

**WESTCHESTER COUNTY BOARD OF LEGISLATORS
COMMITTEE ON BUDGET & APPROPRIATIONS MEETING
JOINT WITH THE COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS
MINUTES May 4, 2009**

MEMBERS B&A: Chair: Jose Alvarado; Legislators:
Abinanti, Burton, Harckham, Jenkins, Kaplowitz, Myers,
Rogowsky, Spreckman,

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

IN ATTENDANCE: **DPW:** Anthony LaCroce, Phil Kruck; **IT:**
Marguerite Beirne, Kay Foster, Patty
Dohrenwend; **Parks:** Joe Stout, Robert Reno;
Sleepy Hollow Trustee: Karin Wompa; **CE:**
Bill Randolph, Andrew Neuman; **Budget:**
Arthur Vietro; **CBAC, LWVW:** Barbara
Strauss; **MFDSNY:** Alex Garcia-Flores; **Staff:**
Colin Zelicot, Joanne Sold, Sally Schecter

Chair Alvarado called the Committee on Budget & Appropriations to order at 10:20 a.m. and Chair Jenkins called the Committee on Government Operations which had recessed from a previous meeting to order at 10:20 a.m.

C129. Bond Act – RGIP5 - General Infrastructure - Roof Replacement and Repair: The roofs are mostly small buildings with shingle roofs – storage areas and picnic areas that are too small for NYPA to be involved in. Legislator Jenkins requested a breakdown of the cost for each roof and something in writing from NYPA that they would not consider this project. A study has been done that analyzed approximately two hundred roofs in the park system. The roofs in this bond act require immediate attention. The Budget Committee would like to see a copy of this study. Legislator Kaplowitz questioned if it would be more efficient and less expensive to bundle the buildings together – i.e. all the same type of roof, or all in the same area. There is no stimulus money involved. Legislator Rogowsky is concerned if a small roofing company is the successful bidder would they be able to repair/replace all the roofs during the time frame required. Legislator Pinto said it was not clear how many roofs were being repaired. Commissioner Stout said he would supply a list. Chair Alvarado said the Budget & Appropriations Committee together with Government Operations will meet next Monday, May 11 and if all the information is forthcoming, this will be signed out in time for the Board meeting that evening.

A250. IMA – Kingsland Point Park: This is the second five year term. The Village operates and maintains the Park on behalf of the County. Legislator Bronz said it is heavily used. On the motion of Legislator Bronz, seconded by Legislator Pinto for Government Operations, the motion was passed by a vote of 8-0 (Jenkins, Pinto, Rogowsky, Myers, Spreckman, Burrows, Bronz, Harckham) and on the motion of Legislator Spreckman, seconded by Legislator Myers for Budget and Appropriations, the motion was passed by a vote of 7-0 (Alvarado, Jenkins, Rogowsky, Myers, Spreckman, Kaplowitz, Harckham).

C124 Bond Act BIT6A – Purchase of Computer Equipment: This is to replace outdated equipment, expand data storage, purchase high speed scanners and replace existing servers. Legislator Rogowsky requested a list of the equipment that will be purchased with this bond act. There was discussion on how bonding is done, whether to use cash or bonds based on the low interest rates now. The Commissioner would like the money to be available. As an example, she needs to purchase electronic medical records for the Health Department but she does not know how many servers she will need – maybe ten or maybe fifteen. She does not want to buy 15 and have them just be available as they do become obsolete. Legislator Harckham wanted to know if the department has had an energy audit. Andrew Neuman said NYPA's scope doesn't go into I.T. equipment but the County is working to see where technology can be purchased to bring down the energy demands. They are looking at stimulus money. Legislator Kaplowitz would like to see a memo go out to County employees advising them what should be saved and make them aware there is a cost involved in what they are saving. On the motion of Legislator Kaplowitz, seconded by Legislator Spreckman for Budget & Appropriations, the motion was passed by a vote of 7-0 (Alvarado, Jenkins, Rogowsky, Burton, Kaplowitz, Spreckman, Harckham) and on the motion of Legislator Harckham, seconded by Legislator Pinto for Government Operations, the motion was carried by a vote of 7-0 (Jenkins, Pinto, Rogowsky, Burton, Spreckman, Bronz, Harckham)

C125 – Bond Act BIT17 – Network Infrastructure Upgrade: This is to upgrade the data network which in some instances is 8 to 10 years old, to purchase equipment and upgrade the wiring. Legislator Jenkins wanted to know if anything could be done so that visitors do not have to register each time they come to the Board. Commissioner Beirne said she would look into it. Legislator Rogowsky wanted to know if the \$3.25 million that has been bonded has been spent. \$3.1 million has been spent. After this \$400,000 I.T. does not expect much to be needed for next year but there is always maintenance. On the motion of Legislator Spreckman, seconded by Legislator Harckham for Budget & Appropriations, the motion was passed by a vote of 7-0 (Alvarado, Jenkins, Burton, Kaplowitz, Spreckman, Harckham, Rogowsky) and on the motion of

Legislator Pinto, seconded by Legislator Bronz for Government Operations, the motion was carried by a vote of 7-0 (Jenkins, Pinto, Burton, Spreckman, Bronz, Harckham, Rogowsky).

A241 - Capital Budget Amendment (BIT22) Electronic Record Management System and C126 Bond Act: This \$250,000 is for a study to determine whether I.T. meets the State and Federal mandates that are required for the storing of electronic records and retention dates. If we do not have a proper electronic management system in place, the County can be fined. Legislator Rogowsky wanted to know if we still need to keep a hard copy of a document and the answer is yes. On the motion of Legislator Harckham, seconded by Legislator Spreckman for Budget & Appropriations, the motion was carried by a vote of 7-0 (Alvarado, Jenkins, Rogowsky, Burton, Kaplowitz, Spreckman, Harckham) and on the motion of Legislator Pinto, seconded by Legislator Rogowsky for Government Operations, the motion was carried by a vote of 7-0 (Jenkins, Pinto, Rogowsky, Burton, Spreckman, Bronz, Harckham).

C128 – Bond Act BIT3A Desktop Systems: This is to replace older, outdated desktop and laptop computers. Legislator Williams suggested a better analysis for replacing the computers which they are doing now and they are purchasing only three year warranties which further reduces the cost. They are also replacing all laptops with encrypted hard drives and encrypted hardware so if someone loses their laptop, someone could not pull the data off of the laptop. We purchase the computers and printers through the NYS aggregate price but we still negotiate with the vendor. HP and Dell are the two largest vendors on the New York State contract and we stay with them for supportability and training. Our staff are Dell certified and they have to pass a test otherwise Dell will not send us any replacement parts. Legislator Kaplowitz wanted to know how we dispose of the old computers. There are usually between 750 and 1000 laptops and desktops and some of them are sold on e-bay and the better ones are put on the Westchester Access program which is available to any 523C Westchester County organization that puts in a request for any surplus equipment. The money that is generated from e-bay is returned to the general fund. Legislator Kaplowitz wanted to know how much money have we received from e-bay and Westchester Access. The equipment is sold in bundles with no soft ware on them. On the motion of Legislator Harckham, seconded by Legislator Burton for Budget & Appropriations, the motion was carried by a vote of 7-0 (Alvarado, Jenkins, Rogowsky, Burton, Kaplowitz, Spreckman, Harckham). On the motion of Legislator Pinto, seconded by Legislator Rogowsky for Government Operations, the motion was carried by a vote of 7-0 (Jenkins, Pinto, Rogowsky, Burton, Spreckman, Bronz, Harckham).

On the motion of Legislator Kaplowitz, seconded by Legislator Burton the

minutes were approved as amended (Legislator Kaplowitz was in attendance, under Nurses Contract it is lose not loose and in attendance Joseph Stout is with parks, not Corrections) by a vote of 7-0 (Alvarado, Jenkins, Rogowsky, Burton, Kaplowitz, Spreckman, Harckham).

C127 – Bond Act B0071 Modifications to Building Management Systems:

Deputy Commissioner Kruck pointed out that the amount of \$1,100,000 that is listed on the agenda is incorrect. It should be \$7,400,000. Commissioner Kruck referred to the NYPA report that evaluated upgrading 45 sites that are owned and operated by DPW. The report points out that 28 sites have no DDC control, 11 sites have outdated versions and 6 sites require software upgrades. There were three programs that were listed – one a Minimal Program for \$6,997,563, the Recommended Program for \$7,671,959 and the Discretionary Program for \$8,676,959. The Minimal Program would upgrade 39 sites, the Recommended Program would upgrade all 45 sites and the Discretionary Program would upgrade all 45 sites plus some equipment that NYPA felt should be upgraded. The soft ware would be central control and a web based system. It will be submitted for stimulus money and would create 225 jobs. On the report submitted by NYPA under “Control Strategy Upgrades Summary Table” they have listed all 45 sites and what needs to be done at each site. The new equipment should last 15 to 20 years. Legislator Harckham wanted to know if this would be linked into the County’s Emergency Control system. It would be centrally monitored by DPW and because it is web-based, it could be. There was much discussion as to the pay back. Is it worth spending this much money? Do we need a Building Management System? It was pointed out that if we are trying to save energy, there is an up front cost. Legislator Jenkins pointed out that we started the Building Management System and authorized \$1 million. Legislator Harckham agreed but said this raised more questions and he felt one more discussion was needed. Legislator Jenkins made a motion, seconded by Legislator Spreckman for Budget and Appropriation and Legislator Bronz made a motion, seconded by Legislator Pinto for Government Operations. It was decided to have a meeting on Monday to answer any further questions the legislators might have and based on this Jenkins, Spreckman, Bronz and Pinto withdrew their motions.

On the motion of Legislator Harckham, seconded by Legislator Burton, the Committee on Budget & Appropriation was adjourned at 12:24 p.m. On the motion of Legislator Pinto, seconded by Legislator Myers Government Operations was adjourned at 12:24 p.m.