

**YEAR END MEETING  
OF THE  
PUTNAM COUNTY LEGISLATURE  
HELD IN ROOM 318  
PUTNAM COUNTY OFFICE BUILDING  
CARMEL, NEW YORK 10512**

Wednesday

December 18, 2019

(Immediately following Audit & Admin. Mtg. starting @ 6:30 P.M.)

The meeting was called to order at 8:00 P.M. by Chairman Castellano who led in the Pledge of Allegiance and he requested Legislator Nacerino to lead in the Legislative Prayer. Upon roll call, Legislators Montgomery, Gouldman, Addonizio, Nacerino, Albano, Jonke, Sayegh, Sullivan and Chairman Castellano were present. Also present was Legislative Counsel Firriolo.

Item #4 - Correspondence  
a) County Auditor

There was no activity during the reporting period.

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

Item #5a – Approval/Budgetary Amendment (19A087)/ Social Services/ Grant Award/ Balance of State Rapid Rehousing was next. On behalf of the Health, Social, Educational & Environmental Committee, Legislators Addonizio, Gouldman and Sayegh, Chairman Castellano moved the following:

**RESOLUTION #293**

**APPROVAL/BUDGETARY AMENDMENT / SOCIAL SERVICES/ GRANT AWARD/  
BALANCE OF STATE RAPID REHOUSING**

**WHEREAS, the Commissioner of Social Services has requested a budgetary amendment (19A087) to amend the 2019 Department of Social Services budget to include a grant awarded by the NYS Office of Temporary and Disability Assistance in the amount of \$183,288 under the project name “Balance of State Rapid Rehousing”; and**

**WHEREAS, Rapid Rehousing will provide short term rental assistance and services; and**

**WHEREAS, the goals are to help people obtain housing quickly, increase self-sufficiency and stay housed; and**

**WHEREAS, Putnam County’s Department of Social Services will contract with Putnam Family and Community Services, dba CoveCare Center to oversee the project; and**

**WHEREAS, the term of the contract is June 1, 2019 through May 31, 2021; and**

**WHEREAS, there are no matching funds required by the County; and**

WHEREAS, the Health, Social, Educational & Environmental Committee and the Audit & Administration Committee have reviewed and approve said grant award in the amount of \$183,288; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the following budgetary amendment be made:

**Increase Appropriations:**

10120000 10155	Rapid Rehousing	
54647	Sub-Contractors	183,288

**Increase Estimated Revenues:**

10120000 10155	Rapid Rehousing	
436101	Admin Social Services	183,288

2019 Fiscal Impact – 0 –

2020 Fiscal Impact – 0 –

**BY POLL VOTE: ALL AYES. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Item #5b – Approval/ Fund Transfer (19T403)/ Social Services/ Office of Children and Family Services (OCFS) Chargeback was next. On behalf of the Health, Social, Educational & Environmental Committee, Legislators Addonizio, Gouldman and Sayegh, Chairman Castellano moved the following:

**RESOLUTION #294**

**APPROVAL/ FUND TRANSFER/ SOCIAL SERVICES/ OFFICE OF CHILDREN AND FAMILY SERVICES (OCFS) CHARGEBACK**

WHEREAS, the Commissioner of Social Services has requested a fund transfer (19T403) to reallocate funds to cover OCFS Chargeback for placement March through August 2017; 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:

**Decrease:**

10611900 54414	IVE JD/PINS (Federally Participating Foster Care, Juvenile Delinquent/Person in Need of Supervision)	60,000
10611900 54423	IVE FC (Federally Participating Foster Care)	<u>682</u>
		60,682

**Increase:**

10612900 54413	Care-State Training	60,682
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2019 Fiscal Impact – 0 –

2020 Fiscal Impact – 0 –

**BY POLL VOTE: ALL AYES. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT & ENERGY COMMITTEE  
(Chairwoman Sayegh, Legislators Addonizio & Montgomery)**

Item #5c – Approval/ Fund Transfer (19T408)/ Tourism/ Advertising was next. On behalf of the members of the Economic Development & Energy Committee, Legislators Sayegh, Addonizio and Montgomery, Chairman Castellano moved the following:

**RESOLUTION #295**

**APPROVAL/ FUND TRANSFER / TOURISM/ ADVERTISING**

WHEREAS, the Department of Tourism has requested a fund transfer (19T408) to cover remaining bills incurred since September; and

WHEREAS, a previous transfer of funds was based on an estimate by the Commissioner of Finance; and

WHEREAS, the Economic Development & Energy Committee and Audit & Administration Committee have reviewed and approve said fund transfer; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the following fund transfer be made:

**Decrease:**

<b>25641000 54950</b>	<b>County Contribution</b>	<b>7,055.66</b>
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**Increase:**

<b>10641000 54664</b>	<b>Advertising</b>	<b>7,055.66</b>
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**2019 Fiscal Impact – 0 –**

**2020 Fiscal Impact – 0 –**

**BY POLL VOTE: ALL AYES. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Item #5d – Approval/ Re-Appointments/ Putnam County Industrial Development Agency was next. On behalf of the members of the Economic Development & Energy Committee, Legislators Sayegh, Addonizio and Montgomery, Chairman Castellano moved the following:

Legislator Addonizio thanked all the members for volunteering.

**RESOLUTION #296**

**APPROVAL/ RE-APPOINTMENTS/ PUTNAM COUNTY INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AGENCY**

RESOLVED, that the following be re-appointed to the Putnam County Industrial Development Agency:

Edward Cooke, Town of Carmel, for a three (3) year term, said term to expire December 31, 2022.

Sarina Tamagna Hawes, Town of Philipstown, for a three (3) year term, said term to expire December 31, 2022.

William H. Nulk, Town of Kent, for a three (3) year term, said term to expire December 31, 2022.

And be it further

RESOLVED, that these re-appointments comply with any requirements to file an Oath of Office pursuant to the New York State Public Officers Law.

BY POLL VOTE: ALL AYES. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

**RULES, ENACTMENTS & INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE  
(Chairman Sullivan, Legislators Addonizio & Albano)**

Item #5e – Approval/ Budgetary Amendment (19A086)/ County Attorney/ Judgements & Claims was next. On behalf of the members of the Rules, Enactments & Intergovernmental Relations Committee, Legislators Sullivan, Addonizio and Albano, Chairman Castellano moved the following:

**RESOLUTION #297**

**APPROVAL/ BUDGETARY AMENDMENT / COUNTY ATTORNEY/ JUDGEMENTS & CLAIMS**

WHEREAS, the County Attorney has requested a budgetary amendment (19A086) to fund recently settled litigation; and

WHEREAS, the Rules, Enactments & Intergovernmental Relations Committee and the 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:**

10193000 54933	Judgements & Claims	325,000
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**Increase Estimated Revenues:**

10131000 427161	Use of Fund Balance	325,000
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2019 Fiscal Impact \$325,000

2020 Fiscal Impact – 0 –

BY POLL VOTE: ALL AYES. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Item #5f – Approval/ Budgetary Transfer (19T341)/ Commissioner of Finance/ Partnership Initiative/ Town of Kent/ Smalley Corners Cemetery was next. On behalf of the members

of the Rules, Enactments & Intergovernmental Relations Committee, Legislators Sullivan, Addonizio and Albano, Chairman Castellano moved the following:

**RESOLUTION #298**

**APPROVAL/ BUDGETARY TRANSFER/ COMMISSIONER OF FINANCE/ PARTNERSHIP INITIATIVE/ TOWN OF KENT/ SMALLEY CORNERS CEMETERY**

WHEREAS, the Town of Kent Superintendent and Legislators Addonizio and Albano have requested a budgetary transfer (19T341) for a Partnership Initiative to fund half of the cost of the clean-up of the extensive tornado damage caused at the Smalley Corners Cemetery; and

WHEREAS, the Rules, Enactments & Intergovernmental Relations Committee and the Audit & Administration Committee have reviewed and approved said budgetary transfer; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the following budgetary transfer be made:

**Increase Estimated Appropriations:**

10101001 54936	Partnership Initiative	6,853
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**Decrease Estimated Appropriations:**

10199000 54980	Contingency	6,853
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2019 Fiscal Impact \$6,853

2020 Fiscal Impact – 0 –

**BY POLL VOTE: ALL AYES. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Item #5g – Approval/ Continue the Veterans’ Service Medal Advisory Panel through 2020 was next. On behalf of the members of the Rules, Enactments & Intergovernmental Relations Committee, Legislators Sullivan, Addonizio and Albano, Chairman Castellano moved the following:

Chairman Castellano stated they would like to continue this Advisory Panel for another year.

Legislator Nacerino stated that she is proud to serve on this panel. She stated that a lot was accomplished in a short period of time. She looked forward to continuing to serve on behalf of our veterans.

**RESOLUTION #299**

**APPROVAL/CONTINUE THE VETERANS’ SERVICE MEDAL ADVISORY PANEL THROUGH 2020**

WHEREAS, Resolution # 254 of 2017, enacted by the Legislature on December 6, 2017, and approved by the County Executive on December 12, 2017, established the Putnam County Veterans’ Service Medal Advisory Panel (the “Panel”); and

**WHEREAS, said resolution provided that unless extended by subsequent resolution, the Panel shall be dissolved and terminate all activity on October 1, 2018; and**

**WHEREAS, Resolution # 30 of 2019, enacted by the Legislature on January 8, 2019, and approved by the County Executive on January 10, 2019, recognized that Panel had made significant progress toward providing information and recommendations to enable the Putnam County Legislature to set criteria and procedures for the award of, and the design for, a new Putnam County Service Medal; and said resolution extended the Panel's time to complete this important work to honor Putnam County's veterans through December 31, 2019, unless extended by subsequent resolution; and**

**WHEREAS, in 2019, the Panel recommended the design, and was authorized by the Legislature to begin production, of the Putnam County Service Medal, and**

**WHEREAS, in 2019, the Panel issued over 200 Putnam County Service Medals to eligible veterans; and**

**WHEREAS, the Panel has additional medals on hand that are available to award to eligible veterans; and**

**WHEREAS, the Panel wishes to continue to solicit and consider additional applications from, and award medals to, eligible veterans throughout the year 2020; now therefore be it**

**RESOLVED, that the Putnam County Veterans' Service Medal Advisory Panel shall be continued, and unless extended by subsequent resolution, the panel shall be dissolved and terminate all activity on December 31, 2020, on which date the panel shall deposit all records of its proceedings with the Clerk of the Legislature.**

**BY POLL VOTE: ALL AYES. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**Item #5h – Approval/Re-Appointment/ Putnam County Home Improvement Board was next. On behalf of the members of the Rules, Enactments & Intergovernmental Relations Committee, Legislators Sullivan, Addonizio and Albano, Chairman Castellano moved the following:**

**RESOLUTION #300**

**APPROVAL/ RE-APPOINTMENT/ PUTNAM COUNTY HOME IMPROVEMENT BOARD**

**RESOLVED, that the following be re-appointed to the Putnam County Home Improvement Board:**

**Paul Harnish, Town of Carmel, as a Contractor for a two (2) year term, said term to expire December 31, 2021.**

**And be it further**

**RESOLVED, that these re-appointments comply with any requirements to file an Oath of Office pursuant to the New York State Public Officers Law.**

**BY POLL VOTE: ALL AYES. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**Item #5i – Approval/ Local Law to Amend the Code of the County of Putnam Chapter 145, Entitled “Electricians” was next. On behalf of the members of the Rules, Enactments &**

Intergovernmental Relations Committee, Legislators Sullivan, Addonizio and Albano, Chairman Castellano moved the following:

**RESOLUTION #301**

**APPROVAL/LOCAL LAW TO AMEND THE CODE OF THE COUNTY OF PUTNAM  
CHAPTER 145, ENTITLED "ELECTRICIANS"**

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

**Section I.**

Chapter 145 of the Code of the County of Putnam is hereby amended as provided hereinafter:

**CHAPTER 145**

**ELECTRICIANS**

- § 145-1 Title.
- § 145-2 Legislative intent.
- § 145-3 Applicability.
- § 145-4 Definitions.
- § 145-5 Powers and duties of Director.
- § 145-6 Board of Electrical Examiners.
- § 145-7 Powers and duties of Board.
- § 145-8 License/registration required.
- § 145-9 Application and examination procedure.
- § 145-10 Licensing and registration.
- § 145-10-a Hiring, supervision and responsibilities.
- § 145-10-b Suspension or revocation of license.
- § 145-11 Prohibited acts.
- § 145-12 Performance standards.
- § 145-13 Filing.
- § 145-14 Inspections.
- § 145-15 Transferability.
- § 145-16 Reciprocity.
- § 145-17 Unlicensed electricians.
- § 145-18 Display and advertising.
- § 145-19 Shelving of license.
- § 145-19-a Shelving of license for electricians exclusively employed by municipality.
- § 145-20 Regulation of business.
- § 145-21 Compliance Enforcement Officer.
- § 145-22 Enforcement.
- § 145-23 Criminal penalties.
- § 145-24 Immunity.
- § 145-25 Insurance and bonding.
- § 145-26 Provisions not subject to waiver.
- § 145-27 Severability.
- § 145-28 Repealer.

## **Section II.**

Section 145-4 of the Code of Putnam County is hereby amended to read as follows:

### **§ 145-4 Definitions.**

For the purposes of this chapter, the following terms shall have the following meanings, unless otherwise indicated by context:

#### **BOARD**

The Board of Electrical Examiners for the County of Putnam as provided for by the provisions of this chapter.

#### **BUSINESS ENTITY**

As used in this chapter, the term "business entity" shall include any corporation, partnership, limited partnership or joint venture formed for the purpose of engaging in the business and/or trade of electrical work and low-voltage/limited-data communications.

#### **COUNTY**

All references to the "County" will be to the County of Putnam, unless otherwise indicated.

#### **COUNTY EXECUTIVE**

The County Executive of Putnam County.

#### **DEMOLITION**

Any and all removal, relocation, disconnection or disassembly of electrical equipment, live or dead.

#### **DIRECTOR**

The Director of the Putnam County Office of Consumer Affairs/Weights and Measures/Trades Licensing and Registration.

#### **ELECTRICAL WORK**

The installation, erection, alteration or repair of electrical wiring, apparatus, fixtures, devices or other equipment used or to be used for the transmission of electricity for electric light, heat, cooling, power (including solar), signaling, communication, alarm or data transmission.

#### **FIXED MEMBERSHIP**

A specific number of memberships established in the rules governing an organization. Specifically, the fixed membership of the Board of Electrical Examiners is nine.

#### **HELPER**

A person who is registered in Putnam County while employed by and working under the supervision of a licensed master electrician or journeyman electrician.

## **JOURNEYMAN ELECTRICIAN**

A person who has successfully completed an examination for licensure as a journeyman who works within the County and is employed by and works under the supervision of a licensed master electrician, with a minimum of 10,000 (ten thousand) hours of experience as a helper or equivalent.

## **LEGISLATURE**

The Putnam County Legislature.

## **LICENSE**

A license issued by the Board to persons who have successfully completed an examination for master electrician, special electrician, low-voltage/limited-data communications technician and journeyman electrician as provided for by the provisions of this chapter. The terms 'licensed' or 'licensing' as used in this chapter shall also specifically refer to a Putnam County issued license.

## **LOW-VOLTAGE/LIMITED-DATA COMMUNICATIONS TECHNICIAN**

Any person with a minimum of 8,000 hours' experience who has successfully completed an examination for licensure in low-voltage/limited-data communications technician, who furnishes and/or installs, repairs, maintains or alters cabling systems for computer networking, telecommunications, cable television, intercom, audio/video, fiber optics, video surveillance systems and any other system operating at 90 volts or less and a maximum of five amperes where such work commences at an outlet receptacle or connection previously installed by a person holding the proper electrical license. For purposes of this definition, any master electrician is qualified to do the work of a low-voltage/limited-data communications technician.

## **LOW-VOLTAGE NEW YORK STATE ALARM INSTALLER**

Any person licensed by the State of New York as provided in Article 6-D of the New York State General Business Law for installing fire and security systems along with associated equipment.

## **MASTER ELECTRICIAN**

Any person who has successfully completed a minimum of 10,000 hours' experience as a helper and a minimum of 5,000 hours' experience as a journeyman electrician (or their equivalent), who has successfully passed an examination for licensure as a master electrician and who performs or supervises the installation, erection, extension, alteration and/or repair of electrical wiring, apparatus, fixtures, devices or other equipment utilized or designed for the utilization of electricity for light, heat, cooling, power (including solar) or signaling.

## **PERSON**

For purposes of this chapter, the term "person" shall include an individual, partnership, corporation, business organization or other similar entity.

## **SPECIAL ELECTRICIAN**

Any person who is in the exclusive employ of the owner, lessee or manager of particular buildings or other structural facilities and whose employment consists solely of the work of a licensed master electrician as defined herein.

**SUBSTANTIAL EVIDENCE**

Evidence that a reasonable mind could accept as adequate to support a conclusion; evidence beyond a scintilla.

**Section III.**

Section 145-6 of the Code of Putnam County is hereby amended to read as follows:

**§ 145-6 Board of Electrical Examiners.**

- A. Board established. There shall be a Board of Electrical Examiners ("Board") consisting of nine members, each of whom shall be a resident of the County or own a business within the County. (See definition of "fixed membership," § 145-4.)**
- B. The Board shall interview all candidates for Board membership and submit its recommendations with all candidates' resumes to the Legislature.**
- C. Board members shall be appointed by a majority vote of the Legislature. Board members shall serve a term of three years and at the pleasure of the Legislature.**
- D. Composition of board. The composition of the Board shall be a representative group of people ranging from those with no experience to a master's level experience with the electrical trade or working as an electrician. However, the Board must contain at least one electrician at all times. At no time, shall the composition of the Board interfere with the viability of the Board to perform its duties and to adhere to its responsibilities. A representative group may include:
  - (1) Licensed, shelved, or former master electricians.**
  - (2) Licensed, shelved, or former journeymen.**
  - (3) General contractors who have been in business in Putnam County for a minimum of seven years.**
  - (4) Representatives of New York State Electric & Gas (NYSEG), Central Hudson Gas & Electric (CHGE), Con Edison, or any successors in interest thereof.**
  - (5) Licensed, shelved, or former low-voltage/limited-data communications technicians.**
  - (6) Citizens who have never been licensed by the County of Putnam to perform electrical trade work or work as an electrician.**
  - (7) Current or former Building Inspectors.**
  - (8) Current members of an electrical union.****
- E. Secretary. There shall be a Secretary to the Board who shall be appointed by the County Executive. The Secretary shall report to the Director of the Office of Consumer Affairs, Weights and Measures and Trades Licensing.**

- F. Chairperson and Vice Chairperson.** The Board, by majority vote of the fixed Board, shall elect a Chairperson and Vice Chairperson, each of whom shall serve a one-year term.
- G. Quorum.** A majority of the fixed membership of the Board shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business. A quorum may be achieved by members attending in person or by Board-approved electronic means that allow for simultaneous visual and aural communication throughout the entire deliberative session.
- H. Vacancies.** In the event of a vacancy on the Board, the Board shall send its recommendation to the Legislature and the remainder of the vacating member's term shall be filled by appointment by the Legislature.
- I. Removal.** A Board member may be removed by majority vote of the Legislature for misconduct or malfeasance in office, incompetence, incapacity, neglect of duty, chronic absenteeism, or other good and sufficient cause.

#### **Section IV.**

Section 145-9 of the Code of Putnam County is hereby amended to read as follows:

#### **§ 145-9 Application and examination procedure.**

- A. Written application.** Written applications for licensure or registration as a master electrician, special electrician, low-voltage/limited-data communications technician, journeyman electrician or helper electrician shall be submitted to the Secretary of the Board on the form prescribed by the Board. At a minimum, each application shall set forth the applicant's name, residence address, business address, e-mail address (if applicable), telephone numbers and trade names plus such additional information concerning his or her qualifications and history, including any criminal record, as the Board may request. Applicants shall include satisfactory evidence to demonstrate to the Board that they are competent electricians and qualified to perform electrical contracting, construction and/or installation work; have working knowledge of electricity, including the laws, properties and functions of electricity and electrical apparatus; practical working knowledge of the National Electric Code and all other applicable provisions of Ohm's Law pertaining to the installation, repair and maintenance of electrical wiring and apparatus. All applications shall be signed by the applicant, whose signature shall be notarized. Applications must be made in the name of the individual seeking licensure. If the applicant is an officer, owner or employee of an electrical contracting business, partnership or corporation, then the application shall set forth the names of all officers and owners thereof as of the date of application.
- B. Proof of current and prior employment, qualifications and fitness for licensure.** All applicants must provide proof of experience by providing documentation and information relating to current and prior employment, qualifications, education and fitness for licensure. Proof of employment must include the name and address of the current/former employer, the length of time the applicant worked for the current/former employer and the type of work the applicant performed while working

for the current/former employer. In addition, one or more of the following may be required for adequate proof of employment:

- (1) Resume;
- (2) A notarized letter from current/former employers itemizing residential and commercial experience;
- (3) Work logs; or
- (4) Social security records.

C. Upon receipt of a complete application, including the application fee, for license testing, the Secretary shall forward a copy of the same to the Chairperson of the Board.

D. Board review. Upon receipt of an application to test for a license, the Board shall review such application to ascertain whether or not the applicant possesses the minimum qualifications necessary. At the discretion of the Chairperson, a committee of Board members could be convened to review and vote upon an individual's application before being sent to the full Board for final review and vote. Once an affirmative vote of a majority of the fixed Board has been made, the applicant shall be permitted to take the licensing examination.

E. Written examination.

- (1) Either the Board or an approved testing agency shall provide written examinations. Should the Board administer the examination, it shall be monitored by at least two members of the Board, who shall sign their names to all parts of the applicant's examination. The date, time and place of testing shall be determined by the Board or the approved testing agency. The Board shall provide applicants with written notice of testing dates. Results of every examination administered under the provisions of this chapter shall be kept on file in accordance with the Putnam County's document retention policies.
- (2) Passing grade. Applicants must receive a grade of 75% or higher on the written examination to qualify for licensure. Applicants shall be notified of the results of their written examinations within 30 business days after the date of the examination. Activation of licensure within one year of passing the exam is required.
- (3) If, within one (1) year from application approval, the applicant wishes to retest, a reapplication fee must be submitted for each retest (see Fee Schedule). The fee for the examination itself is separately determined and handled by the testing entity.
- (4) If, after one (1) year from application approval, the applicant has not passed the examination, a new complete application and application fee must be submitted to continue seeking licensure (see Fee Schedule). The fee for the examination itself is separately determined and handled by the testing entity.

F. Fees. The fees for applications, licensing, renewal and other fees provided for under the provisions of this chapter shall be proposed by the Board and set by resolution of the Legislature. All fees collected under the provisions of this chapter are nonrefundable.

- G. Exceptions to testing requirements. For possible examination waiver, please see § 145-16, Reciprocity.**
- H. Child support obligations. Under New York State General Obligations Law § 3-503, all applicants for a license or renewal license must complete a New York State Department of Labor Form GO 1, Appendix to a License Application, regarding the applicant's child support obligations.**

#### **Section V.**

**Section 145-10-a of the Code of Putnam County is hereby amended to read as follows:**

#### **§ 145-10-a Hiring, supervision and responsibility.**

- A. No person who is licensed pursuant to this chapter shall hire any person to perform services of a journeyman electrician in Putnam County unless such person has obtained a journeyman electrician license pursuant to the requirements of this chapter.**
- B. No person who is licensed pursuant to this chapter shall hire any person to perform services of a helper electrician in Putnam County unless such person has registered as a helper electrician under this chapter.**
- C. Any licensed master electrician who has hired a licensed journeyman electrician or registered helper electrician to perform work must supervise such work as required by this chapter.**
- D. No person who is licensed as a journeyman electrician may perform work within Putnam County unless such work is performed under the employment and supervision of a licensed master electrician.**
- E. No person who is registered as a helper electrician may perform work within Putnam County unless such work is performed under the employment, direct supervision, and control of a licensed master electrician or in the presence of a licensed journeyman.**
- F. A licensed master electrician shall respond to the Board's requests for specific employment information regarding the licensed journeymen and registered helper electricians employed by the licensed master electrician. The licensed master electrician must provide the specific information requested by the Board within the specified time frame of such request.**

#### **Section VI.**

**Section 145-19 of the Code of Putnam County is hereby amended to read as follows:**

**§ 145-19 Shelving of license.**

Upon written request by any individual licensed under this chapter, a license may be shelved subject to the following:

- A. Proof that any open electrical permit applications have been closed.**
- B. The granting of a request for shelved status shall not be deemed or otherwise considered a suspension of license.**
- C. Shelved status may be granted for a period of one year.**
- D. The period of shelved status shall commence upon expiration of the current year.**
- E. On or before December 31 of each year of shelved status, the licensee must submit a shelving affidavit.**
- F. A fee shall be assessed against the licensee during any period of approved shelved status.**
- G. Licensees can shelve in consecutive years for a maximum of five years without Board approval. If the licensee wishes to extend shelving beyond five years, the licensee must submit a letter to the Board providing a satisfactory reason for continued shelving.**
- H. A licensee granted shelved status must complete, prior to renewal, any applicable continuing education that may be required during the period of time the license is shelved.**
- I. Upon reactivation, the licensee shall be required to complete a renewal application and pay the appropriate annual licensing fee regardless of the time remaining in the calendar year.**
- J. Any licensee of a shelved license found working in Putnam County shall be deemed unlicensed. He/she shall be subject to fines and penalties as provided for in this chapter.**

**Section VII.**

Section 145-20 of the Code of Putnam County is hereby amended to read as follows:

**§ 145-20 Regulation of business.**

- A. Licenses may not be issued in the name of a corporate or business entity. In the case of a corporation, partnership, limited partnership or joint venture, the individual(s)**

who is responsible for the performance of work covered by this chapter on behalf of such corporation, partnership, limited partnership or joint venture, whether he/she is an employee, officer, owner, or shareholder of the same, must be individually licensed in accordance with the provisions of this chapter.

- B. Such licensed master electrician shall be solely responsible for the proper supervision and layout of any electrical work performed in the name of such business entity. Anyone performing work under such licensed master electrician must be a licensed journeyman electrician or a registered helper electrician.
- C. All such corporations, partnerships, limited partnerships or joint ventures must submit to the Board a certified copy of the applicable business certification as is on file with the Clerk of the County where such business entity maintains its principal place of business.
- D. Whenever a Putnam County licensed master electrician who represents or is employed by an electrical business entity severs his or her relationship or employment with such business entity, it shall be the responsibility of such person and the business entity to provide the Board with written notice of such action within 30 days after such separation. In such event, such business entity shall provide the Board with proof that another duly licensed master electrician is performing the actual work of the business. The failure of the licensee or the business entity to provide such notice and/or proof shall be deemed sufficient cause to deny issuance of a new license.

### Section VIII.

This Local Law shall take effect immediately upon filing with the New York Secretary of State.

BY POLL VOTE: ALL AYES. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Item #5j – Approval/ Resolution to Increase State Support for Cornell Cooperative Extension County Associations in New York State was next. On behalf of the members of the Rules, Enactments & Intergovernmental Relations Committee, Legislators Sullivan, Addonizio and Albano, Chairman Castellano moved the following:

Legislator Addonizio explained that Cornell is requesting that the State to increase their funding. She stated that no additional money would be coming from the County.

Legislator Nacerino stated that this is long overdue. She hoped that they would receive more State funding.

RESOLUTION #302

**APPROVAL/ RESOLUTION TO INCREASE STATE SUPPORT FOR CORNELL  
COOPERATIVE EXTENSION COUNTY ASSOCIATIONS IN NEW YORK STATE**

**WHEREAS, Cornell Cooperative Extension is a formal collaboration between the National Institute of Food and Agriculture at USDA, New York State, County Governments and the Citizens of the State that has served to apply unbiased, research-based knowledge from Cornell, New York's Land Grant University, to the needs of New Yorkers and their communities for over 100 years; and**

**WHEREAS, local extension educators are key community partners in helping to implement state initiatives including maximizing agriculture and local food systems, strengthening the economy, promoting healthier eating habits and access to good nutrition, fighting poverty particularly in rural areas, protecting water quality and stewardship of New York's natural resources, building opportunity through STEM based youth education and leadership skills in 4-H, promoting renewable energy options while protecting farmland resources, and partnering where appropriate in Taste NY initiatives to promote tourism and local food and farm businesses, and**

**WHEREAS, support from Federal, State and County sources is essential to the continued success of locally-governed county cooperative extension associations; and**

**WHEREAS, state appropriations for county cooperative extension associations to match county government appropriations as authorized by Section 224 (8) of the County Law have remained stagnant for twenty years; and**

**WHEREAS, state funding is needed to ensure that the Cornell Cooperative Extension system can equitably work for all New York residents through increased resources to support rural, suburban, and urban community development needs; now therefore be it**

**RESOLVED, that the Putnam County Legislature supports increasing the State appropriation for Cornell Cooperative Extension associations to \$8 million, such funds to be distributed directly to the associations through Cornell University as agent for the state as provided by law; and be it further**

**RESOLVED, that the Clerk of the Putnam County Legislature forward a copy of this resolution to Governor Andrew M. Cuomo, Senate Majority Leader Andrea Stewart-Cousins, Assembly Speaker Carl Heastie, Senator Susan Serino, Senator Peter Harkham, Assemblywoman Sandra Galef and Assemblyman Kevin Byrne.**

**BY POLL VOTE: ALL AYES. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**PERSONNEL COMMITTEE  
(Chairwoman Nacerino, Legislators Jonke & Montgomery)**

**Item #5k – Approval/Fund Transfer (19T392)/ Highways & Facilities/ Overtime/ Temporary was next. On behalf of the members of the Personnel Committee, Legislators Nacerino, Jonke and Montgomery, Chairman Castellano moved the following:**

**RESOLUTION #303**

**APPROVAL/FUND TRANSFER / HIGHWAYS & FACILITIES/ OVERTIME/ TEMPORARY**

**WHEREAS, the Commissioner of Highways & Facilities has requested a fund transfer (19T392) to cover Overtime and Temporary lines; and**

WHEREAS, the Personnel 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:

<b>Decrease:</b>		
02 10511000 51000 (10112)	Personnel – RME0 1	17,000
01 10149000 51094	Admin Temporary	10,000
01 10149000 58002	FICA - Admin	<u>765</u>
		27,765
 <b>Increase:</b>		
02 10511000 51093	Roads Overtime	17,000
01 10711000 51093	Park Overtime	3,000
01 10711000 51094	Park Temporary	7,000
01 10711000 58002	FICA – Park	<u>765</u>
		27,765

2019 Fiscal Impact – 0 –  
2020 Fiscal Impact – 0 –

BY POLL VOTE: ALL AYES. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Item #5L – Approval/ Amending County Policy for Non-PBA Retiree Health Insurance Benefit’s Contribution Schedule was next. On behalf of the members of the Personnel Committee, Legislators Nacerino, Jonke and Montgomery, Chairman Castellano moved the following:

Chairman Castellano explained that another percentage category has been added to the retiree’s health insurance benefit contribution schedule. He explained that it will benefit the retiree and he believed the union supported this as well.

Legislator Nacerino stated that another tier has been added to make it less burdensome of those earning less in their pension than the higher tiers.

**RESOLUTION #304**

**APPROVAL/ AMENDING COUNTY POLICY FOR NON-PBA RETIREE HEALTH INSURANCE BENEFIT’S CONTRIBUTION SCHEDULE**

WHEREAS, the Putnam County Legislature had previously established a Non-PBA Retiree Health Insurance Benefit’s Contribution Schedule by Resolution #227 of 2015 and amended by Resolution #93 of 2017; and

WHEREAS, upon the recommendation of the County Executive and Personnel Officer the administration is desirous of creating a Non-PBA Retiree Health Insurance Benefit’s Contribution Schedule that is more evenly distributed over the various contribution schedule categories; and

WHEREAS, the Putnam County Legislature is also desirous of adjusting this schedule as recommended by the County Executive and Personnel Officer; now therefore be it

RESOLVED that effective January 1, 2020, the following Non-PBA Retiree Health Insurance Benefit's Contribution Schedule shall be established and implemented:

<u>Annual Amount of Pension Benefit</u>	<u>Amount of Premium Payable by Retiree</u>
\$65,000 and higher	30%
\$52,500 - \$64,999	25%
\$40,000 - \$52,499	21.5%
\$30,000 - \$39,999	18%
\$20,000 - \$29,999	13%
\$10,000 - \$19,999	10%
\$ 0 - \$9,999	8%

and be it further

RESOLVED that the applicable category will be established at time of retirement and will not be increased thereafter as a result of any applicable COLA increases provided by the New York State and Local Retirement System pursuant to the requirements of such retirement system.

BY POLL VOTE: ALL AYES. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

**PROTECTIVE SERVICES COMMITTEE**  
(Chairman Jonke, Legislators Nacerino & Sullivan)

Item #5m – Approval/ Fund Transfer (19T375)/ Sheriff's Department/ Jail Overtime was next. On behalf of the members of the Protective Services Committee, Legislators Jonke, Nacerino and Sullivan, Chairman Castellano moved the following:

RESOLUTION #305

**APPROVAL/ FUND TRANSFER / SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT/ JAIL OVERTIME**

WHEREAS, the Putnam County Sheriff has requested a fund transfer (19T375) to cover Overtime expenses due to officer vacancies and three (3) officers on 207C; and

WHEREAS, the Protective Services Committee and the Audit & Administration Committee have reviewed and approved said fund transfer; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the following fund transfer be made:

Decrease:

10315000 51092	Compensatory Time Payout	25,000
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Increase:

10315000 51093	Jail Overtime	25,000
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2019 Fiscal Impact – 0 –

2020 Fiscal Impact – 0 –

BY POLL VOTE: ALL AYES. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Item #5n – Approval/ Fund Transfer (19T377)/ Sheriff’s Department/ Jail Overtime was next. On behalf of the members of the Protective Services Committee, Legislators Jonke, Nacerino and Sullivan, Chairman Castellano moved the following:

**RESOLUTION #306**

**APPROVAL/ FUND TRANSFER / SHERIFF’S DEPARTMENT/ JAIL OVERTIME**

WHEREAS, the Putnam County Sheriff has requested a fund transfer (19T377) to cover Overtime expenses due to numerous Constant Watch; and

WHEREAS, the Protective Services Committee and the Audit & Administration Committee have reviewed and approved said fund transfer; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the following fund transfer be made:

**Decrease:**

10315000 51094	Jail Temporary	10,000
10315000 58002	Jail FICA	<u>765</u>
		10,765

**Increase:**

10008000 51093	Jail Medical Overtime	10,000
10008000 58002	Jail Medical FICA	<u>765</u>
		10,765

2019 Fiscal Impact – 0 –

2020 Fiscal Impact – 0 –

**BY POLL VOTE: ALL AYES. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Item #5o – Approval/ Fund Transfer (19T378)/ Sheriff’s Department / Jail Overtime was next. On behalf of the members of the Protective Services Committee, Legislators Jonke, Nacerino and Sullivan, Chairman Castellano moved the following:

**RESOLUTION #307**

**APPROVAL/ FUND TRANSFER / SHERIFF’S DEPARTMENT / JAIL OVERTIME**

WHEREAS, the Putnam County Sheriff has requested a fund transfer (19T378) to cover Overtime expenses due to Officer vacancies, three (3) Officers on 207C and the resignation of Part Time Cook; and

WHEREAS, the Protective Services Committee and the Audit & Administration Committee have reviewed and approved said fund transfer; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the following fund transfer be made:

**Decrease:**

10009000 51093	Jail Transport Overtime	25,500
10009000 58002	Jail Transport FICA	<u>1,952</u>
		27,452

**Increase:**

10315000 51093	Jail Overtime	23,000
10010000 51093	Jail Food Overtime	2,500
10008000 58002	Jail FICA	1,760
10010000 58002	Jail Food FICA	<u>192</u>
		27,452

2019 Fiscal Impact – 0 –  
2020 Fiscal Impact – 0

**BY POLL VOTE: ALL AYES. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Item #5p – Approval/ Fund Transfer (19T406)/ Sheriff’s Department/ Road Patrol Overtime was next. On behalf of the members of the Protective Services Committee, Legislators Jonke, Nacerino and Sullivan, Chairman Castellano moved the following:

**RESOLUTION #308**

**APPROVAL/ FUND TRANSFER / SHERIFF’S DEPARTMENT/ ROAD PATROL OVERTIME**

WHEREAS, the Putnam County Sheriff has requested a fund transfer (19T406) to cover Road Patrol Overtime overage as MOBILTECH will not be invoicing the remaining maintenance fee for 2019; and

WHEREAS, the Protective Services Committee and the Audit & Administration Committee have reviewed and approved said fund transfer; now therefore be it

**RESOLVED**, that the following fund transfer be made:

**Decrease:**

13311000 54510	Machine Maintenance	49,438.65
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**Increase:**

17311000 51093	Road Patrol Overtime	49,438.65
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2019 Fiscal Impact – 0 –  
2020 Fiscal Impact – 0 –

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

Item #5q – Authorization/ Agreement for a Countywide 700 MHZ Project-25 Phase-2 Trunked Radio System for the Period 2019 – 2030 was next. On behalf of the members of the Protective Services Committee, Legislators Jonke, Nacerino and Sullivan, Chairman Castellano moved the following:

Chairman Castellano stated that this will benefit Putnam County citizens and our first responders.

Legislator Jonke stated that this will improve radio communication for emergency services and first responders. He believed it was a great benefit to the County.

Legislator Addonizio stated that Putnam County has grant funding available to offset the cost of the project.

Legislator Gouldman explained that this will help to eliminate some of the dead spots in the County where no radio communication is available. This will benefit our first responders.

Legislator Addonizio stated that Motorola is saving \$2 million on this project.

Legislator Nacerino concurred with all the comments made. She believed this was a great way to move forward in protecting the safety and welfare of our residents.

Legislator Gouldman thanked Emergency Services Commissioner Clair for all the work he did in moving this forward.

#### **RESOLUTION #309**

#### **AUTHORIZATION/AGREEMENT FOR A COUNTYWIDE 700 MHZ PROJECT-25 PHASE-2 TRUNKED RADIO SYSTEM FOR THE PERIOD 2019-2030**

WHEREAS, a Request for Bid for the Emergency Communications Upgrade was solicited as Mini-Bid named as Group 77201/Award 20191; and

WHEREAS, the Putnam County Executive Radio Committee and the bid evaluation committee request authorization to enter into an agreement with Motorola Solutions for a P25 Phase 2 Digital Simulcast Trunked Radio System for the Bureau of Emergency Services at an amount not to exceed \$10 million for the period 2019-2030; and

WHEREAS, said services are necessary for the emergency communications system upgrade project; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Putnam County Legislature authorizes an agreement with Motorola Solutions, 500 West Monroe Street, 44th Floor, Chicago, IL 60661 for a P25 Phase 2 Digital Simulcast Trunked Radio System, Group 77201/Award 20191, for Putnam County for a period 2019-2030; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the County Executive or her duly authorized representative is hereby authorized to execute any such agreements, documents, or papers, approved as to form by the Putnam County Department of Law, as may be necessary to implement the intent and purpose of the Resolution; and be it further

RESOLVED, that this Resolution shall take effect immediately.

**BY POLL VOTE: ALL AYES. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**Item #5r – Approval/ Memorialization/ Imploring the State of New York to Immediately Amend or Delay Implementation of Bail and Discovery Reform Laws that will Endanger the People of New York and Reverse Decades of Bipartisan progress in Reducing Crime was next. On behalf of the members of the Protective Services Committee, Legislators Jonke, Nacerino and Sullivan, Chairman Castellano moved the following:**

Chairman Castellano stated that it is taking away some of the power of the judges to make a decision on setting bails on any individual. He stated that we are asking New York State to delay the implementation of this and to take another look at this. He believed there were many issues that needed to be resolved.

**Legislator Jonke stated that the presentation made by District Attorney Tendy at the Protective Services meeting was eye opening; along with Sheriff Langley's words that this is really scary for those of us in New York State. He stated, at the very least, we could let the State Legislature know where Putnam County stands on this bail reform.**

**Legislator Albano stated that it was sad that they didn't spend enough time on this to get it right. He believed they were jumping the gun and it was very obvious that there are potential issues.**

**Legislator Montgomery was hopeful that this resolution would delay the implementation. She explained that she spoke with many individuals such as the District Attorney, Sheriff and State representatives. She stated that we are speculating that this will cause great trauma for the County and she believed it may. Therefore, she believed we should advocate for what we want to see taken out of the law or put in the law. She believed that with any law there is room for amendments.**

**Legislator Jonke explained that in the resolve of the resolution is lists what we would like to see happen.**

**Chairman Castellano recognized Sheriff Langley and gave him the opportunity to make a statement since this would affect his department tremendously.**

**Sheriff Langley stated that he is already getting orders from the County and local courts to release inmates on December 31, 2019 and January 1, 2020. He explained that one of those individuals who was arrested for vehicular homicide has no ties to this Country whatsoever. He explained that this individual has multiple felonies; none of which meets the statutes for bail under the new bail reform that takes place.**

**Legislator Albano question if a letter could be sent to the State based on what the Sheriff has informed us.**

**Chairman Castellano explained that the resolution covers that and certainly we couldn't include every single example. He appreciated the Sheriff mentioning the example of how the bail reform law will affect Putnam County.**

**Legislator Albano made a motion to amend the resolution to include the example the Sheriff just stated; seconded by Legislator Jonke.**

**Chairman Castellano opened it up for discussion as to how we would word this properly by adding another paragraph.**

**Legislative Counsel Firriolo stated that the Whereas clause could memorialize what Sheriff Langley just stated. An individual who was arrested for a vehicular homicide with no ties to the Country will be released because of this change in the law. He stated that we could work with the Sheriff to make sure the details are correct. He believed that we shouldn't name the individual.**

**Legislator Montgomery stated that it does appear to be somewhat covered in the resolution as Legislator Jonke pointed out. She believed that we would have an opportunity to advocate for what we wanted to amend in this law. She stated when we**

see what happens as a result of this law, she believe it will be critical how we communicate with lawmakers on the State level.

Legislator Addonizio stated that the memorialization is letting the State know that Putnam County does not agree with this law. She did not believe they would listen to us regarding making changes to the law. She stated that we hope that as more counties voice their concerns about the law, the State will reconsider it.

Chairman Castellano called for a Roll Call Vote to amend the resolution.

By Roll Call Vote: All Ayes. Motion Carries.

Chairman Castellano called for a Poll Vote on the resolution as amended.

### **RESOLUTION #310**

#### **APPROVAL/ MEMORIALIZATION /IMPLORING THE STATE OF NEW YORK TO IMMEDIATELY AMEND OR DELAY IMPLEMENTATION OF BAIL AND DISCOVERY REFORM LAWS THAT WILL ENDANGER THE PEOPLE OF NEW YORK AND REVERSE DECADES OF BIPARTISAN PROGRESS IN REDUCING CRIME**

**WHEREAS, protecting the people from harm by enforcing the rule of law is the foundational role of government, and**

**WHEREAS, County governments are vested by the State of New York with the responsibility to protect the most vulnerable among us, including the socioeconomically disadvantaged, the disabled, the elderly, and children, and**

**WHEREAS, no group is more vulnerable than the victims of crime, and a just society demands that crime victims should be recognized as key participants within the criminal justice system and be treated with dignity, fairness, and respect, and,**

**WHEREAS, for the past twenty-five years the State of New York has committed itself to reducing crime, and has succeeded as evidenced by official U.S. Department of Justice Uniform Crime Reporting Statistics showing that New York transformed from the second most dangerous state in America in the early 1990s to the safest large state in America by the early 2000s, and**

**WHEREAS, in the final stages of adopting its FY 2020 budget, the State of New York enacted sweeping criminal justice reforms including the elimination of cash bail for many specific enumerated crimes and the imposition of stringent discovery mandates on police and prosecutors, and**

**WHEREAS, under bail reform, beginning January 1, 2020, judges will be stripped of their discretion to set bail for many specific enumerated crimes, which means those suspected of committing these crimes can no longer be held in jail after their arrest, regardless of the strength of the case against these defendants, or the length of the potential sentence faced by these defendants, or the extent of the harm allegedly caused by these defendants, and instead these defendants will be released back into the general public, and**

**WHEREAS, these crimes include those that result in the deaths of innocent people, including several subcategories of homicide and manslaughter, resulting in those responsible for these deaths being released back into the community of grieving families, and**

**WHEREAS, these crimes include Making a Terroristic Threat and Money Laundering in Support of Terrorism in the Third and Fourth degree, resulting in those**

alleged to have supported terrorism in this manner, or who have threatened to commit acts of terrorism, being released immediately from police custody, and

**WHEREAS, these crimes include Promoting an Obscene Sexual Performance by a Child; Possessing an Obscene Sexual Performance by a Child; Failure to Register as a Sex Offender; and Patronizing a Person for Prostitution in a School Zone, resulting in suspected child predators being released and returning into our community, and**

**WHEREAS, these crimes include Aggravated Assault Upon a Person Less than Eleven Years Old; Reckless Assault of a Child by a Daycare Provider; Criminal Sale of a Controlled Substance to a Child; Abandonment of a Child; and Criminal Possession of a Weapon on School Grounds, resulting in those suspected to have physically harmed or endangered children in this manner being free from custody, and**

**WHEREAS, these crimes include Female Genital Mutilation; Stalking in the Second Degree; and Aggravated Harassment, resulting in those suspected of violating victims in this manner being returned to the community of those victims, and**

**WHEREAS, these crimes include Endangering the Welfare of a Vulnerable Elderly Person or an Incompetent or Physically Disabled Person, resulting in the potential for further endangerment of seniors and these defenseless individuals, and**

**WHEREAS, these crimes include Aggravated Cruelty to Animals; Torturing Animals and Injuring Animals, resulting in the immediate release of those suspected of deliberately injuring, torturing and killing animals, and**

**WHEREAS, these crimes include Assault in the Third Degree, Aggravated Vehicular Assault, and other crimes of physical violence against people, and**

**WHEREAS, these crimes include Burglary of a Residence, resulting in the immediate release of these individuals back into the neighborhoods they are suspected of targeting, and**

**WHEREAS, these crimes include Bail Jumping and Unlawfully Fleeing a Police Officer in a Motor Vehicle, resulting in release on recognizance of the very individuals who have demonstrated a propensity to evade the law, and**

**WHEREAS, all of the offenders mentioned heretofore are at risk of not showing up for court, thereby placing a burden on public employees who, under this law, are required to send multiple court appearance reminders to these offenders, as well as police officers and District Attorneys who must commit resources to tracking and pursuing those who evade prosecution, and**

**WHEREAS, all offenders who are currently being held in custody for non-qualifying crimes including those mentioned heretofore will be eligible for release from custody on January 1, 2020, and**

**WHEREAS, Putnam County Sheriff Robert Langley provided the Putnam County Legislature with a real-world example of the serious consequences of this new law, to wit, the required release of a person incarcerated in the Putnam County Jail on vehicular homicide charges who has no ties to the United States and is unlikely to return for trial; and**

**WHEREAS, the discovery mandates imposed by the State of New York will require police and District Attorneys, beginning January 1, 2020, to turn over voluminous trial-related materials to defense attorneys within 15 days, creating a mandate that will inevitably not be achieved in some cases and may result in the inability of the People to properly prosecute cases against criminal defendants, and**

**WHEREAS, the office of New York State's chief law enforcement officer, Attorney General Letitia James, testified at a state legislative hearing on October 28, 2019, that there will be implementation difficulties because prosecutors across the state lack the resources required to fully comply with discovery mandates, and**

**WHEREAS, the Attorney General's office further testified that their own office, which carries a limited criminal caseload, lacks resources required to fully comply with discovery mandates and consequently needs an additional \$10 million in state funding, and**

**WHEREAS, discovery reform will also result in an opportunity for defendants to gain access to crime scenes that may include a victim's residence, thereby giving defendants accused of burglaries, assaults, rapes and other crimes committed in victims' homes the right to return to those same homes, and**

**WHEREAS, the issues mentioned heretofore will undeniably impact past, present and future victims of crime in a negative manner, and in so doing, the bail and discovery reforms adopted by the State of New York will themselves further victimize these innocent individuals, and**

**WHEREAS, these bail and discovery laws, in their current form, represent a clear and present danger to society, will tilt the scales of justice in favor of suspected criminals and away from innocent crime victims, and risk reversing decades of bipartisan progress made by the State of New York in reducing crime, and**

**WHEREAS, the fundamental responsibility of governments to protect the vulnerable in society demands that the shortcomings of these laws be remedied prior to their effective date of January 1, 2020, now, therefore, be it**

**RESOLVED, that the Putnam County Legislature hereby implores the State of New York to immediately amend or otherwise delay implementation of these laws by convening an emergency session of the State Legislature, or by emergency executive authority, or by any other means deemed possible by the State, and to do so before December 31, 2019, and be it further**

**RESOLVED, that the following improvements to these laws be implemented as soon as possible:**

- 1. Give judges the discretion to impose bail when appropriate for all of the crimes enumerated in this resolution;**
- 2. Increase the discovery timeline from 15 days to a minimum of 45 days;**
- 3. Phase in discovery reform by applying these new mandates only to misdemeanors effective January 1, 2020, and then to felonies effective January 1, 2021, and repeal the provision that makes the new discovery mandates applicable to violations of the Vehicle and Traffic Law;**
- 4. Require that court appearance reminders are sent not only to defendants but also to the victims of their crimes; and**
- 5. Extend appropriate dignity, fairness and respect to crime victims by soliciting input from victim advocate organizations and considering their suggestions for improving these laws, and be it further**

**RESOLVED, that the Clerk of the Putnam County Legislature forward a copy of this resolution Congressman Sean Patrick Maloney, Governor Andrew Cuomo, Senate Majority Leader Andrea Stewart-Cousins, Assembly Speaker Carl Heastie, Senator Susan Serino, Senator Peter Harkham, Assemblywoman Sandra Galef, Assemblyman Kevin Byrne and the New York State Association of Counties.**

**BY POLL VOTE: ALL AYES. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**Item #5s – Approval/ Grant Application/ Sheriff’s Department/ State and Municipal Facilities Capital Program (SAM) Grant was next. On behalf of the members of the Protective Services Committee, Legislators Jonke, Nacerino and Sullivan, Chairman Castellano moved the following:**

**Legislator Nacerino stated we approved the grant, however, utilizing funds is contingent upon having a policy in place.**

**Legislator Sayegh believed that Carmel and Kent Police already have license plate readers. She believed this made it more important to have some type of policy in place across the whole County.**

**Legislator Gouldman believed that license plate readers were beneficial tools for the police agencies. He stated that the Taconic Parkway and Route 9 is the most common route from Poughkeepsie to New York City. He believed that most of the drugs and illegal things that happen go up and down those routes.**

**Legislator Albano stated that he was in favor of them and believed they had tremendous potential if used properly. He stated that he would like to see a policy in place.**

**Legislator Sullivan stated that we are saying, before we install the license plate readers, that we have a procedure and policy in place to make sure the information collected is handled properly.**

**Chairman Castellano stated that time was of the essence on this grant application. He stated that he too would like to see a policy completed in the very future as was discussed in Committee meetings.**

#### **RESOLUTION #311**

#### **APPROVAL/ GRANT APPLICATION/ SHERIFF’S DEPARTMENT/ STATE AND MUNICIPAL FACILITIES CAPITAL PROGRAM (SAM) GRANT**

**WHEREAS, Section 5-2(E) of the Putnam County Code provides, in relevant part, that an application of any grant application not requiring any Putnam County (the “County”) matching funds shall notify the Putnam County Legislature (the “Legislature”) of the submission of a grant application and, further, if the Legislature objects to such grant application, the applicant shall withdraw it forthwith; and**

**WHEREAS, by and through the State of New York and the Office of Senator Peter Harckham (NYS Senate), the County can receive funding in the amount of \$74,763.42 awarded by the State and Municipal Facilities Program (“SAM”) to subsidize costs associated with the Putnam County Sheriff Department’s fixed License Plate Reader (LPR) project; and**

**WHEREAS, there is no matching fund requirement by the County to accept the \$74,763.42 SAM grant for costs associated with the Project; and**

**WHEREAS, the Protective Services Committee reviewed and authorized the acceptance of said grant award in the amount of \$74,763.42; and**

WHEREAS, the Protective Services Committee requested that prior to the purchase of any LPRs or any expenditure of said grant funding, a policy for LPR use and data handling must be approved by the Legislature; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Putnam County Legislature supports the Putnam County Sheriff Department's submission of its application to receive a SAM grant awarded in the amount of \$74,763.42; and be it further

RESOLVED, that prior to the purchase of any LPRs or any expenditure of said grant funding, a policy for LPR use and data handling must be approved by the Putnam County Legislature.

BY POLL VOTE: ALL AYES. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Item #5t – Approval/ Grant Application/ Sheriff's Department/ New York State Division of Criminal Justice Services (DCJS) Grant / SFY 2020-2021 LIVESCAN Equipment Program was next. On behalf of the members of the Protective Services Committee, Legislators Jonke, Nacerino and Sullivan, Chairman Castellano moved the following:

RESOLUTION #312

APPROVAL/ GRANT APPLICATION/ SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT/ NEW YORK STATE DIVISION OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE SERVICES (DCJS) GRANT / SFY 2020-2021 LIVESCAN EQUIPMENT PROGRAM

WHEREAS, Section 5-1(D)(1) of the Putnam County Code requires Legislative approval of all grant applications and renewals that require County matching funds; and

WHEREAS, the Putnam County Sheriff's Department requested permission to apply for the SFY2020-2021 LIVESCAN Equipment Program in the amount of \$60,000; and

WHEREAS, the funding is provided by the New York State Division of Criminal Justice Services (DCJS); and

WHEREAS, the grant application deadline is January 13, 2020; and

WHEREAS, the grant requires a 50% match by the County; and

WHEREAS, the contract period for this grant opportunity will be 15 months starting April 1, 2020; and

WHEREAS, the Protective Services Committee has reviewed and approved of this request; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Putnam County Sheriff's Department is authorized to apply for the SFY2020-2021 LIVESCAN Equipment Program, through the New York State Division of Criminal Justice Services (DCJS), in the amount of \$60,000.

BY POLL VOTE: ALL AYES. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

PHYSICAL SERVICES COMMITTEE  
(Chairman Albano, Legislators Gouldman & Nacerino)

Item #5u – Approval/ Budgetary Amendment (19A068)/ Commissioner of Planning/ UPWP Grant Procured/ Southeast, NY – Danbury, CT Rail Link Feasibility / Planning Study was next. On behalf of the members of the Physical Services Committee, Legislators Albano, Gouldman and Nacerino, Chairman Castellano moved the following:

**Legislator Montgomery stated that after she made her comment at the Audit & Administration Committee, it appeared that she wasn't in favor of this. She stated that it is great to speculate how great this project is going to be and the potential for opportunities that this will bring. She stated that it will open up the roads of the Town of Southeast and economic prosperity for Danbury, Connecticut. However, she stated that we only learned of this in September. She stated that based on the discussion at the Audit Committee meeting there were many questions on how we will move forward on this project. She was looking forward in the future of receiving updates on a regular basis. She stated that she has to answer to her constituents who often ask how personnel or stipend positions are created. She stated that this stipend for a Project Manager came to us with no resume or job description. She would like to see more information provided in the future.**

**Legislator Jonke stated that he was comfortable giving a \$15,000 stipend to an employee in the Planning Department who has a background in transportation and planning to oversee this feasibility study.**

**Legislator Albano stated that the Metropolitan Transportation Authority (MTA)/ Metro-North Railroad (MNR), the New York Metropolitan Transportation Council (NYMTC) and the City of Danbury are all involved. He stated that he would like to see more information as we move forward; but this is the start.**

**Legislator Montgomery agreed that it was great to do this in-house, however, if she was a member of the public she would question why an employee of the Planning Department would need an extra stipend to perform a job related to planning. She did not know what Transportation Manager Tamagna's background was. She stated that she has a background in transportation and has a keen interest in this project because it involves the MTA and understanding how they work. She did not know why an employee would receive an extra stipend for work being done in-house.**

**Legislator Addonizio believed that Transportation Manager Tamagna went back to school and received a Master's degree in Planning.**

**Legislator Nacerino stated that he is being asked to do something extra that is above and beyond what his job duties are. She believed the stipend was well deserved. She stated, as Commissioner of Planning Fusco has stated, there will be many meetings for him to attend. She stated that he is Putnam County's representative; one of the many stakeholders in this project. She believed it would be unfair to imply that this should be something he should take on as part of his daily function.**

**Legislator Albano concurred. He stated that it is a stipend for work over and above his normal job duties.**

**Legislator Sayegh believed that it was well deserved. She stated as a manager he does not qualify for any overtime in any way, shape or form. She explained that traveling to attend meetings in New York City throughout the course of this project was well deserved.**

**Legislator Montgomery stated that these are all excellent points, however, she would like to see that information prior to having it before us to make the decision.**

Chairman Castellano stated that Putnam County certainly needs a voice at the table and if this is the person that will receive the stipend, he believed he would do a great job. He stated that the Legislature does not need to approve this employee getting the position or stipend; management has done that.

Legislator Montgomery stated that we created a Climate Smart Coordinator, which she believed was a big job, however, we did not give that person a stipend.

Chairman Castellano called for a Roll Call Vote.

**RESOLUTION #313**

**APPROVAL/ BUDGETARY AMENDMENT/ COMMISSIONER OF PLANNING/ UPWP GRANT PROCURED/ SOUTHEAST, NY – DANBURY, CT RAIL LINK FEASIBILITY / PLANNING STUDY**

WHEREAS, on September 5, 2019, Resolution #2019-5 was passed by the New York Metropolitan Transportation Council (NYMTC) adopting amendment(s) to the Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP), which included \$1 million matched funding for the Southeast-Danbury Rail Link Feasibility/ Planning Study; and

WHEREAS, the funding is broken down into two (2) components: \$800,000 Federal funding and \$200,000 in-kind services; and

WHEREAS, NYMTC has estimated the project to take approximately 24 months (at minimum) to complete; and

WHEREAS, the Transportation Manager will be (Project Manager) managing the project; and

WHEREAS, the Planning Department has already commenced work on this project and will be submitting related time sheets and invoices to NYMTC commencing second quarter SFY 2019/20 seeking reimbursement to the County for such in-kind services; and

WHEREAS, it is anticipated that approximately \$50,000 will be expended in 2019: \$15,000 annual stipend for Project Manager, pro-rated for the period September 5, 2019 through December 31, 2019 totaling \$5,000 plus FICA, and \$45,000 of other necessary and related in-kind services; and

WHEREAS, the Commissioner of Planning has requested a budgetary amendment (19A068) to account for the UPWP Grant; and

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

RESOLVED, that the following budgetary amendment be made:

**CAPITAL FUND:**

**Increase Estimated Appropriations:**

55997000 53000 51916	Southeast, NY – Danbury, CT Rail Link Feasibility/ Planning Study	800,000
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55997000 449896 51916	Federal Aid – UPWP Rail Link Study	800,000
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**GENERAL FUND:**

**Increase Estimated Appropriations:**

10802000 51000 (10196)	Stipend – Project Manager	5,000
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**Decrease Estimated Appropriations:**  
10802000 51000 (10112) Personnel – Confidential Secretary 5,000

2019 Fiscal Impact – 0 –  
2020 Fiscal Impact – 0 –

**BY ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL AYES. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**Item #5v – Approval/ Budgetary Amendment (19A083)/ Planning Department/ Veterans Memorial Park ADA-Compliant Bathrooms/ SAM Grant was next. On behalf of the members of the Physical Services Committee, Legislators Albano, Gouldman and Nacerino, Chairman Castellano moved the following:**

**RESOLUTION #314**

**APPROVAL/ BUDGETARY AMENDMENT / PLANNING DEPARTMENT/ VETERANS MEMORIAL PARK ADA-COMPLIANT BATHROOMS/ SAM GRANT**

WHEREAS, by Resolution #262 of 2019, the Putnam County Legislature approved of an application for grant funding in the amount of \$165,000, administered through the Dormitory Authority of the State of New York (DASNY) and awarded by the State and Municipal Facilities Program (SAM) grant, for the installation of ADA Compliant Bathrooms at Putnam County Veterans Memorial Park Project ID# 19388; and

WHEREAS, the Commissioner of Finance has requested a budgetary amendment (19A083) to account for said grant award; and

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

**Increase Estimated Appropriations:**  
57997000 53000 51917 Veterans Park Renovations 165,000

**Increase Estimated Revenues:**  
57997000 437897 51917 State Aid – Vet Park SAM Grant 165,000  
2019 Fiscal Impact – 0 –  
2020 Fiscal Impact – 0 –

**BY POLL VOTE: ALL AYES. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**Item #5w – Approval/ SEQRA Determination was next. On behalf of the members of the Physical Services Committee, Legislators Albano, Gouldman and Nacerino, Chairman Castellano moved the following:**

**RESOLUTION #315**

**APPROVAL/ SEQRA DETERMINATION (Roof Replacements/ Rehabilitation)**

WHEREAS, the Putnam County Legislature is considering various funding sources for costs associated with necessary energy upgrades at Putnam County

Facilities (the "Project"), to wit: \$1,327,500 Bond issue, \$4,185,000 Tax Exempt Lease Purchase program, and \$2,272,500 County funds (together with associated rebate totaling \$123,750); and

WHEREAS, the proposed Project includes the implementation of energy conservation measures at various Putnam County Facilities including, without limitation, the Sheriff's Department/Correctional Facility located at 3 County Center, Carmel, NY; the David D. Bruen County Office Building located at 40 Gleneida Avenue, Carmel, NY; 121 Main Street, Brewster, NY; the Emergency Operations Center/TOPS Building located at 112 Old Route 6, Carmel, NY; the Donald B. Smith Government Campus, Buildings 1, 2 and 3, located at 110 Old Route 6, Carmel, NY; the Kern Building (Health Department/DMV/WIC) located at 1 Geneva Road, Brewster, NY; the Putnam Valley Senior Center located at 117 Town Park Lane, Putnam Valley, NY; the Putnam County Highway Department, Buildings 1, 2, 3 and 4, located at 842 Fair Street, Carmel, NY; the Board of Elections located at 25 Old Route 6, Carmel, NY; the Putnam Family and Community Services located at 1816 Route 6, Carmel, NY; Tilly Foster Farm, Building #8, located at 100 Route 312, Brewster, NY; the Putnam County Courthouse located at 20 County Center, Carmel, NY; the 1812 Historic Courthouse located at 44 Gleneida Avenue, Carmel, NY; the Putnam National Golf Course (Clubhouse) located at 187 Hill Street, Mahopac, NY; the William Koehler Senior Center located at 180 Route 6, Mahopac, NY; the Putnam Family and Community Services located at 1808 Route 6, Carmel, NY; the Senator Vincent Liebell Veterans' Home located at 9 Drew Lane, Carmel, NY; and the Burchetta Building (Law Department) located at 48 Gleneida Avenue, Carmel, NY (collectively the "Facilities"); and

WHEREAS, the proposed Project work includes, without limitation: lighting system improvements (interior and exterior); recommissioning of energy management systems; placement of web-enabled programmable thermostats, heat timer and thermostatic radiator valves; conversion from fuel oil to natural gas; placement of variable frequency drives for HW pumps, premium efficiency transformers, vending misers, walk-in refrigeration controls; replacement of steam traps; infiltration reductions; pipe insulation; boiler replacements; window replacements; solar PV array; AHU replacements; plug load controllers; chiller replacement; siding and roof replacements; window restoration; and move register, all of the foregoing energy upgrades necessary to maximize cost efficiency, safety and productivity at the Facilities; and

WHEREAS, this action has been determined to be a Type II Action in accordance with 6 NYCRR Part 617.5(c)(1) "maintenance or repair involving no substantial changes in an existing structure or facility" and 6 NYCRR Part 617.5(c)(2) "replacement, rehabilitation or reconstruction of a structure or facility, in kind, on the same site"; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Putnam County Legislature accepts the determination that this Project is a Type II Action and, pursuant to the State Environmental Quality Review Act §617.6(a)(1)(i), there is no further environmental review necessary.

**BY POLL VOTE: ALL AYES. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Item #5x – Approval/ Bond Resolution/ Roof Replacements/ Rehabilitation \$1,327,500 was next. On behalf of the members of the Physical Services Committee, Legislators Albano, Gouldman and Nacerino, Chairman Castellano moved the following:

Chairman Castellano made a motion to waive the rules and accept the additional; seconded by Legislator Addonizio. All in favor.

**RESOLUTION #316**

**EXTRACT OF MINUTES**

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

**December 18, 2019**

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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 December 18, 2019, at 8 o'clock P.M. (Prevailing Time).

The following Legislators were present: Addonizio, Albano, Gouldman, Jonke, Montgomery, Nacerino, Sayegh, Sullivan and Chairman Castellano.

There were absent: None

Also present: Diane Schonfeld, Clerk of the County Legislature  
Robert Firriolo, Legislative Counsel

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Chairman Castellano offered the following resolution and moved its adoption:

**BOND RESOLUTION OF THE COUNTY OF PUTNAM, NEW YORK,  
ADOPTED DECEMBER 18, 2019, AUTHORIZING THE REPLACEMENT  
AND/OR REHABILITATION OF VARIOUS COUNTY FACILITY ROOFS;  
STATING THE ESTIMATED TOTAL COST THEREOF IS \$1,327,500;  
APPROPRIATING SAID AMOUNT THEREFOR; AND AUTHORIZING THE  
ISSUANCE OF \$1,327,500 SERIAL BONDS OF SAID COUNTY TO  
FINANCE SAID APPROPRIATION.**

**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 replace and/or rehabilitate various County facility roofs. The estimated total cost of such class of objects or purposes, including preliminary costs and costs incidental thereto and to the financing thereof, is \$1,327,500 and said amount is hereby appropriated therefor. The plan of financing includes the issuance of \$1,327,500 serial 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.** Bonds of the County in the principal amount of \$1,327,500 are hereby authorized to be issued 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 "Law"), to finance said appropriation.

**Section 3.** The buildings to be improved is of at least "Class C" construction, consequently, the period of probable usefulness of the class of objects or purposes for which said bonds are authorized to be issued pursuant to this resolution, within the limitations of Section 11.00 a. 12(a)(3) of the Law, is ten (10) years.

**Section 4.** 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 5.** 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. 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 6.** Subject to the provisions of this resolution and of the Law and pursuant to the provisions of Section 21.00 relative to the authorization of the issuance of bonds having substantially level or declining annual debt service, Section 30.00 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 of the Law, 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 7.** 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 8. 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 duly put to a vote on roll call, which resulted as follows:

**AYES:** NINE – Legislators Addonizio, Albano, Gouldman, Jonke, Montgomery, Nacerino, Sayegh, Sullivan and Chairman Castellano.

**NOES:** NONE

**ABSENT:** NONE

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.\_\_\_\_-2019 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 December 18, 2019, 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 December 18, 2019 and approved by the County Executive on \_\_\_\_\_, 2019.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the corporate seal of said County of Putnam this \_\_\_\_ day of December, 2019.

(SEAL)

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Diane Schonfeld  
Clerk to the County Legislature

**NOTICE**

The resolution, a summary of which is published herewith, has been adopted on December 18, 2019, 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 DECEMBER 18, 2019, AUTHORIZING THE REPLACEMENT  
AND/OR REHABILITATION OF VARIOUS COUNTY FACILITY ROOFS;  
STATING THE ESTIMATED TOTAL COST THEREOF IS \$1,327,500;  
APPROPRIATING SAID AMOUNT THEREFOR; AND AUTHORIZING**

**THE ISSUANCE OF \$1,327,500 SERIAL BONDS OF SAID COUNTY  
TO FINANCE SAID APPROPRIATION.**

**Object or purpose:** to replace and/or rehabilitate various County facility roofs.

**Period of probable  
usefulness:** ten (10) years

**Amount of obligations  
to be issued:** \$1,327,500

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:** December 18, 2019  
Carmel, New York

Item #5y – Approval/ Budgetary Amendment (19A085)/ Commissioner of Finance/ Article 9 Energy Efficiency Program / County Facilities was next. On behalf of the members of the Physical Services Committee, Legislators Albano, Goldman and Nacerino, Chairman Castellano moved the following:

Chairman Castellano made a motion to waive the rules and accept the additional material; seconded by Legislator Addonizio. All in favor.

**RESOLUTION #317**

**APPROVAL/ BUDGETARY AMENDMENT / COMMISSIONER OF FINANCE/ ARTICLE 9  
ENERGY EFFICIENCY PROGRAM / COUNTY FACILITIES**

WHEREAS, the Commissioner of Finance has requested a budgetary amendment (19A085) to fund the Article 9 Energy Efficiency Program; and

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

**GENERAL FUND:**

**Increase Estimated Appropriations:**

10990100 59020	Transfer to Capital Fund	2,272,500
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**Increase Estimated Revenues:**

10131000 427161	Use of Fund Balance	2,272,500
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**CAPITAL FUND**

**Increase Estimated Appropriations:**

51997000 53000 51918	Article 9 – Rehabilitation Project	7,908,435
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**Increase Estimated Revenues:**

05000 45710J 51918	2019 Serial Bond Proceeds	1,327,500
51997000 428601 51918	Interfund Transfer – General Fund	2,272,500
51997000 42770G 51918	Energy Rebates/Incentives	123,742
51997000 457892 51918	Lease Finance Proceeds	<u>4,184,693</u>
		7,908,435

2019 Fiscal Impact \$2,272,500

2020 Fiscal Impact – Undetermined Debt Service

**BY POLL VOTE: ALL AYES. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Item #5z – Approval/ Agreement with State of New York for Snow & Ice Removal was next. On behalf of the members of the Physical Services Committee, Legislators Albano, Gouldman and Nacerino, Chairman Castellano moved the following:

**RESOLUTION #318**

**APPROVAL/ AGREEMENT WITH STATE OF NEW YORK FOR SNOW & ICE REMOVAL**

WHEREAS, the County of Putnam (“COUNTY”) and the Commissioner of Transportation of the State of New York (“Commissioner”) have previously entered into annual agreements under which the COUNTY is responsible for the clearing of such State highways of snow and ice as designated by the COMMISSIONER, to the extent that the COMMISSIONER shall deem necessary to provide reasonable passage and movement of vehicles over such highways; and

WHEREAS, the term of the existing agreement expired on June 30, 2019; and

WHEREAS, the COUNTY has re-negotiated the terms of said agreement such that the compensation due and owing the COUNTY under the terms thereof is now a total expenditure of \$1,162,328.81 for each average season, as well as additional funds associated with the additional snow and ice operations that may be necessary where the winter severity index is greater than 1.00; and

WHEREAS, the term of this new agreement between the COUNTY and the COMMISSIONER shall be for five (5) years, commencing July 1, 2019; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the County Executive is authorized to sign the annexed “Snow and Ice Control on Indexed Lump Sum Basis” Agreement; and be it further

RESOLVED, that this resolution shall take effect immediately.

**BY POLL VOTE: ALL AYES. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Item #5aa – Approval/ Offer County Property for Sale Utilizing Real Estate Broker & MLS Pursuant to Chapter 31 of the Putnam County Code/ 34 Gleneida Avenue, Town of Carmel was next. On behalf of the members of the Physical Services Committee, Legislators Albano, Gouldman and Nacerino, Chairman Castellano moved the following:

Chairman Castellano stated there was a spirited discussion about this last night at the Physical Services Committee meeting. He stated that this will give us the opportunity to see if there is a potential buyer for this property which has been vacant for the last couple of years.

**RESOLUTION #319**

**APPROVAL/OFFER COUNTY PROPERTY FOR SALE UTILIZING REAL ESTATE BROKER & MLS PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 31 OF THE PUTNAM COUNTY CODE/34 GLENEIDA AVENUE, TOWN OF CARMEL**

**WHEREAS, the County is the fee owner of a certain improved parcel of real property identified as 34 Gleneida Avenue, Carmel, New York (portion of Town of Carmel Tax Map Number 44.18-1-28.1) (hereinafter the "Property"); and**

**WHEREAS, the Property is no longer needed for use by the County; and**

**WHEREAS, the County will continue to incur significant operation and maintenance costs associated with the Property; and**

**WHEREAS, the County Executive in an effort of managing County assets and optimizing County resources has proposed to have the Property offered for sale upon such terms and conditions as are most advantageous to the County; and**

**WHEREAS, the sale of the Property will reduce the County's operating overhead, and will bring in additional revenue to supplement the County's tax revenue; and**

**WHEREAS, said sale will also encourage and enhance economic opportunities in the Hamlet of Carmel, and will potentially increase sales tax revenue; and**

**WHEREAS, the Physical Services Committee of the Putnam County Legislature has reviewed this matter and has determined that it would be most financially advantageous to the County to offer the Property for sale through the applicable Multiple Listing Service utilizing the services of a licensed real estate broker under contract with the County; now therefore be it**

**RESOLVED, that it is the determination of the Putnam County Legislature that the Property is no longer needed for use by the County; and be it further**

**RESOLVED, that pursuant to the authority vested in the Putnam County Legislature in Section 31-4 of the Putnam County Code, it is the further determination of the Putnam County Legislature that it would be most financially advantageous to the County to offer the Property for sale through the applicable Multiple Listing Service utilizing the services of a licensed real estate broker under contract with the County; and be it further**

**RESOLVED, that the County Executive is authorized to offer the Property for sale through the applicable Multiple Listing Service utilizing the services of a licensed real estate broker under contract with the County, pursuant to an exclusive right to sell agreement as shall be approved by the County Attorney; and be it further**

**RESOLVED, that the County Attorney is authorized to take whatever legal action is necessary to effectuate the sale of the Property in the manner approved herein, and be it further**

**RESOLVED, that pursuant to Section 31-4 of the Putnam County Code the initial offer amount of the Property shall be hereinafter determined by the Putnam County Executive, based upon a comparative market analysis, and with the advice and recommendation of the Legislature and the licensed real estate broker; and be it further**

**RESOLVED, that this Resolution shall take effect immediately.**

**BY POLL VOTE: ALL AYES. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**Item #5bb – Approval/ Ratification of Putnam County's Submission Seeking Grant Funding Available Through the 2020 Complete Count Outreach Grants Program was**

next. On behalf of the members of the Physical Services Committee, Legislators Albano, Gouldman and Nacerino, Chairman Castellano moved the following:

**RESOLUTION #320**

**APPROVAL/RATIFICATION OF PUTNAM COUNTY'S SUBMISSION SEEKING GRANT FUNDING AVAILABLE THROUGH THE 2020 COMPLETE COUNT OUTREACH GRANTS PROGRAM**

WHEREAS, the County Executive and the Putnam County Legislature agree that efforts to encourage Putnam County (the "County") residents to complete the 2020 U.S. Census questionnaire is critically important to obtaining a complete count of County residents, which is wholly in the best interests of County taxpayers inasmuch as the consequences of not having a complete count include, without limitation, the risk of losing significant funding from federal programs that use census data as well as losing congressional representation due to low-response rates pertaining to the census data; and

WHEREAS, New York State has selected certain state agencies, *to wit*: New York State Urban Development, d/b/a Empire State Development, the New York State Department of State and the New York State Department of Labor (collectively, the "Census Agencies"), to administer the 2020 Complete Count Outreach Grants Program (the "Program") in order to support efforts to encourage residents, particularly in hard-to-count populations, to complete the 2020 U.S. Census questionnaire; and

WHEREAS, notice was received by the County to submit a Letter of Interest on/before December 13, 2019 regarding the County's intent to further the aforesaid efforts and based on the factors and methodology utilized by the Census Agencies to determine funding allocations statewide, the prescribed allocation for the County is \$89,577 (see attached Exhibit A); and

WHEREAS, Section 5-1(D)(1) of the Putnam County Code requires the Legislature to approve all grant-related submissions and/or applications prior to their submission and that in the event time is of the essence requiring submission before Legislature approval is obtained for such applications and/or submissions, consideration thereof shall occur at the next Full Legislature Meeting; and

WHEREAS, the County, by and through the Putnam County Department of Planning, Development and Public Transportation (the "Department"), is desirous to seek the allocated grant funds for the County through the Program, and, in furtherance therefor, submitted the County's Letter of Interest (see attached Exhibit B) before the December 13, 2019 deadline set forth by New York State; and

WHEREAS, the Legislature, by and through the Physical Services Committee, supports the Department's submission of the County's Letter of Interest for Program grant funding; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the County Executive, together with the Legislature, supports and ratifies the County's submission to the Census Agencies of its Letter of Interest for Program grant funding as aforesaid, such submission formally submitted by the Department on December 11, 2019 to the Census Agencies for review and consideration; and it is hereby further

RESOLVED, that this Resolution shall take effect immediately.

**BY POLL VOTE: ALL AYES. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**AUDIT & ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE  
(Chairman Gouldman, Legislators Castellano & Sayegh)**

Item #5cc – Approval/ Budgetary Amendment (19A088)/ Commissioner of Finance/ Year End Journal Entry #1 was next. On behalf of the members of the Audit & Administration Committee, Legislators Gouldman, Sayegh and himself, Chairman Castellano moved the following:

**RESOLUTION #321**

**APPROVAL/ BUDGETARY AMENDMENT / COMMISSIONER OF FINANCE/ YEAR END JOURNAL ENTRY #1**

WHEREAS, the Commissioner of Finance has requested a budgetary amendment (19A088) for the first Year End Entry for the year ending December 31, 2019; and

WHEREAS, further entry(s) will follow as more information becomes available during the year end closing process; 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:

**GENERAL FUND:**

Increase Estimated Appropriations: SEE ATTACHED SHEET	1,219,592.84
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Decrease Estimated Appropriations: SEE ATTACHED SHEET	119,275.84
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Increase Estimated Revenues: SEE ATTACHED SHEET	1,452,986.00
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Decrease Estimated Revenues: SEE ATTACHED SHEET	352,669.00
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**ROAD FUND:**

Increase Estimated Revenues: SEE ATTACHED SHEET	11,305.00
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Decrease Estimated Revenues: SEE ATTACHED SHEET	11,305.00
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**DEBT SERVICE FUND:**

Increase Estimated Revenues: SEE ATTACHED SHEET	10,000.00
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Decrease Estimated Revenues: SEE ATTACHED SHEET	10,000.00
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2019 Fiscal Impact – 0 –  
2020 Fiscal Impact – 0 –

BY POLL VOTE: ALL AYES. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Item #5dd – Approval/ Budgetary Amendment (19A089)/ Commissioner of Finance/ Deed Scan Project/ County Clerk was next. On behalf of the members of the Audit & Administration Committee, Legislators Gouldman, Sayegh and himself, Chairman Castellano moved the following:

**RESOLUTION #322**

**APPROVAL/ BUDGETARY AMENDMENT / COMMISSIONER OF FINANCE/ DEED SCAN PROJECT/ COUNTY CLERK**

WHEREAS, the County Clerk has requested a budgetary amendment (19A089) to fund the Deed Scan Project; 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:

**GENERAL FUND:**

**Increase Estimated Appropriations:**

10990100 59020	Transfer to Capital Fund	165,000
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**Increase Estimated Revenues:**

10141100 412552	Motor Vehicle Fees	165,000
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**CAPITAL FUND:**

**Increase Estimated Appropriations:**

51997000 53000 51919	Deed Scan Project	165,000
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**Increase Estimated Revenues:**

51997000 428601 51919	Interfund Transfer – General Fund	165,000
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2019 Fiscal Impact – 0 –  
2020 Fiscal Impact – 0 –

BY POLL VOTE: ALL AYES. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Item #5ee – Approval/ Fund Transfer (19T437)/ County Attorney/ Legal Services was next. On behalf of the members of the Audit & Administration Committee, Legislators Gouldman, Sayegh and himself, Chairman Castellano moved the following:

**RESOLUTION #323**

**APPROVAL/ FUND TRANSFER / COUNTY ATTORNEY/ LEGAL SERVICES**

WHEREAS, the County Attorney has requested a fund transfer (19T437) to cover the remainder of 2019 invoices for Outside Counsel fees; 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:

10142000 51094	Temporary	11,000
10142000 54314	Postage	120
10142000 54560	Equipment Rental	100
10142000 54634	Telephone	480
10142000 54664	Advertising	300
10142000 52110	Furniture	85
10142000 54675	Travel	150
10142000 55314	Chargeback Postage	50
10199000 54980	Contingency	<u>15,292</u>
		27,577

Increase:

10142000 54125	Legal Services	27,577
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2019 Fiscal Impact \$15,292

2020 Fiscal Impact – 0 –

BY POLL VOTE: ALL AYES. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Item #5ff – Approval/ Fund Transfer (19T438)/ Social Services/ Adopt Sub Federally Participating (FP) and Committee on Special Education (CSE) was next. On behalf of the members of the Audit & Administration Committee, Legislators Gouldman, Sayegh and himself, Chairman Castellano moved the following:

RESOLUTION #324

APPROVAL/ FUND TRANSFER / SOCIAL SERVICES/ ADOPT SUB FEDERALLY PARTICIPATING (FP) AND COMMITTEE ON SPECIAL EDUCATION (CSE)

WHEREAS, the Commissioner of Social Services has requested a fund transfer (19T438) to reallocate funds to cover projected Adopt Sub FP and CSE costs through 12/31/19; 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:

10611900 54415	Adopt Sub FNP (Federally Non-Participating)	10,600
10611900 54423	Foster Care IVE (Title IV of the SSA Federal Funding for Foster Care & Adoption)	<u>24,063</u>
		34,663

Increase:

10611900 54416	Adopt Sub FP (Federally Participating)	10,600
10611900 54114	CSE (Committee on Special Ed)	<u>24,063</u>
		34,663

2019 Fiscal Impact – 0 –  
2020 Fiscal Impact – 0 –

**BY POLL VOTE: ALL AYES. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Item #6a - Approval/Tax Collector Warrants/Enter into 2018 Book of Proceedings was next.

Chairman Castellano made a motion to accept the other business; seconded by Legislator Montgomery. All in favor.

Chairman Castellano moved the following; seconded by Legislator Sullivan.

**RESOLUTION #325**

**APPROVAL/TAX COLLECTOR WARRANTS/ENTER INTO 2019 BOOK OF PROCEEDINGS**

WHEREAS, Tax Collector Warrants have been received for the Towns of Carmel, Kent, Patterson, Philipstown, Putnam Valley and Southeast and signed by the Chairman and the Clerk of the Putnam County Legislature; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Tax Collector Warrants for the Towns of Carmel, Kent, Patterson, Philipstown, Putnam Valley and Southeast are hereby entered into the 2019 Book of Proceedings for the Putnam County Legislature.

**BY POLL VOTE: ALL AYES. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Item #6b - Approval/Date, Time & Place of Organizational Meeting/2020 was next. Chairman Castellano made a motion to accept the other business; seconded by Legislators Addonizio and Montgomery.

Chairman Castellano moved the following; seconded by Legislators Addonizio and Montgomery.

**RESOLUTION #326**

**APPROVAL/DATE, TIME & PLACE OF ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING / 2020**

WHEREAS, the Legislative Manual provides for the Putnam County Legislature to set by resolution, the date, time and place of the Organizational Meeting of the Legislature in the preceding December; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Organizational Meeting of the Putnam County Legislature for 2020 be held on Tuesday, January 7, 2020 at 7:00 P.M. in the Historic Courthouse located in Carmel, New York; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the agenda for said meeting also include any items that might normally be included in a regular meeting or special meeting of the Legislature.

**BY POLL VOTE: ALL AYES. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**Item #7 – Recognition of Public on Agenda Items**

**Commissioner of Emergency Services, Kenneth Clair thanked the Legislature for approving the radio system for the County. He extended a thank you on behalf of all the first responders in the County for approving this long awaited project. He explained that there was a lot of work that went into this project by a team of many individuals such as; Purchasing Director Mazzotta, IT Director Lannon, Sheriff Langley, all the Fire Chiefs and the Fire Advisory Board.**

**Ameresco Account Executive Matthew Furdyna thanked the Legislature on the approval of the Article 9 Energy Efficiency Program Project in the County. He also extended a thank you to the many County employees who have been an integral part of this process. He stated that it is a team effort between the customers, all representatives, the energy services company and the consultant. He stated that construction will begin in 2020 and he would come by to give periodic updates as they come along. He stated not to hesitate contacting him with any questions.**

**Item #8 – Recognition of Legislators**

**Legislator Gouldman stated that Putnam County students are able to apply for an Internship Program in Putnam County Government through the Putnam Invests in Leadership for Tomorrow (PILOT) program. He stated that applications must be submitted online through January 31, 2020. He encouraged individuals to go to the County website for more information. He wished everyone a Happy Holiday and a healthy and Happy New Year.**

**Legislator Montgomery stated that she wanted to end the year with a thank you and she stated that it was a fascinating fantastic year for her. She appreciated her colleagues on the Legislature for their incredibly hard work and the difficult discussions we've had throughout the year. She stated that she was looking forward to the next two (2) years and working more closely with her colleagues on the Legislature and throughout the County. She stated that she learned a lot and had a lot more to learn. She stated that she was very grateful. She wished everyone a Happy Holiday.**

**Legislator Addonizio wished everyone a Happy Holiday and a healthy and Happy New Year.**

**Legislator Sayegh stated that there is a huge amount of work that goes into the many items on the agenda. She commended all the County employees for all their hard work for Putnam County.**

**Legislator Nacerino concurred. She wished everyone a Happy Holiday and Happy New Year. She was looking forward to working as a team in 2020.**

**Legislator Jonke believed that we had the best employees in Putnam County. He acknowledged the Legislative Staff and Legislative Counsel for all the work they do.**

**Legislator Sullivan concurred with everyone.**

**Legislator Albano concurred.**

**Chairman Castellano stated that this will be his last year serving as Chairman of the Putnam County Legislature for the past two (2) years. He thanked the Legislators for their support and this fantastic opportunity. He stated that he is proud to be part of Putnam County; a great place to live and raise a family. He stated that he is looking forward to an exciting year ahead. He wished everyone a Happy Holiday and a healthy and Happy New Year.**

**There being no further business, at 8:55 P.M., Chairman Castellano made a motion to adjourn; seconded by Legislators Addonizio and Montgomery. All in favor.**

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