



**PUTNAM COUNTY EXECUTIVE
KEVIN M. BYRNE**

MEMORANDUM

Date: November 7, 2025

To: Putnam County Legislature

Cc: Diane E. Trabulsy, Clerk
Putnam County Legislature

From: Kevin M. Byrne
County Executive

A handwritten signature of Kevin M. Byrne, consisting of a stylized 'K' and 'B' enclosed within an oval.

Re: FY2026 Adopted Budget

Encl: County Executive Budget Adoption Messages for Resolutions #270-303; County Executive Memo on "Historian's Office Budget;" Law Department Memo on "Homeowner Tax Relief Program;" and County Executive Memo on "Proposed Agricultural Navigator Position"

Pursuant to Section 7.04 of the Putnam County Charter, I have reviewed the changes, alterations, and revisions made by the Legislature to this Administration's 2026 Tentative Budget, and respectfully submit the following completed resolutions (#270 through #303 of 2025) and corresponding messages that detail my response.

Note that these approved Resolutions are being returned to you ahead of the November 8 deadline set forth in the County Charter. Thank you for your attention to these Budget Adoption Messages.

Resolution #270

Approval – Move Copier Chargebacks to Correct Budget Line

(Office of Senior Resources)



The requested modification was justified in Committee.

Resolution #271

Approval – Putnam Arts Council

(Outside Agency)

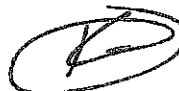


The requested modification was justified in Committee.

Resolution #272

Approval – Putnam Recreation Programs (PRP)

(Outside Agency)

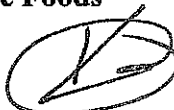


The requested modification was justified in Committee.

Resolution #273

Approval – Second Chance Foods

(Outside Agency)



The requested modification was justified in Committee.

Resolution #274

Approval – Career Support Solutions

(Outside Agency)



The requested modification was justified in Committee.

Resolution #275

New Outside Agency Spending – Hudson Valley Shakespeare

(Outside Agency)



While new funding for the arts and culture may be worthwhile, the Putnam Arts Council, whose grants go to support arts and cultural activities to various nonprofits and organizations across Putnam County, is already receiving a County contribution of \$55,000 in the FY2026 Adopted Budget, an increase of \$2,891 over the Tentative Budget. This seems to be a more appropriate method of providing support to the arts.

Moving forward, Putnam County should also remain mindful of the state's restrictions related to "gift of public funds" to ensure each appropriation to an outside agency be done with the intention of engaging in a contract for a proper public service and public benefit.

As it pertains to Hudson Valley Shakespeare, Putnam County has partnered with the organization to ensure it receives millions of dollars in funds from the Federal government in addition to a modest county appropriation processed earlier this year (2025).

I recognize that the Budget process is inherently a product of compromise, and I will not let the perfect be the enemy of the good. Acknowledging that this resolution passed the Legislature unanimously, I will not exercise a veto. Accordingly, this resolution will go into effect without my signature.

Resolution #276

New Outside Agency Spending – Garrison Arts Center

(Outside Agency)



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As it pertains to the Garrison Arts Center, Putnam County has already partnered with the organization earlier this year (2025) to ensure it received a modest county contribution. In doing so, I advised the Legislature of the availability of the Putnam Arts Council regrant program as a more suitable option in the future.

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Resolution #277

New Outside Agency Spending - Boscobel

(Outside Agency)



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Moving forward, Putnam County should also remain mindful of the state's restrictions related to "gift of public funds" to ensure each appropriation to an outside agency be done with the intention of engaging in a contract for a proper public service and public benefit.

As it pertains to Boscobel, Putnam County has already partnered with the organization earlier this year (2025) to ensure it received a modest county contribution. The 2026 Tentative Budget had included a new appropriation for Boscobel tailored to address a portion of their requested funding and to support the County's efforts toward celebrating the 250th Anniversary of American Independence. The increase passed by the Legislature goes beyond that amount.

I recognize that the Budget process is inherently a product of compromise, and I will not let the perfect be the enemy of the good. Acknowledging that this resolution passed the Legislature unanimously, I will not exercise a veto. Accordingly, this resolution will go into effect without my signature.

Resolution #278

Approval – Coordinator for Office for Disabilities

(Social Services, Mental Health & Youth Bureau)

The requested modification was justified in Committee.



Recognizing the value and importance of this position, the Tentative Budget provided a substantial adjustment to the position's compensation. I appreciate the Legislature's acknowledgement of this important work by enhancing it even further.

Resolution #279

Approval – SPOA Coordinator (Adults)

(Social Services, Mental Health & Youth Bureau)



The requested modification was justified in Committee. This modification restores the compensation back to what was in an earlier draft of the Tentative Budget.

The Tentative Budget had been modified at the Department Head's request in the interest of fairness and to maintain consistency with other coordinator positions. Since the Legislature made similar modifications to other positions, I find this adjustment to be more than fair and warranted.

Resolution #280

Approval – Dual Recovery Coordinator

(Social Services, Mental Health & Youth Bureau)



The requested modification was justified in Committee. The Tentative Budget had funded an increase in compensation to this position. This resolution further enhances that modification. Since the Legislature made similar modifications to other positions, I find this adjustment to be more than fair and warranted.

Resolution #281

Approval – Crisis Intervention Specialist

(Social Services, Mental Health & Youth Bureau)

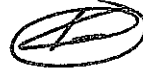


The requested modification was justified in Committee. The Tentative Budget had funded an increase in compensation to this position. This resolution further enhances that modification. Since the Legislature made similar modifications to other positions, I find this adjustment to be more than fair and warranted.

Resolution #282

Approval – Director of Child/Family Services

(Social Services, Mental Health & Youth Bureau)



The requested modification was justified in Committee. The Tentative Budget had funded an increase in compensation to this position. This resolution further enhances that modification. While this adjustment may cause increased compression within the existing salary structure in the department, the importance of this position and the justification presented in the Legislature merits its approval.

Resolution #283

Approval – Deputy Youth Director

(Social Services, Mental Health & Youth Bureau)



The requested modification was justified in Committee. The Tentative Budget had funded an increase in compensation to this position. This resolution further enhances that modification. While this adjustment may cause increased compression within the existing salary structure in the department, the importance of this position and the justification presented in the Legislature merits its approval.

Resolution #284

Approval – County Auditor

(Auditing)



The requested modification was justified in Committee, and from the 2025 Catapult Salary Study. The Auditor for the County does a remarkable job and I am pleased to see the value of their work recognized by both branches of government. I enthusiastically approve.

Resolution #285

Approval – Audit Manager

(Auditing)



The requested modification was justified in Committee, and from the 2025 Catapult Salary Study. The Auditing Department does a remarkable job, and I am pleased to see the value of their work recognized by both branches of government. I enthusiastically approve.

Resolution #286

Approval – Deputy County Auditor

(Auditing)



The requested modification was justified in Committee, and from the 2025 Catapult Salary Study. The Auditing Department does a remarkable job, and I am pleased to see the value of their work recognized by both branches of government. I enthusiastically approve.

Resolution #287

Approval – Deputy Clerk

(Legislature)



The requested modification was justified in Committee, and from the 2025 Catapult Salary Study. The Deputy Clerk of the Legislature is a critical position to the Legislative branch. I am pleased to see the position recognized by both branches of government. I enthusiastically approve.

Resolution #288

Approval – Caseworker Assistant

(Office of Senior Resources)



The requested modification was justified in Committee.

Resolution #289

Approval – County Historian

(Office of Historian)



The requested modification was justified in Committee and is consistent with the 2025 Catapult Salary Study when scaling the position up to a full-time position. This position had already received a sizeable enhancement in the Tentative Budget, following the recommendations from the Catapult Study, to make it less than full-time, benefit eligible, and with a 25% salary increase. Once members of the Legislature sought clarity on what it would likely cost for it to be full-time, I provided a memo (*enclosed for convenience*) recommending a full-time position be compensated at no less than \$70,000 per year. I'm pleased to see the Legislature not only agrees but sought to further enhance the compensation to help ensure history in Putnam County is celebrated for many years to come. I enthusiastically approve.

Resolution #290

Approval – Commissioner Salary

(General Services)



The requested modification was justified in Committee. This position has helped the County identify and realize tremendous savings. The leader of this department is one of the most reliable, hard-working individuals in county government. I enthusiastically approve.

Resolution #291

Approval – Chargeback Revenue

(Multiple Departments and Agencies)



The requested modification was justified in Committee.

Resolution #292

Approval – Buckle Up Grant

(Sheriff's Office)



The requested modification was justified in Committee.

Resolution #293

Approval – Agriculture

(Legislature)

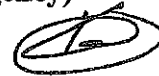


The requested modification was justified in Committee. I appreciate the Legislature's increased engagement on agriculture.

Resolution #294

Approval – Advertising (Move to Sub-contingency)

(Tourism)



The advertising budget provides Putnam County with the resources to keep residents and visitors informed of events and attractions as well as places to stay, dine, and shop closer to home. The advertising budget also allows Putnam County to promote distinctly local events which the statewide I LOVE NEW YORK program would not otherwise consider due to additional requirements and restrictions. By moving a portion of this funding into sub-contingency, it affords both the Legislature and the Executive the opportunity to revisit this issue in the future. I look forward to this discussion as the County seeks to partner on local initiatives to promote tourism and foster a more vibrant local economy.

Accordingly, this resolution is hereby approved.

Resolution #295

Approval – Chargeback Revenue

(Multiple Departments and Agencies)

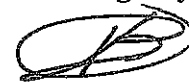


The requested modification was justified in Committee.

Resolution #296

Approval – Potential “Homeowner Tax Relief Program” (Sub-contingency)

(Finance)



The potential for a “Homeowner Tax Relief Program” was discussed during Legislative committee budget meetings. However, this discussion was not accompanied with any corresponding resolution or program that would allow this hypothetical program to be legally effectuated. To date, no such resolution or program has been provided to this Administration for consideration.

From following Legislative discussion during public meetings, this Administration recognizes the Legislature’s stated intent to create a new, temporary, taxpayer-funded proposal, reflected in Resolution #296, which increases the 2026 County Budget by an additional \$6.5 million in new spending. While I appreciate the Legislature’s desire to provide additional tax relief beyond what we have already provided, the Legislature should remain mindful that there are numerous legal and logistical impediments to implementing such a program. A recent memorandum (*memo enclosed for convenience*) from the Law Department outlines some of these concerns.

In addition to questions regarding this type of program's legality, another practical concern is one of timing and personnel to support it. Since such a program would require enabling legislation from the State of New York, this would delay the effectiveness of such a program till the said legislation could become law after it is signed by the Governor. Such a timeline would likely bring us to the fall of 2026, already amid the budget process for 2027 County Budget, making it nearly impossible to effectuate it next year. Separately, no funding was identified by the Legislature to support the cost of operating this potential program.

These concerns notwithstanding, I laud this Legislature's desire and efforts to find new, creative ways to provide tax relief. Since taking office, this Administration—working with members of this Legislature—has delivered more than \$10 million in tax relief. This is represented by approximately \$2.5 million in property tax cuts to the levy (including a \$1 million cut to the levy in the 2026 Budget) and three years of targeted sales tax cuts estimated at \$7.5+ million in savings.

By placing this new potential spending into sub-contingency, it affords both the Legislature and the Executive the opportunity to do its due diligence and revisit this issue in the future.

In the meantime, Putnam County will solicit additional guidance from the Office of the New York State Comptroller (OSC), New York State Tax & Finance, NYS Legislature, and the IRS about the effectiveness of such a proposal and the legality of its administration.

Should this type of program be deemed unlawful, then I look forward to discussing other ways to utilize these dollars to responsibly and lawfully provide tax relief. Appropriating all or a portion of it to the County's Tax Stabilization Fund, as suggested by some legislators during budget meetings, would be a responsible consideration to help limit the County's reliance on property taxes in future years. Accordingly, this resolution is hereby approved.

Resolution #297

Approval – Agriculture Program (Ag Navigator Move to Sub-contingency)

(Cornell Cooperative Extension)



As previously presented and shared in detail, this Administration has worked diligently to move forward and turn the page past the conflicts in the Legislature related to agriculture, the Agricultural and Farmland Protection Board ("Ag Board"), and the Agricultural District. A memorandum detailing the history of this work and the purpose of a part-time "Ag Navigator" responsibility was provided to the Legislature on October 20, 2025 (*memo enclosed for convenience*).

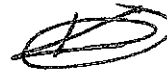
While this proposal is new for Putnam County, the concept itself is well-established elsewhere. It would enhance Cornell Cooperative Extension's (CCE) existing duties as a representative on the Ag Board to assist the greater farming community. In recent years, disagreements within the Legislature over agricultural policy and governance have unfortunately led to delays, legal disputes, and frustration among all stakeholders. The Ag Navigator would help serve an effective means to ensure better coordination and communication among the Legislature, Ag Board, future applicants to the County's Agricultural District, and the general public.

By moving a portion of this funding into sub-contingency, it affords both the Legislature and the Executive the opportunity to revisit this issue in the future. I look forward to Legislative engagement on this issue. Accordingly, this resolution is hereby approved.

Resolution #298

Approval – Food Insecurity (New Outside Agency Spending to Sub-contingency)

(Outside Agencies)



This Administration agrees with the Legislature that food insecurity is an obstacle to the health and well-being of Putnam County residents, especially seniors and low-income families with children. Presently, there is approximately 2,885 Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) recipients in Putnam County, about a third of whom are seniors. At its November 5 Full Legislative Meeting, the Legislature voted to address gaps in current SNAP funding associated with the federal government shutdown. By leveraging existing relationships with contracted agencies and their affiliated food pantries, Putnam County expects to meet heightened demand for food aid for the balance of the calendar year. This new appropriation for fiscal year 2026 will help prepare Putnam County in addressing its responsibilities to low and no-income residents in need.

By placing this funding into sub-contingency, it affords both the Legislature and the Executive the opportunity to revisit this issue in the future. Accordingly, this resolution is hereby approved.

Resolution #299

Approval – Offset Changes

(Use of Fund Balance)



The requested modification was justified in Committee.

Resolution #300

Approval – 2026 Budget Resolutions



The requested modification was justified in Committee.

Resolution #301 - #303

Approval – Resolutions Adopting the Budget for the Fiscal Year 2026



The requested modification was justified in Committee. This budget is a result of compromise.

It honors our obligations, supports essential services, addresses long over-looked recruitment and retention issues, all while delivering tax relief where it matters.

As promised, the 2026 County Budget delivers the LARGEST property tax cut in Putnam County history. Well done!



**PUTNAM COUNTY EXECUTIVE
KEVIN M. BYRNE**

MEMORANDUM

To: Members of the Putnam County Legislature

From: Kevin M. Byrne, County Executive 

Cc: Paul Eldridge, Personnel Officer

Date: October 20, 2025

Subject: Follow-Up Regarding Historian's Office Budget

This memorandum serves as a follow-up to comments made during the Legislature's Budget Meeting on Personnel concerning the Historian's Office.

First and foremost, I want to acknowledge the tremendous work being done by Putnam County Historian Jennifer Cassidy. Year after year, she has demonstrated her dedication and professionalism, going above and beyond for the people of Putnam County, their shared heritage, and the many stakeholders across our historical community. From initiatives such as Revolutionary Putnam County to her work on Sybil Ludington, Constitution Island, and more, she has proven to be a constant collaborator with County departments, local municipalities, and community organizations.

The Department's Requested Budget accurately reflects what was submitted by the Historian's Office. This can be confirmed by the supporting documentation provided to the Executive, the Legislature, and the Auditor. Likewise, the Tentative Budget is also accurate and, like many other management recommendations, aligns with a recommendation of the Catapult Salary Study presented to the Legislature in September.

That said, while the Catapult Study accounted for an increase, due in part to an increase in hours, and corresponding benefits, it did not describe converting the position to full-time status. That is because counties throughout the region vary as to whether their historians serve in a full- or part-time capacity. Should the Legislature wish to consider making the County Historian position full-time, I recommend that the same Catapult Salary Study be used to inform any modification to compensation. On page 27, the study recommends a salary increase under the assumption that the position remains "less than full-time."

However, the *Position Placement* Summary on page 38 identifies the County Historian as a Grade 2 position, with the *Proposed Management Salary Structure* on page 10 beginning at \$68,288 for a full-time role.

Accordingly, if the Legislature elects to enhance this position to full time, I believe based on the incumbent's experience and performance, and consistent with the data presented in the Catapult Study (pages 10 and 38), that the salary should begin at no less than \$70,000. This applies to the same reference point cited by members of the Legislature when considering other personnel adjustments, such as within the Auditing Department and legislative staff, and helps ensure a more consistent approach across departments.

The personnel change reflected in the Tentative Budget was developed with this approach in mind, though it maintains the "less than full-time" designation in recognition that peak activity associated mainly with "Rev250" programming will likely subside after 2026. That said, given the recognition and appreciation for the Historian's contributions, I would understand if the Legislature wished to continue this elevated level of service as a new standard reflected in the County's budget.

Source:

September 18, 2025 – Putnam County Legislature Personnel Committee Meeting
<https://putnamcountyny.gov/images/Departments/Legislature/Meetings/2025/09-September/Agendas/Personnel-9-18-25.pdf>

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DEPARTMENT OF LAW

MEMORANDUM

To: Kevin M. Byrne, County Executive
Cc: C. Compton Spain, County Attorney
From: Law Department
John B. Cherico, First Deputy County Attorney
Date: November 4, 2025
Re: *Legality of Proposed Tax Relief Program*

Overview

At the October 14, 2025 Legislative Meeting, Legislator Jonke proposed giving a \$200 "inflation rebate" to owner-occupied property owners in Putnam County. The funding would come from the County's unassigned fund balance, which currently totals about \$78.3 million.

After discussion, legislators and counsel raised several concerns, and the proposal was adjusted to set aside the funds in a subcontingency account for further study. Legislator Montgomery suggested instead focusing on expanding existing tax relief programs that have already been reviewed and approved under state law.

The County Executive requested that our office review the legal and practical feasibility of this proposal.

Key Findings

1. Unassigned Funds Are Not Yet Available

Under County procedures, the Legislature cannot use unassigned funds unless the County Executive formally certifies that the money is available for a specific purpose. This has not yet occurred. Until that certification happens, these funds cannot legally be appropriated.

2. Local Tax Rebates Require State Approval

State law gives New York exclusive control over how local taxes are levied and managed. Counties cannot create or modify tax rebate programs on their own. Any program that changes how property taxes are distributed or refunded must first be approved by the State Legislature.

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**This office will not accept service via facsimile*

3. Budget Rules Limit Use of Funds

The County's budget laws require that any spending serve a clear county purpose—such as maintaining operations, providing services, or addressing emergencies. A general rebate to homeowners does not meet that standard. The Commissioner of Finance also advised against using reserves for nonessential spending during ongoing federal funding uncertainty.

4. State Constitution Bars "Gifts" of Public Money

The New York State Constitution prohibits local governments from giving public funds to private individuals unless there is a legitimate public purpose and public benefit. A blanket payment to property owners would be considered a private benefit, not a public one, and therefore not allowed.

In a past case, the State Comptroller rejected a similar plan in Onondaga County that would have reimbursed homeowners for property value loss near a landfill. Even that proposal—linked to a government project—was ruled unconstitutional. A general inflation rebate would not meet even that threshold, as was discussed in the committee meeting.

5. Fairness and Equal Protection Concerns

Limiting rebates to "owner-occupied" properties could unintentionally discriminate against certain residents, such as retirees or part-time homeowners who don't live in their homes full-time. Because New York's Constitution now provides broader equal protection rights, including protections against age discrimination, this could expose the County to legal challenges.

Additionally, once property tax bills are finalized, refunds can only be issued under specific state programs like STAR. The Legislature cannot legally create new rebate programs after taxes have been collected.

Conclusion

While the goal of providing financial relief to residents is understandable and well-intentioned, the proposed rebate program is **not legally feasible** under current County and State law.

In summary:

- The funds are not certified or available for appropriation.
- The County lacks authority to create a new rebate program without State approval.
 - Such approval could be sought, but it is unlikely that the state would offer up suggestions, rather a viable structure would need to first be proposed that they could review and comment on, and no such proposal has currently been presented.
- The plan could violate State budget laws and the Constitution's ban on gifts of public money.
 - This constitutional problem is the core of the trouble with this proposal and is why Legislator Montgomery's suggestion of helping within the structure of already state approved programs is a well taken and good suggestion for a path forward for these efforts.
- It may also create fairness and equal protection issues, as discussed above.

For these reasons, our office does not recommend moving forward with the inflation rebate as proposed. Instead, we suggest continuing to explore legally approved methods of tax relief, such as expanding or enhancing existing state-authorized programs.



**PUTNAM COUNTY EXECUTIVE
KEVIN M. BYRNE**

MEMORANDUM

Date: October 20, 2025

To: Daniel G. Birmingham
Chairman, Rules, Enactments and Intergovernmental Relations Committee

Cc: Barbara Barosa
Commissioner of Planning, Development and Public Transportation

Putnam County Agricultural and Farmland Protection Board

Cornell Cooperative Extension of Putnam County

Dutchess-Putnam-Westchester County Farm Bureau

From: Kevin M. Byrne
County Executive

Re: Budget and Finance Meeting - Proposed Agricultural Navigator Position

Thank you for your correspondence in advance of the October 20 Budget and Finance Committee meeting. I appreciate the Committee's interest in the Agricultural Navigator initiative outlined in the FY 2026 Executive (Tentative) Budget Address, and I hope this memorandum assists in providing all interested parties additional background and clarity. As stated during my remarks, the state of agriculture in Putnam County requires renewed attention and support (<https://putnamcountyny.gov/26budget>).

To clarify: the Agricultural Navigator is not a new County position. It is a responsibility, a set of functions, identified as essential to improving communication, avoiding unnecessary litigation, and ensuring an efficient, objective Agricultural District application and review process. Should CCE, as a member of the Ag Board, determine that expanding this role into a distinct staff position is appropriate and financially sustainable, that would fall under their discretion. This clarification aligns with my public statements made to the Legislature during the October 1 Budget Presentation.

In recent years, disagreements within the Legislature over agricultural policy and governance have unfortunately led to delays, legal disputes, and frustration among all stakeholders. This was further complicated by the former Legislative Chairman's decision to terminate the former volunteer Chair of the Ag Board. This Administration is focused on turning the page, resolving these issues constructively, and building stronger partnerships moving forward. Integrating the Agricultural Navigator responsibility into Cornell Cooperative Extension's (CCE) contract is one way to help ensure better coordination and communication among all involved parties. While this idea may be receiving renewed attention now, members of the Legislature and farming community were engaged in discussing the idea earlier this year.

3 In March, during my State of the County Address, I announced plans to host a *Future of Farming Roundtable* that brought together farmers, agricultural leaders, and local officials from across the region. That event took place on March 21 at the Lake Peekskill Community Center, and all Legislators were invited (Putnam NY Executive Kevin Byrne says he'll address farmers' concerns). While the panel itself was invite-only, the meeting was open to the public, recorded, and remains available on the County's YouTube Channel (https://youtu.be/6l7T_Ch8E2Y?si=YPvsAoN6RJuSEkrd).

During the Roundtable, which included a Legislator as a panelist, participants discussed numerous challenges and potential solutions. One idea mentioned was the creation of an Agricultural Navigator, modeled after the successful program in Dutchess County.

Dutchess County's approach evolved from a contracted position to an in-house employee within its planning department. After researching options and recognizing the size and cost differences between our counties, my Administration determined that contracting the function, rather than creating a new full-time County position, would be more appropriate and cost-effective for Putnam.

This opportunity arose during the decentralized budget process when, on August 28, 2025, Cornell Cooperative Extension presented its requested budget as an outside agency. I inquired whether they could enhance their services to include this function. CCE was receptive, and following further discussions, the appropriate adjustments were reflected in the Tentative Budget presented to the Legislature on October 1, 2024. The issue was further discussed at length at the Legislature's October 14 budget meeting.

At my October 8 Budget Town Hall in Southeast, this topic was again discussed at length. Ag Board Chair Nastasi raised several thoughtful questions, all of which I addressed, including clarifying that the Navigator responsibility is not necessarily a new position and that it does not replace the Ag Board. That meeting was also recorded and remains available for public viewing (<https://www.youtube.com/live/fgHsIAq4Gs?si=3qTiUnWFhxe3e5aP>). Positive feedback and additional questions from members of the agricultural community, including a representative from Lobster Hill Farm, further demonstrate the value of this discussion. While this proposal is new for Putnam County, the concept itself is well-established elsewhere.

To date, we have steadily worked to advance agricultural priorities through several initiatives:

- Updating the County's website to improve access to agricultural resources;
- Identifying funding to develop a new County Farmland Protection Plan;
- Providing a draft resolution to assist in updating the Agricultural District application process; and
- Strengthening our partnership with Cornell Cooperative Extension through the possibility of this Agricultural Navigator responsibility.

I hope this memo assists in providing the clarity and context the Committee seeks regarding this element of the Tentative Budget. As stated during my Budget Presentation: "With this budget, we are ensuring that farming and agriculture remain part of Putnam's future—not just its past."

Thank you for your thoughtful review and attention.

PUTNAM COUNTY LEGISLATURE

Resolution #270

Introduced by Legislator: Amy Sayegh on behalf of the Budget & Finance Committee at a Special Meeting held on October 29, 2025.

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Office of Senior Resources

(Move Copier Chargebacks to Correct Budget Line)

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County of Putnam

I hereby certify that the above is a true and exact copy of a resolution passed by the Putnam County Legislature while in session on October 29, 2025.

Dated: November 3, 2025

Signed: _____

Diane Trabulsy
Clerk of the Legislature of Putnam County

PUTNAM COUNTY LEGISLATURE

Resolution #270

Introduced by Legislator: Amy Sayegh on behalf of the Budget & Finance Committee at a Special Meeting held on October 29, 2025.

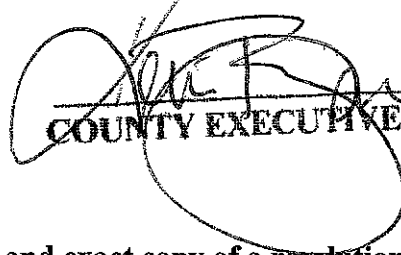
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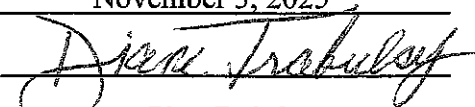
BY POLL VOTE: ALL AYES. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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PUTNAM COUNTY LEGISLATURE

Resolution #271

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Contribution to the Arts

	FROM:	TO:
Advertising 25091000 54664	4,435	5,000
County Contribution 25091000 54950	14,413	15,000

A DIFFERENCE OF: 1,152

Putnam Arts Council

County Contribution 25756000 54950	52,109	55,000
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A DIFFERENCE OF: 2,891

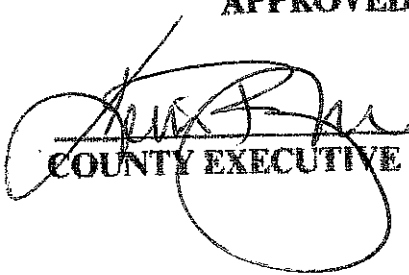
A TOTAL DIFFERENCE OF: 4,043

Adjust fringes and revenue accordingly.

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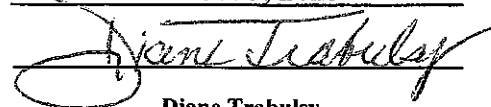

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Putnam Recreation Programs (PRP)

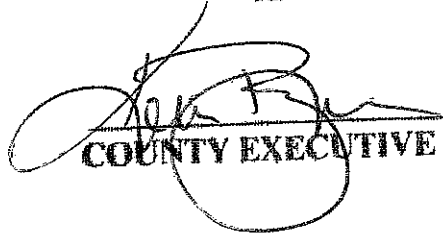
	FROM:	TO:
County Contribution		
25647000 54950	15,450	25,000

A DIFFERENCE OF: 9,550

Adjust fringes and revenue accordingly.

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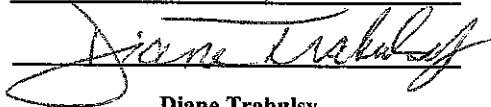
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Second Chance Foods

County Contribution
25876000 54950

FROM:

10,300

TO:

20,000

A DIFFERENCE OF: 9,700

Adjust fringes and revenue accordingly.

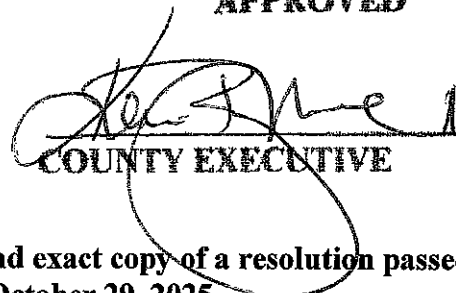
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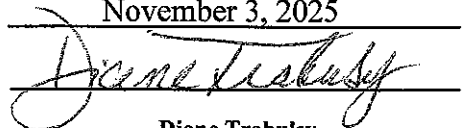
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Career Support Solutions

	FROM:	TO:
County Contribution		
25648000 54950	15,340	30,000

A DIFFERENCE OF: 14,660

Adjust fringes and revenue accordingly.

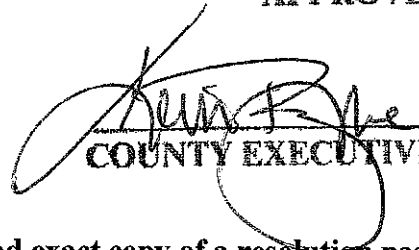
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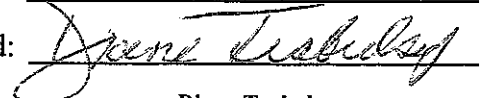
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Hudson Valley Shakespeare

**County Contribution
25879000 54950**

FROM:

0

TO:

10,000

A DIFFERENCE OF: 10,000

Adjust fringes and revenue accordingly.

BY POLL VOTE: ALL AYES. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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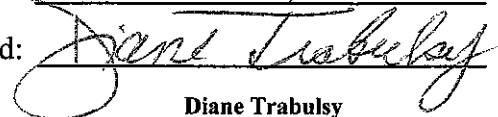
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Garrison Arts Center

	FROM:	TO:
County Contribution		
25877000 54950	0	10,000

A DIFFERENCE OF: 10,000

Adjust fringes and revenue accordingly.

BY POLL VOTE: ALL AYES. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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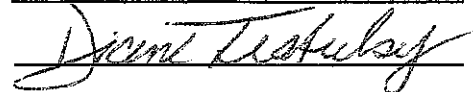
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Boscobel

County Contribution
25878000 54950

FROM:

0

TO:

10,000

A DIFFERENCE OF: 10,000

Adjust fringes and revenue accordingly.

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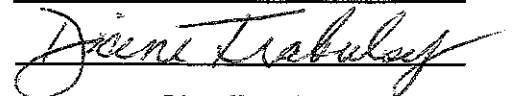
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Office For Disabilities

	FROM:	TO:
Coordinator Office for Individuals with Disabilities		
10198900 51000 (102)	38,001	41,897
(Restore to requested amount)		

FICA		
10198900 58002	0	298

A DIFFERENCE OF: 4,194

Mental Health LGU Administration

Coordinator Office for Individuals with Disabilities		
10431000 51000 (102)	56,999	62,844

FICA		
10431000 58002	0	447

A DIFFERENCE OF: 6,292

A TOTAL DIFFERENCE OF: 10,486

Adjust fringes and revenue accordingly.

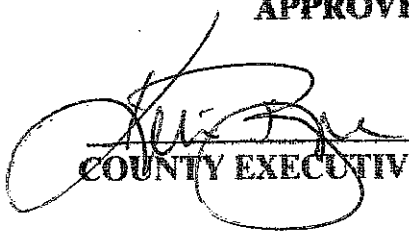
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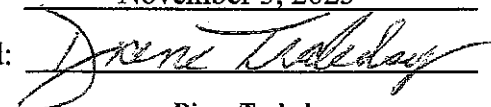
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Mental Health – SPOA

	FROM:	TO:
SPOA Coordinator (Adults)		
10033000 51000 (102)	99,928	104,928
(Restore to requested amount)		
FICA		
10033000 58002	0	383

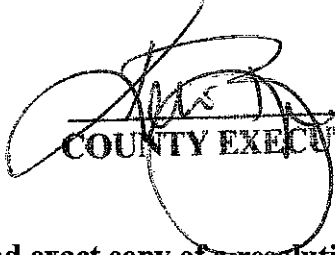
A DIFFERENCE OF: 5,383

Adjust fringes and revenue accordingly.

BY POLL VOTE: ALL AYES. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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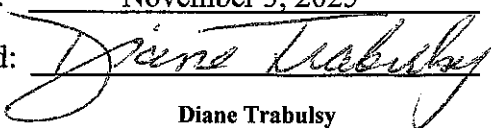
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Mental Health - OASAS Abatement

	FROM:	TO:
Dual Recovery Coordinator 10431000 51000 10206 (103) (Restore to requested amount)	92,338	97,338

FICA 10431000 58002 10206	0	383
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A DIFFERENCE OF: 5,383

Revenue OASAS Abatement Funds Adjust with Dual Recovery Coordinator 10431000 434983 10206	(0)	(5,383)
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A DIFFERENCE OF: (5,383)

A TOTAL DIFFERENCE OF: 0

Adjust fringes and revenue accordingly.

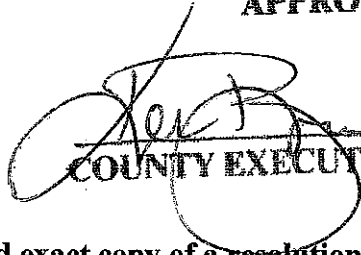
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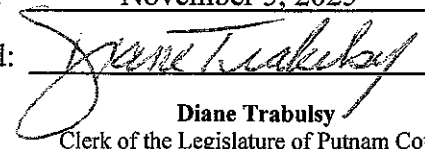
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Mental Health – Co-Response Team Grant

	FROM:	TO:
Crisis Intervention Specialist (Law Enforcement) 10431000 51000 10211 (102) (Restore to requested amount)	92,338	97,338

FICA 10431000 58002 10211	0	383
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A DIFFERENCE OF: 5,383

Adjust fringes and revenue accordingly.

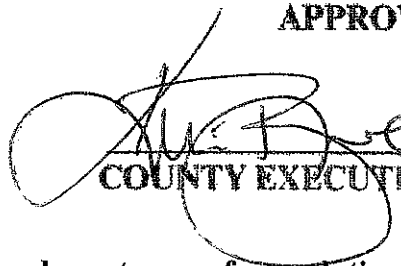
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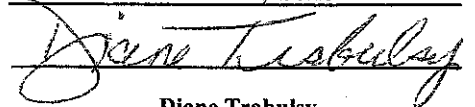
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Resolution #282

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DSS – Services

	FROM:	TO:
Director of Child/Family Services		
10102000 51000 (101)	128,779	133,779
(Restore to requested amount)		
FICA		
10102000 58002	0	383

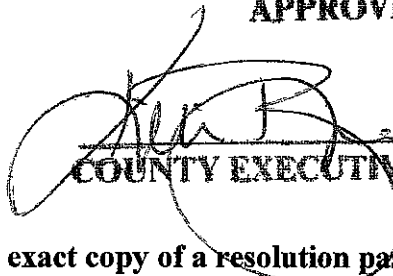
A DIFFERENCE OF: 5,383

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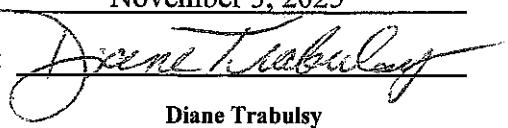
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Youth Bureau

	FROM:	TO:
Deputy Youth Director 10731000 51000 (112) (Restore to requested amount)	87,000	97,200
FICA 10731000 58002	0	780

A DIFFERENCE OF: 10,980

Adjust fringes and revenue accordingly.

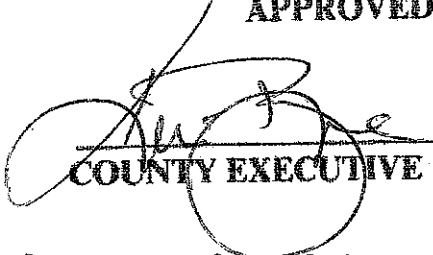
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County Auditor

	FROM:	TO:
County Auditor 10132000 51000 (101) (Increase per Catapult Survey)	137,905	150,000
FICA 10132000 58002	0	925
Subcontingency 10199000 54981	10,089	0

A DIFFERENCE OF: 2,931

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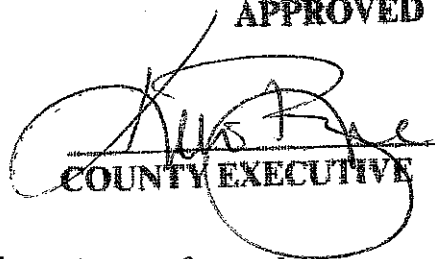
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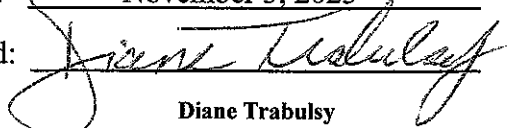
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County Auditor

	FROM:	TO:
Audit Manager 10132000 51000 (102) (Increase per Catapult Survey)	76,305	87,000
FICA 10132000 58002	0	818

A DIFFERENCE OF: 11,513

Adjust fringes and revenue accordingly.

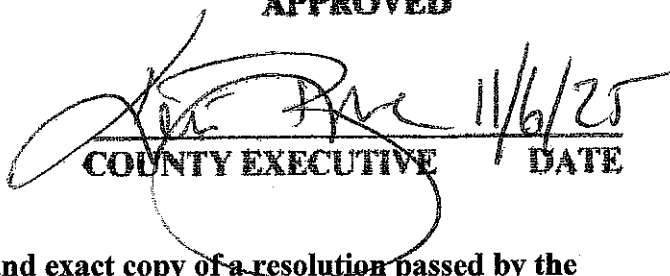
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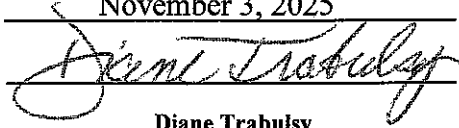
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page 1

County Auditor

	FROM:	TO:
Deputy County Auditor 10132000 51000 (103) (Increase per Catapult Survey)	113,368	127,000
FICA 10132000 58002	0	1,043

A DIFFERENCE OF: 14,675

Adjust fringes and revenue accordingly.

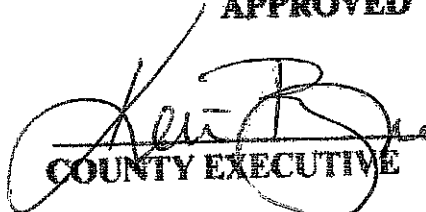
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Resolution #287

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Legislature

	FROM:	TO:
Deputy Clerk 10101001 51000 (114) (Reclass from Administrative Assistant & Increase per Catapult Survey)	76,761	87,000

FICA 10101001 58002	0	783
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A DIFFERENCE OF: 11,022

Adjust fringes and revenue accordingly.

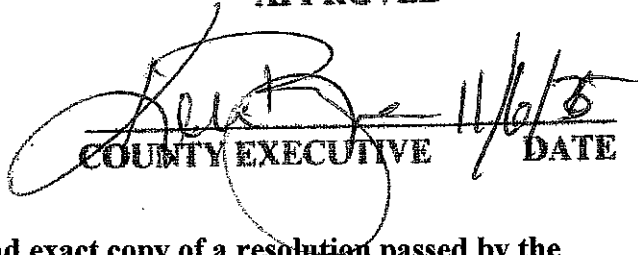
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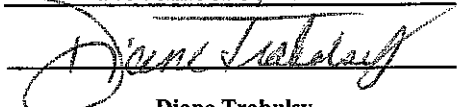


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Office of Senior Resources

	FROM:	TO:
Caseworker Assistant (OSR) (PT – 25 HPW) 10677200 51000 (159)	39,535	43,934
FICA 10677200 58002	0	337

A DIFFERENCE OF: 4,736

Adjust fringes and revenue accordingly.

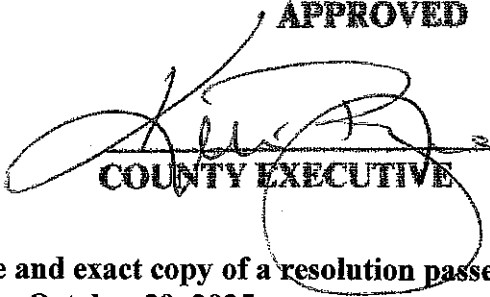
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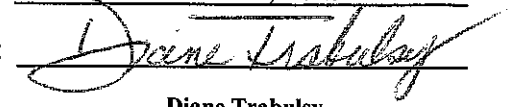
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Historian

	FROM:	TO:
County Historian		
10751000 51000 (101)	56,077	80,000
(Increase to full-time)		
FICA		
10751000 58002	0	1,830

A DIFFERENCE OF: 25,753

Adjust fringes and revenue accordingly.

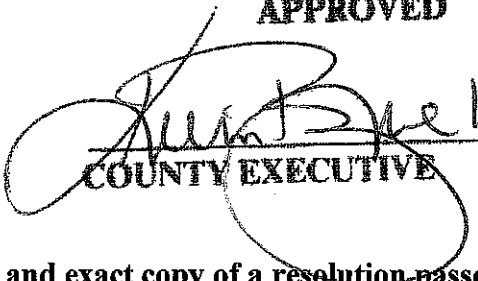
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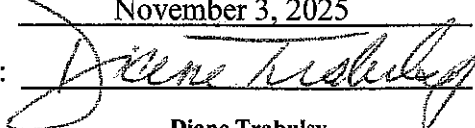
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Department of General Services (DGS)

	FROM:	TO:
Commissioner 10134500 51000 (101) (Increase per Catapult Survey)	153,458	156,437
FICA 10134500 58002	0	228

A DIFFERENCE OF: 3,207

Adjust fringes and revenue accordingly.

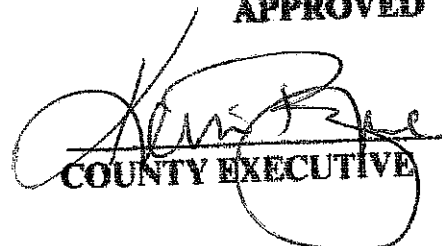
BY POLL VOTE: ALL AYES. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

State of New York

ss:

County of Putnam

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 11/6/25
COUNTY EXECUTIVE **DATE**

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Dated: November 3, 2025

Signed: 

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ADJUSTMENTS – CHARGEBACK REVENUE

Sheriff Security Services - DSS

	FROM:	TO:
Central Services Internal Chgbks 19005060 412941	(68,789)	(82,076)

Road Machinery Fund

Central Services Internal Chgbks 10513000 412941	(344,450)	(363,980)
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Transit PART Bus System

Central Services Internal Chgbks 95630000 412941	(100,000)	0
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Insurance Expense

Central Services Internal Chgbks (Insurance) 10191500 412941	0	(4,200)
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A DIFFERENCE OF: 62,983

ADJUSTMENTS – CHARGEBACK EXPENSES

County Clerk

Chargeback Travel 10141000 55675	400	0
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Personnel

Chargeback Travel
10143000 55675

400 0

Historian

Chargeback Travel
10751000 55675

200 0

Planning

Chargeback Printing Forms
10802000 55311

100 0

Health Administration

Chargeback Auto All County Vehicle
10401000 55870

200 0

Health Early Intervention

Chargeback Auto All County Vehicle
10405900 55870

200 0

Health Nursing

Chargeback Auto All County Vehicle
11401000 55870

400 0

Health EHS Drinking H2O Supply

Chargeback Auto All County Vehicle
12022000 55870

400 0

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Health EHS ATUPA

Chargeback Auto All County Vehicle
12023000 55870

600 0

Health EHS

Chargeback Auto All County Vehicle
12401000 55870

1,400 0

Health EHS State – NYC DEP Envir Project

Chargeback Auto All County Vehicle
12401002 55870 10050

200 0

A DIFFERENCE OF: (4,500)

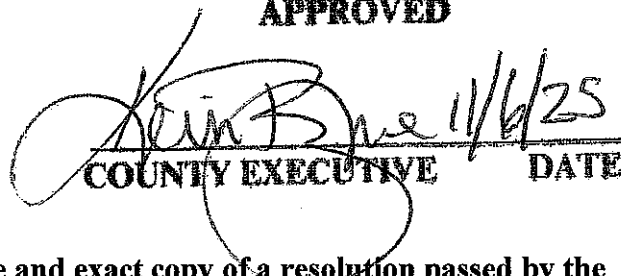
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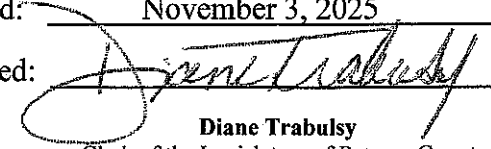

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Sheriff's Office

Buckle Up Grant

**Buckle Up CFDA20.604
Revenue
17311002 443899 10024**

FROM:

TO:

(4,400)

0

**Overtime
17311002 51093 10024**

4,400

0

**State Retirement
17311002 58001 10024**

1,157

0

**FICA
17311002 58002 10024**

337

0

**Workers Compensation
17311002 58004 10024**

60

0

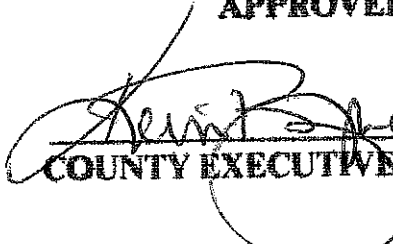
A TOTAL DIFFERENCE OF: (1,554)

Adjust fringes and revenue accordingly.

BY POLL VOTE: ALL AYES. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

**State of New York
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County of Putnam**

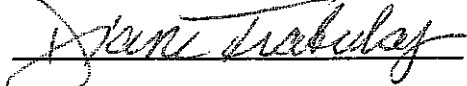
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PUTNAM COUNTY LEGISLATURE

Resolution #293

Introduced by Legislator: Amy Sayegh on behalf of the Budget & Finance Committee at a Special Meeting held on October 29, 2025.

Amended by Legislator: Daniel Birmingham.

Seconded by Legislator: Greg Ellner.

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County Planning:

**Agricultural Board
10802000 54554**

FROM:

TO:

1,000

0

A DIFFERENCE OF: (1,000)

Legislature:

**Agricultural Board
10101001 54554**

0

5,000

A DIFFERENCE OF: 5,000

A TOTAL DIFFERENCE OF: 4,000

Adjust fringes and revenue accordingly.

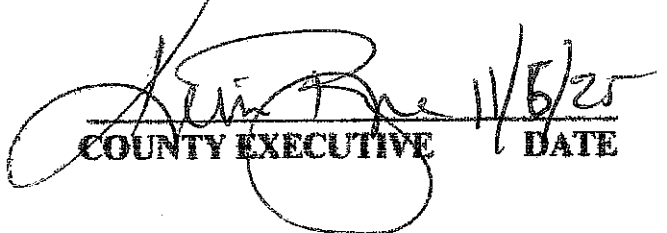
BY ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL AYES. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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PUTNAM COUNTY LEGISLATURE

Resolution #294

Introduced by Legislator: Amy Sayegh on behalf of the Budget & Finance Committee at a Special Meeting held on October 29, 2025, and Further Amended.

Seconded by Legislator: Greg Ellner

Further Amended by Legislator: Greg Ellner

Seconded by Legislator: Toni Addonizio.

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Tourism

	FROM:	TO:
Advertising		
10641000 54664		
(Approved original "Advertising" title)*	60,000	40,000
Subcontingency		
10199000 54991	0	20,000
A DIFFERENCE OF: 0		

Adjust fringes and revenue accordingly.

BY POLL VOTE TO LEAVE TITLE OF "ADVERTISING" BUDGET LINE AS IS: ALL AYES. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

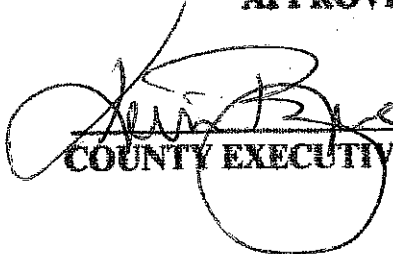
BY ROLL CALL VOTE TO TRANSFER FUNDS: SIX AYES. THREE NAYS - LEGISLATORS CROWLEY, RUSSO, AND CHAIRWOMAN SAYEGH. MOTION CARRIES.

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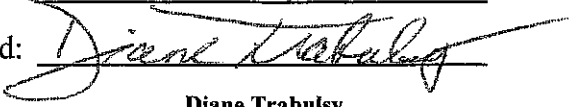
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PUTNAM COUNTY LEGISLATURE

Resolution #295

Introduced by Legislator: Amy Sayegh on behalf of the Budget & Finance Committee at a Special Meeting held on October 29, 2025.

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Soil & Water

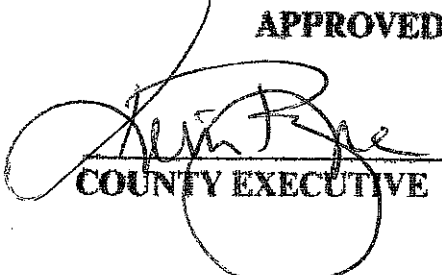
	FROM:	TO:
State Aid Soil and Water 10874500 439101	(60,000)	0

A DIFFERENCE OF: 60,000

Adjust fringes and revenue accordingly.

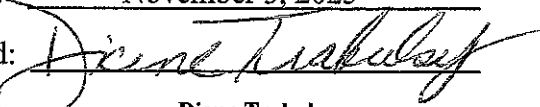
BY POLL VOTE: ALL AYES. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

State of New York
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PUTNAM COUNTY LEGISLATURE

Resolution #296

Introduced by Legislator: Amy Sayegh on behalf of the Budget & Finance Committee at a Special Meeting held on October 29, 2025.

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Finance Department

	FROM:	TO:
Subcontingency		
Homeowner Tax Relief Program		
10199000 54990	0	6,500,000
Department of Finance		
Use of Fund Balance		
10131000 427161	(6,575,011)	(13,075,011)

A DIFFERENCE OF: 0

Adjust fringes and revenue accordingly.

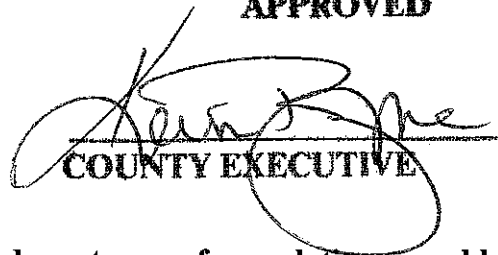
BY ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL AYES. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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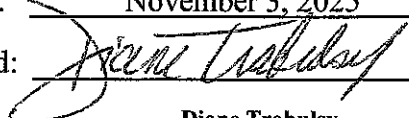
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PUTNAM COUNTY LEGISLATURE

Resolution #297

Introduced by Legislator: Greg Ellner at a Special Meeting held on October 29, 2025.

Seconded by Legislator: Toni Addonizio.

Amended by Legislator: Nancy Montgomery.

Seconded by Legislator: Dan Birmingham.

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Extension Service (Cornell Cooperative Extension)

	FROM:	TO:
Tilly Foster Agriculture Program (Ag Navigator)		
25875000 54555	36,811	11,811
Subcontingency		
10199000 54992	0	25,000

A DIFFERENCE OF: 0

Adjust fringes and revenue accordingly.

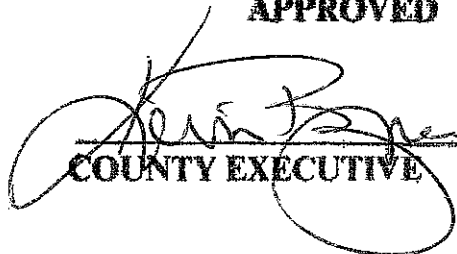
BY ROLL CALL VOTE: SIX AYES. THREE NAYS - LEGISLATORS CROWLEY, GOULDMAN, & RUSSO. MOTION CARRIES.

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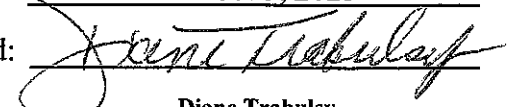
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PUTNAM COUNTY LEGISLATURE

Resolution #298

Introduced by Legislator: Daniel Birmingham at a Special Meeting held on October 29, 2025.

Seconded by: Legislator Nancy Montgomery.

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Finance Department

Subcontingency
Food Insecurity Program
10199000 54995

FROM:

TO:

0

150,000

A DIFFERENCE OF: 150,000

Adjust fringes and revenue accordingly.

BY POLL VOTE: ALL AYES. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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PUTNAM COUNTY LEGISLATURE

Resolution #299

Introduced by Legislator: Amy Sayegh at a Special Meeting held on October 29, 2025.

Seconded by Legislator: Daniel Birmingham.

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Offset Changes

Use of:

Fund Balance

10131000 427161

FROM:

(6,575,011)

TO:

(7,025,345)

Such adjusted amount as required to offset changes to the Tentative Budget by the County Legislature, including County Executive's Vetoes not overridden by the County Legislature and including final adjustment for Health Insurance rates, in compliance with the Tax Cap requirements of the State of New York. It being the intent of the Legislature to comply with Real Property Tax Law and Levy of \$45,212,312.

APPROXIMATE DIFFERENCE OF: (450,334)

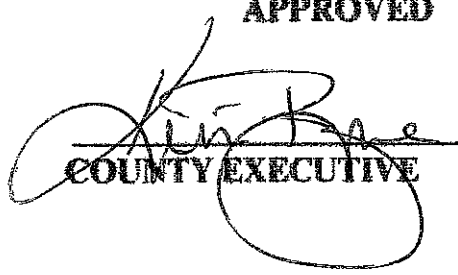
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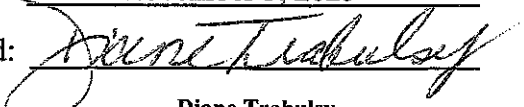
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PUTNAM COUNTY LEGISLATURE

Resolution #300

Introduced by Legislator: Amy Sayegh at a Special Meeting held on October 29, 2025.

Seconded by Legislators: Erin Crowley and Greg Ellner.

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APPROVAL OF THE 2026 BUDGET RESOLUTIONS

RESOLVED, that the Putnam County Legislature hereby approves the 2026 budget resolutions as pre-filed by the Budget & Finance Committee and amended by the Legislature on October 20, 2025; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the individual votes on each budget resolution be made a part of this resolution.

BY POLL VOTE: ALL AYES. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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PUTNAM COUNTY LEGISLATURE

Resolution #301

Introduced by Legislator: Amy Sayegh at a Special Meeting held on October 29, 2025.

Seconded by Legislator: Daniel Birmingham.

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A RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE BUDGET FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2026 COMMENCING JANUARY 1, 2026 MAKING APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE OPERATION OF THE COUNTY GOVERNMENT AND ESTABLISHING RATES OF COMPENSATION FOR OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2026

WHEREAS, the Putnam County Legislature has met and considered the Tentative Budget as submitted by the County Executive and has held a Public Hearing thereon pursuant to both Article 7.04(b)(4) of the Putnam County Charter and Section 359 of the County Law of the State of New York; and

WHEREAS, this Legislature has made certain adjustments to the Tentative Budget as submitted by the County Executive which are included as part of this budget adoption; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Putnam County Legislature hereby adopts the Tentative Budget, as amended by this Legislature, except for the line items in attached "Schedules A and B", which sets forth the appropriations for the objects and purposes as specified, and further establishes the rates of compensation to be paid provided that said tentative budget as amended does not exceed the tax cap as provided for by state law; and be it further

RESOLVED, that this act takes effect on January 1, 2026.

BY POLL VOTE: ALL AYES. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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PUTNAM COUNTY LEGISLATURE

Resolution #302

Introduced by Legislator: Amy Sayegh at a Special Meeting held on October 29, 2025.

Seconded by: Legislator Greg Ellner.

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AN ADDITIONAL RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE BUDGET FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2026 COMMENCING JANUARY 1, 2026 MAKING APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE OPERATION OF THE COUNTY GOVERNMENT AND ESTABLISHING RATES OF COMPENSATION FOR OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2026

RESOLVED, that the Putnam County Legislature hereby adopts the budget line items in attached "Schedule A" as shown in the Tentative Budget and as amended by the Legislature as an addition to the Budget adopted by Resolution #301 of 2025 provided that said tentative budget as amended does not exceed the tax cap as provided for in state law; and be it further

RESOLVED, that this act takes effect January 1, 2026.

BY ROLL CALL VOTE: EIGHT AYES. ONE ABSTENTION – LEGISLATOR BIRMINGHAM. MOTION CARRIES.

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PUTNAM COUNTY LEGISLATURE

Resolution #303

Introduced by Legislator: Amy Sayegh at a Special Meeting held on October 29, 2025.

Seconded by Legislator: Greg Ellner.

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RESOLVED, that the Putnam County Legislature hereby adopts the budget line items in attached "Schedule B" as shown in the Tentative Budget and as amended by the Legislature as an addition to the Budget adopted by Resolution #301 of 2025 provided that said tentative budget as amended does not exceed the tax cap as provided for in state law; and be it further

RESOLVED, that this act takes effect January 1, 2026.

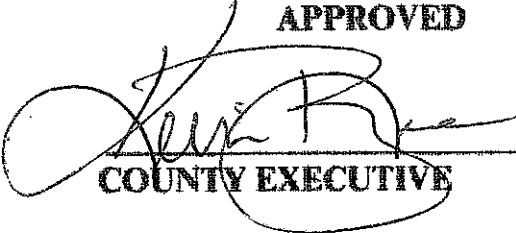
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