

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE
OF THE
DUTCHESS COUNTY LEGISLATURE

Thursday, July 9, 2026, 5:30 p.m.

Committee Chair Brendli called the committee to order at 5:32 p.m.

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

ABSENT: 0

PRESENT/LATE: 0 JOHNSON

QUORUM PRESENT

Before proceeding with the meeting, Committee Chair Brendli offered his gratitude to all of the first responders who have been responding to the serious July 4 storms, and wished a speedy recovery to the utility lineman who was injured while working.

Presentations and Reports

None.

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

2026096 A Resolution authorizing the preliminary design and environmental studies for various proposed County building improvements, in and for the County of Dutchess, New York, at a maximum estimated cost of \$1,186,750, and authorizing the issuance of \$1,186,750 bonds of said County to pay the cost thereof.

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

Discussion: None.

The Public Works Committee unanimously advanced the foregoing Resolution, with Legislator Johnson absent.

2026097 A Resolution authorizing the issuance of \$2,020,000 serial bonds of the County of Dutchess, New York, to pay the cost of the purchase and installation of a card swipe access control system at County buildings, in and for said County.

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

Discussion: None.

The Public Works Committee unanimously advanced the foregoing Resolution, with Legislator Johnson absent.

2026098 Authorizing the issuance of an additional \$489,749 bonds of the County of Dutchess, New York, to pay a portion of the cost of the culvert replacement on County Route 49 (Titusville Road), in and for said County.

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

Discussion: Legislator Drago thanked DPW for confirming that there would be no harm to wildlife caused by this project.

The Public Works Committee unanimously advanced the foregoing Resolution, with Legislator Johnson absent.

2026108 Authorizing the standardization of the Brivo access control system for Dutchess County buildings and facilities in accordance with Dutchess County Administrative Code Section 28.04.

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

Discussion: Legislature Chair Valdes Smith thanked Commissioner Whalen for having answered questions about the matter and asked about the lifespan of the new system and how employees will be affected by the installation and transition to the new system.

Commissioner Whalen indicated it would likely be done on a building-by-building basis which could affect employees who need to access multiple buildings, but that most employees only need to access one building. He further said there is a possibility that the employees existing keycards may be compatible with the new system.

Legislature Chair Valdes Smith asked when the project will take place. Commissioner Whalen said the funding should arrive before the end of 2026 and the project will be underway by the start of 2027.

Legislator Rhodes asked about cost savings for OCIS. Commissioner Whalen wasn't sure about how much money would be saved but indicated the savings will be generated by a switch to a cloud-based system which will make troubleshooting easier.

The Public Works Committee unanimously advanced the foregoing Resolution, with Legislator Johnson absent.

Legislator Johnson entered the chambers.

2026109 Authorizing the execution of an intermunicipal agreement for public works shared services with various municipalities within Dutchess County.

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

Discussion: Legislator Kaul thanked Commissioner Whalen for answering questions about snow removal but asked for clarification. Commissioner Whalen indicated that former Commissioner Balkind had included language in a memo to explain that certain functions for snow plowing are not contracted.

The Public Works Committee unanimously advanced the foregoing Resolution.

2026110 Consenting to the issuance by the Dutchess County Water and Wastewater Authority of its service agreement revenue notes and bonds.

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

Discussion: Legislator Kaul asked what the term 'deteriorated water condition' means. Jonathan Churins, Director of the Dutchess County Water and Wastewater Authority indicated that he could provide specifics offline.

Legislator Rhodes asked about avoidance of costs. Director Churins said he did not have an exact number but that it would be a significant cost to install a well because the substrata are not compatible.

The Public Works Committee unanimously advanced the foregoing Resolution.

Other Business

None.

There being no further business, Committee Chair Brendli adjourned the Committee meeting at 5:46 p.m.