

**WESTCHESTER COUNTY BOARD OF LEGISLATORS
COMMITTEE ON BUDGET & APPROPRIATIONS MEETING
JOINT WITH THE COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS
AND PUBLIC SAFETY & SECURITY
MINUTES SEPTEMBER 29, 2009**

MEMBERS B&A: Acting Chair: Ken Jenkins, Legislators:
Burton, Myers, Oros, Harckham, Kaplowitz,
Abinanti,

MEMBERS GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS: Chair: Ken Jenkins,
Bronz, Burton, Harckham, Myers, Pinto

MEMBERS OF PUBLIC SAFETY & SECURITY: Chair: Vito Pinto,
Burton, Harckham, Jenkins, Myers, Oros

IN ATTENDANCE: **Bennett Kielson:** Rob Cordero, Susan
Barossi, Nick DeSantis; **Finance:** Kathy
Thorsberg, Sergio Sensi; **CBAC, LWVW:**
Barbara Strauss; **Corrections:** Pat Kaley,
Karl Vollmer, **Probation:** James Connor,
Jacolyn Levin, **DEF:** Tom Lauro, **DOT:**
Lawrence Salley, **Mental Health:** Grant
Mitchell, **IT:** Kay Foster, Nancy Birnbaum,
Marguerite Beirne; **DPW:** Ralph Butler;
Health: Alyse Portera; **Parks:** David
DeLucia; **CEO:** Bill Randolph; **Budget:**
Arthur Vietro; **Staff:** Olivia Rhodes, Bob
Boland, Sally Schechter

On the motion of Acting Chair Ken Jenkins, the Budget and Appropriations Committee was called to order at 9:45 a.m. without a quorum for a presentation by Bennett Kielson on the Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR) for the year ending December 31, 2008. Bennett Kielson did not audit the Westchester County Health Care Corporation, it was done by other auditors. There was much discussion and many questions. Mr. DeSantis said the County is still in a very good financial position, living up to its Triple A bond rating. He said the County has sufficient resources set aside to help through

these economic times. He also said they did not find any of the county's investments at risk.

Acting Chair Jenkins thanked Bennett Kielson for their report and with a quorum present, called the Committee on Budget and Appropriations to order at 10:43 a.m., Chair Jenkins called the Committee on Government Operations to order at 10:43 a.m. and Chair Pinto called the Committee on Public Safety and Security to order at 10:43 a.m.

387 Somers Sewer District #1 – This item is in Government Operations only and a motion was needed to send this on to the County Executive's office. On the motion of Legislator Kaplowitz, seconded by Legislator Harckham, the motion was carried by a vote of 6-0 (Jenkins, Bronz, Burton, Harckham, Myers, Pinto).

On the motion of Legislator Burton, seconded by Legislator Harckham, the Government Operations' minutes of May 5, 2009 were approved by a vote of 6-0 (Jenkins, Bronz, Burton, Harckham, Myers, Pinto).

On the motion of Legislator Burton, seconded by Legislator Harckham for Budget & Appropriations, the minutes of September 21 were accepted by a vote of 6-0 (Jenkins, Burton, Myers, Oros, Harckham, Kaplowitz).

A295 IMA City of Mt. Vernon Reimbursement for Prisoner Transportation: The IMA was increased from \$346,000 to \$368,000. The number of prisoners being transported is based on an estimate and the number was exceeded. This was for the term January 1, 2007 to December 31, 2008. The number of officers accompanying the prisoners is based on the classification of the prisoners. On the motion of Legislator Burton, seconded by Legislator Myers for Budget and Appropriations, the motion was carried by a vote of 6-0 (Jenkins, Burton, Kaplowitz, Myers, Harckham, Oros). On the motion of Legislator Harckham, seconded by Legislator Jenkins for Public Safety and Security, the motion was carried by a vote of 6-0 (Pinto, Jenkins, Burton, Myers, Harckham, Oros).

A296 IMA Mt. Vernon Reimbursement for Prisoner Transportation: This is for the transportation of prisoners for the term January 1, 2009

and ending December 31, 2010 in the amount of \$371,571. The increase in the dollar amount is due to the increase in the contractual agreement of the Mt. Vernon Police. On the motion of Legislator Myers, seconded by Legislator Burton for Budget & Appropriations, the motion was carried by a vote of 6-0 (Jenkins, Burton, Kaplowitz, Myers, Harckham, Oros) and on the motion of Legislator Harckham, seconded by Legislator Burton for Public Safety and Security, the motion was carried by a vote of 6-0 (Pinto, Jenkins, Burton, Myers, Harckham, Oros).

A318 IMA Mt. Vernon Juvenile Violent Crime Reduction Program:

The County had received funds from New York State in the amount of \$37,829. This amendment is to accept an additional \$15,752 for the program which includes training, public awareness, project development and data gathering efforts. On the motion of Legislator Myers, seconded by Legislator Burton for Budget & Appropriations, the motion was carried by a vote of 7-0 (Jenkins, Burton, Kaplowitz, Myers, Harckham, Oros, Abinanti) and on the motion of Legislator Harckham, seconded by Legislator Jenkins for Public Safety & Security, the motion was carried by a vote of 6-0 (Pinto, Jenkins, Burton, Myers, Harckham, Oros).

On the motion of Legislator Burton, seconded by Legislator Myers, the Committee on Public Safety and Security was adjourned at 10:53 a.m.

C177 Bond Act PL0022 Northbound BRP Access Ramp at Elm St.,

Tuckahoe: This bond act is in the amount of \$310,000 to fund the design in connection with the removal and replacement of the existing bridge structure. Commissioner Butler said it is more cost effective to replace rather than repair the structure. It was mentioned that a recent article found that 1/3 of the roads in Westchester were in unacceptable condition. Commissioner Butler said the County only owns 5 percent of the roads and the remaining are owned by various municipalities. Ninety percent of the County Roads are over 70 on the P.C.R. rating. The breakdown of the roads in the County is 15 percent are owned by the State, 80 percent are owned by local municipalities and 5 percent are owned by the County.

Commissioner Butler was asked for the list of the conditions of the County Roads. On the motion of Legislator Myers, seconded by

Legislator Burton for Budget & Appropriations, the motion was passed by a vote of 7-0 (Jenkins, Burton, Kaplowitz, Myers, Harckham, Oros, Abinanti) and on the motion of Legislator Pinto, seconded by Legislator Harckham for Government Operations, the motion was carried by a vote of 6-0 (Jenkins, Pinto, Burton, Myers, Harckham, Bronz).

A317 IMA Maple Avenue Playground Town of Cortlandt: This is a long standing agreement with the Town. The playground is adjacent to Blue Mountain Reservation and the Town uses it and maintains it. Legislator Abinanti requested a copy of the IMA before the vote. (It was received). On the motion of Legislator Burton, seconded by Legislator Oros for Budget & Appropriations, the motion was passed by a vote of 7-0 (Jenkins, Burton, Myers, Harckham, Oros, Abinanti, Kaplowitz). On the motion of Legislator Burton, seconded by Legislator Bronz for Government Operations, the motion was passed by a vote of 6-0 (Jenkins, Pinto, Burton, Myers, Harckham, Bronz).

C161 Bond Act T0033 Bus Wash CMF: This bond act is for \$800,000 to fund the purchase and installation of a bus wash system at the Yonkers facility. The Transportation Department will receive from the Federal Transportation Administration \$3,200,000 toward the project. This system will reduce water usage by recycling 95 percent of the water, it will reduce corrosive impact through the use of special protective coatings and operating costs will be reduced, and it will reduce energy consumption by 5 percent. On the motion of Legislator Myers, seconded by Legislator Harckham for Budget & Appropriations, the motion was passed by a vote of 7-0 (Jenkins, Burton, Kaplowitz, Abinanti, Myers, Harckham, Oros). This was previously passed on September 14, 2009 by Government Operations by a vote of 6-0 (Jenkins, Burton, Harckham, Bronz, Pinto, Myers).

C164 Bond Act BIT4A Employee Productivity Systems: The bond is for \$1,000,000. Of this, \$500,000 is for a new clinic management and billing system for the Health Department and \$500,000 is for the operations management and billing for the Mental Health Department. The Mental Health Department will use this soft ware for billing, clinical documentation and employee creativity. The Health Department will use this system for the County's medical

clinics, home health and other field based clinical activities, billing, reporting, epidemiological surveillance and case management. On the motion of Legislator Harckham, seconded by Legislator Kaplowitz for Budget & Appropriations, the motion was carried by a vote of 5-0 (Jenkins, Burton, Kaplowitz, Myers, Harckham). This was signed out on September 14 by Government Operations by a vote of 7-0 (Jenkins, Burton, Burrows, Pinto, Myers, Rogowsky, Harckham).

A319 Capital Budget Amendment SOS06 Ossining Wastewater Treatment Plant and C178 Bond Act SOS6 Ossining Wastewater Treatment Plant: The Bond is for \$250,000. The chlorine contact tank juts out into the Hudson River and is supported on piles. It was noticed that there is deterioration of the piles and this bond will pay for the design and construction management of the structural repairs. On the motion of Legislator Burton, seconded by Legislator Myers for Budget & Appropriations, the motion was carried by a vote of 5-0 (Jenkins, Burton, Kaplowitz, Myers, Harckham). On the motion of Legislator Bronz, seconded by Legislator Burton for Government Operations, the motion was carried by a vote of 6-0 (Jenkins, Pinto, Burton, Myers, Harckham, Bronz).

A320 Capital Budget Amendment SNR75 Pump Station Rehabilitation New Rochelle SSD and C179 Bond Act SNR75 Pump Station Rehabilitation New Rochelle SSD: This is to advance \$2,090,000 for the construction of the Magnolia Avenue and Woodbine Avenue pump stations which are being designed together and will be bid as one contract to provide cost savings. On the motion of Legislator Myers, seconded by Legislator Burton for Budget & Appropriations, the motion was carried by a vote of 5-0 (Jenkins, Burton, Kaplowitz, Myers, Harckham) and on the motion of Legislator Myers, seconded by Legislator Pinto for Government Operations, the motion was carried by a vote of 5-0 (Jenkins, Pinto, Burton, Myers, Harckham).

On the motion of Legislator Burton, seconded by Legislator Pinto, Government Operations was adjourned at 11:28 a.m.

C162 Bond Act Amendment SPS07 Alexander Street Influent Structure and North Yonkers Pump Station Tower: The bond is for \$2,550,000 to repair and upgrade the Alexander Street Influent

Structure and North Yonkers Pump Station Tower. On the motion of Legislator Jenkins, seconded by Legislator Burton for Budget & Appropriations, the motion was carried by a vote of 5-0 (Jenkins, Burton, Kaplowitz, Myers, Harckham). This was signed out of Government Operations on September 14, 2009 by a vote of 7-0 (Jenkins, Rogowsky, Bronz, Pinto, Myers, Burrows, Harckham).

A293 Capital Budget Amendment SOS80 Ossining Wastewater Treatment Plant and C160 Bond Act SOS80 Ossining Wastewater Treatment Plant: The bond for \$600,000 will fund the design and construction management in connection with the new dechlorination facility in Ossining. On the motion of Legislator Burton, seconded by Legislator Harckham for Budget & Appropriations, the motion was carried by a vote of 5-0 (Jenkins, Burton, Kaplowitz, Myers, Harckham). This was signed out of Government Operations on September 14, 2009 by a vote of 8-0 (Jenkins, Burton, Harckham, Burrows, Pinto, Bronz, Myers, Rogowsky).

A294 Capital Budget Amendment SPK80 Peekskill Wastewater Treatment Plant and C163 Bond Act SPK80 Peekskill Wastewater Treatment Plant: The bond act is in the amount of \$1,165,000 which will fund the design and construction management in connection with the new ultraviolet disinfection facilities which is mandated by the new lower limits of the NYSDEC SPDES Discharge permit at the Peekskill WWTP. On the motion of Legislator Kaplowitz, seconded by Legislator Burton for Budget & Appropriations, the motion was passed by a vote of 5-0 (Jenkins, Burton, Kaplowitz, Myers, Harckham). Government Operations signed this out on September 14 by a vote of 8-0 (Jenkins, Burton, Harckham, Burrows, Pinto, Myers, Bronz, Rogowsky).

On the motion of Legislator Burton, seconded by Legislator Myers, Budget & Appropriations was adjourned at 11:30 a.m.