

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE
OF THE
DUTCHESS COUNTY LEGISLATURE

Thursday, April 9, 2026, 5:40 p.m.

Committee Vice Chair Rhodes called the committee to order at 5:49 p.m.

PRESENT: 11 ATKINS, HOUSE, JOHNSON, KAUL, METZGER, MUNN, POLASEK,
RHODES, TRESKA, VALDÉS SMITH, WINSBY

ABSENT: 1 BRENDLI

PRESENT/LATE: 0

QUORUM PRESENT

Presentations and Reports

Presentation on Resolution 2026064 by Commissioner Balkind

Privilege of the Floor with respect to printed agenda items

None.

Resolutions considered out of numerical order will be placed in numerical order for fluidity

2026064 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$10,460,765 SERIAL BONDS OF THE COUNTY OF DUTCHESS, NEW YORK, TO PAY A PORTION OF THE COST OF BRIDGE, CULVERT AND HIGHWAY IMPROVEMENTS IN AND FOR SAID COUNTY (Discussion Only)

Discussion: Legislature Chair Valdes Smith asked Commissioner Balkind if increasing expenditures were a product of increased project load or increased operational costs. Commissioner Balkind explained that the increasing expenditures are due to increased operational costs.

Legislator Lawler asked about culverts. Commissioner Balkind spoke about the complex regulations and guidance on culvert design.

Committee Vice Chair Rhodes asked about the scoring system, and Legislator Alexander was recognized to ask a further question regarding scoring.

Legislator Johnson asked about future roundabouts in Dutchess, and Commissioner Balkind said the County is in the design phase for a roundabout in Red Oaks Mill.

Legislator Drago was recognized and thanked Commissioner Balkind for the work the County snow removal team does to keep residents safe during winter, and further asked about how the County participates in State infrastructure projects. Commissioner Balkind explained that the County offers feedback and requests on various aspects of State infrastructure projects within the County.

2026063 AUTHORIZING CONDEMNATION PROCEEDING TO ACQUIRE A TEMPORARY EASEMENT ON REAL PROPERTY OWNED BY 789 SALISBURY TURNPIKE LLC IN CONNECTION WITH BRIDGE M-20, SALISBURY TURNPIKE (CR 53) OVER LITTLE WAPPINGER CREEK REPLACEMENT PROJECT, IN THE TOWN OF MILAN

Moved by Majority Leader Atkins, seconded by Assistant Majority Leader Munn.

Discussion: None

The Public Works Committee unanimously advanced the foregoing Resolution.

Other Business

Assistant Majority Leader Munn invited the Legislators in attendance to offer Commissioner Balkind a standing ovation in recognition of his service to the County in light of his pending retirement.

There being no further business, Committee Chair Brendli adjourned the Committee meeting at 6:18 p.m.