

COMMITTEE ON BUDGET & APPROPRIATIONS

**MINUTES: November 17, 2008**

**BUDGET & APPROPRIATIONS**

**MEMBERS:** Chair: Alvarado; Legislators: Kaplowitz, Jenkins, Myers, Harckham, Burton, Oros, Rogowsky, Abinanti, Williams

**OTHER LEGISLATORS:** Pinto, Bronz, Nonna

**IN ATTENDANCE:** **BOL:** T. Bernard, B. Boland, O. Rhodes, R. Indelicato, B. Dodds, S. Bass; **CEO:** L. Schwartz, A. Neuman, B. Randolph; M. Wittenberg **Budget:** A. Reasoner; A. Vietro; **OTHERS:** on file

With a quorum present, the Committee on Budget & Appropriations (B&A) was called to order at 9:45 a.m.

The following items were discussed and/or voted on:

A166: **CSEA Agreement:** Forwarding the Agreement between the County of Westchester and the Civil Service Employees of Association Inc., Local 1000, AFSCME, AFL-CIO Westchester Local 869, Westchester County Unit 9200.

**BA 11/10/08**

Motion: Jenkins; Second: Burton; approved 9-0.

**Added Starter 'A':** An Act authorizing a 3.25% salary increase for Commissioner and non-represented manager salaries, effective 1/01/08.

Motion: Jenkins; Second: Burton; approved 8-0.

**Added Starter 'B':** An Act authorizing the addition, deletion and reallocation of titles, pursuant to organized studies conducted by the Department of Human Resources.

Motion: Jenkins; Second: Oros; approved 8-0.

A163: **Grant Acceptance-Design of Centralized Real Property Tax Database:** Acceptance of a grant in the amount of \$25,000 from the State of New York Office of Real Property Services to be used by the Westchester County Tax Commission with the support of the Westchester County Municipal Officials Association and in partnership with the Westchester County Tax receivers and Collectors Association to study the design and possible implementation of a centralized database through which the taxable status, tax, and payment history of every real property parcel in the County may be ascertained. **BA 11/10/08**

Motion: Jenkins; Second: Williams; approved 7-0 (B&A approval required only).

A164: **Grant Acceptance for Collaborative Tax Assessment Study:** Acceptance of a grant in the amount of \$25,000 from the State of New York Office of Real Property Services to be used by the Westchester County Tax Commission in partnership with the Westchester County Municipal Association and the Westchester County Chapter of the New York State Assessors Association to study Collaborative Assessing. **BA 11/10/08**

Motion: Jenkins; Second: Williams; approved 7-0 (B&A approval required only).

A165: **Certiorari Property Tax Refunds:** Forwarding an information package of court ordered Certiorari Property Tax Refunds paid by the Department of Finance. **BA 11/10/08**

Motion: Kaplowitz; Second: Myers; approved 7-0 (B&A approval required only).

A160: **East of Hudson Grant Fund Distribution:** Act authorizing the transfer of Five Hundred Thousand (\$500,000.00) Dollars of Earnings of the East of Hudson Water Quality Investment Program Fund, for which the County is custodian under the 1997 Watershed Memorandum of Agreement, into a county Trust Account in order to fund the continued operation of the County's Septic System Management program. **BA/E&E 10/20/08 (E&E signed out)**

Motion: Harckham; Second: Kaplowitz; approved 8-0.

A161: **East of Hudson MOU:** Act authorizing the County to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the New York City Department of Environmental Protection in order to distribute Five Hundred Thousand (\$500,000.00) Dollars of the East of Hudson Water Quality Investment Program Fund, for which the County is custodian under the 1997 Watershed Memorandum of Agreement, in order to fund the continued operation of the County's Septic System Management Program. **BA/E&E 10/20/08 (E&E signed out)**

Motion: Harckham; Second: Kaplowitz; approved 8-0.

The following departments made presentations on their proposed 2009 Operating Budgets:

*Human Resources Department  
Board of Elections  
Law Department*

Minutes of the 11/10/08 B&A meeting

Motion: Jenkins; Second: Kaplowitz; approved 6-0.

With no further business to discuss, Legislator Burton made a motion to adjourn B&A. Seconded by Legislator Jenkins, the committee adjourned at 12:45 p.m.