

Budget & Appropriations

BOL Meeting Minutes - Final



Committee Chair: Jewel Williams Johnson

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10:00 AM

Committee Room

Joint with PE, HS, ITC and 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 10:15 AM.

Others in Attendance: GUESTS: Hernane De Almeida, John Befus, Tom Rooney, Peter Tartaglia, Rob Lopane, Rob Abbamont, Millie Magraw, David Kvinge, Dianne Vanadia, Karin Hablow, Cesar Vargas, Victor Mallison, Marguerite Beirne, Lennox Harris, Aji Palappillil; BOL: Jose Alvarado, David Imamura, Catherine Parker, James Silverberg, Shatika Parker, Dayana Gomez, Ethan Samuel, Adrienne Kaye, Greg Casciato, Santiago Caceras, Warren Watson

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

MINUTES APPROVAL

I. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

1. [ACT-2025-36](#) **BOND ACT-RGP17-Master Plan II**

A BOND ACT authorizing the issuance of ONE MILLION (\$1,000,000) DOLLARS in bonds of Westchester County to finance Capital Project RGP17 - Master Plan II.

SUBMITTED BY: COMMITTEES ON BUDGET & APPROPRIATIONS AND PARKS & ENVIRONMENT

Joint with PE.

Guests: Department of Parks, Recreation & Conservation
First Deputy Commissioner Peter Tartaglia
Program Coordinator-Capital Planning Rob Lopane

First Deputy Commissioner Peter Tartaglia appeared before the Committee to discuss this Bond Act RGP17-Master Plan II. This Bond Act in the amount of \$1,000,000 will finance a study to update the County's Parks and Recreation System Master Plan. This will include a comprehensive inventory and analysis of existing parks and recreation areas, community outreach and needs assessment, level of service analysis, recreation and leisure trends analysis. The Plan will also establish goals and objectives and provide recommendations for individual park facilities, programs and services, parkland acquisition and development, environmental conservation, maintenance and operations, administration and management. The findings of the study will culminate in the preparation of a Strategic Plan that will guide the development, management and preservation of County parks and recreation facilities. The Department will hire a consultant to perform the study and the study is expected to take 18 months.

On motion of Legislator Smith, seconded by Legislator Pierce, 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 Tubiolo, Legislator Williams, Legislator Woodson-Samuels and Legislator Gashi

2. [ACT-2025-37](#) **BOND ACT-RGP15-Gen'l Infrastructure-Fuel Tank Replace. & BOND ACT-RGP16-Gen'l Infrastructure-Roofing Systems**

A BOND ACT authorizing the issuance of ONE MILLION, THREE HUNDRED THOUSAND (\$1,300,000) DOLLARS in bonds of Westchester County to finance Capital Project RGP 15 - General Infrastructure - Fuel Tank Replacement (2024-2028) and Capital Project RGP16- General Infrastructure - Roofing Systems (2024-2028).

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

Joint with PE and PWT.

Guests: Department of Parks, Recreation & Conservation

First Deputy Commissioner Peter Tartaglia

Program Coordinator-Capital Planning Rob Lopane

This \$1.3 Million Bond Act addresses design, construction and construction management for projects RGP15, in the amount of \$800,000 for fuel tanks replacements, and RGP16, in the amount of \$500,000 for roof systems repairs. For project RGP15, the tanks are at the end of useful life as determined in a study conducted in 2024 where the department gauged the statuses and needs of all tanks countywide. Currently, the tanks associated with this project are underground and the new ones will be installed above grounds at various parks including Glen Island Park, Ward Pound Ridge Reservation and Sprain Lake Golf Course. For project RGP16, the associated roof repairs and/or replacements include the Bronx River Reservation's Salt Shed, Merestead's Pump House and Croton Point Park's Dining Hall, among other building roofs in the County's park system. For both of these projects, design is anticipated to be completed in eight months while construction is anticipated to be completed in 12 months.

On motion of Legislator Woodson-Samuels, seconded by Legislator Smith, 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 Tubiolo, Legislator Williams, Legislator Woodson-Samuels and Legislator Gashi

3. [ACT-2025-38](#) **IMA-Kingsland Point Park-Sleepy Hollow**

AN ACT authorizing the County of Westchester to enter into an intermunicipal agreement with the Village of Sleepy Hollow whereby the Village shall operate and maintain a portion of Kingsland Point Park on behalf of the County.

SUBMITTED BY: COMMITTEES ON BUDGET & APPROPRIATIONS AND PARKS & ENVIRONMENT

Joint with PE.

Guests: Department of Parks, Recreation & Conservation

First Deputy Commissioner Peter Tartaglia

Program Coordinator-Capital Planning Rob Lopane

First Deputy Commissioner Peter Tartaglia appeared before the Committee to discuss this IMA with the Village of Sleepy Hollow, whereby the Village will operate and maintain a portion of Kingsland Point Park on behalf of the County. Since 2003, the Village has been responsible for the operation, maintenance and scheduling of activities at the Park pursuant to a series of IMAs with the County. The Village will be responsible for the operation, maintenance and scheduling of the Park at its own expense. The Village will not be responsible for the operation and maintenance of the lighthouse. The Park will continue to be available to all Westchester County residents on an equal basis. The term of this IMA will be five years commencing retroactively on January 1, 2023 and expiring on December 31, 2027. The proposed IMA will permit the Village to enter into a sub-license for the use of portions of the Park with Teatown Lake Reservation, Inc. for educational classes at the Park's bathhouse. As well as with SEAS Westchester for sailing classes and for the operation of a kayak concession.

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 Tubiolo, Legislator Williams, Legislator Woodson-Samuels and Legislator Gashi

4. [ACT-2025-39](#) **BOND ACT-B035E-Equipment Acquisition Program & RGP13-Gen'l Infrastructure-Equipment Acquisition**

A BOND ACT authorizing the issuance of THREE MILLION (\$3,000,000) DOLLARS in bonds of Westchester County to finance Capital Project B035E - Equipment Acquisition Program (2021-2025) and Capital Project RGP13 - General Infrastructure - Equipment Acquisition (2021-2025).

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

Joint with PE and PWT.

Guests: Department of Parks, Recreation & Conservation
First Deputy Commissioner Peter Tartaglia
Program Coordinator-Capital Planning Rob Lopane

Deputy Commissioner Hernane De Almeida-DPWT

Director of Operations (Capital Planning Program) Rob Abbamont-DPWT

This funding request is two-fold: \$1 Million from the Department of Parks, Recreation and Conservation (Parks), and \$2 Million from the Department of Public Works and Transportation (DPWT). The Parks Department's general maintenance division is the largest fixer division and they go where needed which has led their vehicles to be become outdated and overused. This funding request for \$1 Million is part of a five-year program for the replacement of five vehicles and other machinery. Some of the machinery, like the ones used on the golf courses, are as old as 20 years and urgently need to be replaced in order to maintain the grass in optimal conditions. The DPWT's \$2 Million portion is for four six-wheel dump trucks with plows and one service truck. The snow equipment is stored at the Grasslands campus and despite being low in mileage, they are greatly affected due to continuous salt corrosion. The service truck goes out for mechanics and do field service for large and heavy equipment and will likely be recycled to the tradesmen crew as it is perfect for their needs. The new service truck will have additional features that will maximize on the capabilities out in the field.

On motion of Legislator Woodson-Samuels, seconded by Legislator Smith, 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 Tubiolo, Legislator Williams, Legislator Woodson-Samuels and Legislator Gashi

5. [ACT-2025-41](#) **ACT-Amend Agreement-East of Hudson Watershed Corporation**

AN ACT authorizing the County of Westchester to enter into a first amendment to an agreement with the East of Hudson Watershed Corporation in order to retroactively extend the term from January 1, 2023 to December 31, 2027, and to authorize the disbursement of the remaining balance of TWO HUNDRED ELEVEN, FIVE HUNDRED SIXTY-TWO (\$211,562) DOLLARS in East of Hudson Watershed Quality Investment Program Fund earnings for operation and maintenance costs for certain approved stormwater retrofit projects.

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

Joint with PE and PWT.

Guests: Planning Department
Assistant Commissioner David Kvinge
Program Administrator Millie Magraw

In 1998 as part of the New York City Watershed memorandum of agreement the County received \$38 Million to create the East of Hudson Water Quality Improvement Program (WQIP) and the County is the custodian of this fund: the money within the fund are to be used for specified water quality improvement projects within the NYC watershed that have been authorized by the New York City Department of Environmental Protection. This Act is to amend an agreement from 2019 between the County and the East of Hudson Watershed Corporation with an amount not to exceed \$750,000 in WQIP earnings. This was awarded for

the purpose of covering the operation and maintenance costs between January 1, 2016 to December 31, 2022 for storm water retrofit projects for 10 municipalities within the County: Town of Bedford, Town of Cortland, Town of Lewisboro, Town of New Castle, Town of North Castle, Town of North Salem, Town of Pound Ridge, Town of Somers, Town of Yorktown and the Town of Mount Kisco. Out of the \$750,000, there was a remaining balance of \$211,562 and the amended agreement would retroactively authorize its use for operation and maintenance projects from January 1, 2023 through December 31, 2027.

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 Tubiolo, Legislator Williams, Legislator Woodson-Samuels and Legislator Gashi

6. [ACT-2025-42](#) ACT-Fixing Tax Distribution Tables

AN ACT fixing the Tax Distribution Tables for the County General Fund (for County Operating Purposes and for County share of MTA), for the County Water District No. 1, for the Refuse Disposal District No. 1, and for each of the thirteen Sanitary Sewer Districts in the County.

SUBMITTED BY: COMMITTEE ON BUDGET & APPROPRIATIONS

B&A Only.

Guests: Finance Department

Commissioner Karin Hablow

First Deputy Commissioner Cesar Vargas

Executive Director Victor Mallison-Tax Commission

Commissioner Karin Hablow appeared before the Committee to discuss an Act which will authorize the County to fix the tax distribution tables apportioned for the County General Fund (for County Purposes and for County Share of MTA), for County Water District No. 1, for the Refuse Disposal District No. 1, each of the thirteen Sanitary Sewer Districts in the County, and any adjustments thereto, for the year 2025. The second Act will authorize the County to determine the amounts of County taxes (for County Purposes and for County Share of MTA) and for Special District Taxes and other charges against the various towns and cities in the County of Westchester, and adjustments thereto, and levying such apportioned amounts for the purposes therein set forth against such towns and cities for the year 2025.

On motion of Legislator Woodson-Samuels, seconded by Legislator Smith, 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 Tubiolo, Legislator Williams, Legislator Woodson-Samuels and Legislator Gashi

7. [ACT-2025-43](#) ACT-Fixing & Determining Amounts of Co. Gen'l Fund Taxes

AN ACT fixing and determining the amounts of: County General Fund taxes (for County Operating Purposes and for County share of MTA); the Special District Taxes; and other charges against the various towns and cities in the County of Westchester, and levying such apportioned amounts for the purposes therein set forth against such towns and cities.

SUBMITTED BY: COMMITTEE ON BUDGET & APPROPRIATIONS

B&A Only.

Guests: Finance Department

Commissioner Karin Hablow

First Deputy Commissioner Cesar Vargas

Executive Director Victor Mallison-Tax Commission

Please refer to item #6.

On motion of Legislator Woodson-Samuels, seconded by Legislator Smith, 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 Tubiolo, Legislator Williams, Legislator Woodson-Samuels and Legislator Gashi

8. [ACT-2025-35](#) **BOND ACT-BSS21-Infrastructure Improvements to Shelter Facilities-Coachman Family Center '25-'29**

A BOND ACT authorizing the issuance of NINE HUNDRED EIGHTY FIVE THOUSAND (\$985,000) DOLLARS in bonds of Westchester County to finance Capital Project BSS21 - Infrastructure Improvements to Shelter Facilities - Coachman Family Center (2025-2029).

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

Joint with HS and PWT.

Guests: Department of Social Services

First Deputy Commissioner John Befus

Deputy Commissioner Thomas Rooney

The Coachman Family Center is a 100 year-old building structure for which the Department of Social Services is requesting \$985,000 in bonds for extensive work needing to be done and is part of a larger capital project associated with this shelter. Currently, the trunk line and valves for the water supply system is in urgent need for reparation due to age and corrosion. The water portion of this project is expected to be completed by the end of this year, additional work will be requested and completed later on.

On motion of Legislator Williams Johnson, seconded by Legislator Smith, 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 Tubiolo, Legislator Williams, Legislator Woodson-Samuels and Legislator Gashi

9. [ACT-2025-40](#) **BOND ACT-Info. Tech.-BIT3D, BIT6D, BIT45, BIT52, BIT53, BIT60, BIT62**

A BOND ACT authorizing the issuance of SIX MILLION, ONE HUNDRED FIFTY THOUSAND (\$6,150,000) DOLLARS in bonds of Westchester County to finance the following seven (7) Capital Projects: BIT3D (2728) Desktop Systems 2025-2029, BIT6D (2733) Purchase of Computer Equipment 2021-2025, BIT45 (2740) Building Access Control and Video

Surveillance Systems Upgrade, BIT52 (2730) Network and Security Infrastructure Upgrades 2025-2029, BIT53 (2731) Business Continuity and Disaster Recovery, BIT60 (2732) Telecommunications Equipment/ Software Replacement and Upgrade and BIT62 (2729) Replace DOH Electronic Health Record and Reporting System.

SUBMITTED BY: COMMITTEES ON BUDGET & APPROPRIATIONS, PUBLIC WORKS & TRANSPORTATION AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY & CYBERSECURITY

Joint with ITC and PWT.

Guests: Department of Information Technology

Chief Information Officer Marguerite Beirne

Deputy Chief Information Officer Lennox Harris

Deputy Chief Information Officer Aji Palappillil

This funding request in the amount of \$6.15 Million encompasses replacements and upgrades for seven projects: BIT3D replaces desktop systems, BIT6D purchases computer server equipment, BIT45 upgrades video surveillance systems, BIT52 upgrades security infrastructure, BIT53 addresses disaster recovery, BIT60 upgrades telecommunication equipment and BIT62 replaces the Department of Health's electronic health records system. Purchase and completion for all of these projects will take from six to twelve months.

On motion of Legislator Woodson-Samuels, seconded by Legislator Williams, 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 Tubiolo, Legislator Williams, Legislator Woodson-Samuels and Legislator Gashi

II. OTHER BUSINESS

III. RECEIVE & FILE

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Legislator Tubiolo, seconded by Legislator Barr, the Committee adjourned at 12:49 PM. by the following vote:

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