

**REGULAR MEETING
OF THE
PUTNAM COUNTY LEGISLATURE
HELD IN THE
HISTORIC COURTHOUSE
CARMEL, NEW YORK 10512**

Tuesday March 4, 2025 7:00 P.M.

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 P.M. by Chairwoman Sayegh who requested Legislator Jonke lead in the Pledge of Allegiance and Legislator Crowley lead in the Legislative Prayer. Upon roll call, Legislators Montgomery, Gouldman, Addonizio, Russo, Ellner, Jonke, Birmingham, Crowley and Chairwoman Sayegh were present.

PROCLAMATION

Chairwoman Sayegh recognized Legislator Ellner who presented the “Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month” proclamation to Arc Mid-Hudson Director of Operations Brandon Gilsenan, Regional Director David Zoller, and Coordinator of Respite Services Zachary Disador. Some individuals present that receive services were Robert Barrett, Jonathan Degaetano, Gillian Kaplan and Jason McDonnell.

MARCH AS DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES AWARENESS MONTH

WHEREAS, individuals with developmental disabilities are valued members of our communities; and

WHEREAS, it is essential to recognize the inherent worth and potential of every individual, regardless of ability; and

WHEREAS, Putnam County strives to build acceptance and inclusion in all aspects of society, not only because it is right, but because it brings potential for growth and understanding; and

WHEREAS, Putnam County realizes that all its residents, non-disabled and disabled alike are a most important resource; striving to “Think Differently” daily; and

WHEREAS, raising awareness about developmental disabilities fosters understanding, acceptance, and inclusion; and

WHEREAS, promoting the rights and opportunities of individuals with developmental disabilities ensures they can lead fulfilling and independent lives; and

WHEREAS, increasing public awareness can help to break down barriers and increase support for those with developmental disabilities, and their families; and

WHEREAS, March provides a dedicated time to celebrate the achievements and contributions of people with developmental disabilities, and to address the challenges they may face; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Putnam County Executive and Putnam County Legislature do hereby proclaim March 2025 as Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month and commend our local service providers, schools and organizations for the valuable services they provide to people with disabilities, their families, and the community.

Item #4 - Acceptance of Minutes – Special Mtg – Adopt Budget – October 29, 2024
Special Mtg – December 10, 2024

Special Mtg – December 30, 2024
Regular Mtg – February 4, 2025

Item #5 - Correspondence
a) County Auditor

There was no activity during the reporting period.

Item #6 - Pre-filed resolutions:

PHYSICAL SERVICES COMMITTEE
(Chairman Ellner, Legislators Crowley & Jonke)

Item #6a – Approval – Acceptance of Amendment B for 2022-2023 Snow & Ice Agreement with New York State was next. Chairwoman Sayegh recognized Legislator Ellner, Chairman of the Physical Services Committee. On behalf of the members of the Committee, Legislators Crowley and Jonke, Legislator Ellner moved the following:

RESOLUTION #44

APPROVAL – ACCEPTANCE OF AMENDMENT B FOR 2022-2023 SNOW AND ICE AGREEMENT WITH NEW YORK STATE

WHEREAS, by Resolution #318 of 2019, the Putnam County Legislature approved the Agreement with the State of New York for Snow and Ice Removal; and

WHEREAS, under the terms of the Agreement, the County is responsible for clearing snow and ice from State Highways as designated by the Commissioner of Transportation of the State of New York (the Commissioner”); and

WHEREAS, the Agreement was for a five-year period commencing July 1, 2019 and was embodied in New York State Contract # D014871; and

WHEREAS, in order to more accurately reflect the 2022-2023 winter season’s expenditures, an amendment to this Agreement (“Amendment B”) has been proposed for said winter season based on revised estimated expenditures; and

WHEREAS, approval and acceptance of Amendment B will allow the processing of said reimbursement by New York State to Putnam County; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Putnam County Legislature authorizes the County Executive to execute Amendment B, a copy of which is attached hereto.

BY POLL VOTE: ALL AYES. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Item #6b – Approval – Acceptance of Amendment B for 2023-2024 Snow & Ice Agreement with New York State was next. On behalf of the members of the Physical Services Committee, Legislators Crowley and Jonke, Legislator Ellner moved the following:

RESOLUTION #45

APPROVAL - ACCEPTANCE OF AMENDMENT B FOR 2023-2024 SNOW AND ICE AGREEMENT WITH NEW YORK STATE

WHEREAS, by Resolution #318 of 2019, the Putnam County Legislature approved the Agreement with the State of New York for Snow and Ice Removal; and

WHEREAS, under the terms of the Agreement, the County is responsible for clearing snow and ice from State Highways as designated by the Commissioner of Transportation of the State of New York (the Commissioner”); and

WHEREAS, the Agreement was for a five-year period commencing July 1, 2019 and was embodied in New York State Contract # D014871; and

WHEREAS, in order to more accurately reflect the 2023-2024 winter season’s expenditures, an amendment to this Agreement (“Amendment B”) has been proposed for said winter season based on revised estimated expenditures; and

WHEREAS, approval and acceptance of Amendment B will allow the processing of said reimbursement by New York State to Putnam County; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Putnam County Legislature authorizes the County Executive to execute Amendment B, a copy of which is attached hereto.

BY POLL VOTE: ALL AYES. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Item #6c – Authorizing the Implementation, and Funding in the First Instance 100% of the Federal-Aid and State-Aid Eligible Costs, of a Transportation Federal-Aid and/or State-Aid Transportation Project, and Appropriating Funds Therefore (East Branch Road over Haviland Hollow Brook Superstructure Replacement (BRIDGENY) PIN 8763.60) was next. On behalf of the members of the Physical Services Committee, Legislators Crowley and Jonke, Legislator Ellner moved the following:

RESOLUTION #46

AUTHORIZING THE IMPLEMENTATION, AND FUNDING IN THE FIRST INSTANCE 100% OF THE FEDERAL-AID AND STATE-AID ELIGIBLE COSTS, OF A TRANSPORTATION FEDERAL-AID AND/OR STATE-AID TRANSPORTATION PROJECT, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFORE (East Branch Road over Haviland Hollow Brook Superstructure Replacement (BRIDGENY) PIN 8763.60)

WHEREAS, a project for the East Branch Road over Haviland Hollow Brook Superstructure Replacement, Town of Patterson, Putnam County P.I.N. 8763.60 (the Project”) is eligible for funding under Title 23 U.S. Code, as amended, that calls for the apportionment of the costs such program to be borne at the ratio of 95% Federal funds and 5% non-federal funds; and

WHEREAS, the County of Putnam will design, let and construct the Project; and

WHEREAS, Putnam County desires to advance the Project by making a commitment of 100% of the federal and non-federal share of the costs of preliminary engineering, right-of-way incidentals, right-of-way acquisition, construction, construction inspection and construction supervision.

NOW, THEREFORE, the County Legislature, duly convened does hereby

RESOLVE, that the County Legislature hereby approves the above-subject Project; and it is hereby further

RESOLVED, that the Putnam County Legislature hereby authorizes Putnam County to pay in the first instance 100% of the federal and non-federal share of the cost of

preliminary engineering, right-of-way incidental, right-of-way acquisition, construction, construction inspection and construction supervision work for the Project or portions thereof; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Putnam County Legislature hereby agrees that Putnam County shall be responsible for all costs of the project which exceeds the amount of the Bridge NY Funding awarded to Putnam County; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the sum of \$611,578 is hereby appropriated and made available to cover the cost of participation in the above phase of the Project; and be it further

RESOLVED, that in the event the full federal and non-federal share costs of the project exceed the amount appropriated above, the Putnam County Legislature shall convene as soon as possible to appropriate said excess amount immediately upon the notification by the Putnam County Executive thereof; and be it further

RESOLVED, that Putnam County hereby agrees that construction of the Project shall begin no later than twenty-four (24) months after award and that the construction phase of the Project shall be completed within thirty (30) months of commencing construction; and it is further

RESOLVED, that the Putnam County Executive be and is hereby authorized to execute all necessary Agreements, certifications or reimbursement requests for Federal Aid and/or State-Aid on behalf of Putnam County with the New York State Department of Transportation in connection with the advancement or approval of the Project and providing for the administration of the Project and the municipality's first instance funding of project costs and permanent funding of the local share of federal aid and state-aid eligible Project costs and all Project costs within appropriations therefore that are not so eligible, and be it further

RESOLVED, that in addition to the Putnam County Executive, the following municipal titles: Commissioner of the Department of Public Works, Deputy Commissioner of the Department of Public Works, Supervisor of Planning & Design & Commissioner of Finance are also authorized to execute any necessary Agreements or certifications on behalf of the Municipality/Sponsor with NYSDOT in connection with the advancement or approval of the project identified in the State/Local Agreement; and be it further

RESOLVED, that a certified copy of this resolution be filed with the New York State Commissioner of Transportation by attaching it to any necessary Agreement in connection with the Project; and be it further

RESOLVED, this Resolution shall take effect immediately.

BY POLL VOTE: ALL AYES. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Item #6d – Authorizing the Implementation, and Funding in the First Instance 100% of the Federal-Aid and State-Aid Eligible Costs, of a Transportation Federal-Aid and/or State-Aid Transportation Project, and Appropriating Funds Therefore (Peekskill Hollow Road over Peekskill Hollow Creek Bridge Repairs (BRIDGENY) PIN 8763.61) was next. On behalf of the members of the Physical Services Committee, Legislators Crowley and Jonke, Legislator Ellner moved the following:

RESOLUTION #47

AUTHORIZING THE IMPLEMENTATION, AND FUNDING IN THE FIRST INSTANCE 100% OF THE FEDERAL-AID AND STATE-AID ELIGIBLE COSTS, OF A TRANSPORTATION FEDERAL-AID AND/OR STATE-AID TRANSPORTATION PROJECT, AND APPROPRIATING

FUNDS THEREFORE (Peekskill Hollow Road over Peekskill Hollow Creek Bridge Repairs (BRIDGENY) PIN 8763.61)

WHEREAS, a project for the Peekskill Hollow Road over Peekskill Hollow Creek Bridge Repairs, Town of Putnam Valley, Putnam County P.I.N. 8763.61 (the Project") is eligible for funding under Title 23 U.S. Code, as amended, that calls for the apportionment of the costs such program to be borne at the ratio of 95% Federal funds and 5% non-federal funds; and

WHEREAS, the County of Putnam will design, let and construct the Project; and

WHEREAS, Putnam County desires to advance the Project by making a commitment of 100% of the federal and non-federal share of the costs of preliminary engineering, right-of-way incidentals, right-of-way acquisition, construction, construction inspection and construction supervision.

NOW, THEREFORE, the County Legislature, duly convened does hereby

RESOLVE, that the County Legislature hereby approves the above-subject Project; and it is hereby further

RESOLVED, that the Putnam County Legislature hereby authorizes Putnam County to pay in the first instance 100% of the federal and non-federal share of the cost of preliminary engineering, right-of-way incidental, right-of-way acquisition, construction, construction inspection and construction supervision work for the Project or portions thereof; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Putnam County Legislature hereby agrees that Putnam County shall be responsible for all costs of the project which exceeds the amount of the Bridge NY Funding awarded to Putnam County; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the sum of \$588,746 is hereby appropriated and made available to cover the cost of participation in the above phase of the Project; and be it further

RESOLVED, that in the event the full federal and non-federal share costs of the project exceed the amount appropriated above, the Putnam County Legislature shall convene as soon as possible to appropriate said excess amount immediately upon the notification by the Putnam County Executive thereof; and be it further

RESOLVED, that Putnam County hereby agrees that construction of the Project shall begin no later than twenty-four (24) months after award and that the construction phase of the Project shall be completed within thirty (30) months of commencing construction; and it is further

RESOLVED, that the Putnam County Executive be and is hereby authorized to execute all necessary Agreements, certifications or reimbursement requests for Federal Aid and/or State-Aid on behalf of Putnam County with the New York State Department of Transportation in connection with the advancement or approval of the Project and providing for the administration of the Project and the municipality's first instance funding of project costs and permanent funding of the local share of federal aid and state-aid eligible Project costs and all Project costs within appropriations therefore that are not so eligible, and be it further

RESOLVED, that in addition to the Putnam County Executive, the following municipal titles: Commissioner of the Department of Public Works, Deputy Commissioner of the Department of Public Works, Supervisor of Planning & Design & Commissioner of Finance are also authorized to execute any necessary Agreements or certifications on behalf of the Municipality/Sponsor with NYSDOT in connection with the advancement or approval of the project identified in the State/Local Agreement; and be it further

RESOLVED, that a certified copy of this resolution be filed with the New York State

Commissioner of Transportation by attaching it to any necessary Agreement in connection with the Project; and be it further

RESOLVED, this Resolution shall take effect immediately.

BY POLL VOTE: ALL AYES. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Item #6e – Approval – Operating Assistance Pursuant to Title 49 United States Code, Section 5311 – Consolidated Grant Application for Federal Fiscal Years (FFYs) 2024 and 2025 was next. On behalf of the members of the Physical Services Committee, Legislators Crowley and Jonke, Legislator Ellner moved the following:

RESOLUTION #48

APPROVAL - OPERATING ASSISTANCE PURSUANT TO TITLE 49 UNITED STATES CODE, SECTION 5311 - CONSOLIDATED GRANT APPLICATION FOR FEDERAL FISCAL YEARS (FFYs) 2024 AND 2025

WHEREAS, the County of Putnam is submitting an application to the New York State Department of Transportation in connection with its request for consolidated grant funding pursuant to Federal Section 5311, title 49 United States code, to provide public mass transportation services by a third-party subcontractor in designated rural area(s) of Putnam County for the 2024 and 2025 federal fiscal years (the Project); and

WHEREAS, the County of Putnam and the State of New York have herein before entered into a continuing agreement which authorizes the undertaking of the Project and payment of the Federal share therefor; and

WHEREAS, the County of Putnam is contracting with a third-party subcontractor for the implementation and execution of the Project; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Commissioner of Planning, Development & Public Transportation is authorized to act on behalf of the County of Putnam and submit the application for the Project and progress to completion of said Project; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the County Executive, with the assistance of the County Attorney, is authorized to enter into and sign any contracts or agreements between Putnam County and any third-party subcontractor necessary to complete the public transportation Project as aforesaid.

BY POLL VOTE: ALL AYES. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Item #6f – Approval – SEQRA – Negative Declaration – Peekskill Hollow Road Over Wiccopee Brook Culvert Replacement was next. On behalf of the members of the Physical Services Committee, Legislators Crowley and Jonke, Legislator Ellner moved the following:

RESOLUTION #49

APPROVAL – SEQRA – NEGATIVE DECLARATION – PEEKSKILL HOLLOW ROAD OVER WICCOPEE BROOK CULVERT REPLACEMENT

WHEREAS, the Putnam County Legislature is considering the approval of a Putnam County Department of Public Works project that involves the replacement of the Peekskill

Hollow Road culvert over Wiccopee Brook (the “Project”) in the Town of Putnam Valley. Anticipated project work will involve the replacement of the existing culvert with a new structure. This structure will consist of a new concrete span structure, in addition, new headwalls and wingwalls will be installed. This replacement will restore the structural condition and improve the hydraulic capacity of the culvert. All proposed project activities will occur within areas previously disturbed during the original road/culvert construction; and

WHEREAS, the purpose of the Project is to ensure a safe and convenient crossing over Wiccopee Brook by eliminating structural deficiencies and removing the weight limit restriction; and

WHEREAS, the proposed action hereunder is subject to review under the State Environmental Quality Review Act and the Regulations promulgated thereunder (“SEQRA 6 NYCRR Part 617”); and

WHEREAS, on December 3, 2024, as part of Resolution #321 of 2024, the County Legislature issued an Unlisted Action determination for the above referenced project, and declared its intent to serve as Lead Agency with respect to SEQRA; and

WHEREAS, a short Environmental Assessment form (EAF) was prepared for the Project; and

WHEREAS, the EAF and associated documentation was circulated to all involved and interested agencies for the requisite 30 days with a Notice of the Putnam County Legislature’s Intent to Serve as Lead Agency and no objections were received thereto; and

WHEREAS, the Putnam County Legislature, acting as Lead Agency, conducted a coordinated environmental review in accordance with §617.6, and

WHEREAS, based upon a careful review of the action as a whole, of the EAF, and the criteria set forth in 6 NYCRR Part 617.7(c), it has been determined that the proposed Project will not result in any potential significant adverse environmental impacts; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Putnam County Legislature, as Lead Agency, determines that the proposed Project will not have any potential significant adverse impacts and a Draft Environmental Impact Statement will not be prepared; and be it further

RESOLVED, that in accordance with 6 NYCRR Part 617, the Putnam County Legislature, as Lead Agency, hereby accepts and adopts the Negative Declaration prepared in connection with the Peekskill Hollow Road over Wiccopee Brook Culvert Replacement project, a copy of which is annexed hereto and made a part hereof; and be it further

RESOLVED, that this Resolution shall take effect immediately.

BY POLL VOTE: ALL AYES. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Item #6g – Approval – SEQRA – Negative Declaration – Snake Hill Road over Philipse Brook Culvert Replacement was next. On behalf of the members of the Physical Services Committee, Legislators Crowley and Jonke, Legislator Ellner moved the following:

RESOLUTION #50

APPROVAL – SEQRA – NEGATIVE DECLARATION – SNAKE HILL ROAD OVER PHILIPSE BROOK CULVERT REPLACEMENT

WHEREAS, the Putnam County Legislature is considering the approval of a Putnam County Department of Public Works project that involves the replacement of the Snake Hill

Road culvert over Philipse Brook (the “Project”) in the Town of Philipstown. Anticipated project work will involve the replacement of existing culvert with a new structure. The current structure is showing signs of hydraulic inadequacy, scour exposure and deteriorating and broken headwalls and wingwalls. All proposed project activities will occur within areas previously disturbed during the original road/culvert construction; and

WHEREAS, the purpose of the Project is to ensure a safe and convenient crossing over Philipse Brook by eliminating structural deficiencies and meeting current design standards; and

WHEREAS, the proposed action hereunder is subject to review under the State Environmental Quality Review Act and the Regulations promulgated thereunder (“SEQRA 6 NYCRR Part 617”); and

WHEREAS, on December 3, 2024, as part of Resolution #320 of 2024, the County Legislature issued an Unlisted Action determination for the above referenced project, and declared its intent to serve as Lead Agency with respect to SEQRA; and

WHEREAS, a short Environmental Assessment form (EAF) was prepared for the Project; and

WHEREAS, the EAF and associated documentation was circulated to all involved and interested agencies for the requisite 30 days with a Notice of the Putnam County Legislature’s Intent to Serve as Lead Agency and no objections were received thereto; and

WHEREAS, the Putnam County Legislature, acting as Lead Agency, conducted a coordinated environmental review in accordance with §617.6, and

WHEREAS, based upon a careful review of the action as a whole, of the EAF, and the criteria set forth in 6 NYCRR Part 617.7(c), it has been determined that the proposed Project will not result in any potential significant adverse environmental impacts; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Putnam County Legislature, as Lead Agency, determines that the proposed Project will not have any potential significant adverse impacts and a Draft Environmental Impact Statement will not be prepared; and be it further

RESOLVED, that in accordance with 6 NYCRR Part 617, the Putnam County Legislature, as Lead Agency, hereby accepts and adopts the Negative Declaration prepared in connection with the Snake Hill Road over Philipse Brook Culvert Replacement project, a copy of which is annexed hereto and made a part hereof; and be it further

RESOLVED, that this Resolution shall take effect immediately.

BY POLL VOTE: ALL AYES. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Item #6h - Support - Approve Continuing the Putnam County Parking and Transfer Program and the Intercity Bus/Mass Transportation Joint Service Agreement to Operate the Croton Falls Commuter Shuttle and Park & Ride Facilities was next. On behalf of the members of the Physical Services Committee, Legislators Crowley and Jonke, Legislator Ellner moved the following:

RESOLUTION #51

SUPPORT - APPROVE CONTINUING THE PUTNAM COUNTY PARKING AND TRANSFER PROGRAM AND THE INTERCITY BUS/MASS TRANSPORTATION JOINT SERVICE AGREEMENT TO OPERATE THE CROTON FALLS COMMUTER SHUTTLE AND PARK & RIDE FACILITIES

WHEREAS, the County of Putnam and the New York State Department of Transportation entered into a Federal Aid Municipal Service Contract for the Putnam County Parking and Transfer Program encompassed by New York State Contract No. C017679 dated October 2, 2002, together with Supplemental Agreement Nos. 1, 2, 3 and 4 dated October 1, 2004, January 1, 2007, November 13, 2009, June 22, 2018 respectively, which have all now expired; and

WHEREAS, the County of Putnam and the New York State Department of Transportation entered into an Intercity Bus/Mass Transportation Joint Service Agreement in connection with the Putnam County Parking and Transfer Program, formerly Project ID Number 8822.84.12A, and Putnam County Croton Falls Commuter Shuttle, formerly Project ID Number 8822.44.12H, collectively Comptroller's Contract No. D035345 and Supplemental Agreement Nos. 1 through 5 dated August 10, 2016, November 24, 2017, June 22, 2018, and February 4, 2020 respectively, which have all now expired; and

WHEREAS, the County of Putnam and the New York State Department of Transportation entered into Supplemental Agreement No.1 to the Intercity Bus/Mass Transportation Joint Service Agreement No. C040127, formerly Project ID Number 8823.88, dated July 6, 2021, Contract No. C040392, formerly Project ID Number 8824.13, dated January 1, 2022, and subsequently Supplemental Agreement No. 1 dated January 1, 2023, which has now expired; and

WHEREAS, the County of Putnam and the New York State Department of Transportation continue their combined efforts to improve and enhance transportation services in Putnam County, such services provided by and through the Putnam Area Rapid Transit (PART) system, and includes, without limitation, expanding and/or making connections to the regional transit services network, as set forth in the Intercity Bus/Mass Transportation Joint Service Agreement No. C041573, collectively Project ID Number 8824.14, attached hereto as Schedule "A" and Schedule "B"; and

WHEREAS, the County of Putnam transportation system's continued operation of the Croton Falls Commuter Shuttle between Mahopac and Croton Falls will continue to improve, enhance, and expand transportation services in Putnam County in support of the aforesaid collaborative efforts between the County of Putnam and the New York State Department of Transportation; and

WHEREAS, the Putnam County Legislature, together with the County Executive, recommends and approves the continuation of the Putnam County Parking and Transfer Program and Putnam County transportation system to operate the Croton Falls Commuter Shuttle, as aforesaid; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the County of Putnam be and is hereby authorized to enter into the Intercity Bus/Mass Transportation Joint Service Agreement No. C041573, attached hereto as Schedule "A," with the New York State Department of Transportation for the maintenance of the Park and Ride Lots in Putnam County and payment for passenger transfers between PART and other commuter transportation systems, as well as for the operation of the Croton Falls Commuter Shuttle, collectively Project ID Number 8824.14; and be it further

RESOLVED, that payments made to the County of Putnam under the Intercity Bus/Mass Transportation Joint Service Agreement No. C041573 between the County of Putnam and the New York State Department of Transportation for the Putnam County Parking and Transfer Program shall not, except as otherwise may hereafter be agreed to between Putnam County and New York State, exceed \$287,000 in monthly or quarterly reimbursements for the period of January 1, 2025 through December 31, 2025 with a total contract amount of \$375,000; and be it further

RESOLVED, that payments made to the County of Putnam under the Intercity Bus/Mass Transportation Joint Service Agreement No. C041573 between Putnam County and New York State for the operation of the Park & Ride facilities for the period January 1, 2025 through December 31, 2025 or such period as otherwise may be agreed to between Putnam County and New York State, are not to exceed \$52,000; and be it further

RESOLVED, that payments to the County of Putnam under the Intercity Bus/Mass Transportation Joint Service Agreement No. C041573 between Putnam County and New York State for Marketing and Promotion for the period January 1, 2025 through December 31, 2025 or such period as otherwise may be agreed to between Putnam County and New York State up to \$33,000 and Connecting Services will be reimbursed up to \$3,000; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Putnam County Legislature authorizes the County Executive, or his/her duly appointed designee, to take such actions and execute such documents as may be necessary and appropriate to effectuate the intents and purposes set forth above.

BY POLL VOTE: ALL AYES. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Item #6i – Approval – Lead Agency – SEQRA Determination – Terry Hill Road (CR46) and NYS Route 311 Intersection Improvements was next. On behalf of the members of the Physical Services Committee, Legislators Crowley and Jonke, Legislator Ellner moved the following:

RESOLUTION #52

APPROVAL - LEAD AGENCY - SEQRA DETERMINATION - TERRY HILL ROAD (CR 46) AND NYS ROUTE 311 INTERSECTION IMPROVEMENTS

WHEREAS, the Putnam County Legislature is considering the approval of a Putnam County Department of Public Works project that involves Intersection improvements including widening for turning lanes, drainage and related improvements, signalization, and pedestrian improvements at the intersection of NYS Route 311 and Terry Hill Road east of NYS Route 52 in the Town of Kent; and

WHEREAS, the purpose of the Project is to improve the safety and capacity of this intersection; and

WHEREAS, the Proposed Action is subject to review under the State Environmental Quality Review Act (“SEQRA”) and the Regulations promulgated thereunder (“SEQRA 6 NYCRR Part 617”); and

WHEREAS, other potential involved or interested agencies have been identified in connection with the Proposed Action; and

WHEREAS, the Putnam County Legislature hereby declares its intent to act as the Lead Agency under the procedures and requirements of SEQRA; and

WHEREAS, a full Environmental Assessment form (EAF) has been prepared for the Project, along with supporting documentation, which is attached hereto and made a part hereof; and

WHEREAS, the Putnam County Legislature, after a review of SEQRA 6 NYCRR Part 617 *et seq.*, finds that the Proposed Action is an Unlisted action; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Putnam County Legislature will conduct a coordinated SEQRA environmental review for the Proposed Action in connection with the Project; and be it further

RESOLVED, that this Resolution shall take effect immediately.

BY POLL VOTE: ALL AYES. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Item #6j – Approval – Ratification of Application for 2025 Grant Funds Available through the New York State County Infrastructure Grant Program (Terry Hill Road (CR 46) and NYS Route 311 Intersection Improvement Project) was next. On behalf of the members of the Physical Services Committee, Legislators Crowley and Jonke, Legislator Ellner moved the following:

RESOLUTION #53

APPROVAL - RATIFICATION OF APPLICATION FOR 2025 GRANT FUNDS AVAILABLE THROUGH THE NEW YORK STATE COUNTY INFRASTRUCTURE GRANT PROGRAM (Terry Hill Road (CR 46) and NYS Route 311 Intersection Improvement Project)

WHEREAS, under New York's County Infrastructure Grant Program, Empire State Development will provide up to \$50 million in grants to support county-led infrastructure projects across the State which directly or indirectly support economic development, support the creation of housing, contribute to placemaking, or encourage tourism; and

WHEREAS, the County Infrastructure Grant Program grant funding will fund projects that do not directly support the creation of at least (10) ten new housing units for an award up to \$500,000. All projects that directly support the creation of at least (10) ten new housing units, are eligible for an award up to \$1,000,000; and

WHEREAS, there is a minimum 50% non-ESD match and a non-refundable \$250 application fee required; and

WHEREAS, the funding requires an application to apply the funding to an eligible project from each County, and the deadline for application submission is Tuesday, April 1, 2025, OR when all eligible Counties have applied and/or notified us of no application forthcoming; and

WHEREAS, the County, by and through the Putnam County Department of Planning, Development and Public Transportation (the "Department"), is desirous to apply for funding for the Department of Public Works' Terry Hill Road (CR 46) and NYS Route 311 intersection improvement project and plans to submit a grant application on or before the April 1, 2025 deadline set forth by New York State; and

WHEREAS, the Legislature, by and through the Physical Services Committee, approves the County's application for the NYS County Infrastructure Grant Program submitted by the Department to Empire State Development; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the County Executive, together with the County Legislature, supports the County's application for NYS County Infrastructure Grant funding in connection with the costs associated with Terry Hill Road (CR 46) and NYS Route 311 intersection improvement project to be formally submitted to ESD on/before April 1, 2025, is hereby accepted, approved and ratified by the County Legislature.

BY POLL VOTE: ALL AYES. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Item #6k – Approval – Lead Agency – SEQRA Determination Exterior Restoration of the Historic Putnam County Courthouse Project – Town of Carmel was next. On behalf of the members of the Physical Services Committee, Legislators Crowley and Jonke, Legislator Ellner moved the following:

RESOLUTION #54

LEAD AGENCY - SEQRA DETERMINATION EXTERIOR RESTORATION OF THE HISTORIC PUTNAM COUNTY COURTHOUSE PROJECT - TOWN OF CARMEL

WHEREAS, the Putnam County Legislature is considering the approval of a Putnam County Department of Public Works project to restore the exterior façade and four decorative columns of the Historic Courthouse located at 40 Gleneida Avenue, Town of Carmel, New York; and

WHEREAS, the proposed project will consist of restoring the exterior of the Historic Courthouse, focusing on the four decorative columns and the front façade. The columns require repairs to address moisture damage and rotted wood, with improvements to ventilation to prevent future deterioration. The exterior wood will be restored and sealed with an epoxy coating to protect against moisture. The paint will be refreshed, with repairs to decorative trim and siding. Additionally, the stone entry steps and walkway will be repaired and re-grouted to prevent further damage; and

WHEREAS, the proposed action is subject to review under the State Environmental Quality Review Act and the Regulations promulgated thereunder ("SEQRA 6 NYCRR Part 617"); and

WHEREAS, other potential involved or interested agencies have been identified in connection with the proposed action; and

WHEREAS, a full Environmental Assessment form (EAF) has been prepared for the proposed project along with supporting documentation, which is attached hereto and made a part hereof; and

WHEREAS, the Putnam County Legislature, after a review of SEQRA 6 NYCRR Part 617.4 et seq., finds that the proposed action is a Type I action "occurring wholly or partially within, or substantially contiguous to, any historic building, structure, facility, site or district or prehistoric site that is listed on the National Register of Historic Places (Volume 36 of the Code of Federal Regulations, parts 60 and 63, which is incorporated by reference pursuant to Section 617.17 of this Part), or that is listed on the State Register of Historic Places or that has been determined by the Commissioner of the Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation to be eligible for listing on the State Register of Historic Places pursuant to Sections 14.07 or 14.09 of the Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation Law"; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, the Putnam County Legislature hereby declares its intent to act as the Lead Agency under the procedures and requirements of SEQRA and will conduct a coordinated SEQRA environmental review for the proposed action; and be it further

RESOLVED, that this Resolution shall take effect immediately.

BY POLL VOTE: ALL AYES. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Item #6L – Approval – Lease Agreement – Putnam Community Action Partnership/WestCOP was next. On behalf of the members of the Physical Services Committee, Legislators Crowley and Jonke, Legislator Ellner moved the following:

RESOLUTION #55

APPROVAL - LEASE AGREEMENT – PUTNAM COMMUNITY ACTION PARTNERSHIP/WESTCOP

WHEREAS, the County of Putnam (“County”) is the owner of certain real property located at 121 Main Street, Brewster, New York 10509, including the building located thereon, (hereinafter “121 Main Street”); and

WHEREAS, a portion of the space that is not used for records storage by the County at 121 Main Street is not required for the County’s use, and therefore constitutes surplus space; and

WHEREAS, the County has no public use for this portion of the space at 121 Main Street at this time; and

WHEREAS, Putnam Community Action Partnership/WestCOP (“Putnam CAP”) is a not-for-profit organization that benefits residents of the County by mobilizing and efficiently managing resources through partnerships and collaborations, to help low-income and at-risk populations achieve greater self-sufficiency through various programs; and

WHEREAS, previous Administrations have allowed Putnam CAP to occupy 121 Main Street pursuant to a verbal agreement; and

WHEREAS, the County Executive seeks to formalize the agreement with Putnam CAP by entering into a lease agreement for the space at 121 Main Street; and

WHEREAS, the County Executive, pursuant to the authority granted to him under Section 31-22 of the Putnam County Code, has entered into negotiations with Putnam CAP for such a lease; and

WHEREAS, the Putnam County Law Department has prepared a lease consistent with the terms negotiated between the County Executive and Putnam CAP, such lease being attached hereto as Schedule “A”; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 31-22 of the Putnam County Code, the County Executive has requested that the Putnam County Legislature approve such lease agreement; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that 121 Main Street described herein is not required for the County’s use and therefore constitutes surplus space; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Putnam County Legislature approves the lease between the County of Putnam and Putnam CAP, which shall be in substantial conformance with the form attached hereto and made a part hereof as Schedule “A”, and that the Putnam County Executive is authorized to execute said lease; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the County Attorney is authorized to take whatever legal action is necessary to effectuate the lease between the County of Putnam and Putnam CAP in the manner approved herein.

BY POLL VOTE: ALL AYES. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Item #6m – Approval – Lease Agreement – Cornell Cooperative Extension of Putnam County was next. On behalf of the members of the Physical Services Committee, Legislators Crowley and Jonke, Legislator Ellner moved the following:

RESOLUTION #56

APPROVAL - LEASE AGREEMENT – CORNELL COOPERATIVE EXTENSION OF PUTNAM COUNTY

WHEREAS, the County of Putnam (“County”) is the owner of certain real property located at Terravest Corporate Park, 1 Geneva Road, Brewster, New York 10509, including the building located thereon, (hereinafter “1 Geneva Road”); and

WHEREAS, a portion of the space that is not used by the Health Department and the DMV at 1 Geneva Road is not required for the County’s use, and therefore constitutes surplus space; and

WHEREAS, the County has no public use for this portion of the space at 1 Geneva Road at this time, and

WHEREAS, Cornell Cooperative Extension of Putnam County (“Cornell Cooperative”) is an institution that, as part of its mission, provides a variety of educational programs and services for the residents of the County; and

WHEREAS, previous Administrations have allowed Cornell Cooperative to occupy the space at 1 Geneva Road pursuant to a verbal agreement; and

WHEREAS, the County Executive seeks to formalize the agreement with Cornell Cooperative by entering into a lease agreement for the space at 1 Geneva Road; and

WHEREAS, the County Executive, pursuant to the authority granted to him under Section 31-22 of the Putnam County Code, has entered into negotiations with Cornell Cooperative for such a lease; and

WHEREAS, the Putnam County Law Department has prepared a lease consistent with the terms negotiated between the County Executive and Cornell Cooperative, such lease being attached hereto as Schedule “A”; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 31-22 of the Putnam County Code, the County Executive has requested that the Putnam County Legislature approve such lease agreement; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the space at 1 Geneva Road described herein is not required for the County’s use and therefore constitutes surplus space; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Putnam County Legislature approves the lease between the County of Putnam and Cornell Cooperative, which shall be in substantial conformance with the form attached hereto and made a part hereof as Schedule “A”, and that the Putnam County Executive is authorized to execute said lease; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the County Attorney is authorized to take whatever legal action is necessary to effectuate the lease between the County of Putnam and Cornell Cooperative in the manner approved herein.

BY POLL VOTE: ALL AYES. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Item #6n – Approval – Lease Agreement – United for the Troops was next. On behalf of the members of the Physical Services Committee, Legislators Crowley and Jonke, Legislator Ellner moved the following:

RESOLUTION #57

APPROVAL – LEASE AGREEMENT – UNITED FOR THE TROOPS

WHEREAS, the County of Putnam (“County”) is the owner of certain real property located at 34 Gleneida Avenue, Carmel, New York 10512, including the building located thereon, (hereinafter “34 Gleneida”); and

WHEREAS, 34 Gleneida Avenue is not required for the County's use at this time, and therefore constitutes surplus space; and

WHEREAS, the County has no public use for 34 Gleneida at this time, and

WHEREAS, United for the Troops is a not-for-profit organization that benefits residents of the County and others through its support of those serving in the armed forces; and

WHEREAS, a previous Administration has allowed United for the Troops to occupy 34 Gleneida Avenue pursuant to a verbal agreement; and

WHEREAS, the County Executive seeks to formalize the agreement with United for the Troops by entering into a lease agreement for the space at 34 Gleneida Avenue; and

WHEREAS, the County Executive, pursuant to the authority granted to him under Section 31-22 of the Putnam County Code, has entered into negotiations with United for the Troops for such a lease; and

WHEREAS, the Putnam County Law Department has prepared a lease consistent with the terms negotiated between the County Executive and United for the Troops, such lease being attached hereto as Schedule "A"; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 31-22 of the Putnam County Code, the County Executive has requested that the Putnam County Legislature approve such lease agreement; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that 34 Gleneida Avenue is not required for the County's use and therefore constitutes surplus space; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Putnam County Legislature approves the lease between the County of Putnam and United for the Troops, which shall be in substantial conformance with the form attached hereto and made a part hereof as Schedule "A", and that the Putnam County Executive is authorized to execute said lease; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the County Attorney is authorized to take whatever legal action is necessary to effectuate the lease between the County of Putnam and United for the Troops in the manner approved herein.

BY POLL VOTE: ALL AYES. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

**HEALTH, SOCIAL, EDUCATIONAL & ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITTEE
(Chairwoman Addonizio, Legislators Ellner & Russo)**

Item #6o – Approval – Budgetary Amendment (25A007) – Social Services – Safe Harbor was next. Chairwoman Sayegh recognized Legislator Addonizio, Chairwoman of the Health, Social, Educational & Environmental Committee. On behalf of the members of the Committee, Legislators Ellner and Russo, Legislator Addonizio moved the following:

Legislator Addonizio stated that the Safe Harbor program provides protection and care for trafficked children and youth up to age 21. She believed that people in Putnam County did not realize that we are faced with this problem.

RESOLUTION #58

APPROVAL – BUDGETARY AMENDMENT (25A007) – SOCIAL SERVICES – SAFE HARBOR

WHEREAS, the Commissioner of Social Services has requested a budgetary amendment (25A007) to amend the 2025 Department of Social Services budget, to reflect

Putnam County's Safe Harbor allocation, to address the needs of trafficked and commercially sexually exploited children and youth in accordance with Putnam's Safe Harbor project plan approved by NYS Office of Children and Family Services; and

WHEREAS, the Health, Social, Educational & Environmental 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 Revenues:

10058000 436101	Safe Harbor Admin Social Services	30,000
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Increase Appropriations:

10058000 54646	Safe Harbor Contracts	30,000
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2025 Fiscal Impact – 0 –

2026 Fiscal Impact – 0 –

BY POLL VOTE: ALL AYES. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Item #6p – Approval – Budgetary Amendment (25A008) – Department of Social Services – Child Advocacy Center was next. On behalf of the members of the Health, Social, Educational & Environmental Committee, Legislators Ellner and Russo, Legislator Addonizio moved the following:

RESOLUTION #59

APPROVAL – BUDGETARY AMENDMENT (25A008) – DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES – CHILD ADVOCACY CENTER

WHEREAS, the Commissioner of Social Services has requested a budgetary amendment (25A008) to amend the 2025 Social Services budget to include expenses other than Personnel Services funded in accordance with the following contract renewal awarded to the Child Advocacy Center for the period of October 1, 2024 through September 30, 2025; and

WHEREAS, OCFS C029459 is a multi-year agreement awarded by the New York State Office of Children & Family Services (OCFS) for the period of 10/01/22 – 09/30/25; and

WHEREAS, the Health, Social, Educational & Environmental 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:

GENERAL FUND:

Increase Appropriations:

22070000 54310	Office Supplies	183
22070000 54313	Books & Supplements	300
22070000 54640	Education & Training	8,210
22070000 54675	Travel	<u>500</u>
		9,193

Increase Revenue:
22070000 436233 Child Advocacy Center 9,193

2025 Fiscal Impact – 0 –
2026 Fiscal Impact – 0 –

BY POLL VOTE: ALL AYES. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Item #6q – Approval – Budgetary Amendment (25A009) – Department of Social Services – Child Advocacy Center - Crime Victims Board was next. On behalf of the members of the Health, Social, Educational & Environmental Committee, Legislators Ellner and Russo, Legislator Addonizio moved the following:

RESOLUTION #60

APPROVAL – BUDGETARY AMENDMENT (25A009) – DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES – CHILD ADVOCACY CENTER - CRIME VICTIMS BOARD

WHEREAS, the Commissioner of Social Services has requested a budgetary amendment (25A009) to amend the 2025 Social Services budget to include expenses other than Personnel Services funded in accordance with the following contract renewal awarded to the Child Advocacy Center for the period of October 1, 2024 through September 30, 2025; and

WHEREAS, OVS01-C11348GG-1080200 is a multi-year agreement awarded by the New York State Office of Victim Services (OVS) for the period of 10/01/22 – 09/30/25; and

WHEREAS, the Health, Social, Educational & Environmental 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:

GENERAL FUND:

Increase Appropriations:

22071000 54640	Education & Training	17,277
22071000 54646	Contracts	3,780
22071000 55370	Charge Back Automotive	1,900
22071000 55870	Charge Back Auto Cty Vehicle	<u>200</u>
		23,157

Increase Revenue:
22071000 446131 Crime Victims Board 23,157

2025 Fiscal Impact – 0 –
2026 Fiscal Impact – 0 –

BY POLL VOTE: ALL AYES. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Item #6r – Approval – Budgetary Amendment (25A010) – Department of Social Services – Putnam County’s Code Blue Allocation was next. On behalf of the members of the Health, Social, Educational & Environmental Committee, Legislators Ellner and Russo, Legislator Addonizio moved the following:

Legislator Addonizio explained that Code Blue is issued when the temperature drops to 32 degrees or below and remains in effect until the temperature rises above 32 degrees. She stated that homeless individuals are referred to emergency shelters and can be transported by bus or taxi. She stated that Putnam County provides shelter and warming centers for those in need.

RESOLUTION #61

APPROVAL – BUDGETARY AMENDMENT (25A010) – DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES – PUTNAM COUNTY’S CODE BLUE ALLOCATION

WHEREAS, the Commissioner of Social Services has requested a budgetary amendment (25A010) to amend the 2025 Social Services budget to include Putnam County’s Code Blue allocation received from the Office of Temporary & Disabilities Assistance (OTDA) for the reimbursement of essential, additional costs that are directly related to the requirements of the Code Blue regulation to provide shelter during inclement weather; and

WHEREAS, the Health, Social, Educational & Environmental 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:

GENERAL FUND:

Increase Appropriations:

10120000 54646 10130	Contracts	10,863
10120000 54989 10130	Miscellaneous	<u>16,131</u>
		26,994

Increase Revenue:

10120000 436101 10130	Admin. Social Services	26,994
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2025 Fiscal Impact – 0 –

2026 Fiscal Impact – 0 –

BY POLL VOTE: ALL AYES. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Item #6s – Approval – Budgetary Amendment (25A011) – Department of Social Services – Putnam County’s Administration for Community Living – American Rescue Plan Act Adult Protective Services Grant Allocation was next. On behalf of the members of the Health, Social, Educational & Environmental Committee, Legislators Ellner and Russo, Legislator Addonizio moved the following:

RESOLUTION #62

APPROVAL – BUDGETARY AMENDMENT (25A011) – DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES – PUTNAM COUNTY’S ADMINISTRATION FOR COMMUNITY LIVING – AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT ADULT PROTECTIVE SERVICES GRANT ALLOCATION

WHEREAS, the Commissioner of Social Services has requested a budgetary amendment (25A011) to amend the 2025 Social Services budget to include Putnam County’s Administration for Community Living – American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Adult Protective Services Grant allocation; and

WHEREAS, said grant allocation is provided by the Office of Children & Family Services (OCFS) for the purpose of providing resources to enhance, improve, and expand adult protective services’ (APS) ability to investigate allegations of abuse, neglect, and exploitation; and

WHEREAS, the Health, Social, Educational & Environmental 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:

GENERAL FUND:

Increase Appropriations:

10102000 52130 10169	Computer Equipment	8,750
10102000 54989 10169	Miscellaneous	<u>6,587</u>
		15,337

Increase Revenue:

10102000 446101 10169	Admin. Social Services	15,337
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2025 Fiscal Impact – 0 –

2026 Fiscal Impact – 0 –

BY POLL VOTE: ALL AYES. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Item #6t – Approval – Budgetary Amendment (25A012) - Department of Social Services – Amend 2025 Mental Health Budget to Reflect Adjusted State Aid Levels was next. On behalf of the members of the Health, Social, Educational & Environmental Committee, Legislators Ellner and Russo, Legislator Addonizio moved the following:

RESOLUTION #63

APPROVAL – BUDGETARY AMENDMENT (25A012) - DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES – AMEND 2025 MENTAL HEALTH BUDGET TO REFLECT ADJUSTED STATE AID LEVELS

WHEREAS, the Commissioner of Social Services has requested a budgetary amendment (25A012) to amend the 2025 Mental Health budget to reflect adjusted State Aid levels to be passed through to provider agencies in accordance with the most recent State Aid authorization from the NYS Office of Mental Health (OMH) dated 12/16/24; and

WHEREAS, the Health, Social, Educational & Environmental 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:

GENERAL FUND:

Increase Appropriations:

10423000 54647	Sub Contractors	4,524
10028000 54647	Sub Contractors	4,296
10030000 54647	Sub Contractors	12,000
10431000 54646 10115	Contracts	725
10431000 54646 10120	Contracts	788
10431000 55646 10151	Chrgbk Contracts	4,225
10034000 54647	Sub Contractors	323,622
10036000 54647	Sub Contractors	3,068
10037000 54647	Sub Contractors	11,104
10039000 54647	Sub Contractors	1,552
10040000 54647	Sub Contractors	22,503
10041000 54647	Sub Contractors	782
10042000 54647	Sub Contractors	9,172
10043000 54647	Sub Contractors	7,123
10044000 54647	Sub Contractors	1,488
10046000 54647	Sub Contractors	220
10052000 54647	Sub Contractors	<u>81,781</u>
		488,973

Increase Revenue:

10423000 434865	Private OASAS St Aid Prev	4,524
10028000 434887	Council State Aid COLA	4,296
10030000 434884	Private OASAS St Local Asst	12,000
10431000 434981 10115	Mental Health St Aid	725
10431000 434981 10120	Mental Health St Aid	788
10431000 434981 10151	Mental Health St Aid	4,225
10034000 434903	Mental Health Aid Supported Housing	323,622
10036000 434951	CSS Sub Contract	3,068
10037000 434946	MH St Aid Adult Case Mg	11,104
10039000 434947	MH St Aid CF Case Mg	1,552
10040000 434981	Mental Health St Aid	22,503
10041000 434981	Mental Health St Aid	782
10042000 434981	Mental Health St Aid	9,172
10043000 434981	Mental Health St Aid	7,123
10044000 434981	Mental Health St Aid	1,488
10046000 434981	Mental Health St Aid	220
10052000 434981	Mental Health St Aid	<u>81,781</u>
		488,973

2025 Fiscal Impact – 0 –

2026 Fiscal Impact – 0 –

BY POLL VOTE: ALL AYES. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Item #6u – Approval – Budgetary Amendment (25A013) – Department of Social Services – 2024-2025 New York State Rental Supplement Program Allocation was next. On behalf of the members of the Health, Social, Educational & Environmental Committee, Legislators Ellner and Russo, Legislator Addonizio moved the following:

RESOLUTION #64

APPROVAL – BUDGETARY AMENDMENT (25A013) – DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES – 2024-2025 NEW YORK STATE RENTAL SUPPLEMENT PROGRAM ALLOCATION

WHEREAS, the Commissioner of Social Services has requested a budgetary amendment (25A013) to amend the 2025 Social Services budget to include Putnam County's 2024-2025 New York State Rental Supplement Program allocation provided by the Office of Temporary & Disability Assistance (OTDA); and

WHEREAS, said allocation is for the purpose of providing vital rental assistance to individuals and families, regardless of immigration status, who are experiencing homelessness or are facing an imminent loss of housing; and

WHEREAS, the Health, Social, Educational & Environmental 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:

GENERAL FUND:

Increase Appropriations:

10120000 54647 10198	Sub Contractors	39,018
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Increase Revenue:

10120000 436101 10198	Admin. Social Services NYS Supplemental Program	39,018
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2025 Fiscal Impact – 0 –

2026 Fiscal Impact – 0 –

BY POLL VOTE: ALL AYES. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Item #6v – Approval – Budgetary Amendment (25A016) – Sienna College Contract – Community Health Survey for Putnam County was next. On behalf of the members of the Health, Social, Educational & Environmental Committee, Legislators Ellner and Russo, Legislator Addonizio moved the following:

RESOLUTION #65

APPROVAL – BUDGETARY AMENDMENT (25A016) – SIENNA COLLEGE CONTRACT – COMMUNITY HEALTH SURVEY FOR PUTNAM COUNTY

WHEREAS, the Interim Commissioner of Health has requested a budgetary amendment (25A016) to amend the 2025 Health Department's budget to fund the Sienna

College Contract to conduct the required Community Health Survey for Putnam County;
and

WHEREAS, part of the funds for the Community Health Survey will be utilized from the Health Department's 2025 Performance Incentive Initiative Grant, and the following transfers will utilize ATUPA funds and monies accrued from Nursing position vacancies;
and

WHEREAS, the Health, Social, Educational & Environmental 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:

GENERAL FUND:

Increase Appropriations:

10401000 54646 10118	Contract – Performance Incentive Initiative	23,286
10401000 54646 10118	Contract – Performance Incentive Initiative	5,844
10401000 54646 10118	Contract – Performance Incentive Initiative	5,845
10401000 54646 10118	Contract – Performance Incentive Initiative	5,789
10401000 54646 10118	Contract – Performance Incentive Initiative	<u>7,236</u>
		48,000

Decrease Appropriations:

11401000 51000 (120)	Public Health – Pers Servs (Nurse)	5,844
11401000 51000 (116)	Public Health - Pers Servs (Nurse)	5,845
12401000 54329 10220	ATUPA Reserve – Promotional	5,789
12401000 54989 10220	ATUPA Reserve – Miscellaneous	<u>7,236</u>
		24,714

Increase Estimated Revenues:

10401000 434890 10118	State Aid – Performance Incentive Initiative	23,286
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2025 Fiscal Impact – 0 –

2026 Fiscal Impact – 0 –

BY POLL VOTE: ALL AYES. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Item #6w – Approval – Fund Transfer (24T536) – Department of Social Services – Committee on Special Education – Day Care was next. On behalf of the members of the Health, Social, Educational & Environmental Committee, Legislators Ellner and Russo, Legislator Addonizio moved the following:

RESOLUTION #66

APPROVAL – FUND TRANSFER (24T536) – DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES – COMMITTEE ON SPECIAL EDUCATION – DAY CARE

WHEREAS, the Commissioner of Social Services has requested a fund transfer (24T536) to reallocate funds to cover projected costs through December 31, 2024; and

WHEREAS, the Health, Social, Educational & Environmental 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:

10610900 54435	EAF FC (Emergency Assistance for Families - Foster Care)	202,444
10611900 54420	Foster Care FNP (Federally Non-Participating)	100,000
10610900 54433	EAF IVE FC (Emergency Assistance for Families – Title IV-E Federal Funding for Foster Care & Adoption Subsidies)	42,088
10610900 54495	Payments to Recipients	<u>2,299</u>
		346,831

Increase:

10605500 54471	Day Care	202,444
10611900 54114	Committee on Special Education	142,088
10610900 54493	Committee on Special Education	<u>2,299</u>
		346,831

2024 Fiscal Impact – 0 –

2025 Fiscal Impact – 0 –

BY POLL VOTE: ALL AYES. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Item #6x – Approval – Fund Transfer (24T537) – Department of Social Services – Miscellaneous – Contracts – Cover Projected Costs was next. On behalf of the members of the Health, Social, Educational & Environmental Committee, Legislators Ellner and Russo, Legislator Addonizio moved the following:

RESOLUTION #67

APPROVAL – FUND TRANSFER (24T537) – DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES – MISCELLANEOUS – CONTRACTS – COVER PROJECTED COSTS

WHEREAS, the Commissioner of Social Services has requested a fund transfer (24T537) to reallocate funds to cover projects costs through 12/31/24; and

WHEREAS, the Health, Social, Educational & Environmental 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:

10102000 54646	Contracts	22,285
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Increase:

10120000 54989 10130	Miscellaneous	2,416
22071000 54646	Contracts	<u>19,869</u>
		22,285

2024 Fiscal Impact – 0 –
2025 Fiscal Impact – 0 –

BY POLL VOTE: ALL AYES. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Item #6y – Approval – Victims Services Grant Renewal – Department of Social Services was next. On behalf of the members of the Health, Social, Educational & Environmental Committee, Legislators Ellner and Russo, Legislator Addonizio moved the following:

RESOLUTION #68

APPROVAL - VICTIMS SERVICES GRANT RENEWAL - DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES

WHEREAS, in the past Putnam County has obtained grant approvals from the New York State Office of Victim Services under Victim Assistance Program; and

WHEREAS, funds are used to support our Victim Advocacy Program to provide emotional support and address the complicated needs of child abuse victims and their families; and

WHEREAS, this three (3) year contract is now up for renewal for the period of 10/01/25 – 9/30/28; and

WHEREAS, a new grant approval program has been initiated by the Office of Victim Services for services that meet the immediate needs of crime victims under the Victim of Crimes Act (VOCA); and

WHEREAS, the amount of any grant will be determined under this program if the application is successful; and

WHEREAS, the deadline for filing an application under this program is March 19, 2025; and

WHEREAS, grants issued under this program do not require matching County funds; and

WHEREAS, the Health, Social, Educational & Environmental Committee has considered and approved of this application; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Department of Social Services is authorized to submit an application for a grant under the current Victim and Witness Assistance Grant Program for an amount to be determined by the program upon awarding of the grant.

BY POLL VOTE: ALL AYES. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

**PERSONNEL COMMITTEE
(Chairman Jonke, Legislators Addonizio & Gouldman)**

Item #6z – Approval – Budgetary Amendment (25A015) – Department of Social Services – Child Advocacy Center – NYS Office of Children & Family Services (OCFS) Supplemental Grant – Staff Retention Bonus was next. Chairwoman Sayegh recognized Legislator Jonke, Chairman of the Personnel Committee. On behalf of the members of the Committee, Legislators Addonizio and Gouldman, Legislator Jonke moved the following:

RESOLUTION #69

APPROVAL – BUDGETARY AMENDMENT (25A015) – DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES – CHILD ADVOCACY CENTER – NYS OFFICE OF CHILDREN & FAMILY SERVICES (OCFS) SUPPLEMENTAL GRANT – STAFF RETENTION BONUS

WHEREAS, the Commissioner of Social Services has requested a budgetary amendment (25A015) to amend the 2025 Social Service budget to include expenses funded in accordance with the contract awarded to the Child Advocacy Center for the period 01/01/25 – 08/31/25; and

WHEREAS, this contract, OCFS #C030536, is a NYS Office of Children and Family Services (OCFS) Supplemental Grant agreement for the period of 01/01/25 – 08/31/25; and

WHEREAS, the Personnel 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:

GENERAL FUND:

Increase Appropriations:

22070000 51000 10221 (0122)	Pers. Serv – Staff Retention Bonus Special Victims Investigator (DA)	3,065.50
22070000 51000 10221 (2102)	Pers. Serv – Staff Retention Bonus Sr. Clerk Child Advocacy Center	3,065.50
22070000 51000 10221 (2103)	Pers. Serv – Staff Retention Bonus Sr. Bilingual Victim Advocate	3,065.50
22070000 51000 10221 (3102)	Pers. Serv – Staff Retention Bonus Victim Advocate	3,065.50
22070000 52650 10221	Motor Vehicles	45,000.00
22070000 54410 10221	Supplies & Materials	766.00
22070000 54640 10221	Education & Training	200.00
22070000 54646 10221	Contracts	7,500.00
22070000 58002 10221	Social Security	<u>938.00</u>
		66,666.00

Increase Revenue:

22070000 445980 10221	Federal Aid – MDT CAC (Multi-Disciplinary Team – Child Advocacy Center)	66,666.00
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2025 Fiscal Impact – 0 –

2026 Fiscal Impact – 0 –

BY POLL VOTE: ALL AYES. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Item #6aa – Approval – Confirmation – Appointment – Director of the Office for Senior Resources was next. On behalf of the members of the Personnel Committee, Legislators Addonizio and Gouldman, Legislator Jonke moved the following:

Legislator Addonizio welcomed Ms. Barrett to her new position. She stated that she certainly has the qualifications and experience.

Legislator Montgomery stated that Ms. Barrett has been making the rounds in meeting all the municipal leaders throughout Putnam County. She thanked her for her great work.

Legislator Russo welcomed Ms. Barrett and thanked her for all her work and assistance.

Chairwoman Sayegh explained that she was part of the interview process. She stated that Ms. Barrett is very well qualified, and she was happy that we were promoting within the County. She stated that she has many years of experience, and the seniors all know who she is. She believed that Ms. Barrett would do a fabulous job.

RESOLUTION #70

APPROVAL – CONFIRMATION – APPOINTMENT - DIRECTOR OF THE OFFICE FOR SENIOR RESOURCES

WHEREAS, County Executive Kevin M. Byrne has appointed Marlene Barrett as Director of the Office for Senior Resources, pursuant to Article 12, Section 12.04 of the Putnam County Charter; and

WHEREAS, Marlene Barrett has served as Deputy Director of the Office for Senior Resources since April 2023 and possesses the requisite knowledge, experience, and qualifications to serve as the Director of the Office for Senior Resources for the County of Putnam; and

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

RESOLVED, that the Legislature hereby confirms the appointment of Marlene Barrett as the Director of the Office for Senior Resources for the County of Putnam, pursuant to Article 12, Section 12.04 of the Putnam County; and be it further

RESOLVED, that Marlene Barrett shall serve at the pleasure of the County Executive as Director of the Office for Senior Resources; and be it further

RESOLVED, that this appointment shall comply with the requirements to file an Oath of Office pursuant to the New York State Public Officers Law.

BY POLL VOTE: ALL AYES. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Item #6bb – Approval – Confirmation – Appointment – Public Health Director was next. On behalf of the members of the Personnel Committee, Legislators Addonizio and Gouldman, Legislator Jonke moved the following:

Legislator Montgomery explained that she was happy to go this route with having a Public Health Director. She expressed appreciation for his training and history in the field. She stated that we will have the resources of having a Medical Consultant as well.

Legislator Ellner believed that Mr. Rodriguez would do an outstanding job. He explained that he had a problem with this being presented by Personnel as a savings to the County. He stated that it is not a savings and will cost the County approximately \$65,000 - \$70,000 more than where we currently are.

Chairwoman Sayegh welcomed Mr. Rodriguez. She explained that she had the opportunity to sit in on the interview process and Mr. Rodriguez was extremely well qualified. She explained that he lives in Putnam County, and she thanked him for

stepping up to this new challenge in his career. She also thanked Dr. Nesheiwat for his continued service to Putnam County who will now serve as the Medical Consultant.

Legislator Addonizio stated that Mr. Rodriguez possesses the necessary skills and experience for this position.

Legislator Montgomery welcomed Mr. Rodriguez. She hoped that Legislator Ellner could give us the line item where he determined that this was not a savings. She also thanked Dr. Nesheiwat for his service to Putnam County and his years of dedication to getting us through the COVID-19 pandemic. She explained there were rocky times in the beginning between her and Dr. Nesheiwat, but they have come to appreciate each other. She stated that Dr. Nesheiwat loves Putnam County, and he will be missed.

RESOLUTION #71

APPROVAL – CONFIRMATION – APPOINTMENT - PUBLIC HEALTH DIRECTOR

WHEREAS, County Executive Kevin M. Byrne has appointed Mr. Rian Rodriguez, M.P.H., as Public Health Director, pursuant to Article 10, Section 10.04 of the Putnam County Charter; and

WHEREAS, said appointment has been approved by Dr. James V. McDonald, M.D., M.P.H., Commissioner of the New York State Department of Health, on December 5, 2024, to commence February 1, 2025, or as soon thereafter, for a term of six years pursuant to Public Health Law Section 351.5; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Rian Rodriguez, M.P.H., possesses the requisite knowledge, experience, and qualifications to serve as the Public Health Director for the County of Putnam; and

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

RESOLVED, that the Legislature hereby confirms the appointment of Mr. Rian Rodriguez, M.P.H., as the Public Health Director for the County of Putnam, pursuant to Article 10, Section 10.04 of the Putnam County Charter at a salary of \$155,000; and be it further

RESOLVED, that this appointment shall comply with the requirements to file an Oath of Office pursuant to the New York State Public Officers Law.

BY POLL VOTE: EIGHT AYES. ONE ABSTENTION – LEGISLATOR ELLNER. MOTION CARRIES.

(Legislator Ellner voiced his abstention on Item #6bb after the vote on Item #6cc)

Item #6cc – Approval – Budgetary Amendment (25A005) – Health Department – Reclassification - New Public Health Director & Medical Consultant was next. On behalf of the members of the Personnel Committee, Legislators Addonizio and Gouldman, Legislator Jonke moved the following:

Legislative Clerk Schonfeld clarified the vote on Item #6bb.

Legislator Ellner stated that it was not a roll call vote so he could not abstain.

Legislator Ellner stated that he would abstain on Item #6bb because of the increase in cost as evidenced on Item #6cc.

Legislator Montgomery explained that the Interim Commissioner of Health position at a salary of \$226,050 would be changed to a Public Health Director at \$155,000.

Legislator Ellner stated that we are also adding \$110,000 for a Medical Consultant and would now have an additional person to the Health Plan. He stated that is why it does not result in a savings. He stated that he welcomed Mr. Rodriguez, who is qualified and will do a fantastic job.

RESOLUTION #72

APPROVAL – BUDGETARY AMENDMENT (25A005) – HEALTH DEPARTMENT – RECLASSIFICATION - NEW PUBLIC HEALTH DIRECTOR & MEDICAL CONSULTANT

WHEREAS, per the Putnam County Legislature's approval of the County Executive's appointment of a Public Health Director, the Commissioner of Finance has requested a budgetary amendment (25A006) to make the following Personnel changes:

- Change Title of Interim Commissioner of Health position #10401000 51000 10116 at a salary of \$226,050 to Public Health Director position #10401000 51000 10119 at a salary of \$155,000
- New position of Medical Consultant position #10401000 51000 10120 at a salary of \$110,000

WHEREAS, said changes shall be effective on or about March 25, 2025; and
WHEREAS, the Personnel Committee and the Audit & Administration Committee have reviewed and approved said budgetary amendment; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that Resolution #357 of 2024 setting the Salaries for Officers and Employees paid from County Funds is hereby amended for the following positions:

Budget Line:	Positions:	Salary:
10401000 51000 10116	Interim Commissioner of Health	226,050 to 0
10401000 51000 10119	Public Health Director	0 to 155,000
10401000 51000 10120	Medical Consultant	0 to 110,000

And be it further

RESOLVED, that the following budgetary amendment be made:

GENERAL FUND:

Decrease Appropriations:

10401000 51000 10116	Pers. Serv – Interim Comm of Health	175,817
10401000 58002 10116	FICA – Interim Comm of Health	13,450
10199000 54981	Subcontingency for Medical Consultant	<u>110,000</u>
		299,267

Increase Appropriations:

10401000 51000 10119	Pers. Serv – Public Health Director	120,556
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10401000 58001 10119	Retirement – Public Health Director	2,346
10401000 58002 10119	FICA - Public Health Director	15,768
10401000 58003 10119	Disability - Public Health Director	182
10401000 58004 10119	Workers Comp - Public Health Director	256
10401000 58006 10119	Dental Insurance - Public Health Director	687
10401000 58007 10119	Life Insurance - Public Health Director	486
10401000 58008 10119	Health Insurance - Public Health Director	16,008
10401000 58009 10119	Vision Insurance - Public Health Director	93
10401000 58011 10119	FLEX - Public Health Director	1,084
10401000 51000 10120	New Medical Consultant	85,556
10199000 54980	Contingency	<u>56,245</u>
		299,267
	2025 Fiscal Impact (\$56,245)	
	2026 Fiscal Impact – 0 –	

BY POLL VOTE: ALL AYES. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Item #6dd – Ratification of Civil Service Employee’s Association, Inc. (CSEA) Collective Bargaining Agreement was next. On behalf of the members of the Personnel Committee, Legislators Addonizio and Gouldman, Legislator Jonke moved the following:

Legislator Jonke believed it was a fair deal for both sides, and he was glad to see this accomplished.

Legislator Crowley stated that she was thrilled to see that all four (4) unions have hopefully a contract that they are happy with.

Legislator Addonizio stated that she was proud to support our dedicated members with fair wages and benefits that they deserve. She stated that they are very hard workers.

Chairwoman Sayegh thanked everyone for their dedicated service and hard work on this contract. She also thanked all our CSEA employees for their dedication and hard work. She stated that Putnam County could not provide the services that we do if not for these dedicated employees.

RESOLUTON #73

RATIFICATION OF CIVIL SERVICE EMPLOYEE’S ASSOCIATION, INC. (CSEA) COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT

WHEREAS, the negotiating teams for the County of Putnam (“the County”) and the CSEA, Local 1000, AFSCME, AFL-CIO, Putnam County Unit #8510, Putnam County Local 840 (“the CSEA”) met on November 20, 2023, December 14, 2023, January 4, 2024, January 18, 2024, February 1, 2024, February 15, 2024, March 5, 2024, March 14, 2024, April 4, 2024, April 17, 2024, June 13, 2024, July 31, 2024, November 26, 2024 and December 19, 2024 to discuss amended contract language and terms and conditions of employment; and

WHEREAS, the CSEA and the County have come to an Agreement concerning the terms and conditions of the employment of its members for the years January 1, 2024 through December 31, 2028; and

WHEREAS, a Memorandum of Agreement (“MOA”, see attached as Schedule A) was executed by Putnam County Executive Kevin M. Byrne, and representatives of the CSEA in which all of the terms and conditions of employment of its members were outlined; and

WHEREAS, the membership of the CSEA met on January 30, 2025 to vote to ratify the MOA; and

WHEREAS, the Personnel Committee also met and discussed the terms of the MOA on February 13, 2025; and

WHEREAS, the Legislature is in agreement with the Administration and the negotiating teams that the MOA is in the best interests of both the County and the membership of the CSEA; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, the Putnam County Legislature hereby approves and ratifies the Memorandum of Agreement, dated December 19, 2024 which was entered into with the CSEA for the period of January 1, 2024 through and including December 31, 2028.

BY POLL VOTE: ALL AYES. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Item #6ee – Approval – Budgetary Transfer (25T032) – Finance - Civil Service Employee's Association, Inc. (CSEA) Contract Settlement was next. On behalf of the members of the Personnel Committee, Legislators Addonizio and Gouldman, Legislator Jonke moved the following:

RESOLUTION #74

APPROVAL – BUDGETARY TRANSFER (25T032) – FINANCE - CIVIL SERVICE EMPLOYEE’S ASSOCIATION, INC. (CSEA) CONTRACT SETTLEMENT

WHEREAS, the Commissioner of Finance has requested a budgetary transfer (25T032) to provide funding for the 2025 salary and benefit costs pursuant to the ratified contract settlement between Putnam County and the Civil Service Employee’s Association, Inc. (CSEA); and

WHEREAS, the Personnel 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 Appropriations:

10116500 51000	Personnel Services	24,084.00
10116500 58002	Social Security	1,843.00
10131000 51000	Personnel Services	31,735.00
10131000 58002	Social Security	2,426.00
10134500 51000	Personnel Services	10,874.00
10134500 58002	Social Security	832.00
10135500 51000	Personnel Services	6,697.00
10135500 58002	Social Security	513.00
10141000 51000	Personnel Services	31,102.00
10141000 58002	Social Security	2,379.00
10141100 51000	Personnel Services	39,866.00
10141100 58002	Social Security	3,051.00

10142000 51000	Personnel Services	4,700.00
10142000 58002	Social Security	360.00
10143000 51000	Personnel Services	11,672.00
10143000 58002	Social Security	892.00
10146000 51000	Personnel Services	8,638.00
10146000 58002	Social Security	660.00
10149000 51000	Personnel Services	18,020.00
10149000 58002	Social Security	1,378.00
10168000 51000	Personnel Services	26,001.00
10168000 58002	Social Security	1,989.00
10296000 51000	Personnel Services	7,733.00
10296000 58002	Social Security	592.00
10314000 51000	Personnel Services	79,401.00
10314000 58002	Social Security	6,073.00
10398900 51000	Personnel Services	90,401.00
10398900 58002	Social Security	6,916.00
12401000 51000	Personnel Services	201,876.00
12401000 58002	Social Security	15,442.00
10405900 51000	Personnel Services	26,810.00
10405900 58002	Social Security	2,051.00
10511000 51000	Personnel Services	117,065.00
10511000 58002	Social Security	8,952.00
10511100 51000	Personnel Services	64,862.00
10511100 58002	Social Security	4,963.00
10513000 51000	Personnel Services	40,353.00
10513000 58002	Social Security	3,087.00
10120000 51000	Personnel Services	286,198.00
10120000 58002	Social Security	21,895.00
22071000 51000	Personnel Services	10,397.00
22071000 58002	Social Security	795.00
10629300 51000	Personnel Services	17,682.00
10629300 58002	Social Security	1,353.00
10651000 51000	Personnel Services	5,471.00
10651000 58002	Social Security	419.00
10677200 51000	Personnel Services	94,875.00
10677200 58002	Social Security	7,261.00
10677400 51000	Personnel Services	41,338.00
10677400 58002	Social Services	3,162.00
10677500 51000	Personnel Services	7,938.00
10677500 58002	Social Security	608.00
10677700 51000	Personnel Services	26,286.00
10677700 58002	Social Security	2,010.00
10677800 51000	Personnel Services	1,577.00
10677800 58002	Social Security	121.00
10677900 51000	Personnel Services	6,047.00
10677900 58002	Social Security	463.00
10711000 51000	Personnel Services	52,718.00
10711000 58002	Social Security	4,032.00
10731000 51000	Personnel Services	17,806.00
10731000 58002	Social Security	1,361.00
10751000 51000	Personnel Services	2,948.00

10751000 58002	Social Security	226.00
10802000 51000	Personnel Services	27,429.00
10802000 58002	Social Security	<u>2,098.00</u>
		1,550,803.00

Decrease Appropriations:

10199000 54980	Contingency	1,550,803.00
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2025 Fiscal Impact - \$1,550,803

2026 Fiscal Impact – To Be Determined

BY POLL VOTE: ALL AYES. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Item #6ff – Approval – Fund Transfer (25T037) – OSR – Personnel - Reallocate Salaries to Appropriate Grant was next. On behalf of the members of the Personnel Committee, Legislators Addonizio and Gouldman, Legislator Jonke moved the following:

RESOLUTION #75

APPROVAL – FUND TRANSFER (25T037) – OSR – PERSONNEL - REALLOCATE SALARIES TO APPROPRIATE GRANT

WHEREAS, the Deputy Director of Office for Senior Resources has requested a fund transfer (25T037) to reallocate salaries to the appropriate grant they are charged to; and

WHEREAS, the Personnel Committee and the Audit & Administration Committee have reviewed and approved said budgetary transfer; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the following fund transfer be made:

Decrease:

10677700 51000 10110	Driver	53,146
10677200 51000 10136	Driver	50,822
10677400 51000 10135	Nutrition Site Manager	44,886
10677400 51000 10109	Nutrition Site Manager	47,130
10677400 51000 10105	Nutrition Site Manager	53,983
10677400 51000 10106	Nutrition Site Manager	44,885
10677400 51000 10132	Nutrition Services Manager	84,050
10677400 58002	FICA	21,033
10677200 58002	FICA	3,888
10677700 58002	FICA	<u>4,066</u>
		407,889

Increase:

10677200 51000 10110	Driver	53,146
10677700 51000 10110	Driver	50,822
10677200 51000 10158	Nutrition Site Manager	44,886
10677200 51000 10159	Nutrition Site Manager	47,130
10677200 51000 10160	Nutrition Site Manager	53,983
10677200 51000 10161	Nutrition Site Manager	44,885

10677200 51000 10162	Nutrition Services Manger	84,050
10677200 58002	FICA	21,033
10677700 58002	FICA	3,888
10677200 58002	FICA	<u>4,066</u>
		407,889

2025 Fiscal Impact – 0 –

2026 Fiscal Impact – 0 –

BY POLL VOTE: ALL AYES. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

PROTECTIVE SERVICES COMMITTEE
(Chairman Jonke, Legislators Addonizio & Birmingham)

Item #6gg – Approval – Budgetary Amendment (25A014) – Sheriff’s Office – GPS Technology for Putnam County Patrol Fleet was next. Chairwoman Sayegh recognized Legislator Jonke, Chairman of the Protective Services Committee. On behalf of the members of the Committee, Legislators Addonizio and Birmingham, Legislator Jonke moved the following:

Legislator Addonizio stated that she fully supports this budgetary amendment, and she is always in favor of improving the efficiency of the Sheriff’s Office.

RESOLUTION #76

APPROVAL – BUDGETARY AMENDMENT (25A014) – SHERIFF’S OFFICE – GPS TECHNOLOGY FOR PUTNAM COUNTY PATROL FLEET

WHEREAS, the Putnam County Sheriff has requested a budgetary amendment (25A014) to account for Audio and Visual Equipment for the implementation of GPS technology for Putnam County Patrol Fleet; and

WHEREAS, this request will supply each division, within the Putnam County’s Sheriff’s Office, with the ability to monitor patrol locations and offer the ability to view live video feed of AXON Body Cameras, AXON Drone live feed, along with Computer Aided Dispatch; and

WHEREAS, all equipment is to be purchased in accordance with the County’s Purchasing Policy; and

WHEREAS, the Protective 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 Revenues:

13311000 426605	Inmate T Commission Use of Reserve	17,632
15311000 426605	Inmate T Commission Use of Reserve	<u>14,864</u>
		32,496

Increase Appropriations:

13311000 52140	Audio Visual Equipment	7,633
13311000 54370	Automotive Equipment	9,999

15311000 54782

Software Accessories

14,864
32,496

2025 Fiscal Impact – 0 –

2026 Fiscal Impact – 0 –

BY POLL VOTE: ALL AYES. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

RULES, ENACTMENTS & INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE
(Chairman Birmingham, Legislators Ellner & Gouldman)

Item #6hh – Approval – Budgetary Amendment (24A135) – County Attorney – Legal Services (Tabled from January Audit Mtg to February Rules Mtg) **was next.** Chairwoman Sayegh recognized Legislator Birmingham, Chairman of the Rules, Enactments & Intergovernmental Relations Committee. On behalf of the members of the Committee, Legislators Ellner and Gouldman, Legislator Birmingham moved the following:

Legislator Ellner explained that the Law Department requested two (2) prior \$50,000 budget transfers for the end of the year. He stated that now they are requesting another \$150,000.

Chairwoman Sayegh stated that this was tabled from our January Audit & Administration Committee meeting to the Rules, Enactments & Intergovernmental Relations Committee because the amount was more than she was comfortable with and believed it deserved further discussion. She stated that the Law Department's budget was originally \$300,000. When their budget doubled to \$650,000.00, she believed that it warranted deeper discussion of utilizing the taxpayer's money. She stated that this is more than any other amount in the past 10 years. She stated that she certainly understands the need to pay our bills and the need for outside counsel. She explained that the Law Department provided the information that she requested. She understood that sometimes things come up, but she hoped that moving forward we could budget more responsibly to avoid these surprises at the end of the year.

RESOLUTION #77

APPROVAL – BUDGETARY AMENDMENT (24A135) – COUNTY ATTORNEY – LEGAL SERVICES

WHEREAS, the County Attorney has requested a budgetary amendment (24A135) to cover anticipated legal services through the end of the year; and

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

RESOLVED, that the following budgetary amendment be made:

Increase Appropriations:

10142000 54125	Legal Services	150,000
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Increase Estimated Revenues:

10131000 424011	Interest & Earnings	150,000
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2024 Fiscal Impact – 0 –
2025 Fiscal Impact – 0 –

**BY ROLL CALL VOTE: SEVEN AYES. TWO NAYS – LEGISLATORS ELLNER & JONKE.
MOTION CARRIES.**

Item #6ii – Approval – Budgetary Amendment (25A006) – Veterans Service Agency – Peer to Peer Program was next. On behalf of the members of the Rules, Enactments & Intergovernmental Relations Committee, Legislators Ellner and Gouldman, Legislator Birmingham moved the following:

RESOLUTION #78

APPROVAL – BUDGETARY AMENDMENT (25A006) – VETERANS SERVICE AGENCY – PEER TO PEER PROGRAM

WHEREAS, Putnam County has been notified by the NYS Office of Mental Health that funding for the Putnam County Veterans Peer to Peer Support Pilot Program has been awarded to the Putnam County Veterans Service Agency for SFY24-25 in the amount of \$197,684; and

WHEREAS, these funds are to assist Veterans suffering from post-traumatic stress syndrome or other related combat stress disorders using individual and small group peer-to-peer counseling methods; and

WHEREAS, the program is administered by the Putnam County Veterans Service Agency and the NYS Office of Mental Health; and

WHEREAS, the funds are available for the period of April 1, 2024 through March 31, 2025; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Social Services, Mental Health has requested a budgetary amendment (25A006) to account for these funds; and

WHEREAS, the Rules, Enactments & Intergovernmental Relations 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 Revenue:

10651000 437895 10105	Veterans Peer to Peer Program	197,864
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Increase Appropriations:

10651000 54646 10105	Veterans Peer to Peer Program – Contracts	197,864
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2025 Fiscal Impact – 0 –
2026 Fiscal Impact – 0 –

BY POLL VOTE: ALL AYES. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Item #6jj – Approval – Resolution Authorizing a Moratorium on the Implementation of Certain Provisions of the Legislative Manual was next. On behalf of the members of the Rules, Enactments & Intergovernmental Relations Committee, Legislators Ellner and Gouldman, Legislator Birmingham moved the following:

Legislator Birmingham explained that he brought forth several proposals at the Organizational Meeting to amend the Legislative Manual. He stated that three (3) of them have been of some concern; Rules #31, #32 and #33, as well as subdivision II (B)(5)(c). He explained that this resolution puts a moratorium on the implementation of effectiveness of those provisions of the Legislative Manual for a specific time. He addressed two (2) of his colleagues, Legislators Gouldman and Montgomery, who were voices of caution, advocating to put these changes through the Committee process before voting on them. He stated that in retrospect they were spot on. He stated that hopefully this will be subject, along with some other items coming up on the agenda tonight as well, for discussion at a future Legislative Committee meeting.

Legislator Montgomery made a motion to table this item. She believed that it was likely that these rules will change and she wanted to see the outcome of what the rules would be.

Legislator Birmingham explained that the consequence of tabling this resolution would mean that these four (4) rules would remain effective because they were adopted at the Organizational Meeting. He stated that this proposed resolution puts that effectiveness in abeyance until certain periods of time.

Legislator Montgomery questioned the reason for delaying the effective date.

Legislator Birmingham stated that in hindsight, and after speaking to Personnel Officer Eldridge and members of the Law Department, it made him aware of issues they had with it which he believed should be ironed out before we make them effective. He stated that he did not have the benefit of that in-person meeting prior to January. He explained that he was open to effective dates. He explained that the October 15th date was chosen specifically because that rule pertains to the presentation of the County Budget. He stated that the budget presentation is given to the Legislature at the beginning of October, therefore the rule would not apply to the 2026 budget presentation.

Legislator Montgomery thanked Legislator Birmingham for his detailed explanation and therefore rescinded her motion.

Legislator Gouldman stated that we clearly see there are flaws in this Legislative Manual. He made a motion to adopt last year's manual until we discuss all the issues we have with the current version.

Legislator Birmingham did not believe that the motion was subsidiary to his.

Senior Deputy County Attorney Pasquale believed that Legislator Birmingham is correct that his motion would need to be resolved before a separate motion that is not subsidiary to his.

Chairwoman Sayegh called for a Roll Call Vote.

RESOLUTION #79

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A MORATORIUM ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF CERTAIN PROVISIONS OF THE LEGISLATIVE MANUAL

RESOLVED, by the County Legislature of the State of New York as follows:

A. The County Legislature hereby imposes a moratorium on the implementation and effectiveness of the following provisions of the Legislative Manual adopted by the County Legislature on January 7, 2025:

(a) The provisions of Rules 31, 32 and 33 of the Legislative Manual shall not become effective until July 1, 2025.

(b) The provisions of Section II(B)(5)(c) of the Legislative Manual shall not become effective until October 15, 2025.

B. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the Rules and Section of the Legislative Manual set forth in Section A above may continue to be the subject of debate, amendment and revision at County Legislative committee meetings prior to the conclusion of each of the respective moratorium periods.

C. This resolution shall take effect immediately.

BY ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL AYES. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Item #6kk – Approval – Amendment of Legislative Manual – Public Comment During Legislative Sessions and Committee Meetings Prior to taking a Vote was next. On behalf of the members of the Rules, Enactments & Intergovernmental Relations Committee, Legislators Ellner and Gouldman, Legislator Birmingham brought forward the following:

Legislator Jonke made a motion to remove this from the agenda for the reasons previously stated on the last agenda item. He believed that it should go back to Committee for further discussion; seconded by Legislator Ellner.

By Roll Call Vote: Five Ayes – Legislators Addonizio, Birmingham, Ellner, Jonke and Chairwoman Sayegh. Four Nays – Legislators Crowley, Gouldman, Montgomery and Russo. Motion Carries.

Chairwoman Sayegh explained that when there is a motion to remove an item from the agenda that is seconded, it is then voted on and if it passes there is no further discussion.

APPROVAL - AMENDMENT OF LEGISLATIVE MANUAL - PUBLIC COMMENT DURING LEGISLATIVE SESSIONS AND COMMITTEE MEETINGS PRIOR TO TAKING A VOTE

WHEREAS, the Putnam County Legislature values transparency and public participation in the legislative process; and

WHEREAS, it is essential that the public has an opportunity to voice their opinions and concerns on issues that directly impact them; and

WHEREAS, allowing public comment before votes are taken in legislative sessions and committee meetings promotes open dialogue and better-informed decision-making by legislators; and

WHEREAS, the Putnam County Legislature seeks to ensure that all voices are heard, and that the democratic process remains inclusive and responsive to the needs of the community; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Putnam County Legislature hereby mandates that all legislative sessions and committee meetings shall include a designated period for public comment prior to any votes being taken on agenda items; and be it further

RESOLVED, that this public comment period shall be structured in a manner that is consistent, fair, and efficient, with a time limit for individual comments to ensure that all individuals wishing to speak are given an opportunity to do so; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Chair of each session or meeting shall notify the public in advance of the meeting agenda and the designated time for public comment, providing reasonable access for the public to attend and participate in the meeting; and be it further

RESOLVED, that any member of the public who wishes to speak during the public comment period shall be given a fair opportunity to present their views, subject to any rules or procedures adopted by the committee to ensure the orderly conduct of the meeting; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Putnam County Legislature directs the implementation of the above procedure by incorporating the following as a new Rule in the Legislative Manual:

RULE 35 – PUBLIC COMMENT DURING LEGISLATIVE SESSIONS AND COMMITTEE MEETINGS PRIOR TO TAKING A VOTE

- A. All legislative sessions and committee meetings shall include a designated period for public comment prior to any votes being taken on agenda items. This public comment period shall be structured in a manner that is consistent, fair, and efficient, with a time limit for individual comments to ensure that all individuals wishing to speak are given an opportunity to do so.**
- B. The Chair of each session or meeting shall notify the public in advance of the meeting agenda and the designated time for public comment, providing reasonable access for the public to attend and participate in the meeting.**
- C. Any member of the public who wishes to speak during the public comment period shall be given a fair opportunity to present their views, subject to any rules or procedures adopted by the Legislature or committee to ensure the orderly conduct of the meeting.**

And be it further

RESOLVED, that this resolution shall take effect immediately upon adoption.

Item #6LL – Approval – Amendment of Legislative Manual – Live Streaming Legislative Sessions, Public Meetings and Public Hearings was next. On behalf of the members of the Rules, Enactments & Intergovernmental Relations Committee, Legislators Ellner and Gouldman, Legislator Birmingham brought forward the following:

Legislator Jonke made a motion to remove this item from the agenda reasons previously stated on the last agenda item; seconded by Legislator Ellner.

By Roll Call Vote: Five Ayes – Legislators Addonizio, Birmingham, Ellner, Jonke and Chairwoman Sayegh. Four Nays – Legislators Crowley, Gouldman, Montgomery and Russo. Motion Carries.

APPROVAL - AMENDMENT OF LEGISLATIVE MANUAL - LIVE STREAMING LEGISLATIVE SESSIONS, PUBLIC MEETINGS, AND PUBLIC HEARINGS

WHEREAS, the Putnam County Legislature recognizes the vital importance of fostering transparency, enhancing public access, and encouraging community engagement within the legislative process; and

WHEREAS, advancements in digital communication and technology provide invaluable opportunities for the residents of Putnam County to remain informed and actively involved in the decisions affecting their community, regardless of their ability to attend meetings in person; and

WHEREAS, the Putnam County Legislature is committed to the principles of accountability and openness, ensuring that the public has full access to the discussions, decisions, and actions of its elected representatives; and

WHEREAS, live streaming of legislative sessions, public meetings and public hearings can help promote civic participation, improve government transparency, and increase public trust in the legislative process; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Putnam County Legislature hereby expresses its strong support for the live streaming of all legislative sessions, public meetings, and public hearings as outlined in this resolution, to ensure that all citizens of Putnam County have the opportunity to observe and engage with the legislative process, whether in person or remotely, excluding matters heard in executive session; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Putnam County Legislature directs the implementation of the following live streaming procedures to maximize public access and participation in the legislative process by incorporating the following as a new Rule in the Legislative Manual:

RULE 34 – LIVE STREAMING LEGISLATIVE SESSIONS, PUBLIC MEETINGS, AND PUBLIC HEARINGS

A. Live Streaming of Legislative Sessions

1. Live Streaming Availability:

All regular and special legislative sessions will be broadcast live, making use of digital platforms such as the County website or YouTube.

2. Public Access and Recording:

Sessions will be fully accessible online, with recordings available for on-demand viewing to ensure continued public access to legislative activities and deliberations.

B. Public Meetings, Committee Sessions, and Public Hearings

1. **Live Streaming of Public Meetings:**
Public meetings, committee sessions, and public hearings will also be live streamed.

C. Review and Feedback

1. **Public Input:**
The Legislature encourages ongoing feedback from the public on the live streaming process and will periodically review how the program can be improved for maximum effectiveness and accessibility.

And be it further

RESOLVED, that the Clerk of the Legislature and Director of Information Technology are hereby authorized to implement this initiative and ensure that all legislative sessions, public meetings, and public hearings are broadcast and archived for public access; and be it further

RESOLVED, that this resolution shall take effect immediately upon adoption.

By Roll Call Vote: Five Ayes – Legislators Addonizio, Birmingham, Ellner, Jonke and Chairwoman Sayegh. Four Nays – Legislators Crowley, Gouldman, Montgomery and Russo. Motion Carries.

AUDIT & ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE
(Chairwoman Sayegh, Legislators Birmingham & Crowley)

Item #6mm – Approval – Budgetary Amendment (24A136) – Finance – Year End Journal Entry #2 was next. On behalf of the members of the Audit & Administration Committee, Legislators Birmingham and Crowley, Chairwoman Sayegh moved the following:

RESOLUTION #80

APPROVAL – BUDGETARY AMENDMENT (24A136) – FINANCE – YEAR END JOURNAL ENTRY #2

WHEREAS, the Commissioner of Finance has requested a budgetary amendment (24A136) for the second Year End Journal Entry for the year ending December 31, 2024; 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 approved said budgetary amendment; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the following budgetary amendment be made:

GENERAL FUND:

Increase Appropriations:

SEE ATTACHED SHEET	1,643,188
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Decrease Appropriations: SEE ATTACHED SHEET	242,422
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Increase Estimated Revenues: SEE ATTACHED SHEET	12,630,216
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Decrease Estimated Revenues: SEE ATTACHED SHEET	11,229,450
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COUNTY ROAD FUND:

Increase Appropriations: SEE ATTACHED SHEET	74,611
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Decrease Appropriations: SEE ATTACHED SHEET	433,173
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Decrease Estimated Revenues: SEE ATTACHED SHEET	358,562
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ROAD MACHINERY FUND:

Decrease Estimated Revenues: SEE ATTACHED SHEET	88,481
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Decrease Appropriations: SEE ATTACHED SHEET	88,481
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TRANSPORTATION FUND:

Decrease Estimated Revenues: SEE ATTACHED SHEET	707,253
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Decrease Appropriations: SEE ATTACHED SHEET	707,253
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2024 Fiscal Impact – 0 –
2025 Fiscal Impact – 0 –

BY ROLL CALL VOTE: EIGHT AYES. LEGISLATOR GOULDMAN WAS ABSENT FOR THE VOTE. MOTION CARRIES.

Item #6nn – Approval – Budgetary Amendment (25A017) – Planning – State and Municipal (SAM) Facilities Grant Program – Putnam County Veterans’ Museum Quonset Hut was next. On behalf of the members of the Audit & Administration Committee, Legislators Birmingham and Crowley, Chairwoman Sayegh moved the following:

RESOLUTION #81

APPROVAL – BUDGETARY AMENDMENT (25A017) – PLANNING – STATE AND MUNICIPAL (SAM) FACILITIES GRANT PROGRAM – PUTNAM COUNTY VETERANS' MUSEUM QUONSET HUT

WHEREAS, by Resolution #228 of 2024, the Putnam County Legislature approved the submission, by the Department of Planning, Development and Public Transportation, of its application for a \$50,000 grant administered through the Dormitory Authority of the State of New York (DASNY) and awarded by the SAM Facilities Grant Program; and

WHEREAS, on January 23, 2025, the Commissioner of Planning received notification of said SAM Grant award of \$50,000 for the construction of the Putnam County Veterans' Museum at Veterans' Memorial Park; and

WHEREAS, the project will involve the construction of a prefabricated Quonset style military hut to house the Veterans' Museum; and

WHEREAS, the building will be outfitted with the necessary utilities and will be insulated so that it can be utilized throughout the year; and

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

RESOLVED, that the following budgetary amendment be made:

CAPITAL FUND:

Increase Appropriations:

56989000 53000 52505	Capital Exp. (SAM Grant – Veterans')	50,000
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Increase Estimated Revenues:

56989000 437897 52505	State Aid (SAM Grant – Veterans')	50,000
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2025 Fiscal Impact – 0 –

2026 Fiscal Impact – 0 –

BY POLL VOTE: ALL AYES. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Item #600 – Approval – Budgetary Amendment (25A018) – DPW – East Branch Road over Haviland Hollow Brook Superstructure Replacement – Town of Patterson PIN 8763.60 was next. On behalf of the members of the Audit & Administration Committee, Legislators Birmingham and Crowley, Chairwoman Sayegh moved the following:

RESOLUTION #82

APPROVAL – BUDGETARY AMENDMENT (25A018) – DPW – EAST BRANCH ROAD OVER HAVILAND HOLLOW BROOK SUPERSTRUCTURE REPLACEMENT – TOWN OF PATTERSON PIN 8763.60

WHEREAS, at the February 12, 2025, Physical Services meeting, the Committee approved Authorizing the Implementation, and Funding in the First Instance 100% of the Federal-Aid and State-Aid Eligible Costs, of a Transportation Federal-Aid and/or

State-Aid Transportation Project, and Appropriating Funds Therefore for the East Branch Road over Haviland Hollow Brook Superstructure Replacement Project (BRIDGENY) PIN 8763.60; and

WHEREAS, the Commissioner of Finance has requested a budgetary amendment (25A018) to cover Putnam County's desire to advance the Project by making a commitment of 100% of the federal and non-federal share of the costs of preliminary engineering, right-of-way incidentals, right-of-way acquisition, construction, construction inspection and construction supervision; and

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

RESOLVED, that the following budgetary amendment be made:

CAPITAL FUND:

Increase Appropriations:

55197000 53000 52517	Capital Exp. (PIN 8763.60 East Branch)	611,578
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Increase Estimated Revenues:

55197000 445971 52517	Federal Aid – (PIN 8763.60 East Branch)	580,999
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55197000 428601 52517	Transfer In – General Fund	30,579
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GENERAL FUND:

Increase Appropriations:

10990100 59020	Transfer Out – Capital Fund	30,579
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Decrease Appropriations:

10199000 54980	General Contingencies	30,579
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2025 Fiscal Impact - \$30,579

2026 Fiscal Impact – 0 –

BY POLL VOTE: ALL AYES. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Item #6pp – Approval – Budgetary Amendment (25A019) – DPW – Peekskill Hollow Road over Peekskill Hollow Creek Bridge Repairs – Town of Putnam Valley PIN 8763.61 was next. On behalf of the members of the Audit & Administration Committee, Legislators Birmingham and Crowley, Chairwoman Sayegh moved the following:

RESOLUTION #83

APPROVAL – BUDGETARY AMENDMENT (25A019) – DPW – PEEKSKILL HOLLOW ROAD OVER PEEKSKILL HOLLOW CREEK BRIDGE REPAIRS – TOWN OF PUTNAM VALLEY PIN 8763.61

WHEREAS, at the February 12, 2025, Physical Services meeting, the Committee approved Authorizing the Implementation, and Funding in the First Instance 100% of the Federal-Aid and State-Aid Eligible Costs, of a Transportation Federal-Aid and/or State-Aid Transportation Project, and Appropriating Funds Therefore for the Peekskill

Hollow Road over Peekskill Hollow Creek Bridge Repair Project – Town of Putnam Valley (BRIDGENY) PIN 8763.61; and

WHEREAS, the Commissioner of Finance has requested a budgetary amendment (25A019) to cover Putnam County's desire to advance the Project by making a commitment of 100% of the federal and non-federal share of the costs of preliminary engineering, right-of-way incidentals, right-of-way acquisition, construction, construction inspection and construction supervision; and

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

RESOLVED, that the following budgetary amendment be made:

CAPITAL FUND:

Increase Appropriations:

55197000 53000 52518	Capital Exp (PIN 8763.61 Peekskill Hollow Road/Creek Bridge	588,746
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Increase Estimated Revenues:

55197000 445971 52518	Federal Aid (PIN 8763.61 Peekskill Hollow Road/Creek Bridge	559,309
55197000 428601 52518	Transfer In – General Fund	29,437

GENERAL FUND:

Increase Appropriations:

10990100 59020	Transfer Out – Capital Fund	29,437
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Decrease Appropriations:

10199000 54980	General Contingencies	29,437
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2025 Fiscal Impact - \$29,437

2026 Fiscal Impact – 0 –

BY POLL VOTE: ALL AYES. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Item #6qq - Approval – Budgetary Amendment (25A020) – Department of Social Services – Mental Health OASAS Abatement Funds – Support LOSS Team and Project HOPE was next. On behalf of the members of the Audit & Administration Committee, Legislators Birmingham and Crowley, Chairwoman Sayegh moved the following:

RESOLUTION #84

BUDGETARY AMENDMENT (25A020) – DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES – MENTAL HEALTH OASAS ABATEMENT FUNDS – SUPPORT LOSS TEAM AND PROJECT HOPE

WHEREAS, the Commissioner of Social Services has requested a budgetary amendment (25A020) to amend the 2025 Mental Health budget to include outreach and support in direct relation to the LOSS Team and Project HOPE; and

WHEREAS, efforts are crucial for fostering community resilience and providing essential support to individuals affected by suicide; and

WHEREAS, this funding would be a vital investment for mental health, supporting those in need, and fostering a community of understanding and healing; and

WHEREAS, 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 Revenues:

10431000 434983 10206	MH LGU OASAS Abatement Funds	10,600
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Increase Appropriations:

10431000 54311	Printing & Forms	4,000
10431000 54410 10115	Supplies & Materials	2,000
10431000 54635	Cell Phones	600
10431000 54989	Miscellaneous	<u>4,000</u>
		10,600

2025 Fiscal Impact – 0 –

2026 Fiscal Impact – 0 –

BY POLL VOTE: ALL AYES. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Item #6rr – Approval – Budgetary Amendment (25A021) – Finance – Legal Aid Society – Indigent Legal Services was next. On behalf of the members of the Audit & Administration Committee, Legislators Birmingham and Crowley, Chairwoman Sayegh moved the following:

RESOLUTION #85

APPROVAL – BUDGETARY AMENDMENT (25A021) – FINANCE – LEGAL AID SOCIETY – INDIGENT LEGAL SERVICES

WHEREAS, the Commissioner of Finance has requested a budgetary amendment (25A021) to acknowledge revenue from New York State for Indigent Legal Services for April 1, 2024 through December 31, 2024; and

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

RESOLVED, that the following budgetary amendment be made:

GENERAL FUND:

Increase Appropriations:

25117000 54950	Legal Aid Society	592,286
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Increase Revenues:

25117000 430251	State Aid – Indigent Legal Services	592,286
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2025 Fiscal Impact – 0 –

2026 Fiscal Impact – 0 –

BY POLL VOTE: ALL AYES. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Item #6ss – Approval – Putnam County’s Request to Extend the 1% Increased County Sales Tax for an Additional Three Years was next. On behalf of the members of the Audit & Administration Committee, Legislators Birmingham and Crowley, Chairwoman Sayegh moved the following:

Legislator Crowley stated that 56 of the 62 counties, including the five (5) boroughs, all have 4% or more sales tax and Putnam County is lower than the city. She stated that eight (8) of them are lower and they collect an occupancy tax ranging from 3-5% or even as much as 7%. She believed there were many ways to streamline the sales tax to give back.

Legislator Ellner made a motion to amend the resolution changing the 4% county tax to 3.58%, effectively reducing the 1% by 3/8%; seconded by Legislator Jonke.

Legislator Birmingham clarified that the request was not to ask for an additional 1%, but to rather have our overall county sales tax levy be 3.58%.

Legislator Ellner stated that is correct.

Legislator Jonke stated that he seconded the motion because Putnam County’s fund balance is higher than we have seen. He stated that if you look at the sales tax revenue coming in for the month of January, we see that we are already over the budgeted amount. He stated that we have a surplus of funds, and he believed that it was a responsible reduction in sales tax percentage. He believed that we could manage with a reduction of both the sales tax and property tax in the 2026 budget. He is in favor of this. He was hoping that it could have been 1/2 percent rather than 5/8%.

Legislator Montgomery made a motion to table this. She believed that this was not vetted properly and that we needed the opportunity to discuss this more extensively in Committee.

Legislator Birmingham stated to the Law Department that there is already an amendment and a second on the table. He needed to know which amendment was being discussed.

Senior Deputy County Attorney Pasquale stated that he was not sure what Roberts Rules would require or what is in the Legislative Manual or if it is specifically addressed. He believed it was most prudent to address the first amendment and resolve it, and then a second amendment could follow.

Chairwoman Sayegh would allow discussion to continue on Legislator Ellner’s motion.

Legislator Crowley believed that reducing the proposed additional 1% sales tax increase we would end up with property tax hikes again. One effects the other. She questioned if we want to help the people that live here or if we want to help the people coming into our community who spend money and leave. She believed it deserved further discussion.

Legislator Ellner stated that he never voted for property tax increases. He voted to decrease property taxes and will continue to do so. He stated that last year he voted to keep property taxes stable. He stated that the County is in a very healthy position. He stated that we spent an extremely high amount of money last year on capital projects. He did not believe they would be recurring projects. He believed that both sales tax and property tax could be reduced. He explained that a few years ago he wanted to have an occupancy tax for hotels, motels and Airbnbs because that tax would not affect Putnam County residents. During that time he stated that should a Putnam County resident need to stay in a dwelling for an extended period of time they should have the opportunity to receive a rebate of what was being charged. He believed his proposal tonight was good legislation which puts money back into the individual's hands.

Legislator Addonizio stated that the County portion of property taxes is the lowest. She stated that the State's share of the County's sales tax is 4%, the County portion is 4%, and the MTA tax is 3/8% for a total of 8.375%. She believed reducing it to a total of 8% would benefit Putnam County. She explained that another benefit was when we created a two-year exemption of the County's portion of sales tax on clothing and footwear under \$110.00 which went into effect March 2024. She believed that the higher the sales tax rate is when individuals shop, the higher the burden is on them, especially individuals with low income. She was in favor of this proposal.

Legislator Gouldman agreed that we should cut taxes in the best way to benefit the residents of Putnam County. He stated that this Legislative body has cut taxes on clothing and footwear under \$110.00 whether the purchase is in a store or online. He stated that it went into effect on March 1, 2024, and will continue until March 1, 2026. He stated that Finance Commissioner Lewis has stated that residents have saved \$1.5 million. He stated this was the first meaningful sales tax cut we had in Putnam County for years. He stated that over the last 15 plus years, Putnam County has traditionally utilized sales tax revenue to lessen property taxes. He explained that individuals have mentioned that their property taxes are high, and they never mention the sales tax. He stated that property taxes are paid by property owners, while sales tax is paid by residents and nonresidents who come into the County to shop. He explained that school taxes make up 70% of the property tax bill and County taxes make up 9%. He stated that Putnam County residents pay some of the highest property taxes in the Country. He explained how we are paying too many taxes to live in New York State. He believed that we were jumping the gun by not extending the 1% sales tax. He detailed the many areas where costs in County government would likely increase. He would prefer lowering property taxes for the residents and giving funding to the six (6) towns throughout the County for infrastructure projects.

Legislator Montgomery explained that there were two (2) motions on the floor, hers being the second motion which was to table this item. She explained how there was still a lot to discuss, and the towns did not have the opportunity to participate in the discussion. She requested that her motion to table be considered.

Senior Deputy County Attorney Pasquale stated that he was able to clarify the question. He stated that successive motions to amend can be made. He stated that the first motion gets priority and then it goes from there. He stated that a motion to table can also be made, though further discussion is not permitted on that motion.

Legislator Montgomery clarified and made a motion to table the 1% sales tax extension; seconded by Legislator Russo.

Legislator Birmingham stated that since the motion to table was premised on sharing sales tax with the towns and villages, he would be recusing himself from the vote. He explained that the law firm, which he is a partner, represents one (1) town and two (2) villages.

By Roll Call Vote: Three Ayes – Legislators Crowley, Montgomery and Russo. Five Nays – Legislators Addonizio, Ellner, Gouldman, Jonke and Chairwoman Sayegh. One Recusal – Legislator Birmingham. Motion Fails.

Legislator Jonke stated that going back to the discussion on the original amendment, he heard Legislator Crowley speak about tax hikes. He stated that he has been a Legislator for eight budgets. He stated that we never had a surplus of funds like we have today. So, yes, he did increase property taxes. He stated that he would venture to guess that no one in this room, or County, has a background in property taxes that he has. He stated that we have room to give back in both the sales tax and property tax with the surplus that we have. He stated that it was his initiative two (2) years ago to take \$500,000 that was meant for frivolous spending, in his opinion, and give that back to the taxpayers. He stated that it was for the 2024 and 2025 budget, so altogether we have given back \$1 million to the taxpayers in property tax relief. He believed we needed to stop taking money unnecessarily from our residents. He believed we could do that with the sales tax and during the upcoming budget process we could also reduce the property tax for 2026.

Legislator Montgomery explained that during the previous sales tax extension, we did have a surplus of funding, so this is not the first time we have seen a high fund balance. She stated that the sales tax revenue surplus has been steadily growing since 2019 with the passage of the Wayfair Act which allowed us to tax online purchases. She explained how many Legislators voiced their concerns during the previous sales tax extension about the need for the County to approve the 1% extension. She stated that every time she voted against the sales tax extension. This year she sees the opportunity to partner with our towns and villages to help with their infrastructure needs. She explained that the towns and villages generate the sales tax revenue and they deal with the impact associated with increased tourism in their towns and villages.

Legislator Montgomery made a motion to table the amendment of reducing the 1% by 3/8%; seconded by Legislator Russo.

Legislator Birmingham believed the motion to table was premised on sharing sales tax with the towns and villages, he would be abstaining and recusing himself from the vote. He explained that the law firm, which he is a partner, represents one (1) town and two (2) villages.

By Roll Call Vote: Four Ayes – Legislators Crowley, Gouldman, Montgomery and Russo. Four Nays – Legislators Addonizio, Ellner, Jonke and Chairwoman Sayegh. One Recusal/Abstention – Legislator Birmingham. Motion fails.

Legislator Ellner stated that the system in Putnam County differs significantly from other counties. He stated that Putnam County does not share sales tax, but we make towns, villages and school districts whole.

Legislator Ellner clarified his motion to amend the resolution, changing the 4% county tax to 3.58%, effectively reducing the 1% by $\frac{3}{8}\%$, and he proceeded to read the proposed resolution.

Legislator Montgomery expressed her concerns of why she believed this should be discussed in Committee.

Legislator Crowley made a motion to accept the proposed resolution as additional; seconded by Legislator Birmingham. All in favor.

By Roll Call Vote: Four Ayes – Legislators Addonizio, Birmingham, Ellner and Jonke. One Nay – Chairwoman Sayegh. Four Abstentions – Legislators Crowley, Gouldman, Montgomery and Russo. Motion fails.

Legislator Ellner proposed another amendment which is less of a reduction, changing the 4% county tax to 3.75%, effectively reducing the 1% by $\frac{1}{4}\%$. All the other language remains the same; seconded by Legislator Jonke.

Legislator Crowley made a motion to accept the proposed resolution as additional; seconded by Legislator Birmingham.

Chairwoman Sayegh called for discussion on the proposed amendment.

Legislator Gouldman found it interesting that Legislator Ellner proposed the amendments and Legislator Birmingham had the copies.

Legislator Birmingham stated that there was nothing unusual about a Legislator from the floor. He explained that it used to happen quite often when he was previously on the Legislature. He stated that when Legislator Ellner told him about his plans, he wanted to see what it looked like, so he prepared it this afternoon in our Legislative office.

Chairwoman Sayegh explained that this was how a Committee works, and we are doing the Committee work in public by live stream.

Legislator Crowley believed that this was not transparent.

Legislator Birmingham stated that he talks to his colleagues about legislation. He stated that, in fact, he spoke with Legislator Crowley about legislation that was tabled this evening.

Chairwoman Sayegh stated that we are talking about lowering the sales tax rate for families in Putnam County. She did not understand why this was so controversial.

Legislator Ellner explained that when this was discussed in Committee he went on record saying that he wanted to eliminate the 1% extension. He stated that a lot of people thought that was too much. He believed that 3.58% was a good number, and this body thought that was too much also. He explained that he was prepared to have another proposal of 3.75%; which is effectively $\frac{1}{4}\%$ decrease in the 1% extension. He wanted to put money back in the pockets of the taxpayers. He stated that we did it for clothing and now it would be on everything.

Legislator Gouldman explained that during the discussion at the Audit & Administration Committee meeting the Commissioner of Finance had no idea of projected cost increases over the next few years. He believed that we should not cut sales tax.

Legislator Montgomery clarified that Putnam County was not the only county that makes school districts whole. She stated that Westchester County does it and she believed that Nassau County did too. She stated that we did not have enough time to vet sales tax sharing, therefore she would not be supporting this. She explained the strain towns and villages are experiencing with their aging infrastructure.

Legislator Crowley made a motion to table the amended resolution to the Audit Committee; seconded by Legislator Montgomery.

By Roll Call Vote: Five Ayes – Legislators Addonizio, Crowley, Gouldman, Montgomery and Russo. Four Nays – Legislators Birmingham, Ellner, Jonke and Chairwoman Sayegh. Motion carries.

Legislator Birmingham explained that we voted to table the amendment. He stated that we are now back to the original resolution of the 1% extension.

Legislator Crowley made a motion to table the 1% extension to the Audit Committee as well; seconded by Legislator Birmingham.

By Roll Call Vote: All Ayes. Carried Unanimously.

APPROVAL - PUTNAM COUNTY'S REQUEST TO EXTEND THE 1% INCREASED COUNTY SALES TAX FOR AN ADDITIONAL THREE YEARS

WHEREAS, in light of the current and ongoing fiscal challenges facing Putnam County government, it is appropriate to maintain revenues by renewing the previously authorized one percent (1%) County sales tax increase; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with Chapter 113 of the Laws of 2011 and pursuant to Resolution #41 of 2011, Resolution #88 of 2013 and Resolution #38 of 2015, the Putnam County Legislature approved the introduction and passage of legislation for the continued authorization of Putnam County's sales tax to be increased from three percent (3%) to four percent (4%) for the period of September 1, 2007, through November 30, 2017; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with Resolution #27 of 2017, the Putnam County Legislature approved the introduction and passage of legislation for the continued authorization of Putnam County's sales tax to be increased from three percent (3%) to four percent (4%) for the period of December 1, 2017, through November 30, 2019, however, the State of New York subsequently extended that increase through November 30, 2020; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with Resolution #68 of 2020, the Putnam County Legislature approved the introduction and passage of legislation for the continued authorization of Putnam County's sales tax to be increased from three percent (3%) to four percent (4%) for the period of December 1, 2020, through November 30, 2023; and

WHEREAS, by Resolution #46 of 2023, the Putnam County Legislature approved the introduction and passage of legislation for the continued authorization of Putnam County's sales tax to be increased from three percent (3%) to four percent (4%) for the period of December 1, 2023, through November 30, 2026, however, the State of New York

subsequently only extended that increase through November 30, 2025, which authorization is about to expire and needs to be renewed; and

WHEREAS, the Putnam County Executive and Putnam County Legislature further determine that as an alternative to dramatically raising real property taxes in Putnam County, it is necessary to renew the expiring one percent (1%) County sales tax increase; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Putnam County Executive and Putnam County Legislature hereby support and request the introduction and passage of legislation authorizing the renewal of the expiring one percent (1 %) County sales tax increase for an additional three (3) years, that is, for the period December 1, 2025, through November 30, 2028; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Clerk of the Putnam County Legislature is hereby directed to forward a copy of this Resolution to our State representatives in the State Legislature as well as the Governor and leadership of our State Legislature.

Item #6tt – Approval – DSS – Authorization to Establish a Youth Bureau Petty Cash Account was next. On behalf of the members of the Audit & Administration Committee, Legislators Birmingham and Crowley, Chairwoman Sayegh moved the following:

RESOLUTION #86

APPROVAL – DSS – AUTHORIZATION TO ESTABLISH A YOUTH BUREAU PETTY CASH ACCOUNT

WHEREAS, the Commissioner of Social Services, Mental Health & Youth Bureau has requested the establishment of a \$200 petty cash fund which will be used to pay for program supplies for Youth Bureau events; and

WHEREAS, these items will be for balloons, decorations, and food items to be purchased for the day of the special event particularly when a voucher or purchase order is not accepted, or time does not allow; and

WHEREAS, the Commissioner of Finance has approved this request; and

WHEREAS, the Audit & Administration Committee has considered and approved this request; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Putnam County Legislature authorizes the Putnam County Commissioner of Finance to establish a \$200 petty cash fund for the Youth Bureau office to pay for program supplies for Youth Bureau events particularly when a voucher or purchase order is not accepted, or time does not allow.

BY POLL VOTE: ALL AYES. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Item #6uu – Approval – Putnam County to Serve as Sponsor – FY2022 EPA STAG Grant Funding – Hudson Valley Shakespeare was next. On behalf of the members of the Audit & Administration Committee, Legislators Birmingham and Crowley, Chairwoman Sayegh moved the following:

RESOLUTION #87

APPROVAL - PUTNAM COUNTY TO SERVE AS SPONSOR - FY2022 EPA STAG GRANT FUNDING - HUDSON VALLEY SHAKESPEARE

WHEREAS, in 2021, County Executive Mary Ellen Odell agreed that the County of Putnam would serve as project sponsor for the Hudson Valley Shakespeare for a shovel-ready, capital nonpoint source pollution control project that has received \$3.5 million dollars in funding from the Environmental Protection Agency's STAG program for riparian and watershed ecological restoration in Putnam County; and

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

WHEREAS, Putnam County prides itself on being a community that preserves and protects its natural resources; and

WHEREAS, there would be no fiscal impact to the County; and

WHEREAS, Putnam County is an active partner with local municipalities, not-for-profit organizations with organizations and other arts and cultural groups; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that Putnam County is hereby authorized and directed to file a grant application for FY22 EPA STAG funds in the amount of \$3.5 million dollars for a Riparian and Watershed Ecological Restoration project for Hudson Valley Shakespeare; and be it further

RESOLVED, Putnam County is further authorized to accept such funding and directed to enter into and execute any agreement required for such financial assistance for Hudson Shakespeare Festival to utilize said funds in Garrison, New York; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the County Executive, together with the County Legislature, supports and ratifies the County's application for funding and pass-through agreement that will be submitted for Hudson Valley Shakespeare's FY22 EPA STAG grant funding; and it is hereby further

RESOLVED, that this Resolution shall take effect immediately.

BY POLL VOTE: ALL AYES. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Item #6vv – Approval - Authorizing the Filing of an Application for a State Assistance from the Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) State Assistance Program and Signing of the Associated State Master Grant Contract, Under the Appropriate Laws of New York State was next. On behalf of the members of the Audit & Administration Committee, Legislators Birmingham and Crowley, Chairwoman Sayegh moved the following:

RESOLUTION #88

APPROVAL - AUTHORIZING THE FILING OF AN APPLICATION FOR A STATE ASSISTANCE FROM THE HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE (HHW) STATE ASSISTANCE PROGRAM AND SIGNING OF THE ASSOCIATED STATE MASTER GRANT CONTRACT, UNDER THE APPROPRIATE LAWS OF NEW YORK STATE

WHEREAS, the State of New York provides financial aid for household hazardous waste programs; and

WHEREAS, Putnam County, herein called the MUNICIPALITY, has examined and duly considered the applicable laws of the State of New York and the MUNICIPALITY

deems it to be in the public interest and benefit to file an application under these laws; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary that a Contract by and between THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK, herein called the STATE, and the MUNICIPALITY be executed for such STATE Aid;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Putnam County Legislature

1. That the filing of an application in the form required by the State of New York in conformity with the applicable laws of the State of New York including all understanding and assurances contained in said application is hereby authorized.
2. That the Commissioner of Health or his/her designee is directed and authorized as the official representative of the MUNICIPALITY to act in connection with the application, to sign the resulting contract if said application is approved by the STATE; and to provide such additional information as may be required.
3. That the MUNICIPALITY agrees that it will fund the entire cost of said household hazardous waste program and will be reimbursed by the State for share of such costs as indicated in the contract.
4. That two (2) certified copies of this Resolution be prepared and sent to the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation together with a complete application.
5. That this resolution shall take effect immediately.

BY POLL VOTE: ALL AYES. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Item #7 – Other Business

Chairwoman Sayegh made a motion to accept other business Item #7a; seconded by Legislator Jonke. All in favor.

Item #7a – Approval – Amended Tax Collector Warrant – Town of Putnam Valley - Enter into 2024 Book of Proceedings was next. Chairwoman Sayegh moved the following; seconded by Legislator Crowley.

Legislator Jonke explained that this was requested by the Director of Real Property. He stated that the warrant in Putnam Valley called for a approximately \$12,900 of unpaid water tax to be submitted on the tax bills of Putnam Valley. He stated that we will have to bill that at a later date. He stated that this is just correcting the warrant that was signed in December of 2024.

RESOLUTION #89

APPROVAL - AMENDED TAX COLLECTOR WARRANT – TOWN OF PUTNAM VALLEY - ENTER INTO 2024 BOOK OF PROCEEDINGS

WHEREAS, by Resolution #373 of 2024, the Putnam County Legislature approved Tax Collector Warrants for the Towns of Carmel, Kent, Patterson, Philipstown, Putnam Valley and Southeast to be entered into the 2024 Book of Proceedings for the Putnam County Legislature; and

WHEREAS, the Amended Tax Collector Warrant (see attached) has been received for the Town of Putnam Valley and signed by the Chairman and the Clerk of the Putnam County Legislature; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Amended Tax Collector Warrant (see attached) for the Town of Putnam Valley is hereby entered into the 2024 Book of Proceedings for the Putnam County Legislature.

BY POLL VOTE: ALL AYES. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

At 8:42 P.M., Chairwoman Sayegh made a motion to go into executive session to discuss a potential litigation matter; seconded by Legislator Jonke.

By Roll Call Vote: Five Ayes – Legislators Addonizio, Birmingham, Ellner, Jonke and Chairwoman Sayegh. Three Nays – Legislators Crowley, Gouldman and Montgomery. One Abstention – Legislator Russo. Motion Carries.

Chairwoman Sayegh invited the following into executive session: Senior Deputy County Attorney Heather Abissi, First Deputy County Attorney John Cherico, Risk Manager Mat Bruno and Senior Deputy County Attorney Conrad Pasquale.

All Legislators attended executive session.

At 9:47 P.M., Legislator Birmingham made a motion to come out of executive session; seconded by Chairwoman Sayegh. All in favor.

Legislator Birmingham noted that there were no decisions made in executive session.

Chairwoman Sayegh asked if there was a motion to add Item #7b to the agenda. Seeing no motions, Chairwoman Sayegh moved onto Item #8.

Item #7b - Approval – Putnam County Legislature – Retainer of Abrams Fensterman LLP – Motion to Intervene in Action Titled Firriolo v. Kevin Byrne et al, Index #500316/2025 was next.

APPROVAL – PUTNAM COUNTY LEGISLATURE – RETAINER OF ABRAMS FENSTERMAN LLP – MOTION TO INTERVENE IN ACTION TITLED FIRRIOLO V. KEVIN BYRNE ET AL, INDEX #500316/2025

WHEREAS, Firriolo Law Office P.L.L.C. and Robert P. Firriolo commenced an action on February 11, 2025 in the Putnam County Supreme Court in which an Order to Show Cause was filed and signed by the Court on February 13, 2025 and

WHEREAS, the above referenced action sought the continuation of Petitioner representing the Legislature; and

WHEREAS, the Putnam County Legislature was not named as a party in the aforementioned action; and

WHEREAS, the Putnam County Legislature is desirous of intervening in said action so as to ensure that its interests are protected, and to ensure that it has the authority to engage counsel of its choosing in the future; and

WHEREAS, the Putnam County Legislature wishes to retain counsel for the purposes of taking whatever action(s) may be necessary to effectuate the aforementioned intervention; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Putnam County Legislature authorizes the retainer of Abrams Fensterman LLP for the purposes of filing a Motion to Intervene in the action titled Firriolo V Kevin Byrne et al, Index # 500316/2025 which was commenced in the Putnam County Supreme Court, and for the further purposes of representing its interests in said action; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Putnam County Legislature hereby authorizes Abrams Fensterman LLP to take whatever steps may be necessary and to file whatever legal process may be required to intervene in the above action.

Item #8 – Recognition of Public on Agenda Items

Brett Yaris of Carmel referenced Item #6kk – Approval – Amendment of Legislative Manual – Public Comment During Legislative Sessions and Committee Meetings Prior to taking a Vote. He explained that he attended the Rules meeting where this item was discussed. He believed that the public should be given the opportunity to voice their concerns on items before the Legislature votes on them. He asked if this could be considered while continuing to review this proposal. He then addressed Item #6ss – Approval – Putnam County’s Request to Extend the 1% Increased County Sales Tax for an Additional Three Years. He expressed many concerns. He explained that both Legislators Ellner and Jonke expressed that there is an opportunity to put money back in the pockets of taxpayers and he believed they were correct, however, the private taxpayers cannot build roads and infrastructure by themselves. He believed there was a plan from the six towns and villages regarding the sharing of sales tax revenue. He asked that this be considered during this discussion process. He expressed concerns regarding the Town of Carmel Water District.

Item #9 – Recognition of Legislators

Legislator Russo stated that she was proud that the Putnam County Legislature was livestreaming Committee meetings.

Chairwoman Sayegh stated that at 7:00 P.M. on Thursday, March 6, 2025, the Legislature will be back in this Historic Courthouse for the State of the County meeting. She stated that the County Executive had his own State of the County Address held at Ace Endico. She congratulated him on the wonderful event. She stated that to her knowledge that was the first State of the County Address not held before the Legislature. She stated that this Thursday is the State of the County Address required by the Charter where the County Executive presents to the Legislature.

There being no further business, at 9:57 P.M., Chairwoman Sayegh made a motion to adjourn; seconded by Legislators Birmingham and Crowley. All in favor.

Respectfully submitted by Diane Schonfeld, Clerk.