that there will be an increase in bridge usage after it is completed but it will be able to withstand an increase. New York State conducts bridge assessments every two years and follows with a rating, which then notifies the department of which bridges need timely attention.

On motion of Legislator Pierce, seconded by Legislator Gashi, the above item was signed by committee and referred to Board of Legislators. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: Legislator Williams Johnson, Legislator Barr, Legislator Holstein, Legislator Pierce, Legislator Smith, Legislator Williams, Legislator Woodson-Samuels and Legislator Gashi

Absent: Legislator Tubiolo

5. [ACT-2025-30](#) **BOND ACT(Amended)-T0045-Replace Bus Wash At the Cerrato Maintenance Facility**

A BOND ACT (Amended) authorizing the removal of TWO MILLION, SEVEN HUNDRED THOUSAND (\$2,700,000) DOLLARS in bonds allocable to Capital Project T0045 - Replace Bus Wash At the Cerrato Maintenance Facility and decrease the estimated maximum amount of bonds authorized to SEVEN MILLION, SEVEN HUNDRED TWENTY FIVE THOUSAND (\$7,725,000) DOLLARS.

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

Joint with PWT.

Guest: Department of Public Works & Transportation

First Deputy Commissioner Gayle Katzman

Items #2025-18 and #2025-19 were discussed together and pertain to the previously approved Capital Project T0045 to finance the purchase costs and installation of the bus wash system at the Cerrato Maintenance Facility in Valhalla. The first part of this request is to remove \$2.7 Million from a previously approved bond act that included several projects within it. The second part requests a consolidation totaling \$4.5 Million, reflecting an increase of \$1.8 Million from the previously requested and approved \$2.7 Million. In 2016 this project was submitted as a rehabilitation of the bus wash system, however, due to maintenance increases and it reaching end of useful life, the department determined that it should be replaced altogether. In 2024, an estimated cost of \$4.5 Million was determined and includes possible cost increases for when construction begins. Minor repairs have been made since then but has not been funded from this current request. A temporary cleaning system will be installed during the construction process as there is no way to simultaneously operate a temporary system and construction for the new one.

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

Aye: Legislator Williams Johnson, Legislator Barr, Legislator Holstein, Legislator Pierce, Legislator Smith, Legislator Williams, Legislator Woodson-Samuels and Legislator Gashi

Absent: Legislator Tubiolo

6. [ACT-2025-31](#) **BOND ACT(Consolidated)-T0045-Replace Bus Wash At the Cerrato Maintenance Facility**

A BOND ACT (Consolidated) authorizing the issuance of bonds of Westchester County in the amount of FOUR MILLION, FIVE HUNDRED THOUSAND (\$4,500,000) DOLLARS to finance the cost of purchase and installation of the bus wash system at the Cerrato Maintenance Facility at the County-owned Valhalla Campus in the Town of Mount Pleasant in connection with Capital Project T0045 - Replace Bus Wash At The Cerrato Maintenance Facility.

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

Joint with PWT.

Guest: Department of Public Works & Transportation

First Deputy Commissioner Gayle Katzman

Please refer to item #5.

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

Aye: Legislator Williams Johnson, Legislator Barr, Legislator Holstein, Legislator Pierce, Legislator Smith, Legislator Williams, Legislator Woodson-Samuels and Legislator Gashi

Absent: Legislator Tubiolo

7. [ACT-2025-34](#) **BOND ACT-B0114-Infrastructure Rehabilitation, Valhalla Campus '21-'25**

A BOND ACT authorizing the issuance of FIVE MILLION (\$5,000,000) DOLLARS in bonds of Westchester County to finance Capital Project B0114 - Infrastructure Rehabilitation, Valhalla Campus (2021-2025).

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

Joint with PWT.

Guest: Department of Public Works & Transportation

First Deputy Commissioner Gayle Katzman

This bond act request of \$5 Million will finance a five-year capital program associated with the design and construction of the boiler control system upgrade of the Central Heating Plant at the Valhalla Grasslands Campus. This project will take about three months to design by in-house staff and about six months to complete. There are four steam boilers at the Plant, which mainly serve the hospital, the correctional facility, the labs and research facility and the Woodfield Cottage facility. The mechanical equipment has reached the end of useful life and though there have not been any related emergencies, they are replacing this equipment as preventative measures.

On motion of Legislator Pierce, seconded by Legislator Holstein, the above item was signed by committee and referred to Board of Legislators. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: Legislator Williams Johnson, Legislator Barr, Legislator Holstein, Legislator Pierce, Legislator Smith, Legislator Williams, Legislator Woodson-Samuels and Legislator Gashi

Absent: Legislator Tubiolo

II. OTHER BUSINESS

III. RECEIVE & FILE

1. [2024-580](#) HON. ERIKA PIERCE - Free WC Park Passes for U.S. Military Veterans

A Memo of Legislation proposing U.S. Military Veterans receive free Westchester County Park Passes and all the benefits a Parks Pass provides.

COMMITTEE REFERRAL: COMMITTEES ON PARKS & ENVIRONMENT AND VETERANS, SENIORS & YOUTH AND BUDGET & APPROPRIATIONS

On motion of Legislator Pierce, seconded by Legislator Woodson-Samuels, the above item was received, filed, and approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: Legislator Williams Johnson, Legislator Barr, Legislator Holstein, Legislator Pierce, Legislator Smith, Legislator Williams, Legislator Woodson-Samuels and Legislator Gashi

Absent: Legislator Tubiolo

2. [2025-25](#) CLERK OF THE BOARD - Itemized Listing of WCPW Machinery and Equipment

Forwarded by the Clerk of the Board, an itemized listing of all machinery and equipment under the jurisdiction of the Commissioner of Public Works purchased by the County of Westchester for the maintenance of the County Road System.

COMMITTEE REFERRAL: COMMITTEES ON BUDGET & APPROPRIATIONS AND PUBLIC WORKS & TRANSPORTATION

On motion of Legislator Woodson-Samuels, seconded by Legislator Williams, the above item was received, filed, and approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: Legislator Williams Johnson, Legislator Barr, Legislator Holstein, Legislator Pierce, Legislator Smith, Legislator Williams, Legislator Woodson-Samuels and Legislator Gashi

Absent: Legislator Tubiolo

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Legislator Woodson-Samuels, seconded by Legislator Pierce, the Committee adjourned at 11:21 AM. by the following vote:

Aye: Legislator Williams Johnson, Legislator Barr, Legislator Holstein, Legislator Pierce, Legislator Smith, Legislator Williams, Legislator Woodson-Samuels and Legislator Gashi

Absent: Legislator Tubiolo