

**Joint Meeting of
Committees on Government Operations,
Budget & Appropriations, and Public Safety & Security.
Tuesday, June 10, 2008, 1:00pm
Minutes**

In Attendance:

Government Operations: Leg. Jenkins, Chair, Leg. Bronz, Leg. Burrows, Leg. Burton, Leg. Myers, Leg. Pinto, Leg. Rogowsky, and Leg. Spreckman.

Budget & Appropriations: Leg. José Alvarado, Chair, Leg. Abinanti, Leg. Burton, Leg. Jenkins, Leg. Kaplowitz, Leg. Myers, Leg. Oros, Leg. Rogowsky, Leg. Spreckman, Leg. Williams.

Public Safety: Leg. Pinto, Chair, Leg. Burrows, Leg. Burton, Leg. Jenkins, Leg. Myers, and Leg. Oros.

Others: BOL: Barbara Dodds, Tara Bernard; WCC: Kevin Garvey, Tim Walsh; WCDPS: Demosthenes Long; LWVW: Barbara Strauss, Karen Schatzel; Budget Dept: Anne Reasoner, John Delaney, Arthur Vietro, Angela Owens; Dept. Real Estate: Thomas Hall, Sal Carrera; Dept. Public Works: Ralph Butler; Board of Elections: Carolee Sunderland, Michael Goldstein, Steven Levy; Planning: Fran McLaughlin; CE Office: Deputy County Executive Larry Schwartz; William Randolph, Andrew Neuman, Hope Corbin (intern); Law: Stacey A; Journal News: Glenn Blain; Mack-Cali: Ivan Abry; John Moynihan.

With quorums present, Leg. Alvarado opened the meeting of the Committee on Budget & Appropriations, Leg. Jenkins opened the meeting of the Committee on Government Operations and Leg. Pinto opened the meeting of the Committee on Public Safety.

Committee on Budget & Appropriations items for discussion:

A103. 2007 Operating Budget Transfers: Act amending the 2007 Operating Budget in the amount of \$1,216,018. (BA 6/2/08). Guest: Anne Reasoner. Leg. Rogowsky questioned additional authority for a potential catch all of \$200,000 in the committee report. He recommended that a line be added "Should any additional transfers be needed, this committee will be notified within 24 hours." Moved by Leg. Burton, Seconded by Leg. Jenkins. All in favor as amended.

A104. Transfer Resolution-Water District #1: Resolution transferring funds within the budget for Water District #1 in the total amount of \$329,565. (BA 6/2/08).
Moved by Leg. Jenkins and seconded by Leg. Kaplowitz. All in favor.

A105. Transfer Resolution-Various Departments: Resolution transferring funds within various County departments in the amount of \$8,213,902. (BA 6/2/08). Backup copy to be corrected.
Moved by Leg. Burton, Seconded by Leg. Jenkins. All in favor.

Budget & Appropriations Joint with Public Safety & Security Committee items for discussion:

IMAs-Firing Range: Act authorizing the County of Westchester, to enter into intermunicipal agreements with one or more Westchester County municipal corporations in order to have public safety employees from such municipalities utilize the county's Firing Range for firearms training for a period of five years commencing upon execution. (BA/PSS 6/2/08). Guest: Demosthenes Long. Reviewing a revised IMA to permit use of firing range without debt service, charging municipalities only actual cost of \$62 to run the facility. Discussion on liability for officers—municipalities will cover as if the officer is on the job.

For B&A moved by Leg. Jenkins, seconded by Leg. Rogowsky, all in favor. For PSS moved by Leg. Burrows, seconded by Leg. Burton, all in favor.

Leg. Pinto adjourned PSS: moved by Leg. Burton, seconded by Leg. Burrows, all in favor.

Budget & Appropriations Joint with Government Operations Committee:

78. Water Meter Pit /Backflow Prevention Device: Proposed Act authorizing the County to acquire a permanent easement from the Town of Greenburgh to allow the County to install and maintain a water meter pit and backflow prevention device on Town property. (BA/GO 4/28/08).
Guest: Mr. Garvey, physical plant director WCC. Town water department asked WCC to consolidate water meters into two with a back up – asking for permission to get easement from town of Greenburgh to place one meter under town water tower on campus. For B&A moved by Leg. Oros, seconded by Leg. Rogowsky, all in favor. For GO moved by Leg. Burton, seconded by Leg. Bronz, all in favor.

109. Bond Act-RB2SS-Cortlandt Street over Furnace Brook, Cortlandt: Bond Act authorizing the issuance of bonds in the amount of \$650,000 for the cost of design, construction and construction management in connection with the rehabilitation of the bridge on Cortlandt Street over Furnace Brook in Cortlandt (RB2SS). (BA/GO 5/5/08). Guest: Comm. Butler, Public Works. Leg. Abinanti suggested that all roads be taken over by the towns and villages and the county take over all the bridges.

For B&A moved by Leg. Burton, seconded by Leg. Rogowsky, all in favor. For GO moved by Leg. Rogowsky, seconded by Leg. Bronz, all in favor.

110. Bond Act-RB2RR-Brick Hill Road over Plum Brook, Somers: Bond Act authorizing the issuance of bonds in the amount of \$880,000 for the cost of design, construction and construction management in connection with the rehabilitation of the bridge on Brick Hill Road over Plum Brook in Somers.(BA/GO 5/5/08).

For B&A moved by Leg. Kaplowitz, seconded by Leg. Burton, all in favor. For GO moved by Leg. Pinto, seconded by

111. Bond Act-RB102-Palmer Road and Access Ramps, Yonkers: Bond Act authorizing the issuance of bonds in the amount of \$250,000 for the cost of design in connection with the rehabilitation of approximately 1.66 miles of roadway on Palmer Road in Yonkers. (RB102). (BA/GO 5/5/08).

For B&A moved by Leg. Burton, seconded by Leg. Jenkins, all in favor. For GO moved by Leg. Burrows, seconded by Leg. Spreckman, all in favor.

77. Bond Act B0072-Rehabilitaiton-Passenger Elevators: Proposed Act authorizing the issuance of up to \$1,200,000 in bonds to finance Capital Project B0072, Rehabilitation-Passenger Elevators, 112 East Post Road. (BA/GO 4/28/08).

For B&A moved by Leg. Rogowsky, seconded by Leg. Spreckman, all in favor. For GO moved by Leg. Bronz, seconded by Leg. Burton, all in favor.

81. Bond Act-B015B Interior Infrastructure Repairs, White Plains Complex: Proposed Act authorizing the issuance of \$110,000 in bonds for Capital Project B015BInterior Infrastructure Repairs, White Plains Complex. (BA/GO 4/28/08).

For B&A moved by Leg. Williams, seconded by Leg. Burton, all in favor. For GO moved by Leg. Burrows, seconded by Leg. Spreckman, all in favor.

82. Bond Act B042A-Roof Replacement Program, Various Locations: Proposed Act authorizing the issuance of \$1,550,000 in bonds for Capital Project B042A-Roof Replacement Program, various locations. (BA/GO 4/28/08). Discussion on making “clean roof” instead of “green roof.” Additional weight of “green roof” cannot be handled by some of older County facilities. “Cool” roofs used by DPW provide many of the benefits of “green” roofs without the problems.

For B&A moved by Leg. Williams, seconded by Leg. Spreckman, vote 8-2, Negative: Leg. Rogowsky, Leg. Abinanti. For GO moved by Leg. Myers, seconded by Leg. Burton, vote 7-1, negative: Leg. Rogowsky.

Board of Elections Machine Storage Sites RFPs

Guests: Sal Carrera, Larry Schwartz, Carolee Sunderland

Responses to RFPs, third set received, for site location for storage of voting machines. 1600 machines are on their way to the county. Square footage need was cut back because space for BOE administration was no longer required. Mr. Carrera went through the prices, square footage, parking spaces, price per sq. ft., etc. for the nine RFPs received for: 1 Elm Street, Ardsley; 450 Saw Mill River Rd., Ardsley; 305 South Regent St., Port Chester; 1565 Front Street, Yorktown; 2269 Saw Mill River Rd., Elmsford; 10 County Center, White Plains; 3 Westchester Plaza, Elmsford; 8 Slater Street, Port Chester; and 470 Nepperhan Ave., Yonkers.

Mr. Schwartz confirmed the administration's conclusion that 450 Saw Mill was the best option open and addressed the question of utilizing the additional space in 450 Saw Mill River Rd. Looking at the capital project to build an additional facility for Hawthorne Precinct Headquarters, \$700,000 in design money. The administrative functions of the headquarters can be put into 450 within the \$7 million that would be budgeted for the rehab of the warehouse so the \$9.7 million for the design and construction for the new police admin facility could be taken out of the capital budget and the county police would be right on the site protecting the impounding of voting machines if necessary. He said it presents an opportunity to fill a need at no additional cost to the taxpayers. Using 450 would give more space at headquarters easing the overcrowding there presently.

Discussion ensued regarding the use of the balance from 85,000 sf at 450 Saw Mill--14,000 sf left over after using 15,000 sf for Public Safety administration and 56,000 sf for BOE machine storage. Mr. Carrera said old machines, that have to be kept for several more years, would be stored in the extra space and then the space could be used for extra storage from 2199 Saw Mill River Rd. 375 Executive Blvd. is currently 80,000 square feet but houses storage from several departments.—Mr. Schwartz asked the legislators to make a decision quickly. Hundreds of thousands are being spent in using temporary electricity. With further discussion anticipated, Leg. Alvarado adjourned the B&A Committee, moved by Leg. Burton and seconded by Leg. Jenkins. All in favor. Leg. Jenkins adjourned the GO Committee, moved by Leg. Bronz and seconded by Leg. Spreckman. All in favor.