

**WESTCHESTER COUNTY BOARD OF LEGISLATORS
COMMITTEE ON BUDGET & APPROPRIATIONS MEETING
JOINT WITH PUBLIC SAFETY & SECURITY AND
HOUSING AND PLANNING
MINUTES MARCH 29, 2010**

MEMBERS B&A: **Chair:** Jose Alvarado, **Legislators:**
Harckham, Myers, Pinto, Rogowsky,
Ryan, Spreckman, Jenkins

ADDITIONAL LEGISLATORS: Kaplowitz

MEMBERS OF PUBLIC SAFETY & SECURITY: **Chair:** Vito
Pinto, **Legislators:** Burton, Myers,
Harckham, Jenkins, Ryan

MEMBERS OF HOUSING & PLANNING: **Chair:** William Burton,
Legislators: Harckham, Myers, Nonna, k
Rogowsky, Spreckman, A. Williams, Jenkins; **Advisory
Members:** Geoffrey Anderson, Albert Annunziata

IN ATTENDANCE: **COBA:** Alonzo West; **SOA:** Robert Buckley,
Bruce Donnelly; **CSEA 9202:** E. Pelliccio;
456: Nick Longo; **CSEA 9200:** Karen Pecora; **SABRE:**
Jane Percwson; **Somers Affordable Housing Board:**
Barry Singer;
League of Women Voters Somers: Polly Kuhn;
Housing Action Council: Tony Hoeltzel, Gregg
DeAngelis, Pierce Poux, Rose Noonan, Jean Pollak;
Somers Planning Board: Eugene Goldenberg; **D.A.'s
Investigator's PBA:** Ed O'Rourke; **Planning:** Norma
Drummond, Deborah DeLong; **Benchmark Research:**
Christine Gagliardi; **Corrections:** Kevin Cheverko, Karl
Vollmer; **LWVW:** Adelaide DiGiordi, Karen Schatzel,
Harriet Leib; **Somers:** Mary Beth Murphy; **Law:** Stacey
Dolgin-Kmetz; **C.E.O.:** Katy Delgado; **Budget:** Arthur
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The Committees on Budget & Appropriations, Public Safety & Security and Housing and Planning were called to order at 9:43 a.m. by their respective Chairmen.

A32. IMA New Rochelle Prisoner Transport Reimbursement: The County reimburses the municipalities only for the amount of time that is required to

transport the prisoners to the County, not the time that is spent in the court room. If the County transported the prisoners, overtime would be involved and vans would have to be purchased. This is for a two years contract, January 1, 2010 through December 31, 2011, amounting to \$448,856. The amount depends on the number of prisoners transported. If there are fewer than anticipated, the amount is less and if more then the contract is amended. On the motion of Legislator Harckham, seconded by Legislator Burton for Budget & Appropriations, the motion was carried by a vote of 9-0 (Spreckman, Burton, Alvarado, Pinto, Rogowsky, Myers, Harckham, Ryan, Jenkins) and on the motion of Legislator Harckham, seconded by Legislator Burton for Public Safety & Security, the motion was carried by a vote of 6-0 (Burton, Pinto, Myers, Harckham, Jenkins, Ryan).

A33. Act IMA Peekskill Prisoner Transport Reimbursement: This two year contract, January 1, 2010 through December 31, 2011, amounts to \$390,000. On the motion of Legislator Harckham, seconded by Legislator Burton for Budget & Appropriations, the motion was carried by a vote of 9-0 (Spreckman, Burton, Alvarado, Pinto, Rogowsky, Myers, Harckham, Ryan, Jenkins) and on the motion of Legislator Harckham, seconded by Legislator Burton for Public Safety & Security, the motion was carried by a vote of 6-0 (Burton, Pinto, Myers, Harckham, Jenkins, Ryan).

A34. Act IMA Yonkers Prisoner Transport Reimbursement: This two year contract, January 1, 2010 through December 31, 2011, amounts to \$649,557. On the motion of Legislator Harckham, seconded by Legislator Burton for Budget & Appropriations, the motion was carried by a vote of 9-0 (Spreckman, Burton, Alvarado, Pinto, Rogowsky, Myers, Harckham, Ryan, Jenkins) and on the motion of Legislator Harckham, seconded by Legislator Burton for Public Safety & Security, the motion was carried by a vote of 6-0 (Burton, Pinto, Myers, Harckham, Jenkins, Ryan).

A35 Act Amending 2008-2009 Peekskill Prisoner Transport IMA: Peekskill had added an additional day called drug court which is amounting to the increase to \$374,088 from \$370,088, an increase of \$4,000. Legislator Rogowsky asked where is this money coming from inasmuch as it is for 2008-2009. If there is no money in the reserve account for this item, it will not be voted on at the Board meeting. On the motion of Legislator Harckham, seconded by Legislator Burton for Budget & Appropriations, the motion was carried by a vote of 9-0 (Spreckman, Burton, Alvarado, Pinto, Rogowsky, Myers, Harckham, Ryan, Jenkins) and on the motion of Legislator Harckham, seconded by Legislator Burton for Public Safety & Security, the motion was carried by a vote of 6-0 (Burton, Pinto, Myers, Harckham, Jenkins, Ryan).

On the motion of Legislator Harckham, seconded by Legislator Burton, Public

Safety & Security was adjourned at 9:54 a.m.

On the motion of Legislator Myers, seconded by Legislator Burton, the Budget & Appropriations minutes of March 22 were accepted.

B5. Hon. Ken Jenkins: Legislative Packet-Mews at Baldwin Place – Somers:

This project consists of a 72 unit senior affordable housing complex in the Town of Somers. There will also be one unit that will be set aside for a superintendent. The property has been appraised at \$2.16 million. An additional \$1.1 million will be needed for parking, lighting, the infrastructure. Twelve of the units will be affordable for seniors at 30 percent of the median income, 38 units will be affordable for seniors at 50% of the median income and 22 units will be affordable for seniors at 60% of the median income. Legislator Jenkins asked for a copy of the support letter for the tax credit that was written in February 2009 and he also asked for an updated list of HIF and New Homes Land money that was put aside for projects with the dates they were requested. Legislator Rogowsky had questions about the amount of money the developer was investing, the total cost of the project, the payment to the developer, etc. Ms. Noonan explained the financial part. Legislator Jenkins said this meeting was for discussion only about the project, no vote would be taken on the project until we heard from the monitor as to whether or not this is part of the stipulation agreement. The Board is expected to hear from him by tomorrow. A meeting will be held by both committees on Monday to sign out this legislation.

On the motion of Legislator Spreckman, seconded by Legislator Rogowsky, the Housing and Planning committee was adjourned at 10:42 a.m.

Legislator Myers informed the Committee that members are still analyzing the \$16 million decrease in the budget as well as the \$160 million deficit for 2011.

On the motion of Legislator Rogowsky, seconded by Legislator Burton, the Budget & Appropriation Committee was adjourned at 10:44 a.m.