

**SPECIAL MEETING
OF THE
PUTNAM COUNTY LEGISLATURE
CALLED BY THE CLERK AT THE REQUEST OF THE CHAIRMAN
FOR THE ADOPTION OF THE 2015 BUDGET
HELD IN THE
HISTORIC COURTHOUSE
CARMEL, NEW YORK 10512**

Wednesday October 29, 2014 7:00 p.m.

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 P.M. by Chairman Albano who requested Legislator Nacerino lead in the Pledge of Allegiance. Chairman Albano then requested Legislator Wright lead in the Prayer. Upon roll call, Legislators Scuccimarra, Oliverio, Tartaro, Nacerino, Gross, Castellano, LoBue, Wright and Chairman Albano were present. Also present was Legislative Counsel Van Ross.

Item #3 - Correspondence

- a) Enter County Executive's Veto of Resolution #234 of 2014 into Journal was duly noted.
- b) Enter County Executive's Veto of Resolution #235 of 2014 into Journal was duly noted.

Item #4a – Sheriff's Department – NAMI Law Enforcement Overtime for Training was first. Chairman Albano moved the following:

Chairman Albano stated that he would not be voting in favor of this based on a letter from the Sheriff which stated that he and Commissioner Piazza have been working on crisis intervention training.

Legislator Oliverio believes this is a strong part of the health and safety concerns of the County. He believed this money would provide that cushion for our departments if they needed it. He stated that it would be held in subcontingency and only released if it was needed.

Legislator LoBue stated that NAMI spoke specifically about Mental Health issues during the Health Committee Budget meeting. She believed they were working on a plan and a process. She stated that they may not need all the money, however, it would be allocated if needed. She stated that by putting it in subcontingency they would need to come before the Legislature before a penny of it is spent.

Legislator Scuccimarra stated that we have great resources within County government. She stated that when a plan is developed and if more funds are needed, at that time they can come before the Legislature. She stated that at this time she does not support allocating \$53,825.

Chairman Albano stated that the Sheriff also stated that NYS Office of Mental Health has provided a \$23,000 dollar grant for training in 2015. He stated that the Sheriff is not requesting additional funding at this time.

Legislator Gross stated that he has confidence in the Sheriff's Department and the Department Social Services who said they can handle this in house.

Legislator Oliverio stated that it wasn't a matter of the training itself. He believed it was a matter of the overtime.

Legislator Wright supported the reduction. He stated that throughout the process he believed that the Legislature could have done more. He stated that some of the continuations of the "temporary" sales tax increase seem to be a permanent way of life in Putnam County. He stated that seven (7) years ago when it was presented under emergency fiscal challenges, he believed that the people of Putnam County were sold a bill of goods. He stated that the millions of dollars that they have been taxed each year through that sales tax has a staggering impact on families. He stated that we bemoan the fact that we have difficulty in attracting commerce and business and shoppers, yet we ignore Westchester County's 3% rate to our south and Dutchess County's quarter of a percent lower to our north.

Legislator Oliverio questioned what this had to do with the NAMI request.

Legislator Wright stated that it has to do with each of our budget votes that we are doing this evening and whether it is appropriate to support any of them at this time because we haven't done the work leading up to this process that we should have. He stated that Legislator Oliverio has called the sales tax something that we are addicted to and that we should attempt to reduce. He stated that a \$2 million dollar budget creep could have almost funded a quarter of a point reduction in our sales tax which at least would have made us competitive with Dutchess County. He did not believe that the tax cap was a goal to be reached; it's a cap. He believed that there was nothing going well under that cap. He stated that when he left this Legislative body there was a \$45 million budget. He stated that we are up to five times that amount now. He stated that most of the people he knows, since 2007 or 2008 when the sales tax increase went into effect, are not getting 2% per year adjustments to their household incomes. He believes that it was inappropriate the way we are going about this.

By Roll Call Vote: Two Ayes – Legislators LoBue and Oliverio. Seven Nays – Legislators Castellano, Gross, Nacerino, Scuccimarra, Tartaro, Wright and Chairman Albano. Motion Fails.

Sheriff's Department

FROM:

TO:

Item #4d – Legal Aid Society – County Contribution was next. Chairman Albano moved the following:

Legislator Gross stated that he supported restoring the County Contribution of \$22,517.00 to the Legal Aid Society. He stated that he took a tour of their current location last week. He believed the building was too small and lacked privacy for the clients. He believed that the top floor was a fire hazard; the stairwell to this floor was extremely steep and there was no other emergency exit. He believed that it was a shame that the Administration denied them the opportunity to rent 34 Gleneida Avenue. He stated that we are talking about representation for a family of four (4) earning under \$64,000 dollars a year income. These individuals are our neighbors. He believed that we needed to take care of these individuals and allow them the opportunity for legal counsel. He stated that if we defund this, Chief Attorney Brophy informed the Legislature that the State will audit the grant situation. This could put the County at risk for possibly needing to reimburse the State for funding received from past years.

Legislator Oliverio stated that the County had the opportunity to have Legal Aid move into 34 Gleneida Avenue, unfortunately the Legislature was not informed of that request. He stated that the bottom line is that the Legal Aid Society needs space and they found a new location. He stated that the \$22,517 keeps them whole, allowing them the ability to offer legal counsel to individuals who cannot afford one. He stated that was what government was about. We need to watch out for our neighbors who may not be as fortunate as ourselves.

Legislator Nacerino stated that it was misleading to say that 34 Gleneida Avenue was an option at this time. She stated that Attorney Brophy indicated that there would be some build outs necessary at that location. She believed that it was a stretch to say that the build outs would be in place by January 1st.

Legislator Oliverio stated that Legal Aid came to the Administration January of this year.

Legislator Nacerino believed that it was misleading to say that this location was a viable choice that was on the table and they were denied that opportunity. She stated that we as a Legislature had no opportunity to discuss 34 Gleneida Avenue since she and Legislators Castellano, Scuccimarra and Wright have been on the Legislature.

Legislator LoBue concurred with Legislators Gross and Oliverio. She stated that this issue has been ongoing for almost eight months. The Legislature was not made privy to the conversation between the Legal Aid Society and the Administration until two weeks ago. She stated that we are talking about \$22,517 dollars for the Legal Aid Society's rent. She stated that the Legal Aid Society handles approximately 2,000 cases per year. She

stated that we were talking about members of the community and our family; people who have fallen on hard times. She believed that everyone deserved legal representation.

Legislator Nacerino stated that she was not disputing the amount of the rent.

Legislator Scuccimarra stated that with a budget of over \$800,000 dollars for the Legal Aid Society, the majority of this is on the burden of the taxpayers. She believed they could have stayed at their current location.

Legislator Wright stated that there is a constitutional aspect of the work of the Legal Aid Society. The United States Supreme Court decided long ago that you must provide for the defense of individuals that are criminally charged or determined to be indigent. He stated that part of the work that the Legal Aid Society does is a requirement of the United States Constitution. He stated that he would support the proposal.

Chairman Albano stated that he would be voting “no” on this. He stated that the County is faced with a large litigation settlement. He agreed that the space was tight at the current location of the Legal Aid Society, however, he was wondering if the County had another location option for them.

RESOLUTION #249

Legal Aid Society

	FROM:	TO:
County Contribution 25117000 54943		
Restore to original request	805,730	828,247

A DIFFERENCE OF: 22,517

Adjust revenue accordingly.

BY ROLL CALL VOTE: SIX AYES. THREE NAYS – LEGISLATORS NACERINO, SCUCCIMARRA AND CHAIRMAN ALBANO. MOTION CARRIES.

Item #4e – Bureau of Emergency Services – E911 Telephone & Cellular Surcharge was next. Chairman Albano moved the following:

RESOLUTION #250

Bureau of Emergency Services

	FROM:	TO:
E911 Telephone Surcharge 10398900 411401	180,000	0

E911 Cellular Surcharge 10398900 411402	255,000	0
E911 Telephone Surcharge 13398900 411401	0	180,000
E911 Cellular Surcharge 13398900 411402	0	255,000

A DIFFERENCE OF: 0

BY POLL VOTE: ALL AYES. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Item #4f – Parks & Recreation – Maintenance & Repairs was next. Chairman Albano moved the following:

RESOLUTION #251

Parks & Recreation

	FROM:	TO:
Maintenance & Repairs 10711000 54710	15,000	0
Subcontingency 10199000 54985	0	15,000

A DIFFERENCE OF: 0

BY POLL VOTE: ALL AYES. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Item #4g – Amend Resolution #175 of 1996 / Time Accrual Policy for Management /Confidential Employees was next. Chairman Albano moved the following:

RESOLUTION #252

AMEND RESOLUTION #175 OF 1996 / TIME ACCRUAL POLICY FOR MANAGEMENT /CONFIDENTIAL EMPLOYEES/ADD 2 VACATION DAYS, 2 PERSONAL DAYS & 6 SICK DAYS

WHEREAS, by Resolution #175 of 1996 Putnam County reduced the number of Vacation Days, Personal Days and Sick Days of Management/Confidential Employees in anticipation that Labor Contracts with the various unions would reflect this change; and

WHEREAS, this reduction never occurred in any of the County's Labor Contracts;
and

WHEREAS, the implementation of this portion of Resolution #175 of 1996 has
unfairly affected the County's Management/Confidential Employees; and

WHEREAS, the County desires to correct this unfairness in its 2015 Budget
Adoption, now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that effective January 1, 2015 Management/Confidential Employees of
the County shall receive an additional two (2) days' Vacation time, an additional two (2)
days Personal time and six (6) additional days Sick time that were removed by
Resolution #175 of 1996.

BY POLL VOTE: ALL AYES. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Item #4h – Department of Social Services – Director of Children/Family Services was
next. Chairman Albano moved the following:

Legislator LoBue stated that it was a matter of principal. She was not in favor of the
management raises, therefore, in terms of fairness and equity she stated that she would
be voting “no.” She stated that she did not understand how some individuals get raises
and some don't, therefore she would also be voting “no” to the CSEA resolutions that
were being put into subcontingency.

RESOLUTION #253

Department of Social Services

	FROM:	TO:
Director of Children/Family Services 10102000 51000 (601002101)	107,272	108,345
FICA 10102000 58002	0	82

A DIFFERENCE OF: 1,155

Adjust fringes and revenue accordingly.

**BY ROLL CALL VOTE: EIGHT AYES. ONE NAY – LEGISLATOR LOBUE. MOTION
CARRIES.**

Item #4i – Mental Health – SPOA Coordinator-Children Services was next. Chairman
Albano moved the following:

RESOLUTION #254

Mental Health – SPOA

	FROM:	TO:
SPOA Coordinator-Children Services 10033000 51000 (431013101)	73,875	73,144
FICA 10033000 58002	56	0

A DIFFERENCE OF: (787)

Adjust fringes and revenue accordingly.

BY POLL VOTE: ALL AYES. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

**Item #4j – District Attorney – Upgrade to Senior Office Assistant (Legal) was next.
Chairman Albano moved the following:**

RESOLUTION #255

District Attorney

	FROM:	TO:
Upgrade to Senior Office Assistant (Legal) Grade 9 Step 2 Effective April 1st 10116500 51000 (116510919)	2,667	1,882
FICA 10116500 58002	204	144
Senior Office Assistant (Legal) (116510919)	1,882	0
FICA 10116500 58002	144	0
Subcontingency 10199000 54982	0	2,026

A DIFFERENCE OF: (845)

Adjust fringes and revenue accordingly.

**BY POLL VOTE: SEVEN AYES. TWO NAYS – LEGISLATORS LOBUE & WRIGHT.
MOTION CARRIES.**

**Item #4k – District Attorney – Upgrade to Senior Office Assistant (Legal) was next.
Chairman Albano moved the following:**

RESOLUTION #256

District Attorney

	FROM:	TO:
Upgrade to Senior Office Assistant (Legal) Grade 9 Step 2 Effective April 1st 10116500 51000 (116510920)	2,667	1,882
FICA 10116500 58002	204	144
Senior Office Assistant (Legal) (116510920)	1,882	0
FICA 10116500 58002	144	0
Subcontingency 10199000 54982	0	2,026

A DIFFERENCE OF: (845)

Adjust fringes and revenue accordingly.

**BY POLL VOTE: SEVEN AYES. TWO NAYS – LEGISLATORS LOBUE & WRIGHT.
MOTION CARRIES.**

**Item #4L – Personnel Department – Upgrade to Principal Typist was next. Chairman
Albano moved the following:**

RESOLUTION #257

Personnel Department

	FROM:	TO:
Upgrade to Principal Typist Grade 12 Step 2 Effective April 1st 10143000 51000 (143010909)	2,938	2,218

FICA		
10143000 58002	225	170
Principal Typist		
(143010909)	2,218	0
FICA		
10143000 58002	170	0
Subcontingency		
10199000 54982	0	2,388

A DIFFERENCE OF: (775)

Adjust fringes and revenue accordingly.

**BY POLL VOTE: SEVEN AYES. TWO NAYS – LEGISLATORS LOBUE & WRIGHT.
MOTION CARRIES.**

Item #4m – Highway Administration – Upgrade to Architect was next. Chairman Albano moved the following:

RESOLUTION #258

Highway Administration

	FROM:	TO:
Upgrade to Architect Grade 21 Step 1		
Effective April 1 st		
10149000 51000		
(149010914)	5,302	4,002
FICA		
10149000 58002	406	306
Architect		
(149010914)	4,002	0
FICA		
10149000 58002	306	0
Subcontingency		
10199000 54982	0	4,308

A DIFFERENCE OF: (1,400)

Adjust fringes and revenue accordingly.

BY POLL VOTE: SEVEN AYES. TWO NAYS – LEGISLATORS LOBUE & WRIGHT.
MOTION CARRIES.

Item #4n – Health Department – Upgrade Principal Typist was next. Chairman Albano moved the following:

RESOLUTION #259

Health Department

	FROM:	TO:
Upgrade to Principal Typist Grade 12 Step 4 Effective April 1 st 10401000 51000 (401010901)	4,104	3,097
FICA 10401000 58002	314	237
Principal Typist (401010901)	3,097	0
FICA 10401000 58002	237	0
Subcontingency 10199000 54982	0	3,334

A DIFFERENCE OF: (1,084)

Adjust fringes and revenue accordingly.

BY POLL VOTE: SEVEN AYES. TWO NAYS – LEGISLATORS LOBUE & WRIGHT.
MOTION CARRIES.

Item #4o – Health Department – EHS – Upgrade to Senior Typist was next. Chairman Albano moved the following:

RESOLUTION #260

Health Department - EHS

	FROM:	TO:
Upgrade to Senior Typist Grade 8 Step 4 Effective April 1 st		

12401000 51000 (401012910)	3,412	2,576
FICA 12401000 58002	261	197
Senior Typist (401012910)	2,576	0
FICA 12401000 58002	197	0
Subcontingency 10199000 54982	0	2,773

A DIFFERENCE OF: (900)

Adjust fringes and revenue accordingly.

BY POLL VOTE: SEVEN AYES. TWO NAYS – LEGISLATORS LOBUE & WRIGHT.
MOTION CARRIES.

Item #4p – Health Department – WIC – Upgrade to Senior Dietary Technician was next.
Chairman Albano moved the following:

RESOLUTION #261

Health Department - WIC

	FROM:	TO:
Upgrade to Senior Dietary Technician Grade 15 Step 2 Effective April 1 st		
10408200 51000 (401033902)	4,567	3,447
FICA 10408200 58002	349	264
Senior Dietary Technician (401033902)	3,447	0
FICA 10408200 58002	264	0
Subcontingency 10199000 54982	0	3,711

A DIFFERENCE OF: (1,205)

Adjust fringes and revenue accordingly.

**BY POLL VOTE: SEVEN AYES. TWO NAYS – LEGISLATORS LOBUE & WRIGHT.
MOTION CARRIES.**

Item #4q – Health Department – Drinking Water Supply – Upgrade to Public Health Sanitarian was next. Chairman Albano moved the following:

RESOLUTION #262

Health Department – Drinking Water Supply

	FROM:	TO:
Upgrade to Public Health Sanitarian Grade 18 Step 2 Effective April 1st 12022000 51000 (401037901)	8,762	6,613
FICA 12022000 58002	670	506
Public Health Sanitarian (401037901) FICA 12022000 58002	6,613 506	0 0
Subcontingency 10199000 54982	0	7,119

A DIFFERENCE OF: (2,313)

Adjust fringes and revenue accordingly.

**BY POLL VOTE: SEVEN AYES. TWO NAYS – LEGISLATORS LOBUE & WRIGHT.
MOTION CARRIES.**

Item #4r – Early Intervention – Upgrade to Account Clerk was next. Chairman Albano moved the following:

RESOLUTION #263

Early Intervention

	FROM:	TO:
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Upgrade to Account Clerk Grade 10 Step 4 Effective April 1st 10405900 51000 (405910909)	3,761	2,839
FICA 10405900 58002	288	217
Account Clerk (405910909) FICA 10405900 58002	2,839 217	0 0
Subcontingency 10199000 54982	0	3,056

A DIFFERENCE OF: (993)

Adjust fringes and revenue accordingly.

**BY POLL VOTE: SEVEN AYES. TWO NAYS – LEGISLATORS LOBUE & WRIGHT.
MOTION CARRIES.**

Item #4s – Child Advocacy Center – Upgrade to Senior Typist was next. Chairman Albano moved the following:

RESOLUTION #264

Child Advocacy Center

	FROM:	TO:
Upgrade to Senior Typist Grade 8 Step 3 Effective April 1st 22070000 51000 (601303902)	2,134	1,611
FICA 22070000 58002	163	123
Senior Typist (601303902) FICA 22070000 58002	1,611 123	0 0
Subcontingency		

10199000 54982 0 1,734

A DIFFERENCE OF: (563)

Adjust fringes and revenue accordingly.

BY POLL VOTE: SEVEN AYES. TWO NAYS – LEGISLATORS LOBUE & WRIGHT.
MOTION CARRIES.

Item #4t – Office for Senior Resources – Title III – Upgrade to Intermediate Typist was next. Chairman Albano moved the following:

RESOLUTION #265

Office for Senior Resources – Title III

	FROM:	TO:
Upgrade to Intermediate Typist Grade 10 Step 4 Effective April 1 st 10677200 51000 (677210907)	3,761	2,839
FICA 10677200 58002	288	217
Intermediate Typist (677210907)	2,839	0
FICA 10677200 58002	217	0
Subcontingency 10199000 54982	0	3,056

A DIFFERENCE OF: (993)

Adjust fringes and revenue accordingly.

BY POLL VOTE: SEVEN AYES. TWO NAYS – LEGISLATORS LOBUE & WRIGHT.
MOTION CARRIES.

Item #4u – Office for Senior Resources – Comm Svcs for Elderly – Upgrade to Account Clerk/Typist II was next. Chairman Albano moved the following:

RESOLUTION #266

Office for Senior Resources – Comm Svcs for Elderly

	FROM:	TO:
Upgrade to Account Clerk/Typist II Grade 8 Step 4 Effective April 1st 10677700 51000 (677710917)	3,249	2,452
FICA 10677700 58002	249	188
Account Clerk/Typist II (677710917)	2,452	0
FICA 10677700 58002	188	0
Subcontingency 10199000 54982	0	2,640

A DIFFERENCE OF: (858)

Adjust fringes and revenue accordingly.

**BY POLL VOTE: SEVEN AYES. TWO NAYS – LEGISLATORS LOBUE & WRIGHT.
MOTION CARRIES.**

**Item #4v – District Attorney – Victim Witness Assistant was next. Chairman Albano
moved the following:**

RESOLUTION #267

District Attorney

	FROM:	TO:
Victim Witness Assistant Subcontingency 10199000 54982	0	60,000

A DIFFERENCE OF: 60,000

BY POLL VOTE: ALL AYES. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

**Item #4w – County Executive – Confidential Secretary was next. Chairman Albano
moved the following:**

RESOLUTION #268

County Executive

	FROM:	TO:
Confidential Secretary 10123000 51000 (123010906)	7,000	3,500
FICA 10123000 58002	268	0

A DIFFERENCE OF: (3,768)

Adjust fringes and revenue accordingly.

BY POLL VOTE: EIGHT AYES. ONE NAY – LEGISLATOR LOBUE. MOTION CARRIES.

Item #4x – County Clerk – First Deputy County Clerk was next. Chairman Albano moved the following:

RESOLUTION #269

County Clerk

	FROM:	TO:
First Deputy County Clerk 10141000 51000 (141010102)	105,000	100,000
FICA 10141000 58002	383	0

A DIFFERENCE OF: (5,383)

Adjust fringes and revenue accordingly.

BY POLL VOTE: ALL AYES. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Item #4y – Office for Senior Resources – Title III – Confidential Secretary was next. Chairman Albano moved the following:

RESOLUTION #270

Office for Senior Resources – Title III

	FROM:	TO:
Confidential Secretary		

10677200 51000 (677210903)	2,000	1,000
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FICA 10677200 58002	77	0
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A DIFFERENCE OF: (1,077)

Adjust fringes and revenue accordingly.

BY POLL VOTE: ALL AYES. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Item #4z – Restore 1% Management Increase was next. Chairman Albano moved the following:

RESOLUTION #271

Restore 1% Management Increase

	FROM:	TO:
Finance – 10131000 51000 Payroll Manager (131010108)	63,174	63,806
FICA 10131000 58002	0	48
Audit – 10132000 51000 Audit Manager (132010102)	56,119	56,680
FICA 10132000 58002	0	43
Historian – 10751000 51000 Archivist (751110102)	15,402	15,556
FICA 10751000 58002	0	12
Historian – 10751000 51000 County Historian (751110101)	27,389	27,663
FICA 10751000 58002	0	21

Highway – 10149000 51000

Deputy Commissioner (149010111)	90,000	90,900
FICA		
10149000 58002	0	69

Social Services		
Deputy Commissioner		
10431000 51000 (601020117)	47,986	48,466
10120000 51000 (601020117)	47,986	48,466
10731000 51000 (601020117)	10,663	10,769
FICA		
10431000 58002	0	37
10120000 58002	0	37
10731000 58002	0	8

A DIFFERENCE OF: 3,862

Adjust fringes and revenue accordingly.

BY POLL VOTE: EIGHT AYES. ONE NAY – LEGISLATOR LOBUE. MOTION CARRIES.

Item #4aa – Historian’s Office – Historian Assistant Positions – Increase to 25 H/P/W was next. Chairman Albano moved the following:

RESOLUTION #272

Historian’s Office

	FROM:	TO:
Increase to 25 H/P/W Historian Assistant 10751000 51000 (751110904)	2,495	0
Increase to 25 H/P/W Historian Assistant 10751000 51000 (751110905)	2,495	0
FICA 10751000 58002	382	0
Subcontingency 10199000 54982	0	5,372

A DIFFERENCE OF: 0

Adjust fringes and revenue accordingly.

BY POLL VOTE: ALL AYES. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Item #4bb – Legislature – Deputy Clerk was next. Chairman Albano moved the following:

RESOLUTION #273

Legislature

	FROM:	TO:
Deputy Clerk		
10101001 51000		
(101010111)	68,900	72,000
FICA		
10101001 58002	0	237

A DIFFERENCE OF: 3,337

Adjust fringes and revenue accordingly.

BY POLL VOTE: EIGHT AYES. ONE NAY – LEGISLATOR WRIGHT. MOTION CARRIES.

Item #4cc – Legislature – Administrative Assistant Positions was next. Chairman Albano moved the following:

RESOLUTION #274

Legislature

	FROM:	TO:
Administrative Assistant		
10101001 51000		
(101010113)	31,310	34,000
Administrative Assistant		
10101001 51000		
(101010114)	38,380	41,000
FICA		
10101001 58002	0	406

A DIFFERENCE OF: 5,716

Adjust fringes and revenue accordingly.

BY POLL VOTE: EIGHT AYES. ONE NAY – LEGISLATOR LOBUE. MOTION CARRIES.

**Item #4dd – Libraries – County Contribution – Additional 2% Increase was next.
Chairman Albano moved the following:**

Legislator Nacerino stated that without a doubt every Legislator wholeheartedly supports our local libraries. She applauded the County Executive for proposing the 3% increase. She stated that the Legislature is proposing a 5% increase and she has expressed her concerns with sustaining this in the future with pending costs, health insurance and unfunded mandates, which will all continue to loom over our local government. She believed that politics has a heavy hand in the proposed increase, it did not negate the fact that libraries will effectively utilize extra monies. She stated that many of her constituents have contacted her in support of the 5% increase. She stated that she would support this increase.

Legislator Wright stated that he will be voting in accordance with the recommendation of the County Executive. He believed it was unfair to all the other not-for-profits.

Legislator Castellano stated that funding for the libraries in 2011 was \$322,316 and the proposal for the 2015 budget was \$362,769 which is an approximate increase of \$41,000 or 13% in the last four (4) years. He stated that he loves the libraries as much as everyone else, however, he honestly believed that we were not doing the right thing for Putnam County. He believed that every not-for-profit would want the extra money and he stated that he would hold the line here. He believed the County Executive's 3% proposal was fair.

Legislator Oliverio stated that this 2% increase goes to an organization that services every part of our society; from our youngest individuals to the oldest. He believed that a little extra money for our libraries goes a very long way.

Legislator Tartaro stated that today's libraries are not the same as we remember when we were younger. In the case of emergencies, such as power outages, it is a safe haven for individuals and a place to recharge their electronics. He stated that the Kent library budget was in excess of \$550,000. He stated that the County's contribution is roughly \$45,000. He stated that the County funds roughly between 5% and 10% of most libraries' budgets. He stated that earlier this year there was discussion about sharing sales tax revenue and he believed this was one area where you do impact just about every person in Putnam County by supporting the libraries.

Legislator LoBue stated that this is much needed funding. She stated that the additional 2% is equivalent to \$7,044 dollars which is being split among eight (8) libraries. She

stated that in her town the Mahopac library stepped up to the plate during the two (2) recent storms that we had and became a care center for the residents.

Legislator Gross stated that Legislator Oliverio requested this additional funding at a budget meeting of the Legislature. He stated that he certainly concurs with all that has been said in favor of this increase. He stated that he can speak about the Brewster library which he has noticed has been very busy since the economy has been down. He stated that although the Legislature is requesting additional funding, he believed that it was a small amount when divided among all the libraries within Putnam County.

Chairman Albano stated that he would be voting “no.” He stated that he totally supports the libraries, however, the libraries did not request this additional funding. He stated that the proposed budget included a slightly higher percentage for the libraries than what was given to the other outside agencies. He stated that he is trying to be fiscally responsible especially in light of the recent \$4 million dollar lawsuit the County is facing.

RESOLUTION #275

Libraries

	FROM:	TO:
County Contribution		
Additional 2% Increase		
25741000 54950	362,769	369,813

A DIFFERENCE OF: 7,044

BY ROLL CALL VOTE: SIX AYES. THREE NAYS – LEGISLATORS CASTELLANO, WRIGHT & CHAIRMAN ALBANO. MOTION CARRIES.

Item #4ee – Putnam Arts Council – County Contribution was next. Chairman Albano moved the following:

Legislator LoBue stated that this funding goes to all the Arts throughout the County.

Legislator Wright stated that he would vote to support the County Executive’s careful deliberations on this.

RESOLUTION #276

Putnam Arts Council

	FROM:	TO:
County Contribution		
25091000 54950	10,000	11,000

A DIFFERENCE OF: 1,000

BY ROLL CALL VOTE: SIX AYES. THREE NAYS – LEGISLATORS CASTELLANO, WRIGHT & CHAIRMAN ALBANO. MOTION CARRIES.

Item #4ff – Finance Department – Butterfield Lease – Partnership Initiative was next. Chairman Albano moved the following:

Legislator Nacerino stated that the money is being placed in subcontingency until at such time we have more details about the lease agreement.

RESOLUTION #277

Finance Department

	FROM:	TO:
Butterfield Lease Partnership Initiative 10131000 54936	64,000	0
Subcontingency 10199000 54981	0	64,000

A DIFFERENCE OF: 0

BY POLL VOTE: ALL AYES. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Item #4gg – Sheriff’s Department – Community & Youth and Road Patrol was next. Chairman Albano moved the following:

RESOLUTION #278

Sheriff’s Department

	FROM:	TO:
Correcting Account Numbers to Comply with NYS Comptroller		
<u>Community & Youth</u> Deputy Outside Services 16311000 426601	70,000	0
Deputy Outside Services 16311000 422601	0	70,000

A DIFFERENCE OF: 0

Road Patrol

Deputy Outside Services 17311000 426601	15,000	0
Deputy Outside Services 17311000 422601	0	15,000

A DIFFERENCE OF: 0

BY POLL VOTE: ALL AYES. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Item #5 – Other Business

Legislator Nacerino made a motion to waive the rules and accept the additional material submitted to the meeting; seconded by Legislator Gross. All in favor.

Item #5a – Putnam County Coroners – Per Diem was next. Chairman Albano moved the following; seconded by Legislator Oliverio.

Chairman Albano stated that this resolution would change the Coroners salary to a per diem basis of \$165.00.

Legislator Gross stated that we are moving in the right direction and this will help to straighten out some issues in the Coroners office.

Legislator Castellano stated that this would only effect the two (2) Coroners that will take office in January 2015.

RESOLUTION #279

Putnam County Coroners

WHEREAS, County Law authorizes compensation paid to the County Coroners be done on either an annual salary or per diem basis; and

WHEREAS, all of Putnam County’s Coroners serve on a Part Time basis; and

WHEREAS, the County Coroners are currently paid on a salary basis but the procedure does not fully compensate our current Coroners based on the varied time each is available to perform the needed duties; and

WHEREAS, the Putnam County Legislature believes that payment on a per diem basis would be a more equitable method of compensating its Coroners; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the compensation of the Putnam County Coroners for terms commencing on or after January 1, 2015 be on a per diem basis; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the per diem compensation be set at \$165.00 for the year commencing on January 1, 2015 with the following adjustment to the 2015 Tentative Budget:

Decrease:		
10118500 51000 (118510101)		20,543
10118500 51000 (118510103)		20,543
Increase:		
10118500 51089		41,086

And be it further

RESOLVED, that this resolution shall take effect upon the expiration of each Coroner's term currently holding office.

BY POLL VOTE: ALL AYES. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Legislator Gross stated that he wanted to thank his colleagues. He stated that there were some contentious times during deliberations of the budget, however, he believed that the Legislature did a good job.

Chairman Albano also thanked his colleagues.

Legislator LoBue stated that she had a few items she would like to propose.

Item #5b – Planning Department – Commissioner of Planning Position – Subcontingency was next. Legislator LoBue moved the following; seconded by Legislator Oliverio.

Legislator LoBue stated that this position has been vacant for over 1½ years and she would like to move it to subcontingency. She stated that this would give the Legislature some control before the Administration appoints an individual to this position.

Legislator Castellano believed that this would just delay the process.

Legislator LoBue stated that the position has been vacant for over a year. She stated that by putting it in subcontingency it would allow the Legislature to be part of the process. She stated that right now the Administration could put anyone in that position and the Legislature would find out about it after the fact.

Legislator Nacerino believed that this was not the Legislature's call.

Legislator Castellano believed that there would be certain standard that would need to be met anyway.

Legislator Wright addressed Legislator Castellano's comments and stated that he sat with interest at the Audit & Administration Committee meeting the other night and so

often budgetary transfers are made, and the Committee will state and the Legislature will adopt, with the understanding that matters have no fiscal impact when in fact he believed that indeed they do. He stated that to a certain extent, when significant amounts of funds can readily be transferred from one budget line to another budget line it is indicative, if not compellingly suggestive of the fact, that the Legislature did not do its appropriating job in the preceding budget adoption to allow that kind of money to be sitting around. He stated that he recognizes that circumstances change, however if you look at the activity over the year of budgetary transfers, many of these transfers that are on face value of no fiscal impact, did have a fiscal impact when the budget was adopted and now it seems like a good idea to put them to a different use although it wasn't the use for which they were approved by the Legislature during the budget; this arduous process we just went through. He stated that should this position be filled next year it will also be without fiscal impact if we put it in subcontingency, however he stated that he would support that because he believed that the County did need a Commissioner. He stated that he did not want to see in the middle of next year a transfer of \$50,000 dollars out of this line because we still haven't hired a Commissioner, and use that money to buy another truck or something that was decided this year that it wasn't necessary to budget for.

RESOLUTION #280

Planning Department

	FROM:	TO:
Commissioner of Planning 10802000 51000 (802010101)	110,000	0
Subcontingency 10199000 54982	0	110,000

Adjust fringes and revenue accordingly.

A DIFFERENCE OF: 0

BY ROLL CALL VOTE: FIVE AYES. FOUR NAYS – LEGISLATORS CASTELLANO, NACERINO, SCUCCIMARRA & CHAIRMAN ALBANO. MOTION CARRIES.

Item #5c – Putnam County Industrial Development Agency (IDA) Loan – Subcontingency was next. Legislator LoBue moved the following; seconded by Legislator Oliverio.

Legislator LoBue stated that the Administration appropriated \$75,000 as a loan for the Industrial Development Agency (IDA). She requested that the amount be placed in subcontingency.

Legislator Scuccimarra stated that this was discussed in Committee. She stated that the Administration is working out the details of the loan which will come to the Legislature to sign.

Legislator LoBue stated that if the money is placed in subcontingency it cannot be spent until the Administration comes to the Legislature. She stated that we are waiting for a contract between the IDA and the County for this loan and at that time we would know that the details of the contract have been worked out.

Legislator Gross stated that he understood that the IDA has a zero balance of funds. He stated that they cannot do anything until they have some funding.

Legislator Wright stated that his understanding of the discussion was that nothing can be appropriated out of the line until the loan agreement is approved by the Legislature. Therefore, he did not understand why the funds could not be placed back in the appropriate lines during the Legislative meeting that approves the loan agreement.

Legislator Oliverio stated that by putting the funds in subcontingency, as Legislator Wright stated, protects it until a contract agreement is reached and then Legislature can release the funds at the same meeting that the contract is being approved at.

Legislator Nacerino believed this was redundant. She stated that when the loan agreement comes to the Legislature, at that time we have the ability to approve, disapprove or amend. She stated that the Legislature has control and that is what we are striving for.

Chairman Albano stated that the Legislature is beginning to micro manage everything. He stated that we could do this with every line, putting the money in subcontingency, and have the Administration come to us on a daily basis for money needed. He believed that we needed to give them the ability to keep things moving.

By Roll Call Vote: Three Ayes – Legislators LoBue, Oliverio & Wright. Six Nays – Legislators Castellano, Gross, Nacerino, Scuccimarra, Tartaro & Chairman Albano. Motion Fails.

Putnam County IDA

	FROM:	TO:
IDA Loan 25646000 54020	75,000	0
Subcontingency	0	75,000

A DIFFERENCE OF: 0

Item #5d – Transportation Part Bus System – Special Services – Subcontingency was next. Legislator LoBue moved the following; seconded by Legislator Wright.

Legislator LoBue stated that under Transportation she requested that the Special Services amount of \$60,000 be placed in subcontingency. She stated that last year we appropriated \$56,000 for a consultant to do the RFP. She stated that we have a Transportation Manager receiving \$75,000 and she did not understand why we needed to have consultants.

Legislator Scuccimarra stated that the department is redoing all of the bus routes which she believed was a monumental task to do properly according to regulations. This was the same consultant used last year and she believed it was necessary to have him come back to review the routes and make sure they fall within all the guideline requirements.

Legislator LoBue stated that the County paid \$56,000 for the consultant last year and \$75,000 for the Transportation Manager. She stated that now the consultant is coming back because they need someone to do the paperwork which she believed should be the Transportation Manager.

Chairman Albano stated that we are spending some money in that department, however he believed that we were saving tenfold.

Legislator Wright stated that he wasn't on the Board when the \$56,000 was authorized for the RFP. He stated if the RFP was properly and adequately drawn to provide for contractors that came in to be awarded under the RFP, then why do we need the consultant in the subsequent fiscal year to review what should have been a self-fulfilling RFP? He believed that if you have a well-tailored RFP, you would get it back the way you need it to be for federal compliance without the need for the consultant who drafted the RFP to tinker with the submission so as to make them compliant.

Legislator Castellano stated that the buses in Putnam County have improved tremendously. He stated that he had no objections to leaving the \$60,000 as is.

Chairman Albano stated that with the things that have been accomplished in the past year in that department, he had no problem with the \$60,000 in the budget and was comfortable with the direction they are going in.

Legislator Wright stated that his question was; did we get our \$50,000 worth out of last year's RFP?

Chairman Albano believed that if we didn't the department would have told us that they were not happy with the consultant.

Legislator Oliverio stated that no one is asking that the funds be removed from the budget. It is just being asked that the money be safeguarded for a particular purpose when that need is demonstrated.

Chairman Albano stated that based on past experience with the work that has been done in this department, he did not have any doubts where he believed it was necessary to put this money in subcontingency.

Legislator Gross believed that consultants can become very addictive. He stated that the Transportation Manager does a great job in explaining why certain things are needed in his department. He stated that he would like to place the money in subcontingency so that we can hear Transportation Manager Tamagna's thoughts on the need for the consultant.

RESOLUTION #281

Transportation Part Bus System

	FROM:	TO:
Special Services 95630000 54682	60,000	0
Subcontingency 10199000 54981	0	60,000

Adjust fringes and revenue accordingly.

A DIFFERENCE OF: 0

BY ROLL CALL VOTE: FIVE AYES. FOUR NAYS – LEGISLATORS CASTELLANO, NACERINO, SCUCCIMARRA & CHAIRMAN ALBANO. MOTION CARRIES.

Item #4hh – Fund Balance – Offset Changes was next. Chairman Albano moved the following; seconded by Legislators Gross and Oliverio.

RESOLUTION #282

	FROM:	TO:
<u>Fund Balance</u> 10131000 427161	2,850,000	2,948,142

Or such adjusted amount as required to offset changes to the Tentative Budget by the County Legislature, including County Executive's Vetoes not overridden by the County Legislature and including final adjustment for Health Insurance rates, to comply with the Tax Cap requirements of the State of New York. It being the intent of the Legislature to comply with Real Property Tax Law and Levy of \$40,592,368.00.

APPROXIMATE DIFFERENCE OF: \$ (98,142)

BY ROLL CALL VOTE: EIGHT AYES. ONE NAY – LEGISLATOR WRIGHT. MOTION CARRIES.

Item #6a – Approval of Budget Resolutions was next. Chairman Albano moved the following: seconded by Legislators Nacerino & Oliverio.

RESOLUTION #283

APPROVAL OF THE 2015 BUDGET RESOLUTIONS

RESOLVED, that the Putnam County Legislature hereby approves the 2015 budget resolutions as pre-filed by the Budget & Finance Committee and amended by the Legislature on October 29, 2014; and be it further

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

BY POLL VOTE: SEVEN AYES. TWO NAYS – LEGISLATORS LOBUE & WRIGHT. MOTION CARRIES.

Item #6b - Approval/Resolution Adopting the Budget for Fiscal Year 2015 Commencing January 1, 2015 Making Appropriations for the Operation of the County Government and Establishing Rates of Compensation for Officers and Employees for the Fiscal Year 2015. Chairman Albano moved the following; seconded by Legislator Oliverio.

RESOLUTION #284

A RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE BUDGET FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2015 COMMENCING JANUARY 1, 2015 MAKING APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE OPERATION OF THE COUNTY GOVERNMENT AND ESTABLISHING RATES OF COMPENSATION FOR OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2015

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

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

RESOLVED, that the Putnam County Legislature hereby adopts the Tentative Budget, as amended by this Legislature which sets forth the appropriations for the objects and purposes as specified, and further establishes the rates of compensation to

be paid provided that said tentative budget as amended does not exceed the tax cap as provided for by state law; and be it further

RESOLVED, that this act takes effect on January 1, 2015.

BY ROLL CALL VOTE: SEVEN AYES. TWO NAYS – LEGISLATORS LOBUE & WRIGHT. MOTION CARRIES.

Legislator Wright requested that the Legislature go into executive session regarding the Deskovic litigation settlement.

At 8:18 p.m., Chairman Albano made a motion to go into executive session regarding the Deskovic litigation settlement; seconded by Legislators Wright and Gross. All in favor.

At 8:28 p.m., Chairman Albano made a motion to come out of executive session; seconded by Legislator Oliverio. All in favor.

No action was taken.

There being no further business, at 8:28 p.m., Chairman Albano made a motion to adjourn; seconded by Legislator Oliverio. All in favor.

Respectfully submitted by Diane Schonfeld, Clerk.