



**Item #3 – Putnam Tourism Promotion Agency – Subcontingency.**

Chairman Castellano stated that, as discussed in the previous Budget Committee meetings, we were waiting to make sure the outside agencies were in compliance with submitting the appropriate paperwork to the County. He stated that based on the recommendation of the Commissioner of Finance and the County Attorney they are in compliance; therefore, he would propose not moving the monies into subcontingency.

**Putnam Tourism Promotion Agency**

<b>Matching Funds</b>		
25641000 54621	68,192	0
<b>Advertising</b>		
25641000 54664	5,000	0
<b>Leased Transportation</b>		
25641000 54678	10,000	0
<b>County Contribution</b>		
25641000 54950	147,000	0
<b>Subcontingency</b>		
10199000 54981	0	230,192

**A DIFFERENCE OF: 0**

**Item #4 – Putnam County Economic Development Corp. – County Contribution – Subcontingency.**

Chairman Castellano stated that the recommendation of the Commissioner of Finance and the County Attorney is that the EDC is in compliance; therefore he would propose not moving the monies into subcontingency.

**Putnam County Economic Development Corp.**

	<b>FROM:</b>	<b>TO:</b>
<b>County Contribution</b>		
25642000 54950	175,000	0

**Subcontingency**



25645000 54950	12,000	0
<b>Subcontingency</b>		
10199000 54981	0	12,000

**A DIFFERENCE OF: 0**

**Item #7 – Libraries – All Lines – County Contribution – Subcontingency.**

**Chairman Castellano stated that the recommendation of the Commissioner of Finance and the County Attorney is that the libraries are in compliance; therefore he would propose not moving the monies into subcontingency.**

**Libraries**

	<b>FROM:</b>	<b>TO:</b>
<b>Telephone</b>		
25741000 54634	5,000	0
<b>Software Accessories</b>		
25741000 54782	27,540	0
<b>Literacy Volunteer Contribution</b>		
25741000 54948	9,460	0
<b>Local History Genealogy</b>		
25741000 54949	1,500	0
<b>County Contribution</b>		
25741000 54950	380,907	0
<b>Reference Center</b>		
25741000 54997	11,300	0
<b>Subcontingency</b>		
10199000 54981	0	435,707

**A DIFFERENCE OF: 0**

**Item #8 – Putnam Arts Council – Contribution to the Arts – County Contribution – Subcontingency.**

Chairman Castellano stated that the recommendation of the Commissioner of Finance and the County Attorney is that the Putnam Arts Council is in compliance; therefore he would propose not moving the monies into subcontingency.

**Putnam Arts Council**

	FROM:	TO:
Advertising 25091000 54664	4,000	0
County Contribution 25091000 54950	12,000	0
Putnam Arts Council Contribution to Arts County Contribution 25756000 54950	46,000	0
Subcontingency 10199000 54981	0	62,000

**A DIFFERENCE OF: 0**

**Item #9 – Putnam History Museum – County Contribution – Subcontingency.**

Chairman Castellano stated that the recommendation of the Commissioner of Finance and the County Attorney is that the Putnam History Museum is in compliance; therefore he would propose not moving the monies into subcontingency.

**Putnam History Museum**

	FROM:	TO:
County Contribution 25756200 54950	53,040	0
Subcontingency 10199000 54981	0	53,040

**A DIFFERENCE OF: 0**

**Item #10 – Southeast Museum – County Contribution –Subcontingency.**

Chairman Castellano stated that the recommendation of the Commissioner of Finance and the County Attorney is that the Southeast Museum is in compliance; therefore he would propose not moving the monies into subcontingency.

**Southeast Museum**

	<b>FROM:</b>	<b>TO:</b>
County Contribution 25756400 54950	32,640	0
Subcontingency 10199000 54981	0	32,640

**A DIFFERENCE OF: 0**

**Item #11 – Humane Society – County Contribution – Subcontingency.**

Chairman Castellano stated that the recommendation of the Commissioner of Finance and the County Attorney is that the Humane Society is in compliance; therefore he would propose not moving the monies into subcontingency.

**Humane Society**

	<b>FROM:</b>	<b>TO:</b>
County Contribution 25851200 54950	143,738	0
Subcontingency 10199000 54981	0	143,738

**A DIFFERENCE OF: 0**

**Item #12 – SPCA – Increase County Contribution \$10,000.**

Legislator Jonke stated that he reviewed their minutes from May 2018. He stated that he is uncomfortable with spending taxpayer monies for this agency at this time. He stated that he would vote against this.

Legislator Sayegh concurred with Legislator Jonke. She stated that none of the other outside agencies received increases.

Legislator Gouldman stated that they are the primary dog enforcer in Putnam Valley and he believed they did a wonderful job. He stated that he would support this increase.

Legislator Sullivan believed that the amount they receive, compared to the other outside agencies, is a small dollar amount. He believed that they do a lot of good work and they need more money to survive.

Legislator Nacerino stated that she would support the increase. She stated that this is a relatively new not-for-profit in recent years. She believed that each year their responsibilities and tasks seem to increase and therefore she believed the funding was warranted.

Legislator Addonizio stated that she would support the \$10,000 increase.

Chairman Castellano stated that whatever is decided this evening is still not final. He stated that there will be a public hearing next week and the Budget Adoption the week after.

Legislator Albano stated that he supported the increase. He believed that indirectly they save us money in other areas.

Chairman Castellano believed that there was a real need for what they do and certainly appreciated that.

Chairman Castellano made a motion to move the following; seconded by Legislator Gouldman.

**SPCA**

	<b>FROM:</b>	<b>TO:</b>
<b>County Contribution</b>		
<b>25851300 54950</b>	<b>40,000</b>	<b>50,000</b>

**A DIFFERENCE OF: 10,000**

**BY ROLL CALL VOTE: SIX AYES. TWO NAYS – LEGISLATORS JONKE & SAYEGH. LEGISLATOR SCUCCIMARRA WAS ABSENT. MOTION CARRIES.**

**Item #13 – SPCA – Subcontingency.**

Chairman Castellano stated that the recommendation of the Commissioner of Finance and the County Attorney is that the SPCA is in compliance; therefore he would propose not moving the monies into subcontingency.

**SPCA**

<b>County Contribution</b> 25851300 54950	<b>50,000</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Subcontingency</b> 10199000 54981	<b>0</b>	<b>50,000</b>

**A DIFFERENCE OF: 0**

**Item #14 – Cooperative Extension – Tilly Foster Agricultural Program – County Contribution – Subcontingency.**

**Chairman Castellano stated that the recommendation of the Commissioner of Finance and the County Attorney is that the Cooperative Extension is in compliance; therefore he would propose not moving the monies into subcontingency.**

**Cooperative Extension**

	<b>FROM:</b>	<b>TO:</b>
<b>Tilly Foster Agricultural Program</b> 25875000 54555	<b>10,000</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>County Contribution</b> 25875000 54950	<b>315,185</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Subcontingency</b> 10199000 54981	<b>0</b>	<b>325,185</b>

**A DIFFERENCE OF: 0**

**HEALTH, SOCIAL, EDUCATIONAL & ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITTEE  
(Chairwoman Scuccimarra, Legislators Gouldman & Sayegh)**

**Item #15 – Health Department – Adjust Department of Environmental Protection – Contracts.**

**Chairman Castellano stated that this is transferring funds into the correct lines.**

**Chairman Castellano made a motion to move the following; seconded by Legislator Addonizio.**

**Health Department**

	FROM:	TO:
Department of Environmental Protection Contracts 12401002 54646 10070	5,000	0
Contracts 12401002 54646 10050	0	5,000

A DIFFERENCE OF: 0

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

Item #16 – Health Department – Adjust Public Health Emergency Preparedness – Overtime.

Chairman Castellano stated that this is transferring funds into the correct lines.

Chairman Castellano made a motion to move the following; seconded by Legislators Albano and Nacerino.

Health Department

	FROM:	TO:
Public Health Emergency Preparedness Overtime 26401001 51093 10066	5,200	0
Temporary 26401001 51094 10066	0	5,200

A DIFFERENCE OF: 0

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

PROTECTIVE SERVICES COMMITTEE  
(Chairman Jonke, Legislators Gouldman & Sullivan)

Item #17 – Legal Aid Society – Adjust State Aid Indigent Legal Services Increase \$94,564 – County Contribution.

Chairman Castellano stated that we are receiving an additional \$94,564 from the State. He stated that this is correcting the lines to reflect that amount. It is a zero fiscal impact.

Chairman Castellano made a motion to move the following; seconded by Legislator Jonke.

**Legal Aid Society**

	<b>FROM:</b>	<b>TO:</b>
State Aid Indigent Legal Serv. 25117000 430251	254,486	349,050
County Contribution 25117000 54950	841,045	935,609

**A DIFFERENCE OF: 0**

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

**AUDIT & ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE  
(Chairman Castellano, Legislators Albano & Jonke)**

**Item #18 – Contingency Fund – Move from Subcontingency back to Putnam County Industrial Development Corp Contracts.**

Chairman Castellano stated that the recommendation of the Commissioner of Finance and the County Attorney is that the IDA is in compliance; therefore he would propose not moving the monies into subcontingency.

**Contingency Fund**

	<b>FROM:</b>	<b>TO:</b>
Subcontingency 10199000 54981	50,000	0
Putnam County Industrial Development Corp Contracts 25646000 54646	0	50,000

**A DIFFERENCE OF: 0**

**Item #19 – Other Business**

**Item #19a – Cornell Cooperative Extension – Proposed Increase of \$5,000 – Legislator Addonizio.**

Legislator Addonizio stated that Cornell Cooperative Extension requested an increase of \$12,503.00 in their budget. Legislator Addonizio wanted to discuss giving them half of the requested amount.

Legislator Sullivan stated that Cornell Cooperative Extension hasn't received an increase in County funding in many years. He explained that, considering all they do, he would support a \$5,000 increase. He stated that he did not want to increase the overall budget, but he would discuss ways to adjust the budget to account for the increased changes proposed.

Legislator Nacerino acknowledged the work of Cornell Cooperative Extension and certainly she does not want to underscore all the good that they do, however she will not be supporting any increase. She believed we could say the same for all of our not-for-profits receiving level funding year after year. She believed it would be unjust to not give consideration to the other not-for-profits as well.

Chairman Castellano asked for a second on the request to increase the County Contribution for Cornell Cooperative Extension by \$5,000; seconded by Legislator Sullivan.

**Cornell Cooperative Extension**

	<b>FROM:</b>	<b>TO:</b>
<b>County Contribution</b>		
<b>25875000 54950</b>	<b>315,185</b>	<b>320,185</b>

**A DIFFERENCE OF: 5,000**

**BY ROLL CALL VOTE: FIVE AYES. THREE NAYS – LEGISLATORS ALBANO, NACERINO & SAYEGH. LEGISLATOR SCUCCIMARRA WAS ABSENT. MOTION CARRIES.**

There being no further business, Chairman Castellano made a motion to adjourn; seconded by Legislator Sayegh.

County Auditor Sharkey questioned Item #18 pertaining to the IDA funds in subcontingency in the tentative budget.

Legislative Clerk Schonfeld explained that the Putnam County IDA requested their funds to be placed in subcontingency in the tentative budget. The Audit Committee requested it to come out of subcontingency and be placed in the IDA's budget line.

Chairman Castellano made a motion to revisit Item #18; seconded by Legislator Jonke. All in favor.

**Item #18 – Contingency Fund – Move from Subcontingency back to Putnam County Industrial Development Corp Contracts.**

Chairman Castellano explained the funding for the IDA was placed in subcontingency in the tentative budget. He stated that, based on the recommendation of Commissioner of Finance Carlin and County Attorney Bumgarner, the funds would be moved out of subcontingency and made available in the IDA's budget line.

Chairman Castellano stated that the recommendation of the Commissioner of Finance and the County Attorney is that the IDA is in compliance; therefore he would propose not moving the monies into subcontingency.

Chairman Castellano made a motion to move the following; seconded by Legislator Nacerino. All in favor.

**Contingency Fund**

	<b>FROM:</b>	<b>TO:</b>
<b>Subcontingency</b>		
10199000 54981	50,000	0
<b>Putnam County Industrial Development Corp Contracts</b>		
25646000 54646	0	50,000

**A DIFFERENCE OF: 0**

**Item #4 – Other Business**

Legislator Sullivan stated that he reviewed the vehicle requests in the budget. He stated that he received an email from Purchasing Director Alex Mazzotta on the cost of cars. He stated that a Ford Fusion costs \$23,000 and a Chevrolet Malibu \$17,000. He stated that of six (6) cars that are being requested, he believed if the departments purchased a Chevrolet Malibu instead of a Ford Fusion, there would be a savings of \$46,500. He stated that some departments have budgeted \$25,000 and others \$20,000. He believed the savings in funds could be allocated to the increases proposed for the SPCA and Cornell Cooperative Extension.

Legislator Nacerino concurred. She stated that we would need to take an action to do that; possibly not to exceed \$20,000.

**Legislator Sullivan stated that Consumer Reports states that both those types of cars are closely matched.**

**Chairman Castellano stated that he understood the concept behind Legislator Sullivan's proposal. He stated that he would be interested in finding out more information about this. He questioned what departments the six (6) cars were coming from.**

**Legislator Sullivan stated that Narcotics budgeted \$20,000; the Health Department budgeted \$22,000; Social Services budgeted \$46,500 for 2 cars; Consumer Affairs budgeted \$25,000 and the Office for Senior Resources budgeted \$60,000 for 2 cars.**

**Legislator Nacerino believed it was not the Legislature's intent to lock the departments into purchasing a particular vehicle, but they could certainly get a comparable midsize vehicle in that price range.**

**Chairman Castellano explained that changing the type of vehicle being purchased could possibly change something else; such as the gas account. He believed there were some questions that needed to be asked. He asked for clarification on how many cars were being questioned.**

**Legislator Sullivan clarified that there were seven (7).**

**Chairman Castellano suggested inquiring with each department before we make any adjustments to make sure changing their budget doesn't affect them in another way that we are not aware of.**

**Legislator Nacerino suggested sending correspondence to the departments explaining what is being considered and for them to provide their feedback.**

**Legislator Albano concurred.**

**Commissioner of Finance Carlin did not believe this was going to accomplish what they thought it would because of the funding source. He stated that in the Office for Senior Resources, the cars are 100% funded by the Lobdell grant. He stated that if you cut the cars from \$60,000 to \$50,000 you would also cut the revenue by \$10,000 which would be a net zero to the budget. He stated that it is the same with the Health Department vehicles and Department of Social Services vehicles. He explained that in the Health Department they are 100% funded by the water grant. He questioned if the Legislature wanted to cut both sides of the equation or stick with the ones where you can reduce the County taxation cost. He stated that the other thing the Administration considers is that the Highway Department prefers one (1) car over another when it comes to repairing them.**

**Chairman Castellano stated that there is something to be said about having the same type of fleet. Are the mechanics geared to repairing one (1) type of vehicle? He stated that even if did it for two (2) vehicles there is a cost savings.**

**Legislator Sullivan stated that when it comes to repairing the vehicles, from what he understands, if it is anything substantial it potentially will be covered under warranty; most up to 60,000 miles. He believed after that the mechanics are generally performing basic maintenance. Therefore, he did not believe it made a difference on the type of vehicle.**

**Chairman Castellano stated that correspondence will be sent to the Sheriff and Consumer Affairs. He explained that depending on the response, the change can be made at the Adopt the Budget meeting on October 30<sup>th</sup>.**

**There being no further business, at 6:38 P.M., Chairman Castellano made a motion to adjourn; seconded by Legislator Albano. All in favor.**

**Respectfully submitted by Diane Schonfeld, Clerk.**