

**PUTNAM COUNTY
BOARD OF ELECTIONS
DEMOCRAT ELECTION COMMISSIONER**

Respectfully as we, the Putnam County Legislature, recognize your starting employment date of June 1, 1976, you have set the bar as the longest continuous serving Election Commissioner in New York State. On behalf of the Putnam County Legislature, I congratulate and sincerely thank you for your thirty-six years (36) of loyal dedicated service to Putnam County and our Board of Elections as Democrat Election Commissioner. We look forward to working with you and wish you continued success!

Legislator Birmingham made a motion to include the proclamations in the minutes; seconded by Legislators Oliverio and Tamagna. All in favor.

Item #3 – Approval of Minutes – Regular Meeting – May 1, 2012

The minutes were approved as submitted.

Item #4 – Correspondence

a) County Auditor was duly noted.

At 7:35 P.M., Chairwoman Conklin made a motion to go into executive session to confer with the County Attorney; seconded by Legislator Birmingham. All in favor.

At 7:48 P.M., Chairwoman Conklin made a motion to come out of executive session; seconded by Legislator Oliverio. All in favor.

No action was taken.

Item #5 – Pre-filed Resolutions:

**BUDGET & FINANCE COMMITTEE
(All Members of the Legislature)**

Item #5a – Approval/2013 Decentralized Budget Review Process for Preparation and Adoption of the 2013 County Budget was called first. Chairwoman Conklin moved the following:

RESOLUTION #123

APPROVAL/DECENTRALIZED BUDGET REVIEW PROCESS FOR THE PREPARATION AND ADOPTION OF THE 2013 COUNTY BUDGET

WHEREAS, since the adoption of the County Charter form of government there have been no change to the process and time sequence contained in Article 7 of the Putnam County Charter, and

WHEREAS, there is presently pending a revised budget preparation and adoption schedule that is under consideration by the County, and

WHEREAS, it is necessary for County Budget adoption procedure to accommodate whichever schedule is chosen by the County for this process, now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Putnam County Legislature hereby adopts the review process contained in the attached Attachment "A" to commence the review process and adopts the adjustments necessary contained in Attachment "B" in the event the County changes the budget preparation schedule currently under consideration by the County.

BY POLL VOTE: ALL AYES. LEGISLATOR DICARLO WAS ABSENT. MOTION CARRIES.

**HEALTH, SOCIAL, EDUCATIONAL & ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITTEE
(Chairman Oliverio, Legislators Othmer & Tamagna)**

Item #5b – Approval/Confirmation of Appointment/Commissioner of Health was next. Chairwoman Conklin recognized Legislator Oliverio, Chairman of the Health, Social, Educational & Environmental Committee.

Legislator Oliverio requested that Chairwoman Conklin ask another member of the Committee to move this item.

On behalf of the members of the Committee, Legislators Oliverio and Othmer, Legislator Tamagna moved the following:

Legislator Tamagna stated that he is proud to know Dr. Beals. He is proficient and will be an asset to the Health Department and the health and environmental issues for the people of Putnam County.

Legislator Birmingham stated that statutorily we are not required to have a Commissioner of Health with a population under 200,000 in Putnam County. However, we live in the New York City Metropolitan area and are surrounded by counties well over a population of 200,000. He has always been an advocate of staffing this position. He stated that he has reviewed Dr. Beals' resume and has gotten to know him over the last few years. He stated that this candidate has been vetted by the NYS Department of Health and has been deemed to qualify for this position. He stated that he would support this confirmation and urged his colleagues to do the same.

Chairwoman Conklin stated that she would be a “no” vote and hoped that Dr. Beals would prove her wrong. She stated that she had a few reservations. One, that he has not practiced medicine for over ten years and two, that there were educational classes which he would be required to attend. She also believed that a person who had to oversee a staff of approximately 70 people needed to have a background in customer service. She was concerned that he may not have ever had to deal with this type of setting.

Legislator Othmer stated that he had the privilege of working with Dr. Beals over the last 3½ years with the Soil & Water Committee. He believed he was a fine gentleman and had no problem with his creditability.

RESOLUTION #124

APPROVAL/CONFIRMATION OF APPOINTMENT/COMMISSIONER OF HEALTH

WHEREAS, pursuant to Charter Section 10.03 the County Executive has appointed Dr. Allen Beals to be the Commissioner of Health for Putnam County; and

WHEREAS, this appointment has been approved by the New York State Commissioner of Health for a period of two years; and

WHEREAS, according to the New York State Commissioner of Health, renewal will be contingent upon satisfactory completion of certain graduate level courses from an accredited university; and

WHEREAS, this appointment has been considered and approved by the Health Committee and the Personnel Committee of the Putnam County Legislature; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Putnam County Legislature hereby confirms the appointment of Dr. Allen Beals as Putnam County Commissioner of Health for a two year term as approved by the New York State Department of Health.

BY ROLL CALL VOTE: SIX AYES. TWO NAYS, LEGISLATORS OLIVERIO & CONKLIN. LEGISLATOR DICARLO WAS ABSENT. MOTION CARRIES.

Item #5c – Approval/Memorialization/Support State Legislation/Banning the Sale and Distribution of Synthetic Cannabinoids/Substituted Cathinones as Controlled Substances was next. Chairwoman Conklin recognized Legislator Oliverio, Chairman of the Health, Social, Educational & Environmental Committee. On behalf of the members of the Committee, Legislators Othmer & Tamagna, Legislator Oliverio moved the following:

RESOLUTION #125

APPROVAL/MEMORIALIZATION/SUPPORT STATE LEGISLATION/BANNING THE SALE AND DISTRIBUTION OF SYNTHETIC CANNABINOIDS/SUBSTITUTED CATHINONES AS CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES

WHEREAS, the County of Putnam recognizes the dangers and threats posed to the public health by human consumption of synthetic cannabinoids (herb-like products that encompass chemicals synthesized to mimic “THC,” a primary psychoactive constituent of marijuana) and substituted cathinones (often referred to as “bath salts”), which are produced, distributed, marketed and sold in New York State; and

WHEREAS, the New York State Commissioner of Health has declared that synthetic cannabinoids have become prevalent drugs of abuse among teenagers and young adults; and

WHEREAS, the New York State Commissioner of Health issued an Order banning the sale and distribution of products containing synthetic cannabinoids, the human consumption of which has been linked to causing severe adverse reactions, including death and acute renal failure; and

WHEREAS, despite the known harms to individuals who consume synthetic cannabinoids and substituted cathinones, these products are not prohibited or regulated by current New York statutory mandate; and

WHEREAS, legislation introduced in the New York State Assembly under Bill Number A7324-2011 proposes to amend New York General Business Law in relation to prohibiting the sale and distribution of synthetic cannabinoids; and

WHEREAS, legislation introduced in the New York State Senate under Bill Number S6694-2011 proposes to amend New York Public Health Law and New York Penal Law in relation to classification of synthetic cannabinoids and substituted cathinones as controlled substances and the establishment of a statewide amnesty and surrender program to allow for the surrender of such substances to the appropriate authorities; and

WHEREAS, the County Executive has indicated her commitment to and support of the foregoing Bills before the Assembly and Senate; and

WHEREAS, effectuating the foregoing amendments to established New York law will assist in realizing the County’s goal to insure the health, safety and welfare of the people of Putnam County; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Putnam County Legislature commends the County Executive’s efforts and support of the foregoing Bills in furtherance of the County’s commitment to the public health, safety and welfare of the people of the County of Putnam; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Putnam County Legislature supports Assembly Bill Number A7324-2011 to amend New York General Business Law in relation to prohibiting the sale and distribution of synthetic cannabinoids; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Putnam County Legislature supports Senate Bill Number S6694-2011 to amend New York Public Health Law and New York Penal Law in relation to classification of synthetic cannabinoids and substituted cathinones as controlled substances and the establishment of a statewide amnesty and surrender program to allow for the surrender of such substances to the appropriate authorities.

BY POLL VOTE: ALL AYES. LEGISLATOR DICARLO WAS ABSENT. MOTION CARRIES.

Item #5d – Approval/Bond Resolution/Purchase of an Adult Passenger Para-Bus was next. On behalf of the members of the Health, Social, Educational & Environmental Committee, Legislator Oliverio moved the following:

Legislator Gross stated that the Veterans are looking forward to this and it will certainly get a lot of use. We appreciate your support on this important purchase.

RESOLUTION #126

PUTNAM COUNTY RESOLUTION

EXTRACT OF MINUTES

**Meeting of the County Legislature of
the County of Putnam, New York**

June 5, 2012

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A regular meeting of the County Legislature of the County of Putnam, New York, was held at the Historic County Courthouse, Gleneida Avenue, Carmel, New York, on June 5, 2012, at 7 o'clock P.M. (Prevailing Time).

The following Legislators were present: Albano, Birmingham, Gross, LoBue, Oliverio, Othmer, Tamagna and Chairwoman Conklin.

There were absent: Legislator DiCarlo

**Also present: Diane Schonfeld, Legislative Clerk
Clement Van Ross, Legislative Counsel**

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Legislator Oliverio offered the following resolution and moved its adoption:

BOND RESOLUTION OF THE COUNTY OF PUTNAM, NEW YORK, ADOPTED JUNE 5, 2012, AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF AN ADULT PASSENGER PARA-BUS FOR SAID COUNTY AT A MAXIMUM ESTIMATED COST OF \$51,000; AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF NOT EXCEEDING \$51,000 BONDS OF SAID COUNTY TO PAY THE COST THEREOF.

THE COUNTY LEGISLATURE OF THE COUNTY OF PUTNAM, NEW YORK, HEREBY RESOLVES (by the favorable vote of not less than two-thirds of all the members of said Legislature) AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. The County of Putnam, New York (herein called "County"), is hereby authorized to pay the cost of the purchase of an adult passenger para-bus, including incidental expenses in connection therewith, for said County. The maximum estimated cost thereof, including costs incidental thereto and the financing thereof, is \$51,000 and said amount is hereby appropriated therefor.

Section 2. The plan of financing is by the issuance of not exceeding \$51,000 bonds of the County to finance said appropriation, and the levy and collection of taxes on all the taxable real property in the County to pay the principal of said bonds and the interest thereon as the same shall become due and payable.

Section 3. There are hereby authorized to be issued bonds of the County in the principal amount of \$51,000 pursuant to the provisions of the Local Finance Law, constituting Chapter 33-a of the Consolidated Laws of the State of New York (herein called the "Law").

Section 4. The period of probable usefulness of the specific object or purpose for which said bonds are authorized to be issued, within the limitations of Section 11.00 a. 29 of the Law, is five (5) years.

Section 5. The proceeds of the bonds herein authorized and any bond anticipation notes issued in anticipation of said bonds may be applied to reimburse the County for expenditures made after the effective date of this resolution for the purpose for which said bonds are authorized. The foregoing statement of intent with respect to reimbursement is made in conformity with Treasury Regulation Section 1.150-2 of the United States Treasury Department.

Section 6. Each of the bonds authorized by this resolution, and any bond anticipation notes issued in anticipation of the sale of said bonds, shall contain the recital of validity as prescribed by Section 52.00 of the Law and said bonds, and any notes issued in anticipation of said bonds, shall be general obligations of the County, payable as to both principal and interest by general tax upon all the taxable real property within the County without limitation as to rate or amount. The faith and credit of the County are hereby irrevocably pledged to the punctual payment of the principal of and interest on said bonds, and any notes issued in anticipation of the sale of said bonds, and provision shall be made annually in the budget of the County by appropriation for (a) the amortization and redemption of the bonds and any notes in anticipation thereof to mature in such year and (b) the payment of interest to be due and payable in such year.

Section 7. Subject to the provisions of this resolution and of the Law and pursuant to the provisions of Section 21.00 thereof relative to the authorization of the issuance of bonds having substantially level or declining annual debt service, Section 30.00 thereof relative to the authorization of the issuance of bond anticipation notes or the renewals thereof, and Sections 50.00, 56.00 to 60.00 and 168.00 thereof, the powers and duties of the County Legislature relative to authorizing bond anticipation notes, or the renewals thereof, and relative to providing for substantially level or declining annual debt service, and prescribing the terms, form and contents, and as to the sale and issuance of

the bonds herein authorized, and of any bond anticipation notes issued in anticipation of said bonds, and the renewals of said notes, as well as to executing agreements for credit enhancements, are hereby delegated to the Commissioner of Finance, the chief fiscal officer of the County.

Section 8. The validity of the bonds authorized by this resolution, and of any notes issued in anticipation of the sale of said bonds, may be contested only if:

- (a) such obligations are authorized for an object or purpose for which the County is not authorized to expend money, or
- (b) the provisions of law which should be complied with at the date of the publication of such resolution, or a summary thereof, are not substantially complied with,

and an action, suit or proceeding contesting such validity is commenced within twenty days after the date of such publication, or

(c) such obligations are authorized in violation of the provisions of the constitution.

Section 9. This bond resolution shall take effect upon the approval of the Putnam County Executive, and the Clerk of the County Legislature is hereby authorized and directed to publish the foregoing resolution, in summary, together with a Notice attached in substantially the form prescribed by §81.00 of the Law in "*The Putnam County Courier*," "*The Putnam Press*," and "*The Putnam County News & Recorder*," three newspapers, each having a general circulation in the County and hereby designated as the official newspapers of the County for such publications.

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The adoption of the foregoing resolution was duly put to a vote on roll call, which resulted as follows:

AYES: EIGHT – Legislators Albano, Birmingham, Gross, LoBue, Oliverio, Othmer, Tamagna and Chairwoman Conklin.

NOES: NONE

ABSENT: ONE – Legislator DiCarlo

The resolution was declared adopted.

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CERTIFICATE

I, DIANE SCHONFELD, Clerk to the County Legislature of the County of Putnam, State of New York, HEREBY CERTIFY that the Resolution No. 126 -2012 contained in the foregoing annexed extract from the minutes of a meeting of the County Legislature of said County of Putnam duly called and held on June 5, 2012, has been compared by me with the original minutes as officially recorded in my office in the Minute Book of said County Legislature and is a true, complete and correct copy thereof and of the whole of said original Resolution, which was duly adopted by the County Legislature of the County of Putnam on June 5, 2012 and approved by the County Executive on _____, 2012.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF,

I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the corporate seal of said County of Putnam this ____ day of _____, 2012.

(SEAL)

Diane Schonfeld
Clerk to the County Legislature

LEGAL NOTICE

The resolution, a summary of which is published herewith, has been adopted on the 5th day of June, 2012, and the validity of the obligations authorized by such resolution may be hereafter contested only if such obligations were authorized for an object or purpose for which the COUNTY OF PUTNAM, New York, is not authorized to expend money or if the provisions of law which should have been complied with as of the date of publication of this Notice were not substantially complied with, and an action, suit or proceeding contesting such validity is commenced within twenty days after the publication of this Notice, or such obligations were authorized in violation of the provisions of the constitution.

DIANE SCHONFELD
Clerk to the County Legislature

BOND RESOLUTION OF THE COUNTY OF PUTNAM, NEW YORK, ADOPTED JUNE 5, 2012, AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF BUSES FOR SAID COUNTY AT A MAXIMUM ESTIMATED COST OF \$51,000; AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF NOT EXCEEDING \$51,000 BONDS OF SAID COUNTY TO PAY THE COST THEREOF.

Specific object or purpose: Purchase of an adult passenger para-bus
Period of probable usefulness: Five (5) years
Amount of obligations to be issued: \$51,000 Bonds

A complete copy of the bond resolution summarized above shall be available for public inspection during normal business hours at the office of the Clerk to the Legislature, at the County Office Building, 40 Gleneida Avenue, Carmel, New York.

Dated: _____, 2012
Carmel, New York

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE
(Chairman DiCarlo, Legislators LoBue & Oliverio)

Item #5e – Approval/Re-Classification of Risk Manager Position was next. Chairwoman Conklin recognized Legislator LoBue, a member of the Personnel Committee. On behalf of the members of the Committee, Chairman DiCarlo and Legislator Oliverio, Legislator LoBue moved the following:

RESOLUTION #127

APPROVAL/RE-CLASSIFICATION OF RISK MANAGER POSITION

WHEREAS, the position Risk Manager became vacant due to the retirement of the individual holding that position, and

WHEREAS, the County Attorney believes that the work activity of this position should be revised to create better efficiency and protect the County from being noncompliant with respect to applicable laws, regulations, contract requirements, grant agreement requirements and other statutory guidelines throughout our departments, and

WHEREAS, the Personnel Committee has reviewed and recommends this change, now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that position of “Risk Manager” is hereby changed to “Senior Deputy County Attorney for Risk Compliance”, and be it further

RESOLVED, that the duties and responsibilities of this position are contained in the job description attached.

BY POLL VOTE: ALL AYES. LEGISLATOR DICARLO WAS ABSENT. MOTION CARRIES.

**RULES, ENACTMENTS & INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE
(Chairman Othmer, Legislators Albano & Gross)**

Item #5f – Approval/Fund Transfer (12T089)/County Clerk/Records Management/Records Center Video Surveillance System was next. Chairwoman Conklin recognized Legislator Othmer, Chairman of the Rules, Enactments & Intergovernmental Relations Committee. On behalf of the members of the Committee, Legislators Albano & Gross, Legislator Othmer moved the following:

RESOLUTION #128

APPROVAL/FUND TRANSFER/COUNTY CLERK/RECORDS MANAGEMENT/RECORDS CENTER VIDEO SURVEILLANCE SYSTEM

WHEREAS, the County Clerk has requested a fund transfer (12T089) for the Records Center Video Surveillance System; and

WHEREAS, the Rules, Enactment & Intergovernmental Relations Committee and the Audit & Administration Committee have reviewed and approve said fund transfer; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the following fund transfer be made:

Decrease:		
10199000 54980	Contingency	3,400
Increase:		
10146000 52140	Audio/Visual Equipment	3,400
	2012 Fiscal Impact \$3,400	
	2013 Fiscal Impact – 0 –	

BY POLL VOTE: ALL AYES. LEGISLATOR DICARLO WAS ABSENT. MOTION CARRIES.

Item #5g – Approval/Fund Transfer (12T092)/Board of Elections/Security Personnel At Board of Elections was next. On behalf of the members of the Rules, Enactments & Intergovernmental Relations Committee, Legislator Othmer moved the following:

RESOLUTION #129

APPROVAL/FUND TRANSFER (12T092)/BOARD OF ELECTIONS/SECURITY PERSONNEL AT BOARD OF ELECTIONS

**WHEREAS, the Commissioner of Board of Elections has requested a fund transfer (12T092) to cover the cost of Security Personnel at the Board of Elections; and
WHEREAS, the Rules, Enactments & Intergovernmental Relations Committee and the Audit & Administration Committee have reviewed and approve said fund transfer; now therefore be it**

RESOLVED, that the following fund transfer be made:

Decrease:		
10145000 51094	Temporary	20,000
Increase:		
10145000 55646	Chargeback Contracts	20,000
	2012 Fiscal Impact – 0 –	
	2012 Fiscal Impact – 0 –	

BY POLL VOTE: ALL AYES. LEGISLATOR DICARLO WAS ABSENT. MOTION CARRIES.

Legislator Othmer requested that Item #5i be addressed before Item #5h.

Item #5i – Approval/Local Law to Amend Article 12, Title I, Section 12.08 of the Putnam County Charter Entitled “Coroner” (Reducing Four Coroners to Two) was next. On

behalf of the members of the Rules, Enactments & Intergovernmental Relations Committee, Legislator Othmer moved the following:

Legislator Birmingham believed that we would see over the next few years some significant change in the Office of Coroner. The County above us and County below us each have a Medical Examiner which can be quite pricey. Putnam is still a small County and he did not believe we were ready at this point for a Medical Examiner. Having said that, there is a Coroner that is retiring and the County is trying to reduce the number of Coroners to a more manageable amount. He believed four Coroners were too many, but at this point he believed two was not enough. He would rather reduce the number of Coroners to three. This change will necessitate all the Coroners terms. No matter when their term ends traditionally, they will all end December 31, 2012.

Legislator Oliverio that the reason he would like to vote for reducing the number of Coroners to two is that presently the majority of the work is being performed by one Coroner. If there are three Coroners and we still have this unbalanced amount of responsibility and work being performed, he believed it would be a waste of taxpayer's money. Based on that, he would strongly support having two Coroners.

Legislator LoBue stated that she supported having three Coroners. Reducing the number of Coroners from four to two would be irresponsible, expecting them to cover the entire County. She spoke with two of the Coroners and they stated that they were against reducing the number. Many of the Coroners have other full time positions, they are on call 24 hours a day and she believed it was a huge responsibility. She believed that the Coroners should have been invited to the Committee meeting to provide their input when the Legislature discussed these options.

Legislator Albano believed that the records for the Coroners should be in a centralized location. He supported reducing the number of Coroners to three in order to get proper coverage especially if someone is on vacation.

Legislator Gross supported three Coroners. As Legislator LoBue pointed out, he agreed that it was a safety valve to have a third Coroner.

Legislator Othmer stated that he concurred with Legislator Oliverio. The majority of work has been performed by one Coroner.

Legislator Tamagna stated that as Chairman of the Charter Review Commission, this topic was discussed. They spoke with hospital representatives about a Medical Examiner. As it stands now, the County pays a small amount of money to run an Office of Coroners. However, there is a great disparity with the number of cases they are handling. We need to take a closer look at making sure they are towing the line. At this point he did not want to move too fast and supported reducing the number of Coroners to three.

By Roll Call Vote: Two Ayes, Legislators Oliverio and Othmer. Six Nays, Legislators Albano, Birmingham, Gross, LoBue, Tamagna and Chairwoman Conklin. Motion Fails.

A LOCAL LAW TO AMEND ARTICLE 12, TITLE I, SECTION 12.08 OF THE PUTNAM COUNTY CHARTER ENTITLED "CORONER" (Reducing Four Coroners to Two)

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the County of Putnam as follows:

Section 1.

Article 12, Title I, Section 12.08 of the Putnam County Charter is hereby amended to read as follows:

§12.08. Coroner

A. The office ~~Office~~ of Coroner in Putnam ~~the~~ County is hereby continued. The office shall be filled by the election of ~~four~~ two coroners to four-year terms, except as otherwise provided in this section. They shall have knowledge and/or experience in forensic medicine and shall either be licensed to practice medicine in the State of New York or shall have received a doctoral degree in biochemistry and/or other areas related to forensic medicine. Each coroner shall have the powers and perform all the duties now or hereafter conferred or imposed by law and perform such other and related duties as required by the County Executive and the County Legislature. There shall be a Coordinator of Coroners who shall be chosen annually ~~from among the coroners by a majority vote~~ by the County Executive, subject to a majority confirmation by the County Legislature. The duties of the ~~Coordinating Coroner~~ Coordinator of Coroners shall be:

- (a) 1. To coordinate the schedules of the coroners of the County of Putnam to insure that there is twenty-four (24) hour coverage, seven (7) days a week;
- (b) 2. To prepare and submit on behalf of the coroners the estimates of revenues and appropriations for the ensuing fiscal year as prescribed under §7.04A(3) of the ~~Putnam County~~ this Charter;
- (c) 3. To recommend to the County Executive standardized forms for use by all the coroners of the County of Putnam;
- (d) 4. To insure that the ~~Office of the Coroners in the County of Putnam~~ office is complying with all statutes, laws, rules and regulations of both the state and the county.

B. The coroners shall be elected at general election and shall serve staggering terms of office as hereinafter provided:

- 1. The term of office of the coroner elected for a four-year term commencing on January 1, 2009 shall expire on December 31, 2012. At the general election to be held in November of 2012, the office shall be filled by the election of a coroner to a four-

year term commencing on January 1, 2013 and every fourth year thereafter.

2. The term of office of the coroner elected for a four-year term commencing on January 1, 2010 shall expire on December 31, 2012. At the general election to be held in November of 2012, the office shall be filled by the election of a coroner to a two-year term commencing on January 1, 2013 and every fourth year thereafter.

Section 2.

This Local Law shall take effect forty-five (45) days after its adoption, subject to referendum on petition in accordance with the provisions of Section 24 of the New York State Municipal Home Rule Law.

Item #5h – Approval/Local Law to Amend Article 12, Title I, Section 12.08 of the Putnam County Charter Entitled “Coroner” (Reducing Four Coroners to Three) was next. On behalf of the members of the Rules, Enactments & Intergovernmental Relations Committee, Legislator Othmer moved the following:

RESOLUTION #130

A LOCAL LAW TO AMEND ARTICLE 12, TITLE I, SECTION 12.08 OF THE PUTNAM COUNTY CHARTER ENTITLED “CORONER” (Reducing Four Coroners to Three)

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1. To coordinate the schedules of the coroners of the County to insure that there is twenty-four (24) hour coverage, seven (7) days a week;
2. To prepare and submit on behalf of the coroners the estimates of revenues and

appropriations for the ensuing fiscal year as prescribed under §7.04A(3) of this Charter;

3. To recommend to the County Executive standardized forms for use by all the coroners of the County;

4. To insure that the office is complying with all statutes, laws, rules and regulations of both the state and the county.

B. The coroners shall be elected at general election and shall serve staggering terms of office as hereinafter provided:

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Section 2.

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BY ROLL CALL VOTE: EIGHT AYES. LEGISLATOR DICARLO WAS ABSENT. MOTION CARRIES.

PROTECTIVE SERVICES COMMITTEE (Chairman Albano, Legislators Gross & Oliverio)

Item #5j – Approval/Fund Transfer (12T087)/District Attorney/Costs Associated with People v. Anthony DiPippo Re-trial was next. Chairwoman Conklin recognized Legislator Albano, Chairman of the Protective Services Committee. On behalf of the members of the Committee, Legislators Gross & Oliverio, Legislator Albano moved the following:

Legislator Birmingham stated that he would like to mention the amount time and resources that the District Attorney's office, particularly Chief Assistant District Attorney, Chris York, put into this case. It was a re-trial of a case which was almost over 20 years old. He thanked District Attorney Levy's office for a job well done.

RESOLUTION #131

**APPROVAL/FUND TRANSFER /DISTRICT ATTORNEY/COSTS ASSOCIATION WITH
PEOPLE v. ANTHONY DIPIPPA RE-TRIAL**

WHEREAS, the District Attorney has requested a fund transfer (12T087) to cover costs associated with the People v. Anthony DiPippo Retrial; and

WHEREAS, the Health, Social, Educational & Environmental Committee and the Audit & Administration Committee have reviewed and approve said fund transfer; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the following fund transfer be made:

Increase Estimated Appropriations:

10116500 54682	Special Services	\$10,000
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Decrease Estimated Appropriations:

10199000 54980	Contingency	\$10,000
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2012 Fiscal Impact \$10,000

2013 Fiscal Impact – 0 –

BY POLL VOTE: ALL AYES. LEGISLATOR DICARLO WAS ABSENT. MOTION CARRIES.

**PHYSICAL SERVICES COMMITTEE
(Chairwoman LoBue, Legislators Albano & Othmer)**

Item #5k – Approval/Bond Resolution/Engineering Assessments on County Dams was next. Chairwoman Conklin recognized Legislator LoBue, Chairwoman of the Physical Services Committee. On behalf of the members of the Committee, Legislators Albano and Othmer, Legislator LoBue moved the following:

RESOLUTION #132

PUTNAM COUNTY RESOLUTION

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There were absent: Legislator DiCarlo

Also present: Diane Schonfeld, Legislative Clerk
Clement Van Ross, Legislative Counsel

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Legislator LoBue offered the following resolution and moved its adoption:

BOND RESOLUTION OF THE COUNTY OF PUTNAM, NEW YORK, ADOPTED JUNE 5, 2012, AUTHORIZING THE COST OF ENGINEERING ASSESSMENTS ON COUNTY DAMS, IN AND FOR SAID COUNTY AT A MAXIMUM ESTIMATED COST OF \$133,650; AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF NOT EXCEEDING \$133,650 BONDS OF SAID COUNTY TO PAY THE COST THEREOF.

THE COUNTY LEGISLATURE OF THE COUNTY OF PUTNAM, NEW YORK, HEREBY RESOLVES (by the favorable vote of not less than two-thirds of all the members of said Legislature) AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. The County of Putnam, New York (herein called "County"), is hereby authorized to pay all or a portion of the cost of engineering assessments on County dams, in and for said County, including incidental expenses in connection therewith. The maximum estimated cost thereof, including costs incidental thereto and the financing thereof, is \$133,650 and said amount is hereby appropriated therefor.

Section 2. The plan of financing is by the issuance of not exceeding \$133,650 bonds of the County to finance said appropriation pursuant to the provisions of the Local Finance Law (the "Law"), and the levy and collection of taxes on all the taxable real property in the County to pay the principal of said bonds and the interest thereon as the same shall become due and payable.

Section 3. There are hereby authorized to be issued bonds of the County in the principal amount of \$133,650 pursuant to the provisions of the Local Finance Law, constituting Chapter 33-a of the Consolidated Laws of the State of New York (herein called the "Law").

Section 4. The period of probable usefulness of the specific object or purpose for which said bonds are authorized to be issued, within the limitations of Section 11.00 a. 62(2nd) of the Law, is five (5) years.

Section 5. The proceeds of the bonds herein authorized and any bond anticipation notes issued in anticipation of said bonds may be applied to reimburse the County for expenditures made after the effective date of this resolution for the purpose for which said bonds are authorized. The foregoing statement of intent with respect to

reimbursement is made in conformity with Treasury Regulation Section 1.150-2 of the United States Treasury Department.

Section 6. Each of the bonds authorized by this resolution, and any bond anticipation notes issued in anticipation of the sale of said bonds, shall contain the recital of validity as prescribed by Section 52.00 of the Law and said bonds, and any notes issued in anticipation of said bonds, shall be general obligations of the County, payable as to both principal and interest by general tax upon all the taxable real property within the County without limitation as to rate or amount. The faith and credit of the County are hereby irrevocably pledged to the punctual payment of the principal of and interest on said bonds, and any notes issued in anticipation of the sale of said bonds, and provision shall be made annually in the budget of the County by appropriation for (a) the amortization and redemption of the bonds and any notes in anticipation thereof to mature in such year and (b) the payment of interest to be due and payable in such year.

Section 7. Subject to the provisions of this resolution and of the Law and pursuant to the provisions of Section 21.00 thereof relative to the authorization of the issuance of bonds having substantially level or declining annual debt service, Section 30.00 thereof relative to the authorization of the issuance of bond anticipation notes or the renewals thereof, and Sections 50.00, 56.00 to 60.00 and 168.00 thereof, the powers and duties of the County Legislature relative to authorizing bond anticipation notes, or the renewals thereof, and relative to providing for substantially level or declining annual debt service, and prescribing the terms, form and contents, and as to the sale and issuance of the bonds herein authorized, and of any bond anticipation notes issued in anticipation of said bonds, and the renewals of said notes, as well as to executing agreements for credit enhancements, are hereby delegated to the Commissioner of Finance, the chief fiscal officer of the County.

Section 8. The validity of the bonds authorized by this resolution, and of any notes issued in anticipation of the sale of said bonds, may be contested only if:

- (a) such obligations are authorized for an object or purpose for which the County is not authorized to expend money, or
- (b) the provisions of law which should be complied with at the date of the publication of such resolution, or a summary thereof, are not substantially complied with,

and an action, suit or proceeding contesting such validity is commenced within twenty days after the date of such publication, or

(c) such obligations are authorized in violation of the provisions of the constitution.

Section 9. This bond resolution shall take effect upon the approval of the Putnam County Executive, and the Clerk of the County Legislature is hereby authorized and directed to publish the foregoing resolution, in summary, together with a Notice attached in substantially the form prescribed by §81.00 of the Law in "*The Putnam County Courier*," "*The Putnam Press*," and "*The Putnam County News & Recorder*," three newspapers, each having a general circulation in the County and hereby designated as the official newspapers of the County for such publications.

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The adoption of the foregoing resolution was duly put to a vote on roll call, which resulted as follows:

AYES: EIGHT – Legislators Albano, Birmingham, Gross, LoBue, Oliverio, Othmer, Tamagna and Chairwoman Conklin.

NOES: NONE

ABSENT: ONE - Legislator DiCarlo.

The resolution was declared adopted.

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CERTIFICATE

I, DIANE SCHONFELD, Clerk to the County Legislature of the County of Putnam, State of New York, HEREBY CERTIFY that the Resolution No. 132 -2012 contained in the foregoing annexed extract from the minutes of a meeting of the County Legislature of said County of Putnam duly called and held on June 5, 2012, has been compared by me with the original minutes as officially recorded in my office in the Minute Book of said County Legislature and is a true, complete and correct copy thereof and of the whole of said original Resolution, which was duly adopted by the County Legislature of the County of Putnam on June 5, 2012 and approved by the County Executive on June ____, 2012.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF,

I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the corporate seal of said County of Putnam this ____ day of June, 2012.

(SEAL)

**Diane Schonfeld
Clerk to the County Legislature**

LEGAL NOTICE

The resolution, a summary of which is published herewith, has been adopted on the 5th day of June, 2012, and the validity of the obligations authorized by such resolution may be hereafter contested only if such obligations were authorized for an object or purpose for which the COUNTY OF PUTNAM, New York, is not authorized to expend money or if the provisions of law which should have been complied with as of the date of publication of this Notice were not substantially complied with, and an action, suit or proceeding contesting such validity is commenced within twenty days after the publication of this Notice, or such obligations were authorized in violation of the provisions of the constitution.

DIANE SCHONFELD
Clerk to the County Legislature

BOND RESOLUTION OF THE COUNTY OF PUTNAM, NEW YORK, ADOPTED JUNE 5, 2012, AUTHORIZING THE COST OF ENGINEERING ASSESSMENTS ON COUNTY DAMS, IN AND FOR SAID COUNTY AT A MAXIMUM ESTIMATED COST OF \$133,650; AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF NOT EXCEEDING \$133,650 BONDS OF SAID COUNTY TO PAY THE COST THEREOF.

Specific object or purpose:	Engineering assessments of County dams
Period of probable usefulness:	Five (5) years
Amount of obligations to be issued:	\$133,650 Bonds

A complete copy of the bond resolution summarized above shall be available for public inspection during normal business hours at the office of the Clerk to the Legislature, at the County Office Building, 40 Gleneida Avenue, Carmel, New York.

Dated: _____, 2012
Carmel, New York

Item #5L – Approval/Bond Resolution/Boiler Replacement/DSS/Donald B. Smith Campus was next. On behalf of the members of the Physical Services Committee, Legislators Albano and Othmer, Legislator LoBue moved the following:

RESOLUTION #133

PUTNAM COUNTY RESOLUTION

EXTRACT OF MINUTES

**Meeting of the County Legislature of
the County of Putnam, New York**

June 5, 2012

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A regular meeting of the County Legislature of the County of Putnam, New York, was held at the Historic County Courthouse, Gleneida Avenue, Carmel, New York, on June 5, 2012, at 7 o'clock P.M. (Prevailing Time).

The following Legislators were present: Albano, Birmingham, Gross, LoBue, Oliverio, Othmer, Tamagna and Chairwoman Conklin.

There were absent: Legislator DiCarlo.

Also present: Diane Schonfeld, Legislative Clerk
 Clement Van Ross, Legislative Counsel

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Legislator LoBue offered the following resolution and moved its adoption:

BOND RESOLUTION OF THE COUNTY OF PUTNAM, NEW YORK, ADOPTED JUNE 5, 2012, AUTHORIZING THE BOILER REPLACEMENT AT DBS SMITH CAMPUS, IN AND FOR SAID COUNTY AT A MAXIMUM ESTIMATED COST OF \$75,000; AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF NOT EXCEEDING \$75,000 BONDS OF SAID COUNTY TO PAY THE COST THEREOF.

THE COUNTY LEGISLATURE OF THE COUNTY OF PUTNAM, NEW YORK, HEREBY RESOLVES (by the favorable vote of not less than two-thirds of all the members of said Legislature) AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. The County of Putnam, New York (herein called "County"), is hereby authorized to pay the cost of the boiler replacement at DBS Smith Campus, including incidental expenses in connection therewith, for said County. The maximum estimated cost thereof, including costs incidental thereto and the financing thereof, is \$75,000 and said amount is hereby appropriated therefor.

Section 2. The plan of financing is by the issuance of not exceeding \$75,000 bonds of the County to finance said appropriation, and the levy and collection of taxes on all the taxable real property in the County to pay the principal of said bonds and the interest thereon as the same shall become due and payable.

Section 3. There are hereby authorized to be issued bonds of the County in the principal amount of \$75,000 pursuant to the provisions of the Local Finance Law, constituting Chapter 33-a of the Consolidated Laws of the State of New York (herein called the "Law").

Section 4. The period of probable usefulness of the specific object or purpose for which said bonds are authorized to be issued, within the limitations of Section 11.00 a. 13 of the Law, is ten (10) years.

Section 5. The proceeds of the bonds herein authorized and any bond anticipation notes issued in anticipation of said bonds may be applied to reimburse the County for expenditures made after the effective date of this resolution for the purpose for which said bonds are authorized. The foregoing statement of intent with respect to reimbursement is made in conformity with Treasury Regulation Section 1.150-2 of the United States Treasury Department.

Section 6. Each of the bonds authorized by this resolution, and any bond anticipation notes issued in anticipation of the sale of said bonds, shall contain the recital of validity as prescribed by Section 52.00 of the Law and said bonds, and any notes issued in anticipation of said bonds, shall be general obligations of the County, payable as to both principal and interest by general tax upon all the taxable real property within the County without limitation as to rate or amount. The faith and credit of the County are hereby irrevocably pledged to the punctual payment of the principal of and interest on said bonds, and any notes issued in anticipation of the sale of said bonds, and provision shall be made annually in the budget of the County by appropriation for (a) the amortization and redemption of the bonds and any notes in anticipation thereof to mature in such year and (b) the payment of interest to be due and payable in such year.

Section 7. Subject to the provisions of this resolution and of the Law and pursuant to the provisions of Section 21.00 thereof relative to the authorization of the issuance of bonds having substantially level or declining annual debt service, Section 30.00 thereof relative to the authorization of the issuance of bond anticipation notes or the renewals thereof, and Sections 50.00, 56.00 to 60.00 and 168.00 thereof, the powers and duties of the County Legislature relative to authorizing bond anticipation notes, or the renewals thereof, and relative to providing for substantially level or declining annual debt service, and prescribing the terms, form and contents, and as to the sale and issuance of the bonds herein authorized, and of any bond anticipation notes issued in anticipation of said bonds, and the renewals of said notes, as well as to executing agreements for credit enhancements, are hereby delegated to the Commissioner of Finance, the chief fiscal officer of the County.

Section 8. The validity of the bonds authorized by this resolution, and of any notes issued in anticipation of the sale of said bonds, may be contested only if:

- (a) such obligations are authorized for an object or purpose for which the County is not authorized to expend money, or
- (b) the provisions of law which should be complied with at the date of the publication of such resolution, or a summary thereof, are not substantially complied with,

and an action, suit or proceeding contesting such validity is commenced within twenty days after the date of such publication, or

(c) such obligations are authorized in violation of the provisions of the constitution.

Section 9. This bond resolution shall take effect upon the approval of the Putnam County Executive, and the Clerk of the County Legislature is hereby authorized and directed to publish the foregoing resolution, in summary, together with a Notice attached in substantially the form prescribed by §81.00 of the Law in “*The Putnam County Courier*,” “*The Putnam Press*,” and “*The Putnam County News & Recorder*,” three newspapers, each having a general circulation in the County and hereby designated as the official newspapers of the County for such publications.

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The adoption of the foregoing resolution was duly put to a vote on roll call, which resulted as follows:

AYES: EIGHT – Legislators Albano, Birmingham, Gross, LoBue, Oliverio, Othmer, Tamagna and Chairwoman Conklin.

NOES: NONE

ABSENT: ONE – Legislator DiCarlo.

The resolution was declared adopted.

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CERTIFICATE

I, DIANE SCHONFELD, Clerk to the County Legislature of the County of Putnam, State of New York, HEREBY CERTIFY that the Resolution No. 133 -2012 contained in the foregoing annexed extract from the minutes of a meeting of the County Legislature of said County of Putnam duly called and held on June 5, 2012, has been compared by me with the original minutes as officially recorded in my office in the Minute Book of said County Legislature and is a true, complete and correct copy thereof and of the whole of said original Resolution, which was duly adopted by the County Legislature of the County of Putnam on June 5, 2012 and approved by the County Executive on _____, 2012.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF,

I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the corporate seal of said County of Putnam this _____ day of _____, 2012.

(SEAL)

Diane Schonfeld
Clerk to the County Legislature

LEGAL NOTICE

The resolution, a summary of which is published herewith, has been adopted on the 5th day of June, 2012, and the validity of the obligations authorized by such resolution may be hereafter contested only if such obligations were authorized for an object or purpose for which the COUNTY OF PUTNAM, New York, is not authorized to expend money or if the provisions of law which should have been complied with as of the date of publication of this Notice were not substantially complied with, and an action, suit or proceeding contesting such validity is commenced within twenty days after the publication of this Notice, or such obligations were authorized in violation of the provisions of the constitution.

DIANE SCHONFELD
Clerk to the County Legislature

BOND RESOLUTION OF THE COUNTY OF PUTNAM, NEW YORK, ADOPTED JUNE 5, 2012, AUTHORIZING THE BOILER REPLACEMENT AT DBS SMITH CAMPUS, IN AND FOR SAID COUNTY AT A MAXIMUM ESTIMATED COST OF \$75,000; AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF NOT EXCEEDING \$75,000 BONDS OF SAID COUNTY TO PAY THE COST THEREOF.

Specific object or purpose:	Boiler replacement at DBS Smith Campus
Period of probable usefulness:	Ten (10) years
Amount of obligations to be issued:	\$75,000 Bonds

A complete copy of the bond resolution summarized above shall be available for public inspection during normal business hours at the office of the Clerk to the Legislature, at the County Office Building, 40 Gleneida Avenue, Carmel, New York.

Dated: _____, 2012
Carmel, New York

Item #5m – Approval/Budgetary Amendment (12A038)/Finance/Boiler Replacement at the Department of Social Services was next. On behalf of the members of the Physical Services Committee, Legislators Albano and Othmer, Legislator LoBue moved the following:

RESOLUTION #134

APPROVAL/BUDGETARY AMENDMENT/FINANCE/BOILER REPLACEMENT AT DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES

WHEREAS, the Commissioner of Finance has requested a budgetary amendment (12A038) to cover the cost of the boiler replacement located at the Donald B. Smith Campus; and

WHEREAS, the Physical Services Committee and Audit & Administration Committee have reviewed and approve said budgetary amendment; now therefore be it **RESOLVED**, that the following budgetary amendment be made:

Increase Estimated Appropriations:

51989000 53000 51213	DSS Boiler Replacement	\$75,000
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Increase Estimated Revenues:

05000 45710C 51213	Bond Proceeds – 2012	\$75,000
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2012 Fiscal Impact – 0 –

2013 Fiscal Impact – Undetermined Debt Service

BY POLL VOTE: ALL AYES. LEGISLATOR DICARLO WAS ABSENT. MOTION CARRIES.

Item #5n – Approval/Bond Resolution/Purchase of Buses was next. On behalf of the members of the Physical Services Committee, Legislators Albano and Othmer, Legislator LoBue moved the following:

RESOLUTION #135

PUTNAM COUNTY RESOLUTION

EXTRACT OF MINUTES

**Meeting of the County Legislature of
the County of Putnam, New York**

June 5, 2012

* * *

A regular meeting of the County Legislature of the County of Putnam, New York, was held at the Historic County Courthouse, Gleneida Avenue, Carmel, New York, on June 5, 2012, at 7 o'clock P.M. (Prevailing Time).

The following Legislators were present: Albano, Birmingham, Gross, LoBue, Oliverio, Othmer, Tamagna and Chairwoman Conklin.

There were absent: Legislator DiCarlo

Also present: Diane Schonfeld, Legislative Clerk
 Clement Van Ross, Legislative Counsel

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Legislator LoBue offered the following resolution and moved its adoption:

BOND RESOLUTION OF THE COUNTY OF PUTNAM, NEW YORK, ADOPTED JUNE 5, 2012, AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF BUSES FOR SAID COUNTY AT A MAXIMUM ESTIMATED COST OF \$123,216; AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF NOT EXCEEDING \$123,216 BONDS OF SAID COUNTY TO PAY THE COST THEREOF.

THE COUNTY LEGISLATURE OF THE COUNTY OF PUTNAM, NEW YORK, HEREBY RESOLVES (by the favorable vote of not less than two-thirds of all the members of said Legislature) AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. The County of Putnam, New York (herein called "County"), is hereby authorized to pay all or a portion of the cost of the purchase of buses, including incidental expenses in connection therewith, for said County. The maximum estimated cost thereof, including costs incidental thereto and the financing thereof, is \$123,216 and said amount is hereby appropriated therefor.

Section 2. The plan of financing is by the issuance of not exceeding \$123,216 bonds of the County to finance said appropriation, and the levy and collection of taxes on all the taxable real property in the County to pay the principal of said bonds and the interest thereon as the same shall become due and payable.

Section 3. There are hereby authorized to be issued bonds of the County in the principal amount of \$123,216 pursuant to the provisions of the Local Finance Law, constituting Chapter 33-a of the Consolidated Laws of the State of New York (herein called the "Law").

Section 4. The period of probable usefulness of the class of objects or purposes for which said bonds are authorized to be issued, within the limitations of Section 11.00 a. 29 of the Law, is five (5) years.

Section 5. The proceeds of the bonds herein authorized and any bond anticipation notes issued in anticipation of said bonds may be applied to reimburse the County for expenditures made after the effective date of this resolution for the purpose for which said bonds are authorized. The foregoing statement of intent with respect to reimbursement is made in conformity with Treasury Regulation Section 1.150-2 of the United States Treasury Department.

Section 6. Each of the bonds authorized by this resolution, and any bond anticipation notes issued in anticipation of the sale of said bonds, shall contain the recital of validity as prescribed by Section 52.00 of the Law and said bonds, and any notes issued in anticipation of said bonds, shall be general obligations of the County, payable as to both principal and interest by general tax upon all the taxable real property within the County without limitation as to rate or amount. The faith and credit of the County are hereby irrevocably pledged to the punctual payment of the principal of and interest on said bonds, and any notes issued in anticipation of the sale of said bonds, and provision shall be made annually in the budget of the County by appropriation for (a) the amortization and redemption of the bonds and any notes in anticipation thereof to mature in such year and (b) the payment of interest to be due and payable in such year.

Section 7. Subject to the provisions of this resolution and of the Law and pursuant to the provisions of Section 21.00 thereof relative to the authorization of the issuance of bonds having substantially level or declining annual debt service, Section 30.00 thereof relative to the authorization of the issuance of bond anticipation notes or the renewals thereof, and Sections 50.00, 56.00 to 60.00 and 168.00 thereof, the powers and duties of the County Legislature relative to authorizing bond anticipation notes, or the renewals thereof, and relative to providing for substantially level or declining annual debt service, and prescribing the terms, form and contents, and as to the sale and issuance of the bonds herein authorized, and of any bond anticipation notes issued in anticipation of said bonds, and the renewals of said notes, as well as to executing agreements for credit enhancements, are hereby delegated to the Commissioner of Finance, the chief fiscal officer of the County.

Section 8. The validity of the bonds authorized by this resolution, and of any notes issued in anticipation of the sale of said bonds, may be contested only if:

- (a) such obligations are authorized for an object or purpose for which the County is not authorized to expend money, or
- (b) the provisions of law which should be complied with at the date of the publication of such resolution, or a summary thereof, are not substantially complied with,

and an action, suit or proceeding contesting such validity is commenced within twenty days after the date of such publication, or

- (c) such obligations are authorized in violation of the provisions of the constitution.

Section 9. This bond resolution shall take effect upon the approval of the Putnam County Executive, and the Clerk of the County Legislature is hereby authorized and directed to publish the foregoing resolution, in summary, together with a Notice attached in substantially the form prescribed by §81.00 of the Law in "*The Putnam County Courier*," "*The Putnam Press*," and "*The Putnam County News & Recorder*," three newspapers, each having a general circulation in the County and hereby designated as the official newspapers of the County for such publications.

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The adoption of the foregoing resolution was duly put to a vote on roll call, which resulted as follows:

AYES: EIGHT – Legislators Albano, Birmingham, Gross, LoBue, Oliverio, Othmer, Tamagna and Chairwoman Conklin.
NOES: NONE
ABSENT: ONE – Legislator DiCarlo.

The resolution was declared adopted.

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CERTIFICATE

I, DIANE SCHONFELD, Clerk to the County Legislature of the County of Putnam, State of New York, HEREBY CERTIFY that the Resolution No. 135 -2012 contained in the foregoing annexed extract from the minutes of a meeting of the County Legislature of said County of Putnam duly called and held on June 5, 2012, has been compared by me with the original minutes as officially recorded in my office in the Minute Book of said County Legislature and is a true, complete and correct copy thereof and of the whole of said original Resolution, which was duly adopted by the County Legislature of the County of Putnam on June 5, 2012 and approved by the County Executive on _____, 2012.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the corporate seal of said County of Putnam this _____ day of _____, 2012.

(SEAL)

Diane Schonfeld
Clerk to the County Legislature

LEGAL NOTICE

The resolution, a summary of which is published herewith, has been adopted on the 5th day of June, 2012, and the validity of the obligations authorized by such resolution may be hereafter contested only if such obligations were authorized for an object or purpose for which the COUNTY OF PUTNAM, New York, is not authorized to expend money or if the provisions of law which should have been complied with as of the date of publication of this Notice were not substantially complied with, and an action, suit or proceeding contesting such validity is commenced within twenty days after the publication of this Notice, or such obligations were authorized in violation of the provisions of the constitution.

DIANE SCHONFELD
Clerk to the County Legislature

BOND RESOLUTION OF THE COUNTY OF PUTNAM, NEW YORK, ADOPTED JUNE 5, 2012, AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF BUSES FOR SAID COUNTY AT A MAXIMUM ESTIMATED COST OF \$123,216; AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF NOT EXCEEDING \$123,216 BONDS OF SAID COUNTY TO PAY THE COST THEREOF.

Class of objects or purposes:	Purchase of buses
Period of probable usefulness:	Five (5) years
Amount of obligations to be issued:	\$123,216 Bonds

A complete copy of the bond resolution summarized above shall be available for public inspection during normal business hours at the office of the Clerk to the Legislature, at the County Office Building, 40 Gleneida Avenue, Carmel, New York.

Dated: _____, 2012
Carmel, New York

Item #5o – Approval/Bond Resolution/Removal & Replacement of Underground Fuel Tanks was next. On behalf of the members of the Physical Services Committee, Legislators Albano and Othmer, Legislator LoBue moved the following:

RESOLUTION #136

PUTNAM COUNTY RESOLUTION

EXTRACT OF MINUTES

**Meeting of the County Legislature of
the County of Putnam, New York**

June 5, 2012

* * *

A regular meeting of the County Legislature of the County of Putnam, New York, was held at the Historic County Courthouse, Gleneida Avenue, Carmel, New York, on June 5, 2012, at 7 o'clock P.M. (Prevailing Time).

The following Legislators were present: Albano, Birmingham, Gross, LoBue, Oliverio, Othmer, Tamagna and Chairwoman Conklin.

There were absent: Legislator DiCarlo.

Also present: Diane Schonfeld, Legislative Clerk
Clement Van Ross, Legislative Counsel

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Legislator LoBue offered the following resolution and moved its adoption:

BOND RESOLUTION OF THE COUNTY OF PUTNAM, NEW YORK, ADOPTED JUNE 5, 2012, AUTHORIZING THE REMOVAL AND REPLACEMENT OF UNDERGROUND FUEL TANKS, IN AND FOR SAID COUNTY AT A MAXIMUM ESTIMATED COST OF \$1,020,000; AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$1,020,000 BONDS OF SAID COUNTY TO PAY THE COST THEREOF.

THE COUNTY LEGISLATURE OF THE COUNTY OF PUTNAM, NEW YORK, HEREBY RESOLVES (by the favorable vote of not less than two-thirds of all the members of said Legislature) AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. The County of Putnam, New York (herein called "County"), is hereby authorized to pay the cost of the removal and replacement of underground fuel tanks at various County facilities, including incidental expenses in connection therewith, in and for

said County. The maximum estimated cost thereof, including costs incidental thereto and the financing thereof, is \$1,020,000 and said amount is hereby appropriated therefor.

Section 2. Said capital project has been determined to be a “Type II” Action pursuant to the regulations of the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation promulgated pursuant to the State Environmental Quality Review Act, the implementation of which as proposed will not result in any significant environmental effects.

Section 3. The plan of financing is by the issuance of \$1,020,000 bonds of the County to finance said appropriation, and the levy and collection of taxes on all the taxable real property in the County to pay the principal of said bonds and the interest thereon as the same shall become due and payable.

Section 4. There are hereby authorized to be issued bonds of the County in the principal amount of \$1,020,000 pursuant to the provisions of the Local Finance Law, constituting Chapter 33-a of the Consolidated Laws of the State of New York (herein called the “Law”).

Section 5. The period of probable usefulness of the specific object or purpose for which said bonds are authorized to be issued, within the limitations of Section 11.00 a. 88 of the Law, is fifteen (15) years.

Section 6. The proceeds of the bonds herein authorized and any bond anticipation notes issued in anticipation of said bonds may be applied to reimburse the County for expenditures made after the effective date of this resolution for the purpose for which said bonds are authorized. The foregoing statement of intent with respect to reimbursement is made in conformity with Treasury Regulation Section 1.150-2 of the United States Treasury Department.

Section 7. Each of the bonds authorized by this resolution, and any bond anticipation notes issued in anticipation of the sale of said bonds, shall contain the recital of validity as prescribed by Section 52.00 of the Law and said bonds, and any notes issued in anticipation of said bonds, shall be general obligations of the County, payable as to both principal and interest by general tax upon all the taxable real property within the County without limitation as to rate or amount. The faith and credit of the County are hereby irrevocably pledged to the punctual payment of the principal of and interest on said bonds, and any notes issued in anticipation of the sale of said bonds, and provision shall be made annually in the budget of the County by appropriation for (a) the amortization and redemption of the bonds and any notes in anticipation thereof to mature in such year and (b) the payment of interest to be due and payable in such year.

Section 8. Subject to the provisions of this resolution and of the Law and pursuant to the provisions of Section 21.00 thereof relative to the authorization of the issuance of bonds having substantially level or declining annual debt service, Section 30.00 thereof relative to the authorization of the issuance of bond anticipation notes or the renewals thereof, and Sections 50.00, 56.00 to 60.00 and 168.00 thereof, the powers and duties of the County Legislature relative to authorizing bond anticipation notes, or the renewals thereof, and relative to providing for substantially level or declining annual debt service, and prescribing the terms, form and contents, and as to the sale and issuance of the bonds herein authorized, and of any bond anticipation notes issued in anticipation of said bonds, and the renewals of said notes, as well as to executing agreements for credit enhancements, are hereby delegated to the Commissioner of Finance, the chief fiscal officer of the County.

Section 9. The validity of the bonds authorized by this resolution, and of any notes issued in anticipation of the sale of said bonds, may be contested only if:

- (a) such obligations are authorized for an object or purpose for which the County is not authorized to expend money, or

(b) the provisions of law which should be complied with at the date of the publication of such resolution, or a summary thereof, are not substantially complied with,
and an action, suit or proceeding contesting such validity is commenced within twenty days after the date of such publication, or

(c) such obligations are authorized in violation of the provisions of the constitution.

Section 10. This bond resolution shall take effect upon the approval of the Putnam County Executive, and the Clerk of the County Legislature is hereby authorized and directed to publish the foregoing resolution, in summary, together with a Notice attached in substantially the form prescribed by §81.00 of the Law in "*The Putnam County Courier*," "*The Putnam Press*," and "*The Putnam County News & Recorder*," three newspapers, each having a general circulation in the County and hereby designated as the official newspapers of the County for such publications.

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The adoption of the foregoing resolution was duly put to a vote on roll call, which resulted as follows:

AYES: EIGHT – Legislators Albano, Birmingham, Gross, LoBue, Oliverio, Othmer, Tamagna and Chairwoman Conklin.

NOES: NONE

ABSENT: ONE – Legislator DiCarlo.

The resolution was declared adopted.

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CERTIFICATE

I, DIANE SCHONFELD, Clerk to the County Legislature of the County of Putnam, State of New York, HEREBY CERTIFY that the Resolution No. 136 -2012 contained in the foregoing annexed extract from the minutes of a meeting of the County Legislature of said County of Putnam duly called and held on June 5, 2012, has been compared by me with the original minutes as officially recorded in my office in the Minute Book of said County Legislature and is a true, complete and correct copy thereof and of the whole of said original Resolution, which was duly adopted by the County Legislature of the County of Putnam on June 5, 2012 and approved by the County Executive on _____, 2012.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF,

I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the corporate seal of said County of Putnam this ____ day of _____, 2012.

(SEAL)

Diane Schonfeld
Clerk to the County Legislature

LEGAL NOTICE

The resolution, a summary of which is published herewith, has been adopted on the 5th day of June, 2012, and the validity of the obligations authorized by such resolution may be hereafter contested only if such obligations were authorized for an object or purpose for which the COUNTY OF PUTNAM, New York, is not authorized to expend money or if the provisions of law which should have been complied with as of the date of publication of this Notice were not substantially complied with, and an action, suit or proceeding contesting such validity is commenced within twenty days after the publication of this Notice, or such obligations were authorized in violation of the provisions of the constitution.

DIANE SCHONFELD
Clerk to the County Legislature

BOND RESOLUTION OF THE COUNTY OF PUTNAM, NEW YORK, ADOPTED JUNE 5, 2012, AUTHORIZING THE REMOVAL AND REPLACEMENT OF UNDERGROUND FUEL TANKS, IN AND FOR SAID COUNTY AT A MAXIMUM ESTIMATED COST OF \$1,020,000; AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$1,020,000 BONDS OF SAID COUNTY TO PAY THE COST THEREOF.

Specific object or purpose:	Removal/replacement of underground fuel tanks at various County facilities
Period of probable usefulness:	Fifteen (15) years
Amount of obligations to be issued:	\$1,020,000 Bonds
SEQRA status:	Type II Action

A complete copy of the bond resolution summarized above and the SEQRA compliance materials relating thereto shall be available for public inspection during normal business hours at the office of the Clerk to the Legislature, at the County Office Building, 40 Gleneida Avenue, Carmel, New York.

Dated: _____, 2012
Carmel, New York

Item #5p – Approval/Budgetary Amendment (12A039)/Finance/Removal & Replacement of Underground Fuel Tanks was next. On behalf of the members of the Physical Services Committee, Legislators Albano and Othmer, Legislator LoBue moved the following:

RESOLUTION #137

APPROVAL/BUDGETARY AMENDMENT/FINANCE/REMOVAL & REPLACEMENT OF UNDERGROUND FUEL TANKS

WHEREAS, the Commissioner of Finance has requested a budgetary amendment (12A039) to allocate funding; and

WHEREAS, the Physical Services Committee and Audit & Administration Committee have reviewed and approve said budgetary amendment; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the following budgetary amendment be made:

Increase Estimated Appropriations:

55197000 53000 50195	Underground Storage Tanks	\$1,020,000
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Increase Estimated Revenues:

05000 45710C 50195	Bond Proceeds – 2012	\$1,020,000
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2012 Fiscal Impact – 0 –

2013 Fiscal Impact – Undetermined Debt Service

BY POLL VOTE: ALL AYES. LEGISLATOR DICARLO WAS ABSENT. MOTION CARRIES.

Item #5q – Approval/Bond Resolution/Finance/Highway Infrastructure & Reconstruction of Roads was next. On behalf of the members of the Physical Services Committee, Legislators Albano and Othmer, Legislator LoBue moved the following:

Legislator Othmer stated that we have a good program now thanks to Commissioner of Highways & Facilities, Fred Pena.

RESOLUTION #138

PUTNAM COUNTY RESOLUTION

EXTRACT OF MINUTES

Meeting of the County Legislature of

the County of Putnam, New York

June 5, 2012

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A regular meeting of the County Legislature of the County of Putnam, New York, was held at the Historic County Courthouse, Gleneida Avenue, Carmel, New York, on June 5, 2012, at 7 o'clock P.M. (Prevailing Time).

The following Legislators were present: Albano, Birmingham, Gross, LoBue, Oliverio, Othmer, Tamagna and Chairwoman Conklin.

There were absent: Legislator DiCarlo.

Also present: Diane Schonfeld, Legislative Clerk
 Clement Van Ross, Legislative Counsel

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Legislator LoBue offered the following resolution and moved its adoption:

BOND RESOLUTION OF THE COUNTY OF PUTNAM, NEW YORK, ADOPTED JUNE 5, 2012, AUTHORIZING HIGHWAY INFRASTRUCTURE AND RECONSTRUCTION OF ROADS LOCATED THROUGHOUT AND IN AND FOR SAID COUNTY THEREOF AT A MAXIMUM ESTIMATED COST OF \$1,595,000; AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$1,595,000 BONDS OF SAID COUNTY TO PAY THE COST THEREOF.

THE COUNTY LEGISLATURE OF THE COUNTY OF PUTNAM, NEW YORK, HEREBY RESOLVES (by the favorable vote of not less than two-thirds of all the members of said Legislature) AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. The County of Putnam, New York (herein called "County"), is hereby authorized to pay the costs of highway infrastructure and reconstruction of roads throughout and in and for said County. The maximum estimated cost thereof, including costs incidental thereto and the financing thereof, is \$1,595,000 and said amount is hereby appropriated therefor. The plan of financing is by the issuance of \$1,595,000 bonds of the County to finance said appropriation, and the levy and collection of taxes on all the taxable real property in the County to pay the principal of said bonds and the interest thereon as the same shall become due and payable.

Section 2. Said capital project has been determined to be a "Type II Action" pursuant to the regulations of the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation promulgated pursuant to the State Environmental Quality Review Act, the implementation of which as proposed, said regulations provide will not result in any significant environmental effects.

Section 3. There are hereby authorized to be issued bonds of the County in the principal amount of \$1,595,000 pursuant to the provisions of the Local Finance Law, constituting Chapter 33-a of the Consolidated Laws of the State of New York (herein called the "Law").

Section 4. The period of probable usefulness of the class of objects or purposes for which said bonds are authorized to be issued, within the limitations of Section 11.00 a. 20(c) of the Law, is fifteen (15) years.

Section 5. The proceeds of the bonds herein authorized and any bond anticipation notes issued in anticipation of said bonds may be applied to reimburse the County for expenditures made after the effective date of this resolution for the purpose for which said bonds are authorized. The foregoing statement of intent with respect to reimbursement is made in conformity with Treasury Regulation Section 1.150-2 of the United States Treasury Department.

Section 6. Each of the bonds authorized by this resolution, and any bond anticipation notes issued in anticipation of the sale of said bonds, shall contain the recital of validity as prescribed by Section 52.00 of the Law and said bonds, and any notes issued in anticipation of said bonds, shall be general obligations of the County, payable as to both principal and interest by general tax upon all the taxable real property within the County without limitation as to rate or amount. The faith and credit of the County are hereby irrevocably pledged to the punctual payment of the principal of and interest on said bonds, and any notes issued in anticipation of the sale of said bonds, and provision shall be made annually in the budget of the County by appropriation for (a) the amortization and redemption of the bonds and any notes in anticipation thereof to mature in such year and (b) the payment of interest to be due and payable in such year.

Section 7. Subject to the provisions of this resolution and of the Law and pursuant to the provisions of Section 21.00 thereof relative to the authorization of the issuance of bonds having substantially level or declining annual debt service, Section 30.00 thereof relative to the authorization of the issuance of bond anticipation notes or the renewals thereof, and Sections 50.00, 56.00 to 60.00 and 168.00 thereof, the powers and duties of the County Legislature relative to authorizing bond anticipation notes, or the renewals thereof, and relative to providing for substantially level or declining annual debt service, and prescribing the terms, form and contents, and as to the sale and issuance of the bonds herein authorized, and of any bond anticipation notes issued in anticipation of said bonds, and the renewals of said notes, as well as to executing agreements for credit enhancements, are hereby delegated to the Commissioner of Finance, the chief fiscal officer of the County.

Section 8. The validity of the bonds authorized by this resolution, and of any notes issued in anticipation of the sale of said bonds, may be contested only if:

- (a) such obligations are authorized for an object or purpose for which the County is not authorized to expend money, or
- (b) the provisions of law which should be complied with at the date of the publication of such resolution, or a summary thereof, are not substantially complied with,

and an action, suit or proceeding contesting such validity is commenced within twenty days after the date of such publication, or

(c) such obligations are authorized in violation of the provisions of the constitution.

Section 9. This bond resolution shall take effect upon the approval of the Putnam County Executive, and the Clerk of the County Legislature is hereby authorized and directed to publish the foregoing resolution, in summary, together with a Notice attached in substantially the form prescribed by §81.00 of the Law in "*The Putnam County Courier*,"

“The Putnam Press,” and “The Putnam County News & Recorder,” three newspapers, each having a general circulation in the County and hereby designated as the official newspapers of the County for such publications.

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The adoption of the foregoing resolution was duly put to a vote on roll call, which resulted as follows:

AYES: EIGHT – Legislators Albano, Birmingham, Gross, LoBue, Oliverio, Othmer, Tamagna and Chairwoman Conklin.

NOES: NONE

ABSENT: ONE – Legislator DiCarlo.

The resolution was declared adopted.

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CERTIFICATE

I, DIANE SCHONFELD, Clerk to the County Legislature of the County of Putnam, State of New York, HEREBY CERTIFY that the Resolution No. 138 -2012 contained in the foregoing annexed extract from the minutes of a meeting of the County Legislature of said County of Putnam duly called and held on June 5, 2012, has been compared by me with the original minutes as officially recorded in my office in the Minute Book of said County Legislature and is a true, complete and correct copy thereof and of the whole of said original Resolution, which was duly adopted by the County Legislature of the County of Putnam on June 5, 2012 and approved by the County Executive on _____, 2012.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF,

I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the corporate seal of said County of Putnam this ____ day of _____, 2012.

(SEAL)

**Diane Schonfeld
Clerk to the County Legislature**

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Class of objects or purposes:	Highway infrastructure and road reconstruction throughout and in and for said County
Period of probable usefulness:	Fifteen (15) years
Amount of obligations to be issued:	\$1,595,000 Bonds

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Dated: _____, 2012
Carmel, New York

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT & ENERGY COMMITTEE
(Chairman Birmingham, Legislators DiCarlo & Tamagna)

Item #5r – Approval/Resolution Supporting the New Direction of Tourism Promotion in Putnam County was next. Chairwoman Conklin recognized Legislator Birmingham, Chairman of the Economic Development & Energy Committee. On behalf of the members of the Committee, Legislators DiCarlo and Tamagna, Legislator Birmingham moved the following:

Legislator Oliverio stated that he supported Ms. Pataki’s appointment, however, on the second “Whereas” clause he had some concern since these are areas that are overseen by the Legislature and/or other departments, for instance: “the creation of jobs County-wide” and “a build-up of the County’s fiscal reserve”. He asked if they could be removed.

Legislator Birmingham stated that he did not disagree that these items fall under the purview of the Legislature along with the Administration. That is our job. However, this recital merely states that Ms. Pataki has expounded on the guiding principles of the Putnam County Tourism Agency.

Legislator Oliverio stated that he did not mind the wording “Job creation” because he understood that with tourism jobs are created. However, he believed “fiscal responsibilities” were the domain of the County Executive and the Legislature. Even if it is a goal, he was uncomfortable giving that to someone other than the Legislature or the Executive branch.

Legislator Oliverio made a motion to amend the resolution to remove “a build-up of the County’s fiscal reserve” from the second “Whereas” clause; seconded by Legislator Gross.

Legislator Tamagna stated that the Legislature has talked about how the Visitors Bureau is a free standing agency. He believed that we shouldn’t, as a County, interfere with an outside agency. He stated that he did not have a problem with the current wording of the resolution. He stated that the Legislature received a letter from Ms. Pataki requesting that each Legislator provide input on areas of interest within the boundaries of our districts. Ms. Pataki is trying to encourage our involvement from a tourism standpoint.

Legislator LoBue believed that the resolution was written in the context that tourism is considered another revenue stream for the County.

Legislator Albano stated that he would leave the resolution as currently written. It is just making a statement of some of the goals of the Tourist Promotion Agency.

Legislator Birmingham called the question on the motion to amend.

By Roll Call Vote: Two Ayes, Legislators Gross and Oliverio. Six Nays, Legislators Albano, Birmingham, LoBue, Othmer, Tamagna and Chairwoman Conklin. Legislator DiCarlo was absent. Motion Fails.

Legislator Birmingham called the question on the resolution as unamended.

RESOLUTION #139

APPROVAL/RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE NEW DIRECTION OF TOURISM PROMOTION IN PUTNAM COUNTY

WHEREAS, Mrs. Libby Pataki has been appointed as the new Project Director of the Putnam County Visitors Bureau, Inc.; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Pataki has expounded that the guiding principles of the Putnam County Visitors Bureau, Inc. will hereinafter include the creation of jobs County-wide to improve the economic climate of the County; a build-up of the County's fiscal reserve; and the enactment of major programmatic changes; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Pataki has presented a comprehensive plan which outlines strategies to promote tourism in Putnam County in furtherance of the Putnam County Visitors Bureau, Inc.'s guiding principles; and

WHEREAS, such plan includes the utilization of available technology, including a newly upgraded tourism website that will encompass historic, cultural, environmental, recreational and seasonal activities and locales; and

WHEREAS, such plan also includes a multitude of strategies and methods for reaching out to all of our communities and tourism organizations in order to promote Putnam County's assets, in addition to the provision of full cooperation with Regional Hudson Valley Tourism; and

WHEREAS, it is expected that such plan will result in an increase in intra-county tourism, and will also increase and upgrade outreach to both outlying counties and nearby major metropolitan centers; and

WHEREAS, the expected increase in tourism will create a much enhanced revenue stream into the County, which will benefit not only local businesses, but will also benefit the taxpayers of Putnam County; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Putnam County Legislature wishes to recognize the appointment of Libby Pataki as the new Project Director of the Putnam County Visitors Bureau, Inc.; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Putnam County Legislature supports Mrs. Pataki's vision and comprehensive plan which outlines her strategies for promoting tourism in Putnam County.

BY ROLL CALL VOTE: EIGHT AYES. LEGISLATOR DICARLO WAS ABSENT. MOTION CARRIES.

Item #5s – Approval/Resolution to Improve Notice to Local Contractors of Economic Opportunities was next. On behalf of the members of the Economic Development & Energy Committee, Legislator Birmingham moved the following:

Legislator Birmingham read the last three “Resolve” clauses. He explained that the County would like to make local contractors aware of economic opportunities within the County. This does not mean the County is abrogating the NYS Laws that require public bidding. This is merely an opportunity to make local businesses of the opportunities that they might be able to take advantage of through the bidding process.

Legislator Othmer stated that this is a great idea by the Consumer Affairs Office and the Administration. It will allow our local contractors to be more aware of the job opportunities within the County.

Legislator Tamagna concurred. He thanked the Administration and her great team for moving in the direction to support our local contractors.

RESOLUTION #140

APPROVAL/RESOLUTION TO IMPROVE NOTICE TO LOCAL CONTRACTORS OF ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITIES

WHEREAS, the County Executive appreciates the innovation, creativity and determination that local business/contractors bring to Putnam County and recognizes the important role such businesses play in the day-to-day functioning of the County; and

WHEREAS, the County Executive, with the support of the Putnam County Legislature, is committed to catalyzing the economic vibrancy of Putnam County by taking a proactive role in insuring that expedient and sufficient notice is provided to local business/contractors regarding Putnam County work opportunities; and

WHEREAS, the County Executive, together with the Putnam County Legislature, encourages the fostering of open lines of communication and information between Putnam County and local businesses/contractors, and

WHEREAS, the County Executive has illustrated that, by maximizing our assets and optimizing our resources, Putnam County can take a proactive approach and maximize collaboration between the Putnam County Office of Consumer Affairs and the Purchasing Department so that they may adopt measures that will afford increased and adequate notification to local business/contractors regarding Putnam County work opportunities; and

WHEREAS, the County Executive believes that such increased, adequate and expedient notification by Putnam County will further the goals of such enterprises to position themselves for future growth and success, and simultaneously furthers Putnam County’s goals to optimize manpower, manage assets and maximize available resources; and

WHEREAS, the County Executive proposes that measures adopted to increase and provide adequate and expedient notification to local business/contractors be

implemented through, among other things, BIDNET, as well as advertising and promotion through local/other media, being mindful to maintain prudent costs in doing so; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Putnam County Legislature approves the collaboration of the Putnam County Office of the Consumer Affairs and the Purchasing Department to adopt measures that will provide increased, adequate and expedient notification to local business/contractors regarding Putnam County work opportunities, and associated costs in connection therewith; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Putnam County Legislature supports the goals of local business/contractors for future growth and success, and simultaneously further Putnam County's goals of optimizing manpower, managing assets and maximizing available resources; and be it further

RESOLVED, that this resolution is merely a memorializing resolution expressing the broad policy goals of the Putnam County Legislature. Any specific programs or measures and any costs associated in conjunction therewith must come before the Putnam County Legislature for approval.

BY POLL VOTE: ALL AYES. LEGISLATOR DICARLO WAS ABSENT. MOTION CARRIES.

AUDIT & ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE
(Chairwoman Conklin, Legislators Birmingham & LoBue)

Item #5t – Approval/Semi-Annual Mortgage Tax Report/October 1, 2011 Through March 31, 2012 was next. On behalf of the members of the Audit & Administration Committee, Legislators Birmingham & LoBue, Chairwoman Conklin moved the following:

RESOLUTION #141

APPROVAL/SEMI-ANNUAL MORTGAGE TAX REPORT/OCTOBER 1, 2011 THROUGH MARCH 31, 2012

WHEREAS, upon receipt of approval of the Semi-Annual Report showing the amounts to be credited to each district of the County of the money collected during the period October 1, 2011 through March 31, 2012 from the New York State Department of Taxation and Finance, the Putnam County Audit and Administration Committee reviewed and hereby forwards same to the Putnam County Legislature; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that pursuant to Section 261 of the Tax Law, the Putnam County Legislature issues tax warrants for the payment to the respective districts of the amounts so credited and authorizes and directs the Commissioner of Finance to make a payment of said amounts to the respective district in accordance with the report as follows:

Town of Carmel	\$ 390,686.74
Town of Kent	133,837.52

Town of Patterson		109,862.44
Town of Philipstown		
	Village of Cold Spring	9,570.25
	Village of Nelsonville	2,796.28
	Town Outside	120,579.69
Town of Putnam Valley		128,232.43
Town of Southeast		
	Village of Brewster	6,096.73
	Town Outside	<u>182,993.00</u>
Total		\$1,084,655.08

BY POLL VOTE: ALL AYES. LEGISLATOR DICARLO WAS ABSENT. MOTION CARRIES.

Item #5u – Approval/Budgetary Amendment (12A029)/Bureau of Emergency Services/2011 Homeland Security Grant was next. On behalf of the members of the Audit & Administration Committee, Legislators Birmingham & LoBue, Chairwoman Conklin moved the following:

RESOLUTION #142

APPROVAL/BUDGETARY AMENDMENT /BUREAU OF EMERGENCY SERVICES/2011 HOMELAND SECURITY GRANT

WHEREAS, the Bureau of Emergency Services has requested a budgetary amendment (12A029) to allocate funding awarded from the 2011 Homeland Security Grant; and

WHEREAS, the Audit & Administration Committee has reviewed and approves said budgetary amendment; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the following budgetary amendment be made:

Increase Revenues:

10398901 440891 10096	FY11 Homeland Security – SH11-1013-E00	\$230,376
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Increase Appropriations:

10398901 51094 10096	FY11 Homeland Sec. Personnel	10,700
10398901 58002 10096	FY11 Homeland Sec. Fringe	818

10398901 52130 10096	FY11 Homeland Sec. Equip. <\$5,000	10,000
10398901 52180 10096	FY11 Homeland Sec. Spec. Tech <\$5,000	7,500
10398901 52650 10096	FY11 Homeland Sec. Automotive >\$5,000	40,000
10398901 52680 10096	FY11 Homeland Sec. Spec. Tech >\$5,000	157,000
10398901 54540 10096	FY11 Homeland Sec. Radio Communications	1,858
10398901 54989 10096	FY11 Homeland Sec. Miscellaneous	<u>2,500</u>
		\$230,376
	2012 Fiscal Impact – 0 –	
	2013 Fiscal Impact – 0 –	

BY POLL VOTE: ALL AYES. LEGISLATOR DICARLO WAS ABSENT. MOTION CARRIES.

Item #5v – Approval/Fund Transfer (12T101)/Health Department/Homeland Security Grant 100% Funded/Purchase Generator was next. On behalf of the members of the Audit & Administration Committee, Legislators Birmingham & LoBue, Chairwoman Conklin moved the following:

RESOLUTION #143

APPROVAL/FUND TRANSFER/HEALTH DEPARTMENT/HOMELAND SECURITY GRANT 100% FUNDED/PURCHASE GENERATOR

WHEREAS, the Health Department has requested a fund transfer (12T101) to purchase a generator using 100% funding through a Homeland Security Grant; and WHEREAS, the Audit & Administration Committee has reviewed and approves said fund transfer; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the following fund transfer be made:

Decrease:

26401001 54330 10067	Homeland Security Medical Supplies	\$44,128
26401001 54640 10067	OHS Education & Training	<u>5,000</u>
		\$49,128

Increase:

26401001 52680 10067	Homeland Security Other Equip	\$49,128
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**2012 Fiscal Impact – 0 –
2013 Fiscal Impact – 0 –**

BY POLL VOTE: ALL AYES. LEGISLATOR DICARLO WAS ABSENT. MOTION CARRIES.

Item #5w – Approval/Memorialization Supporting (S5629-B (Marcellino)/A6575 (Galef) Providing Counties the Authority to Control their Local Sales Tax Rate up to 4% was next. On behalf of the members of the Audit & Administration Committee, Legislators Birmingham & LoBue, Chairwoman Conklin moved the following:

Legislator Tamagna believed that this was something the Legislature needed to support. He believed it was absolutely absurd that Putnam County needs to say “may I” to a State Legislature that is so dysfunctional. If this Legislature feels it is in the best interest of the people of Putnam County to raise sales tax in order to keep property taxes down, that is our decision. That is not a decision where we should have to ask “may I”. The Legislature is fiscally responsible for our budget and this gives us the authority to do the work we need to do in order to move forward in the future.

Legislator Birmingham stated that he respectfully disagreed with Legislator Tamagna. He would be voting against this resolution tonight. He stated that he enjoys and likes the fact that the Legislature needs to go through two extra steps each time we want to increase the County’s sales tax. He stated that in 2004 and 2005 the additional ½ percent sales tax was originally envisioned and promised to us as a temporary tax. It was stated at the time that if we received this additional percentage in sales tax the County would not have to raise property taxes for the next few years. In 2007 we asked for an additional percent. In those years we had an 8.7% real property tax increase. In 2007 Putnam County had an 18.6% real property tax increase. In 2008 we had a 27.1% real property tax increase. When it comes to raising taxes, in this case especially, we need “adult supervision”. He stated that through the Home Rule process the County is required to make the request to Albany twice, once at the beginning of the process and once at the end. He believed this gives the opportunity for healthy discussions. He was comfortable with this process.

Legislator Albano stated that he did not like Albany making decisions for Putnam County. He believed that if we didn’t have the sales tax rate where it is now, the increase in property taxes would have been greater. He stated that 1% on the sales tax represented approximately \$11 million dollars. Without that it would be passed onto the backbone of the community; the people who own homes. He believed the sales tax was a nice way to make everyone contribute.

Legislator Othmer stated that he would like the County to have the ability of local control with respect to the sales tax percentage.

Legislator Oliverio concurred with Legislators Albano and Othmer. The County has the 2% tax cap. Without the sales tax, we would be placing the increased property tax burden on our seniors who are on fixed incomes. He preferred the increased sales tax percentage which is paid for by everyone, even people visiting our County.

Legislator Tamagna agreed that the increase in property taxes would have been higher without the increased sales tax. He stated that he would never say no to the increase in sales tax. There are many tourists in Cold Spring that come all the way from New York City who contribute to our County coffers. He would rather drop the property tax and increase the sales tax then to see the seniors and the young families that are struggling.

There is an exodus in New York State with people relocating to other areas who are unable to afford the property taxes.

Legislator Gross stated that he would be voting “yes”. The 2% property tax cap sounds wonderful, however, when you look at the school districts, they are firing individuals left and right. Programs are being cut. There is no mandate relief. He believed that the County needed some autonomy of our own.

Legislator Birmingham gave an example of the Pegasus program that used to be funded 50% by the State and 50% by the County. The County was informed last year that the program is no longer a mandate and the State will no longer fund it. He stated that it is a great program and he voted in favor of it too. We did not cut the program and made it a County optional program. The false dichotomy that he hears all the time is that it is either property tax or sales tax. He stated that a lot of the County budget is from State mandates and retirement, however, we also have quite a few County initiated programs as well. His point is that he likes the fact that we have to pause and talk about proposed increases in sales tax and perhaps negotiate with our State representatives.

Legislator LoBue concurred with Legislator Birmingham and believed we needed a safety valve mechanism. One of the hindrances to economic development is the sales tax. It is a double sided sword. She believed that we did not have a revenue problem in this County. We have a spending problem.

Legislator Tamagna wanted people to understand that the County has very little control over a large part of the budget. The items where the Legislature can cut are essential services that residents want such as; County-wide ALS, Sheriff’s Department Road Patrol and health programs. There is very little that can be cut. What is driving people out of their homes is property tax and school tax. He believed sales tax is a necessity.

RESOLUTION #144

APPROVAL/MEMORIALIZATION SUPPORTING (S5629-B (Marcellino)/A6575 (Galef) PROVIDING COUNTIES THE AUTHORITY TO CONTROL THEIR LOCAL SALES TAX RATE UP TO 4%

WHEREAS, under the current Tax Law the Counties are authorized to impose a Local Sales Tax up to 3% with any additional amount needing authorization by the State Legislature, and

WHEREAS, these additional authorizations are generally given for a two year period only and require repeated State action, and

WHEREAS, local County Officials are better equipped to manage their local Sales Tax in a way that is most efficient for local tax payers, and

WHEREAS, there is currently pending before the Legislature bills that would change the local Sales Tax authorization from 3% to 4% (S5629-B (Marcellino)/A6575 (Galef), and

WHEREAS, this Home Rule legislation provides mandate relief and enhanced fiscal management tools for Local Government, now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the County of Putnam supports the proposed State Legislation providing County the authority to control their local Sales Tax Rate up to 4% (S5629-B(Marcellino)/A6575 (Galef), and be it further

RESOLVED, that copies of this resolution be forwarded to Governor Cuomo, Senate Majority Leader Skelos, Senator Marcellino, Senator Ball, Senator Saland, Assembly Speaker Silver, Assemblywoman Galef and Assemblyman Katz.

BY ROLL CALL VOTE: SIX AYES. TWO NAYS, LEGISLATORS BIRMINGHAM & LOBUE. LEGISLATOR DICARLO WAS ABSENT. MOTION CARRIES.

Item #5x – Approval/Occupancy Revenues was next. On behalf of the members of the Audit & Administration Committee, Legislators Birmingham & LoBue, Chairwoman Conklin moved the following:

Chairwoman Conklin stated that the County is anticipating having some hotels/motels in the future. She stated that most of the time hotels are occupied by people that are visiting the area. She stated that everyone usually pays an occupancy tax or bed tax when they stay at hotels in other areas. This resolution, if approved, would be sent to Albany requesting that Putnam County impose a 4% hotel/motel occupancy tax. She stated that her vision would be to share part of the revenue with the municipality that hosts the hotel or motel. She also thought that some of the revenue generated could be utilized by the Tourist Promotion Agency to enhance tourist promotion.

Legislator Oliverio stated that he was in favor of this tax, however he needed more clarification on what the County would do for those municipalities that host the hotel/motel. There needs to be a plan first. He requested that this item be tabled.

Legislator Tamagna stated that Putnam County has approximately ninety rooms, some of which are Bed n Breakfasts in Cold Spring. This would not generate a huge revenue stream. He would like to see this proposal in Albany. However, the Legislature needs to find in the budget process, how this revenue could be reinvested back into promoting tourism in Putnam County. Every dollar that we invest into tourism has a return of \$7 dollars. He stated that he looked forward to supporting this proposal.

Legislator Othmer questioned if this proposal would effect a Bed n Breakfast.

Legislator Gross believed they would be exempt. However, it was not clear in the wording of the proposed resolution.

Legislator Albano stated that this is a possible avenue for additional revenue. He did not feel that this would hinder business or stop people from coming to Putnam County. He believed the County should be able to take advantage of the same thing that is going on around the Country.

Legislator Gross concurred and believed that we would have the opportunity to make some adjustments as we move forward. He believed it was a standard practice in other areas to have this occupancy tax. However, he did want Bed n Breakfast's to be exempt. He also supported a portion of the revenue to be shared with the municipality where the hotel is located.

Legislator Albano stated that the community is supporting the sewer and water districts in the areas where the proposed hotels are to be built. He agreed that sharing of revenue should be done with the municipalities that host the hotels.

Legislator LoBue stated that she supported the occupancy tax and that it is an industry standard. She stated that it is currently used as a mechanism in tracking tourism throughout the Country. She stated that she did not know how she felt about sharing the revenue with the host communities. She felt that if it turned out to be a good revenue stream, she would like to see the County reduce the sales tax.

Legislator Birmingham stated that this is a "new tax". This is a brand new tax which has never been instituted in the 200 year history of Putnam County. The tax is not even in place and everyone is already inventing ways on how to spend it. If there was any entity that should be requesting this tax, it should be the Towns, although, if he was on a Town Board, he would vote against it too. The Towns are the ones that put planning and zoning in place. The County does not share sales tax with the Towns, however, he is against sharing sales tax in that respect. He questioned why we were claiming that it might help lower property or sales taxes. He stated that history has shown, with respect to sales tax anyway, that any time we stated it would lower the property tax, it never happened. Fool me once, shame on you. Fool me twice, shame on me. The taxes in the aggregate of those five years he sighted went up over 40% and those were the years that the sales tax was supposed to keep our taxes low. He believed this proposal should be voted down. He stated that we have always claimed that hotels would be the salvation of our County, and yet the first "whereas" clause is mentioning the hotels would be a "burden on the existing infrastructure of our County". He stated that he is a fiscal conservative. He does not believe in taxes.

Legislator Tamagna stated that when we look at the first "whereas" clause, we are talking about the existing infrastructure which our taxpayers all pay for. The proposed tax is imposed on the tourists that stay at our hotels. This additional revenue would help offset what our taxpayers have invested in the way of infrastructure. Why shouldn't the people who visit the area, traveling our roads and staying in our hotels have to pay this tax? Why should the burden of paving the roads only be on our taxpayers? This tax is an

industry standard in the Country and would help support the residents of our County. Hopefully hotels will start being built in the area and this will help offset what has been placed on the back of our taxpayers for too many years. He stated that he completely supported this tax proposal and the flexibility for this to come back before the Legislature to discuss how we can use this additional revenue stream to help offset our current tax burdens.

Legislator Othmer stated that the two proposed hotels that are being considered would be in the Towns of Carmel and Southeast. However, people coming into Putnam County could be traveling through other towns in the County to get to these hotels. He did not have a problem with the additional revenue going into the general fund.

Legislator Albano stated that there is a sewer plant in the Town of Carmel which the taxpayers have been paying for even though they may not have benefited from it by having it hooked up to their homes. They have paid their dues for many years. With the sewers already in place, it is the perfect location for investors to come in and benefit from them. These projects do not happen overnight and might not happen if people didn't pay for the improvements in advance. With respect to the revenue sharing, he felt that some areas needed to be addressed more than others based on previous upgrades, such as the sewer plant, which gives the investor a better opportunity to build a hotel in the area.

Legislator Birmingham stated that this is the first time he is hearing about a "burden" with respect to visitors in Putnam County. Tourism has always been considered a positive because of the sales tax revenue generated. He believed this was rushed through the Committee process in order to meet a deadline in Albany. He asked that this item at least go back to Committee, although, he hoped that it would not even be approved at that time.

Legislator Oliverio made a motion to table this item; seconded by Legislator Birmingham.

Legislator Albano suggested replacing the word "burden" with "cost". There are costs associated with economic development.

Legislator Oliverio stated that he supports this bill in concept, however, there are many issues that have been raised which needed to be addressed. He believed it should go back to Committee.

Chairwoman Conklin called the questioned on the motion to table.

By Roll Call Vote: Three Ayes, Legislators Birmingham, Gross and Oliverio. Five Nays, Legislators Albano, LoBue, Othmer, Tamagna and Conklin. Legislator DiCarlo was absent. Motion Fails.

Chairwoman Conklin called the question on the motion for the resolution.

RESOLUTION #145

APPROVAL/OCCUPANCY REVENUES

WHEREAS, with the anticipated growth of travel related facilities in Putnam County placing an economic burden on the existing infrastructure of our County, and

WHEREAS, a new source of revenue is required to meet these new financial burdens, and

WHEREAS, it is fair and equitable that these travel related facilities participate in the funding of the needed improvements to the County's infrastructure, now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that Putnam County hereby requests the New York State Legislature to authorize Putnam County to impose a 4% hotel and motel occupancy tax under Sections 1202 et al of the NYS Tax Law; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the revenues resulting from this tax be paid into the treasury of Putnam County and be used for County purposes including enhancing the general economy of Putnam County, its Towns and Villages, through promotion of tourist activities, conventions, trade shows, social events, infrastructure and other directly related and supported activities.

BY ROLL CALL VOTE: SIX AYES. TWO NAYS, LEGISLATORS BIRMINGHAM & OLIVERIO. LEGISLATOR DICARLO WAS ABSENT. MOTION CARRIES.

Item #6 – Other Business

Item #6a – Approval/Renewal of Victim Assistance Program Grant/Child Advocacy Center was next. Chairwoman Conklin moved the following; seconded by Legislator Birmingham:

RESOLUTION #146

APPROVAL/RENEWAL OF VICTIM ASSISTANCE PROGRAM GRANT/CHILD ADVOCACY CENTER

WHEREAS, Section 5-1(D) of the Putnam County Code requires Legislative approval of all grant applications and subsequent thereof; and

WHEREAS, previously, the New York State Office of Victim Services, by and through the Crime Victims Board, awarded the County of Putnam a grant to be administered by the Child Advocacy Center of Putnam County for the Victim Assistance Program; and

WHEREAS, Resolution #133 of 2009, which was adopted by the Putnam County Legislature on May 5, 2009, approved and authorized the application for renewal of the grant in the amount of \$263,809 for the period of October 1, 2009 through September 30, 2012; and

WHEREAS, the term of the underlying grant agreement, which provides grant funding for the Victim Assistance Program, may be extended for a one-year period, namely, for the period of October 1, 2012 through September 30, 2013, with the option to extend the term of the grant agreement for an additional one-year period, resulting in an overall renewal period of October 1, 2009; and

WHEREAS, the County of Putnam desires to renew the grant in the amount of \$91,747 for the above-referenced period; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Putnam County Legislature hereby authorizes and approves the renewal of the Victim Assistance Program grant in the amount of \$91,747 for the period of October 1, 2012 through September 30, 2013; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the County Executive, with the advice and assistance of the County Attorney, is authorized to finalize and execute any such agreements as may be necessary to implement the intent and purpose of this resolution; and be it further

RESOLVED, that this resolution shall take effect immediately.

BY POLL VOTE: ALL AYES. LEGISLATOR DICARLO WAS ABSENT. MOTION CARRIES.

Item #7 – Recognition of the Public

Ms. Yvonne Portay spoke about her daughter Nicole who was almost 18 years old, however, cognitively she was still an infant. She stated that Dr. Beals had changed their lives in ways that he would never understand. She explained in detail the events that led up to the birth of her daughter on August 8, 1994.

Undersheriff Convery wanted to thank Commissioner of Highways & Facilities, Fred Pena, for the excellent job at the Sheriff's Department with the repair to their gasoline tank.

County Executive Odell stated that of the fifteen proposed resolutions from the State of the County, the Legislature has approved thirteen. She thanked the Legislature for their collaboration and support. She stated that she had an update on the proposed back to school holiday sales tax exemption which Assemblywoman Galef, Assemblyman Katz and Senator Ball are working on. She stated that the proposal agreed upon by the Administration and the Legislature was changed in Albany. The exemption would only apply to clothing and footwear for seven days. In meeting with representatives in Albany today, she believed that the Administration was successful in getting our original proposal back on track. It was agreed upon to remove electronics from the list of exemptions with the exception of calculators. The Administration felt confident that we would receive positive support from Albany. Senate Majority Leader Skelos, as well as the Leader in the Assembly believe that Putnam County is in a good position to offer this exemption. County Executive Odell thanked the Legislature for all their support.

Ms. Lynne Eckardt, Town of Southeast Resident, questioned if the Coroners received benefits. She believed that it was important to disclose when there are benefits received in order for the public to get an accurate accounting of the salary. She questioned how

much revenue would be anticipated with respect to the proposed occupancy tax with the hotels/motels currently in Putnam County. She believed this was an important factor to consider before approving this proposal. She felt that the Legislature was not doing their due diligence. She stated that when we keep hearing that there is an exodus because of property taxes, this is not true. There is an exodus from parts of NYS but not in Putnam County. She believed we needed to look at the big picture.

Karl Rohde, Director of Putnam County Veterans Service Agency thanked the Legislature for the new van that will be purchased which can be utilized for transportation of our Veterans.

Dr. Michael Nesheiwat, as Coroner of Putnam County, thanked the Legislature for choosing to reduce the number of Coroners to three and not two. In consulting with the other Coroners, they collectively agreed that if the current four Coroner positions were reduced to two Coroner positions, it would not be in the best interest of the people of this County. He stated that there are values to weigh in the amount of times a Coroner goes out. There is a difference when a Coroner goes out at two o'clock in the morning in the middle of the winter, traveling to the other side of the County than a Coroner going out in the middle of the day, close to their town on a day when they are off from their regular job. There are also two types of Coroner cases. One when it is decided to perform an autopsy, which may be approximately 70 cases per year. Then there are other cases which are very involved. There is a lot of paperwork and investing, dealing with police departments, private doctors, families, etc. At that time it may be determined that this is not a Coroner's case and we do not need to spend County funds to do an autopsy. This is valuable time spent by the Coroner. He explained that the Coroners have no office, no computerized system and they keep their own files and data. He stated that the majority of the Coroners are insured by their private employer or they are already retired and in the system in Putnam County. Therefore, he suggested having an incentive program. He suggested a base pay for the Coroners of \$12,000 dollars. There should be some type of incentive plan on the types of calls the Coroners go out on. Instead of paying outside expenses to the hospital, he believed the County needed their own morgue, needed to hire their own pathologist, get a computer system and have a common office of Coroners. Dr. Nesheiwat also thanked Rebecca Wittenberg for the excellent job in running the Health Department for as long as she did during these difficult times.

Mr. Steve Rosario, Philipstown Resident, stated that with respect to the sales tax, the reports that he has read about Rockland County is that they have been faulted for their over reliance on sales tax and keeping the property tax very low. They are now facing a \$40 million dollar deficit and are faced with a choice of cutting services severely or raising the property tax by a very high percentage. He believes Legislators Birmingham, LoBue and Oliverio are on the right track in trying to reach some type of balance between sales tax and property tax.

Mr. Frank Mastrianni, Counsel for People with Disabilities, thanked the Legislature for the approval to purchase a van which can be utilized for the Veterans in need within our Community.

Ms. Liz Hudak, Town of Southeast Councilwoman, stated that with respect to the Hotel/Motel tax resolution which has been passed, she hoped that the Legislature would consider that the host communities where the hotels are located should share in those revenues.

Item #8 – Recognition of the Legislators

Legislator Oliverio wished everyone a “Happy Father’s Day” which is on June 17th. He stated that school will be out for the summer and he asked that people please drive safely. He congratulated the class of 2012.

Legislator Birmingham wished everyone a “Happy Father’s Day”. He stated that June 14th is Flag Day. He wished everyone a “Happy Flag Day”. It is a time to pause and think about our Country and what our flag represents.

Chairwoman Conklin wished Putnam County a “Happy Birthday”.

Legislator Tamagna stated that there is a big Bicentennial kickoff on June 9th on Main Street in Carmel. New York City has given special permission to Putnam County to display fireworks over Lake Glenieda for this event. Also on June 9th will be the “Relay for Life” through the American Cancer Society which will take place in both the Towns of Patterson and Philipstown.

Legislator Othmer thanked Krista Butler for doing a great job on the Putnam County History book which is now available. There will also be an opportunity to purchase these books during the celebration on the 9th. Legislator Othmer stated that there will also be a Bicentennial celebration on Constitution Island on July 7th.

There being no further business, at 9:29 P.M., Legislator Birmingham made a motion to adjourn; seconded by Legislator Tamagna. All in favor.

Respectfully submitted by Diane Schonfeld, Clerk.