

August 2, 2019

TO: Hon. Benjamin Boykin, Chair
Hon. Alfreda Williams, Vice Chair
Hon. Catherine Parker, Majority Leader
Hon. John Testa, Minority Leader

FROM: George Latimer
Westchester County Executive



RE: Message Requesting Immediate Consideration: **Act – Amendment to
2019 County Operating Budget & 2019 Airport Operating Budget.**

This will confirm my request that the Board of Legislators allow submission of the referenced communication to be submitted to the Board of Legislators August 5, 2019 Agenda.

Transmitted herein is an Act authorizing the amendment of the 2019 County Operating Budget and the 2019 Airport Operating Budget.

Therefore, since this communication is of the utmost importance, it is respectfully submitted that the County Board of Legislators accepts this submission for August 2, 2019 “blue sheet” calendar.

Thank you for your prompt attention to this matter.



George Latimer
County Executive

August 2, 2019

Westchester County Board of Legislators
800 Michaelian Office Building
148 Martine Avenue
White Plains, NY 10601

Honorable Members of The Board of Legislators:

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Pursuant to Section 167.121 of the Laws of Westchester County, this Act requires authorization by the Board of Legislators.

On June 30th, the Governor signed the Westchester County Property Taxpayer Protection Act into law. The attached act amending the county budget fulfills the commitments I have made to our State Delegation, your Honorable Board, and most importantly the people of Westchester County.

This act removes from the budget the \$23 million of revenues associated with the sale of the commuter parking lots, adds \$5 million to the County's unrestricted general fund balance, and provides sufficient spending authority for the County to make its full pension contribution without amortization and distribute over \$20 million in new non-property tax revenues to our municipalities and school districts.

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Therefore, I recommend the approval of the attached Act amending the 2019 County Operating Budget in the amount of \$39,420,000, and the 2019 Airport Operating Budget in the amount of \$2,844,000.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "George Latimer", written in a cursive style.

George Latimer
County Executive

Attachment

TO THE HONORABLE BOARD OF LEGISLATORS
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Additionally, as this amendment increases appropriation for pension contribution by more than \$4 million, Board of Legislators approval is required pursuant to Act 197 of 2011 prior to the Commissioner of Finance making such payment to the State Comptroller. Adoption of this act would constitute such prior approval.

Therefore, the committee recommends the approval of the attached Act amending the 2019 County Operating Budget in the amount of \$39,420,000, and the 2019 Airport Operating Budget in the amount of \$2,844,000.

Your Committee is informed that an affirmative vote of the majority of the total voting power of your Honorable Board is required before the County may adopt the attached Act.

After review and careful consideration, your Committee recommends favorable action upon the proposed Act.

Dated:

White Plains, New York

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

SUBJECT: 2019 Budget Amend

NO FISCAL IMPACT PROJECTED

OPERATING BUDGET IMPACT

To Be Completed by Submitting Department and Reviewed by Budget

SECTION A - FUND

GENERAL FUND

AIRPORT FUND

SPECIAL DISTRICTS FUND

SECTION B - EXPENSES AND REVENUES

Total Current Year Expense \$ 42,264,000

Total Current Year Revenue \$ 42,264,000

Source of Funds (check one): Current Appropriations Transfer of Existing Appropriations

Additional Appropriations

Other (explain)

Identify Accounts: General Fund = \$39,420,000 and Airport Fund = \$2,844,000

Potential Related Operating Budget Expenses: Annual Amount _____

Describe: _____

Potential Related Operating Budget Revenues: Annual Amount _____

Describe: _____

Anticipated Savings to County and/or Impact on Department Operations:

Current Year: _____

Next Four Years: _____

Prepared by: Gideon Grande

Title: Deputy Director

Department: Budget

Date: August 1, 2019

Reviewed By:



Budget Director

Date:

8/1/19

BE IT ENACTED by the Board of Legislators of the County of Westchester as follows:

SECTION 1. The 2019 County Operating Budget shall be amended as follows:

EXPENDITURES:

Board of Elections

Annual Regular Salary (101-14-1000-1010)	+	300,000
Overtime (101-14-1000-1400)	+	500,000
Additional Equipment (101-14-1000-2400)	+	600,000
Printing & Office Supplies (101-14-1000-3600)	+	500,000
Contractual Services (101-14-1000-4380)	+	250,000
Technical Services (101-14-1000-4420)	+	1,000,000
Services by Public Safety (101-14-1000-5390)	+	275,000

Department of Law

Insurance (101-18-2000-4280)	+	100,000
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Department of Senior Programs & Services

Comprehensive Program for the Aging (101-24-1000-4957)	+	825,000
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Department of Health

Committee on Pre-School Special Education (101-27-2700-4536)	+	150,000
Special Education Tuition (101-27-2700-4538)	+	800,000
Early Intervention (101-27-2700-4541)	+	2,200,000

Department of Public Safety

Overtime (101-38-2000-1400)	+	1,779,000
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Department of Parks

Non Recurring Repairs (165-42-5000-4310)	+	260,000
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Department of Transportation

Bus Operating Assistance (101-44-2100-4924)	+	2,000,000
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Department of Public Works

Contractual Services (101-46-3400-4380)	+	1,100,000
Technical Services (101-46-3300-4420)	+	350,000

Miscellaneous Budget

NYS Pension (101-52-1500-1650)	+	4,821,000
18-B Indigent Criminal Defense - Felony (101-52-2090-5100)	+	542,000
18-B Indigent Criminal Defense - Misdemeanor (101-52-2091-5100)	+	871,000
Municipal and School SUT Distribution (101-52-2102-5100)	+	20,148,000
Out of County Community College (101-52-2115-5100)	+	1,060,000
WCC Sponsor Contribution (101-52-2165-5100)	-	6,011,000
Contribution to Fund Balance (101-52-8000-5100)	+	5,000,000

TOTAL GENERAL FUND EXPENSE 39,420,000

REVENUES:

Board of Elections		
State Aid (101-14-1000-9734)	+	1,154,000
Department of Law		
State Aid - Adolescent Offender Services (101-18-1000-9720)	-	890,000
County Clerk		
Departmental Income (101-21-0200-9289)	-	500,000
Department of Social Services		
State Aid - Foster Care Block Grant (101-22-8900-9718)	-	1,914,000
Department of Health		
Other Government - Medicaid Recoveries (101-27-0010-9221)	+	600,000
State Aid - Early Intervention (101-27-2700-9704)	+	1,078,000
State Aid - Education of Children (101-27-2700-9705)	+	565,000
Department of Public Safety		
Inter-Departmental Billings (101-38-2000-9508)	+	275,000
Department of Transportation		
Departmental Income (101-44-2100-9289)	-	1,000,000
State Transportation Operating Assistance (101-44-2100-9734)	+	3,000,000
Department of Parks		
Sale of Property (165-42-1100-9599)	-	23,000,000
Golf Fees - Maple Moor (165-42-3100-9240)	-	600,000
Facility Rent (165-42-7150-9107)	-	135,000
Debt Service		
Debt Service Contribution from WCC (131-51-2100-9689)	-	6,011,000
Miscellaneous Budget		
Mortgage Recording Tax (101-52-1000-9031)	-	863,000
Sales and Use Tax (101-52-1000-9032)	+	68,061,000
Room Occupancy Tax (101-52-1000-9034)	-	400,000
TOTAL GENERAL FUND REVENUE		39,420,000

SECTION 2. The 2019 Airport Budget shall be amended as follows:

EXPENDITURES:

Westchester County Airport		
PFC Transfer to Capital Fund (161-44-4110-4452)	+	2,844,000
TOTAL AIRPORT EXPENSE		2,844,000

REVENUES:

Westchester County Airport

Recognition of PFC Revenue (161-44-4110-9100) + 2,844,000

TOTAL AIRPORT REVENUE 2,844,000

SECTION 3. This ACT shall take effect immediately.