

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

Tuesday October 7, 2025 7:00 P.M.

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

PROCLAMATIONS

Chairwoman Sayegh recognized Legislator Addonizio who presented the “Honoring Putnam County Sheriff Kevin J. McConville” proclamation.

HONORING PUTNAM COUNTY SHERIFF KEVIN J. MCCONVILLE

WHEREAS, in his capacity as Sheriff, Kevin J. McConville served the County of Putnam with integrity, dedication, and compassion, exemplifying the most impactful characteristics of a public servant; and

WHEREAS, a lifelong resident of Cold Spring, Kevin J. McConville cherished the community where he was raised. He and his wife Janice settled into the house he grew up in to raise their three children and have since been blessed to welcome their grandchildren into that very house. His generational ties to Cold Spring and Putnam County ignited his determination to contribute to the place he loved and respected so much. Serving as Sheriff gave him the opportunity to apply his comprehensive background and expertise in law enforcement within the County he cared for so dearly; and

WHEREAS, Sheriff Kevin J. McConville worked tirelessly to maintain and enhance public and school safety for his fellow residents of Putnam County. His more than 30-year career with the Metropolitan Transportation Authority Police Department provided him with extensive experience in the field of law enforcement as he seized every opportunity to serve in various capacities and departments, ultimately retiring as Chief. Throughout his career, he recognized the power of teamwork and initiated collaborations with other law enforcement agencies to provide the highest level of safety and protection. This vital tool is something he brought with him into the position of Sheriff, fostering partnerships with local agencies to bring the maximum level of response and protection to Putnam County; and

WHEREAS, Kevin J. McConville was truly a pillar of this community. A youth sports coach, he was personally invested in the success of our youngest generation. He was also a member of multiple local organizations, providing his time and assistance where he could for the overall enhancement of Putnam County; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Putnam County Executive and the Putnam County Legislature hereby thank Kevin J. McConville for his sincere dedication to Putnam County. We honor his diligent service to his fellow residents. May he rest in peace.

Chairwoman Sayegh recognized Legislator Crowley who presented the “Domestic Violence Awareness Month” proclamation. Executive Director of the Putnam Northern Westchester Women’s Resource Center Piaget Solpiaget and Putnam County Probation Director John Osterhout were present to accept the proclamation.

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH

WHEREAS, Domestic Violence is an epidemic affecting individuals in every community including Putnam County, regardless of age, economic status, sexual orientation, gender, race, religion, or nationality; and

WHEREAS, 1 in 3 women and 1 in 4 men are victims of some form of physical violence by an intimate partner; and

WHEREAS, in 2024 the Putnam Northern Westchester Women’s Resource Center (WRC) answered 560 Hotline calls from victims; and

WHEREAS, WRC staff accompanied 40 victims to the Putnam County Sheriff, Court, District Attorney, Probation; and

WHEREAS, since it’s opening in 2022 the Special Victim Unit, a joint project of the Women’s Resource Center and the Putnam County Sheriff’s Department has so far provided safe space for more than 55 adult victims to meet with law enforcement and victim advocates following a domestic violence and/or sexual assault incident; and

WHEREAS, the Women’s Resource Center, the Putnam County Department of Probation, Sheriff’s Department, District Attorney, Child Advocacy Center, and the Department of Social Services work tirelessly together to end domestic violence; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Putnam County Executive and the Putnam County Legislature do hereby proclaim October 2025 as “Domestic Violence Awareness Month” in Putnam County.

Chairwoman Sayegh recognized Legislator Russo who presented the “National Fire Prevention Week” proclamation.

NATIONAL FIRE PREVENTION WEEK

WHEREAS, Putnam County is committed to ensuring the safety and security of all those living in and visiting our community; and

WHEREAS, fire is a serious public safety concern both locally and nationally, and homes are the locations where people are at greatest risk from fire; and

WHEREAS, the majority of fire deaths in North America happen at home, where people often feel safest; and

WHEREAS, the 2025 Fire Prevention Week theme, "Fire Knows No Boundaries – Plan and Protect Together!", reminds us that fire safety is a shared responsibility across households, neighborhoods, and communities; and

WHEREAS, Fire Prevention Week 2025 works to educate everyone about simple but important actions they can take to keep themselves and those around them safe from fire, including:

- Installing and maintaining working smoke alarms in every bedroom, outside each separate sleeping area, and on every level of the home;
- Creating and practicing a home fire escape plan with two ways out of every room;
- Keeping exits clear and knowing how to assist others who may need help escaping;

- Staying alert while cooking and never leaving stovetops unattended;

WHEREAS, the dedicated members of fire departments across the nation including Putnam County are joined by firefighters, safety advocates, educators, and agencies who work tirelessly to raise public awareness about fire safety and prevention; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Putnam County Executive and the Putnam County Legislature, do hereby proclaim the week of October 5–11, 2025 as National Fire Prevention Week in the County of Putnam and remind the citizens to make sure to install and test smoke alarms in your home.

Chairwoman Sayegh recognized Legislator Birmingham who presented the “National Substance Use Prevention Month” proclamation. Dual Recovery Coordinator with the Putnam County Department of Mental Health Lauren Johnson and Prevention Council Executive Director Kristen McConnell were present to accept the proclamation.

NATIONAL SUBSTANCE USE PREVENTION MONTH

WHEREAS, Putnam County youth are negatively impacted by substance use with outcomes spanning from diminished academic achievement to socioemotional and safety concerns. The consequences are profound and can lead to a diagnosable Substance Use Disorder. Yet, there are evidence-based ways for our community to reduce risks and prevent negative outcomes. This month, we pay tribute to all those working to prevent substance use in our communities, and we rededicate ourselves to building a safer community, utilizing data-driven, and person-centered prevention efforts for all Putnam County residents; and

WHEREAS, by increasing awareness and reducing stigma associated with substance use, we can prevent use before it starts and increase access to supports and services; and

WHEREAS, all residents can play a role in preventing substance use. Parents and caregivers can help by talking to their kids about the dangers of substances, both legal and illegal and can also be aware of the example they set with their own behaviors. Community coalitions comprised of school personnel, law enforcement, behavioral health professionals, faith leaders, local government and community members gather together to address substance use in their communities; and

WHEREAS, we observe National Substance Use Prevention Month, let us help to address the stigma faced by those with Substance Use Disorder by mindfully labeling our recognition as “Substance Use Prevention Month” paying particular attention to preventing and delaying onset of any substance use, and reducing negative outcomes; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the Putnam County Executive and Putnam County Legislature do hereby proclaim October 2025 as Substance Use Prevention Month. The Putnam County Department of Mental Health, the Prevention Council of Putnam, CoveCare Center and all substance use support services in Putnam County encourage all residents to increase their awareness of Substance Use Disorder, the dangers of substance use, the success of evidence-based prevention programs and to actively support and encourage referrals for services.

**Item #4 – Correspondence
a) County Auditor**

Other Business Items: #6a & #6b - Chairwoman Sayegh made a motion to go out of order and address the Other Business Items #6a & #6b; Seconded by Legislator Ellner. All in favor.

Other Business Item #6a Chairwoman Sayegh made a motion to accept for discussion Other Business Item #6a – Litigation Settlement; Seconded by Legislator Crowley. All in favor.

Item #6a – Approval/ Litigation Settlement/Arben Group, LLC v. County of Putnam was next.

APPROVAL/ LITIGATION SETTLEMENT/ARBEN GROUP, LLC V. COUNTY OF PUTNAM

WHEREAS, on July 12, 2023, Plaintiff Arben Group, LLC commenced action by Summons and Verified Complaint against the County of Putnam in Supreme Court, Putnam County (Grossman, J.) alleging that after Plaintiff entered into a May 24, 2021 contract with Putnam County for services involving certain road reconstruction and bridge repairs in Putnam Valley known as the Peekskill Hollow Road Bridge and Roadway Improvements project, the County's alleged actions and omissions thereafter including delays, defective design, non-payments, misrepresentations, cardinal changes and project mismanagement, were alleged to constitute a material breach of the contract resulting in monetary damages to Plaintiff; and

WHEREAS, Plaintiff sought recovery for monetary damages in an undetermined amount as well as costs, disbursements, attorney's fees, and pre-judgment and post-judgment interest; and

WHEREAS, after the County's insurer, the New York Municipal Insurance Reciprocal (NYMIR) declined to provide coverage on various grounds, the County retained outside counsel with extensive experience and expertise in construction litigation, the Harris Beach law firm, (Darius Chazifedah, Esq.), to defend the County's interests in this matter; and

WHEREAS, since action was commenced by Plaintiff in July 2023, such litigation has been aggressively handled by the Harris Beach law firm including their filing a Verified Answer pleading Counterclaims, commencing a third-party action for breach of contract against Plaintiff and submitting claims against the surety on behalf of Putnam County; and

WHEREAS, at the conclusion of extensive pretrial discovery including depositions and following private mediation between the parties and multiple court conferences in connection therewith, the parties recently arrived at a settlement value for this case of one million six hundred thousand (\$1,600,000.00) dollars; and

WHEREAS, Plaintiff agreed to a settlement with the County, subject to the Legislature's approval, in which the County agreed to pay Plaintiff the total sum of one million six hundred thousand (\$1,600,000.00) dollars in full and final settlement of all claims asserted in this action; and

WHEREAS, the County's outside counsel, Darius Chazifedah, Esq., has, following consultation with the County Attorney and multiple conferences with various

representatives of the County, recommended the aforementioned settlement as an alternative to trial; and

WHEREAS, outside counsel for the County of Putnam has in fact settled the matter with Plaintiff for the sum of one million six hundred thousand (\$1,600,000.00) dollars, and Plaintiff shall execute the required Release which, upon formal approval by the Legislature will be filed with the Court, thereby discontinuing this matter, and allowing Plaintiff to receive his settlement payment in the agreed upon amount; and

WHEREAS, the aforementioned settlement is in the public interest and avoids the costs of further litigation, eventual trial and possible appeal, additional attorney's fees and costs and the risk of a high verdict following trial; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the proposed settlement of this matter for the sum of one million six hundred thousand (\$1,600,000.00) dollars is hereby approved.

RESOLVED, that the County Executive is hereby authorized to sign any required settlement documents on behalf of the County including a Settlement Agreement and Release with respect thereto.

Other Business Item #6b: Chairwoman Sayegh made a motion to accept for discussion Other Business Item #6b – Budgetary Amendment (25A095) - Litigation Settlement; Seconded by Legislator Crowley. All in favor.

Item #6b – Approval - Budgetary Amendment (25A095) - Litigation Settlement - Arben Group, LLC v. County of Putnam was next.

APPROVAL - BUDGETARY AMENDMENT (25A095) - LITIGATION SETTLEMENT - ARBEN GROUP, LLC V. COUNTY OF PUTNAM

WHEREAS, the Commissioner of Finance has requested a budgetary amendment (25A095) to fund a legal settlement for Arben Group, LLC v. County of Putnam; and

WHEREAS, the Putnam County Legislature has reviewed and approved said budgetary amendment; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the following budgetary amendment be made:

Increase Estimated Appropriations:

10193000 54933	Judgements & Claims	1,600,000
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Increase Estimated Revenues:

10131000 427115	Judgements & Settlements Reserve	1,600,000
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2025 Fiscal Impact – 1,600,000

2026 Fiscal Impact – 0 –

7:17pm: Legislator Birmingham made a motion to go into Executive Session to discuss a Litigation matters (Items #6a & 6b) with Counsel; Seconded by Chairwoman Sayegh. All in favor.

7:51pm: Chairwoman Sayegh made a motion to come out of Executive Session; Seconded by Legislator Birmingham. All in favor.

Chairwoman Sayegh stated no action was taken in Executive Session.

Legislator Jonke made a motion to table items #6a and #6b to a Special Full Meeting on Tuesday, October 14, 2025, at 5:30p.m. Seconded by Legislator Ellner.

Chairwoman Sayegh called for a Roll Call Vote.

BY ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL AYES. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Item #5 – Pre-filed resolutions:

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

Item #5a - Approval – Budgetary Amendment (25A072) – Social Services – NYS Rental Supplement Program 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:

RESOLUTION #229

APPROVAL – BUDGETARY AMENDMENT (25A072) – SOCIAL SERVICES – NYS RENTAL SUPPLEMENT PROGRAM

WHEREAS, the Commissioner of Social Services has requested a budgetary amendment (25A072) to amend the 2025 DSS budget to include Putnam’s NYS Rental Supplement Program allocation (25-LCM-04) received from the Office of Temporary and Disability Assistance (OTDA) in the amount of \$100,000; and

WHEREAS, the allocation will provide 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 Estimated Appropriations:

10120000 54647 10198	NYS Rental Supplement Program	
	Subcontractors	100,000

Increase Estimated Revenues:

10120000 436101 10198	NYS Rental Supplement Program	
	DSS Administration – Revenue	100,000

2025 Fiscal Impact – 0 –

2026 Fiscal Impact – 0 –

BY POLL VOTE: ALL AYES. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Item #5b - Approval – Budgetary Amendment (25A077) – Social Services – Family Centered Case Management Grant – Correct Funding Source was next. On behalf of the members of the Health, Social, Educational & Environmental Committee, Legislators Ellner and Russo, Legislator Addonizio moved the following:

RESOLUTION #230

APPROVAL – BUDGETARY AMENDMENT (25A077) – SOCIAL SERVICES – FAMILY CENTERED CASE MANAGEMENT GRANT - CORRECT FUNDING SOURCE

WHEREAS, by Resolution #162 of 2025, the Putnam County Legislature approved an amendment to the 2025 DSS Budget to include the Family-Centered Case Management Services allocation (24-LCM-07) received from the Office of Temporary and Disability Assistance (OTDA) in the amount of \$165,385; and

WHEREAS, the Commissioner of Social Services has requested a budgetary amendment (25A077) to correct the funding source of this 100% Federally funded program; 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 Revenues:

10101000 446101	Admin Social Services – Federal Aid	
10233	Family Centered Caseload Mgmt Grant	165,385

Decrease Revenues:

10101000 436101	Admin Social Services – State Aid	
10233	Family Centered Caseload Mgmt Grant	165,385

2025 Fiscal Impact – 0 –

2026 Fiscal Impact – 0 –

BY POLL VOTE: ALL AYES. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Item #5c - Approval – Budgetary Amendment (25A081) – Health Department – JUUL Labs, Inc. Settlement Disbursements was next. On behalf of the members of the Health, Social, Educational & Environmental Committee, Legislators Ellner and Russo, Legislator Addonizio moved the following:

RESOLUTION #231

APPROVAL – BUDGETARY AMENDMENT (25A081) – HEALTH DEPARTMENT – JUUL SETTLEMENT DISBURSEMENTS

WHEREAS, in 2023, the Attorney General secured a settlement with JUUL Labs, Inc. that included funds totaling more than \$112.7 million; and

WHEREAS, the allocation for Putnam County totaled \$511,067.37; and

WHEREAS, the Public Health Director requested a budgetary amendment (25A081) to record JUUL Settlement disbursements for the first three (3) payments Putnam County received totaling \$191,650.26; 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:

21401000 54210 10236	Vehicle Leasing – JUUL Settlement	9,750
21401000 54320 10236	Food – JUUL Settlement	2,500
21401000 54329 10236	Promotional Materials – JUUL Settlement	2,500
21401000 54410 10236	Supplies & Materials – JUUL Settlement	2,500
21401000 54646 10236	Contracts – JUUL Settlement	174,200
21401000 55870 10236	Chargeback Auto Ins. – JUUL Settlement	200
		<u>191,650</u>

Increase Revenues:

21401000 427351 10236	JUUL Settlement Revenue	191,650
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2025 Fiscal Impact – 0 –

2026 Fiscal Impact – 0 –

BY POLL VOTE: ALL AYES. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Item #5d - Approval – Budgetary Amendment (25A082) – Social Services – 2024 Opioid Settlement Award was next. On behalf of the members of the Health, Social, Educational & Environmental Committee, Legislators Ellner and Russo, Legislator Addonizio moved the following:

RESOLUTION #232

APPROVAL – BUDGETARY AMENDMENT (25A082) – SOCIAL SERVICES – 2024 OPIOID SETTLEMENT AWARD

WHEREAS, the Commissioner of Social Services has requested a budgetary amendment (25A082) to amend the 2025 budget to include funds applicable to the 2024 Opioid Settlement Award to People, USA; 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 Revenues:

10431000 427350 10212	MH LGU Opioid Settlement Monies	
	People USA – Total Revenue	37,542

Increase Appropriations:

10431000 54646 10212	MH LGU Contracts Opioid – People	
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USA – Total Appropriations 37,542

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 #5e - Approval – Budgetary Amendment (25A073) – Veterans Service Agency – Peer to Peer Program 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:

RESOLUTION #233

APPROVAL – BUDGETARY AMENDMENT (25A073) – VETERANS SERVICE AGENCY – PEER TO PEER PROGRAM

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

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

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

WHEREAS, the Department of Social Services, Mental Health has requested a budgetary amendment (25A073) 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 Revenues:

10651000 437895 10105	Veterans Peer to Peer Program	4,038
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Increase Appropriations:

10651000 54646 10105	Veterans Peer to Peer Program – Contract	4,038
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2025 Fiscal Impact – 0 –

2026 Fiscal Impact – 0 –

BY POLL VOTE: ALL AYES. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Item #5f - Approval – Budgetary Amendment (25T306) - Outside Agency - Hudson Valley Shakespeare – County Contribution – Subcontingency was next. On behalf of the members of the Rules, Enactments & Intergovernmental Relations Committee,

Legislators Ellner and Gouldman, Legislator Birmingham moved the following:

RESOLUTION #234

APPROVAL – BUDGETARY TRANSFER (25T306) – OUTSIDE AGENCY – HUDSON VALLEY SHAKESPEARE – COUNTY CONTRIBUTION – SUBCONTINGENCY

WHEREAS, when the 2025 Tentative Budget was presented to the Putnam County Legislature, \$75,000 was placed in subcontingency for Outside Agencies for the Legislature to distribute in the 2025 fiscal year; and

WHEREAS, Legislator Nancy Montgomery has requested budgetary transfer (25T306) recommending that \$2,900 be allocated from subcontingency to Hudson Valley Shakespeare; and

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

RESOLVED, that the following budgetary transfer be made:

Increase Estimated Appropriations:

25879000 54950	Hudson Valley Shakespeare County Contribution	2,900
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Decrease Estimated Appropriations:

10199000 54996	Subcontingency – Outside Agencies	2,900
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2025 Fiscal Impact – 0 –

2026 Fiscal Impact – 0 –

BY ROLL CALL VOTE: EIGHT AYES. ONE NAY - LEGISLATOR JONKE. MOTION CARRIES.

Item #5g - Approval – Appointment – Putnam County Board of Electrical Examiners was next. On behalf of the members of the Rules, Enactments & Intergovernmental Relations Committee, Legislators Ellner and Gouldman, Legislator Birmingham moved the following:

RESOLUTION #235

APPROVAL – APPOINTMENT – PUTNAM COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTRICAL EXAMINERS

RESOLVED, that the following be appointed to the Putnam County Board of Electrical Examiners:

Thomas Moccio, Town of Carmel, as PC Code Section 145-6(D1) Master Electrician Representative, to fill an unexpired three (3) year term; said term to expire December 31, 2025.

And be it further RESOLVED, that this appointment comply with any requirements to file

an Oath of Office pursuant to the New York State Public Officers' Law.

BY POLL VOTE: ALL AYES. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Item #5h - Authorization for Intermunicipal Agreement with Westchester County to Organize and Implement Activities under the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) was next. On behalf of the members of the Rules, Enactments & Intergovernmental Relations Committee, Legislators Ellner and Gouldman, Legislator Birmingham moved the following:

Legislation Birmingham stated that he would be abstaining, as his firm represents one of the parties.

RESOLUTION #236

AUTHORIZATION FOR INTERMUNICIPAL AGREEMENT WITH WESTCHESTER COUNTY TO ORGANIZE AND IMPLEMENT ACTIVITIES UNDER THE WORKFORCE INNOVATION AND OPPORTUNITY ACT (WIOA)

WHEREAS, on July 22, 2014, the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act ("WIOA") was signed into law as the successor to the Workplace Investment Act, requiring the establishment of Local Workforce Development Boards ("LWDBs"); and

WHEREAS, pursuant to WIOA §107(c)(1)(B), the Westchester County Executive and the Putnam County Executive are defined as "Chief Elected Officials" ("CEO") that may "execute an agreement that specifies the respective roles of the individual chief elected officials" concerning appointment of members of the LWDBs and in carrying out any other responsibilities assigned to such officials; and

WHEREAS, the Westchester County Executive and the Putnam County Executive, after receiving approval from their respective governing bodies entered into an intermunicipal agreement in 2015 (the "2015 IMA") in which Westchester and the County agreed to organize and implement activities pursuant to WIOA, as part of their request for initial designation of the Westchester-Putnam Workforce Development Area, which would cover Westchester County (exclusive of the City of Yonkers) and Putnam County; and

WHEREAS, the above reference 2015 IMA expired on June 30, 2020. A subsequent intermunicipal agreement between the County and Westchester to continue to organize and implement programs and activities in accordance with WIOA (the "2020 IMA") for continued designation of Westchester-Putnam Workforce Development Area as a Local Workforce Development Area ("LWDA") to cover Westchester County (exclusive of the City of Yonkers) and Putnam County was approved by Westchester and the County's respective governing bodies; and

WHEREAS, the above referenced 2020 IMA expired on June 30, 2025. Westchester's Board of Legislators has authorized its County Executive to enter into a new intermunicipal agreement (the "IMA") with the County to continue to organize and implement activities pursuant to WIOA in order to maintain the designation of Westchester-Putnam Workforce Development Area, as a LWDA, as required by WIOA to cover Westchester (exclusive of City of Yonkers) and the County; and

WHEREAS, the new IMA shall commence on July 1, 2025, and continue until either, (a) both the County and Westchester act to rescind the IMA; (b) federal or state authority ceases for the Westchester-Putnam Workforce Development Area to serve as the local implementation means for job-training programs; or (c) June 30, 2030, whichever comes first; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, County Executive Kevin M. Byrne is hereby authorized to enter into a new IMA with Westchester pursuant to which the County and Westchester will agree to continue to organize and implement activities pursuant to WIOA, in order to maintain the designation of Westchester-Putnam Workforce Development Area, which will cover Putnam County and Westchester County (exclusive of the City of Yonkers); and be it further

RESOLVED, that this Resolution take effect immediately.

BY ROLL CALL VOTE: EIGHT AYES. ONE ABSTENTION – LEGISLATOR BIRMINGHAM. MOTION CARRIES.

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE
(Chairman Jonke, Legislators Addonizio & Gouldman)

Item #5i - Approval – Fund Transfer (25T232) – Health Department – Health Education Overtime 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 #237

APPROVAL – FUND TRANSFER (25T232) – HEALTH DEPARTMENT – HEALTH EDUCATION OVERTIME

WHEREAS, the Public Health Director has requested a fund transfer (25T232) to cover Nursing & Health Education Overtime for the remainder of 2025; and

WHEREAS, the Personnel 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:

21401000 51000 (26113)	Pers Serv – Health Ed Assistant Public Health Educator (Bilingual)	5,000
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Increase:

21401000 51093	Health Ed – Overtime	5,000
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**2025 Fiscal Impact – 0 –
2026 Fiscal Impact – 0 –**

BY POLL VOTE: ALL AYES. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Item #5j - Approval – Fund Transfer (25T235) – Health Department – Nursing Overtime was next. On behalf of the members of the Personnel Committee, Legislators Addonizio and Gouldman, Legislator Jonke moved the following:

RESOLUTION #238

APPROVAL – FUND TRANSFER (25T235) – HEALTH DEPARTMENT – NURSING

OVERTIME

WHEREAS, the Public Health Director has requested a fund transfer (25T235) to cover Nursing Overtime for the remainder of 2025; and

WHEREAS, the Personnel 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:

11401000 51000 (11116)	Public Health Nurse Vacancy	20,000
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Increase:

11401000 51093	Nursing – Overtime	20,000
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2025 Fiscal Impact – 0 –

2026 Fiscal Impact – 0 –

BY POLL VOTE: ALL AYES. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Item #5k - Approval – Budgetary Transfer (25T277) – Social Services – Overtime & On-Call Budget Lines per Ratification of CSEA Contract Resolution #73 of 2025 was next.

On behalf of the members of the Personnel Committee, Legislators Addonizio and Gouldman, Legislator Jonke moved the following:

RESOLUTION #239

APPROVAL – BUDGETARY TRANSFER (25T277) – SOCIAL SERVICES – OVERTIME & ON-CALL BUDGET LINES PER RATIFICATION OF CSEA CONTRACT RESOLUTION #73 OF 2025

WHEREAS, the Commissioner of Finance has requested a budgetary transfer (25T277) to increase funding Overtime and On-Call budget lines to reflect the CSEA Contract Settlement, Resolution #73 of 2025; 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:

10102000 51093	DSS Admin Services – Overtime	17,500
10102000 51098	DSS Admin Service – On Call Pay	<u>58,200</u>
		75,700

Decrease Appropriations:

10199000 54980	Contingency	75,700
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2025 Fiscal Impact – 75,700

2026 Fiscal Impact – 0 –

BY POLL VOTE: ALL AYES. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Item #5L - Approval – Budgetary Transfer (25T283) – Finance – Payout Accruals & Unemployment Insurance was next. On behalf of the members of the Personnel Committee, Legislators Addonizio and Gouldman, Legislator Jonke moved the following:

RESOLUTION #240

APPROVAL – BUDGETARY TRANSFER (25T283) – FINANCE – PAYOUT ACCRUALS & UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE

WHEREAS, the Commissioner of Finance has requested a budgetary transfer (25T283) to provide for the vacation payouts of employees, adjust the Commissioner of Finance Salary, and to provide funding for Unemployment Insurance through the end of 2025; 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:

GENERAL FUND:

Increase Estimated Appropriations:

10101001 51000 (110)	Pers. Serv. – Legislative Clerk	22,132
10101001 58002	FICA	1,693
10131000 51000 (101)	Pers. Serv. – Comm. of Finance	16,480
10131000 51000 (101)	Pers. Serv.	2,564
10131000 58002	FICA	1,457
10311000 51000 (102)	Pers. Serv. – Undersheriff	17,683
10311000 58002	FICA	1,353
10905000 58050	Unemployment Expense	<u>71,000</u>
		134,362

Decrease Estimated Appropriations:

10141000 51000 (105)	Pers. Serv. – Records Clerk/Typist	21,261
10141100 51000 (118)	Pers. Serv. – MV Cashier (SS)	17,492
10143000 51000 (110)	Pers. Serv. – Sr. Pers. Specialist	24,000
10168000 51000 (109)	Pers. Serv. – Deputy Director IT/GIS	30,000
10314000 51000 (132)	Pers. Serv. – Probation Officer I	21,776
10314000 51000 (133)	Pers. Serv. – Probation Officer I	<u>19,833</u>
		134,362

2025 Fiscal Impact – 0 –

2026 Fiscal Impact – 0 –

BY POLL VOTE: ALL AYES. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Item #5m - Approval – Fund Transfer (25T285) – Emergency Services – Overtime was next. On behalf of the members of the Personnel Committee, Legislators Addonizio and Gouldman, Legislator Jonke moved the following:

RESOLUTION #241

APPROVAL – FUND TRANSFER (25T285) – EMERGENCY SERVICES – OVERTIME

WHEREAS, the Commissioner of Emergency Services has requested a fund transfer (25T285) to cover E911 Dispatch Overtime for the remainder of 2025; and

WHEREAS, the Personnel 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:

13398900 54520	E911 Phone Equipment	90,000
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Increase:

13398900 51093	Overtime	90,000
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2025 Fiscal Impact – 0 –

2026 Fiscal Impact – 0 –

BY POLL VOTE: ALL AYES. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Item #5n - Approval – Fund Transfer (25T286) – Health Department – Temporary was next. On behalf of the members of the Personnel Committee, Legislators Addonizio and Gouldman, Legislator Jonke moved the following:

RESOLUTION #242

APPROVAL – FUND TRANSFER (25T286) – HEALTH DEPARTMENT – TEMPORARY

WHEREAS, a Senior Public Health Program Assistant will be retiring; and

WHEREAS, this position is crucial to the development of all mandated Nursing Programs, Policies and Procedures, including Communicable Disease, Rabies and Maternal Child Health; and

WHEREAS, the Public Health Director has requested a fund transfer (25T286) to hire said retiree back as a Temporary employee for 17.5 hours per week to assist with appropriate succession planning, orienting their replacement to the position in the immunization program and to continue her work in the many other nursing division programs; and

WHEREAS, the Personnel 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:

11401000 51000 11120	Pers. Serv. – Nursing Public Health Nurse (SS)	6,410
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Increase:

11401000 51094	Nursing – Temporary	5,950
11401000 58002	Nursing – FICA	<u>460</u>
		6,410

2025 Fiscal Impact – 0 –

2026 Fiscal Impact – 0 –

BY POLL VOTE: ALL AYES. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Item #5o - Approval – Fund Transfer (25T288) – Sheriff’s Office – Reclassification – Civil Division – Office Assistant to Principal Account Clerk was next. On behalf of the members of the Personnel Committee, Legislators Addonizio and Gouldman, Legislator Jonke moved the following:

Legislator Crowley stated that she would be abstaining due to her husband’s employment in the Sheriff’s office.

RESOLUTION #243

APPROVAL – FUND TRANSFER (25T288) – SHERIFF’S OFFICE – RECLASSIFICATION – CIVIL DIVISION – OFFICE ASSISTANT TO PRINCIPAL ACCOUNT CLERK

WHEREAS, the Putnam County Acting Sheriff has requested a fund transfer (25T288) to cover costs associated with a reclassification of the vacant Office Assistant position to Principal Account Clerk position; and

WHEREAS, this Principal Account Clerk will work in the Civil Division and assist the Fiscal Manager; and

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

RESOLVED, that the following fund transfer be made:

Decrease:

10315000 51000 10102	Pers. Jail General	
	Senior Office Assistant	11,266
10315000 58002	Jail General – FICA	<u>862</u>
		12,128

Increase:

15311000 51000 10108	Pers. Sheriff Civil	
	Principal Account Clerk	11,266
15311000 58002	FICA	<u>862</u>
		12,128

2025 Fiscal Impact – 0 –

2026 Fiscal Impact – 0 –

BY ROLL CALL VOTE: EIGHT AYES. ONE ABSTENTION – LEGISLATOR CROWLEY. MOTION CARRIES.

Item #5p - Approval – Amend Policy for Nursing Mothers – New York Labor Law Section 206-c was next. On behalf of the members of the Personnel Committee, Legislators Addonizio and Gouldman, Legislator Jonke moved the following:

RESOLUTION #244

APPROVAL – AMEND POLICY FOR NURSING MOTHERS – NEW YORK LABOR LAW SECTION 206-C

WHEREAS, following the initial adoption of New York Labor Law Section 206-c, requiring employers to provide nursing mothers with a safe, clean, and private place to express breast milk during the workday Putnam County adopted an employee policy via the passage of Resolution 125 of 2023; and

WHEREAS, New York Labor Law Section 206-c was updated in June of 2024 to require paid breaks for nursing mothers to express breast milk at work; and

WHEREAS the current Putnam County Nursing Mothers Policy as currently written does not consider this legislative change; now therefore be it

RESOLVED that a new policy must be adopted; and be it further

RESOLVED that this resolution shall replace Resolution #125 of 2023; and be it further

RESOLVED, that this Resolution shall take effect immediately and shall be subject to renewal or continuation by Resolution and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Personnel Officer and the various County Department Heads are hereby directed to undertake such administrative acts and tasks as are necessary and proper such as the creation of policies and/or procedures to carry out the intention of this resolution.

BY POLL VOTE: ALL AYES. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Item #5q - Approval – Confirmation – Appointment – Commissioner of Finance was next. On behalf of the members of the Personnel Committee, Legislators Addonizio & Gouldman, Legislator Jonke moved the following:

Legislator Sayegh thanked Commissioner William J. Carlin for serving as Commissioner of Finance while the County seeks a permanent Commissioner of Finance, and for all his years of experience.

RESOLUTION #245

APPROVAL – CONFIRMATION – APPOINTMENT - COMMISSIONER OF FINANCE

WHEREAS, County Executive Kevin M. Byrne has appointed William J. Carlin as Commissioner of Finance, pursuant to Article 4, Section 4.01 of the Putnam County Charter; and

WHEREAS, William J. Carlin possesses the requisite knowledge, experience, and qualifications to serve as the Commissioner of Finance for the County of Putnam; and

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

RESOLVED, that the Legislature hereby confirms the appointment of William J. Carlin as the Commissioner of Finance for the County of Putnam, pursuant to Article 4, Section 4.01 of the Putnam County Charter; and be it further

RESOLVED, that William J. Carlin shall serve at the pleasure of the County Executive in accordance with the terms of Section 4.01 of the Putnam County charter; 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.

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

Item #5r - Approval – Budgetary Amendment (25A076) – Sheriff’s Office – Insurance Recovery 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:

RESOLUTION #246

APPROVAL – BUDGETARY AMENDMENT (25A076) – SHERIFF’S OFFICE – INSURANCE RECOVERY

WHEREAS, the Putnam County Sheriff’s Office has requested a budgetary amendment (25A076) to recognize reimbursement from Allstate Insurance Company for an April 2025 Vehicle Accident Claim; 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 Revenues:

14311000 426801	Sheriff Narcotics – Insurance Recoveries	13,645
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Increase Expenses:

14311000 54370	Sheriff Narcotics – Automotive	13,645
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2025 Fiscal Impact – 0 –

2026 Fiscal Impact – 0 –

BY POLL VOTE: ALL AYES. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Item #5s - Approval – Budgetary Amendment (25A078) – Emergency Services – Fire Training Center was next. On behalf of the members of the Protective Services Committee, Legislators Addonizio and Birmingham, Legislator Jonke moved the following:

RESOLUTION #247

APPROVAL – BUDGETARY AMENDMENT (25A078) – EMERGENCY SERVICES – FIRE TRAINING CENTER

WHEREAS, the Commissioner of Emergency Services has requested a budgetary amendment (25A078) to fund concrete needed at the Fire Training Center; 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:

GENERAL FUND:

Increase Estimated Appropriations:		
10990100 59020	Transfer to Capital Fund	3,145

Decrease Estimated Appropriations:		
10398900 54410	Supplies & Materials	3,145

CAPITAL FUND:

Increase Estimated Appropriations:		
55197000 532314 51509	Fire Training Center	3,145

Increase Estimated Revenues:		
55197000 428601 51509	Transfer from General Fund	3,145

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

BY POLL VOTE: ALL AYES. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Item #5t - Approval – Budgetary Amendment (25A084) – Sheriff’s Office – Insurance Recoveries was next. On behalf of the members of the Protective Services Committee, Legislators Addonizio and Birmingham, Legislator Jonke moved the following:

Legislator Crowley stated that she would recuse herself for the reason stated earlier, that her husband is an employee of the Sheriff’s office.

RESOLUTION #248

APPROVAL – BUDGETARY AMENDMENT (25A084) – SHERIFF’S OFFICE – INSURANCE RECOVERIES

WHEREAS, the Putnam County Acting Sheriff has requested a budgetary amendment (25A084) to recognize reimbursement from State Farm Insurance Company for damages to a 2020 Ford Explorer in the Civil Division for an accident that occurred in July 2025; 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 Revenues:		
15311000 426801	Sheriff Civil – Insurance Recoveries	977.55

Increase Expenses:		
15311000 54370	Sheriff Civil – Automotive	977.55

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

BY ROLL CALL VOTE: EIGHT AYES. ONE RECUSAL – LEGISLATOR CROWLEY. MOTION CARRIES.

Item #5u - Approval – Budgetary Amendment (25A085) – Emergency Services – Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP) was next. On behalf of the members of the Protective Services Committee, Legislators Addonizio and Birmingham, Legislator Jonke moved the following:

Legislator Montgomery stated that she hopes to see all County communities and municipalities participate in a robust plan, as this is needed for recovery from the many recent storms and as there is no reimbursement from FEMA without hazard mitigation plans being submitted.

Chairwoman Sayegh stated that this grant has a \$25,000 match utilizing in-kind services and there is no fiscal impact to the County.

RESOLUTION #249

APPROVAL – BUDGETARY AMENDMENT (25A085) – EMERGENCY SERVICES – HAZARD MITIGATION GRANT PROGRAM (HMGP)

WHEREAS, by Resolution #109 of 2024, the Putnam County Legislature approved and authorized the Bureau of Emergency Services to apply for grant funding in the amount of \$150,000 through the New York State (NYS) Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Services (DHSES) for the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP); and

WHEREAS, the Federal share is \$112,500 and the 25% matching County funds of \$37,500 will be met with in-kind services; and

WHEREAS, sub-recipient management costs can be submitted for reimbursement for an amount not to exceed \$7,500 at a 100% Federal share for a total Federal share of \$120,000 obligated for this project; 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:

CAPITAL FUND:

Increase Estimated Appropriations:

10398900 54182 10106	Consultants	112,500
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Increase Estimated Revenues:

10398900 44389L 10106	State Aid	
	Hazardous Mitigation Grant	112,500

2025 Fiscal Impact – 0 –

2026 Fiscal Impact – 0 –

BY POLL VOTE: ALL AYES. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Item #5v - Approval – Budgetary Amendment (25A086) – Sheriff’s Office – NYS Stop DWI Foundation Inc. – Drug Recognition Expert (DRE) Callouts – Overtime was next. On behalf of the members of the Protective Services Committee, Legislators Addonizio and Birmingham, Legislator Jonke moved the following:

Legislator Crowley stated that she is glad to see that the Sheriff’s Department now has

two Drug Recognition Experts, as opposed to just one handling all the responsibilities of this role.

RESOLUTION #250

APPROVAL – BUDGETARY AMENDMENT (25A086) – SHERIFF’S OFFICE – NYS STOP DWI FOUNDATION INC. – DRUG RECOGNITION EXPERT (DRE) CALLOUTS – OVERTIME

WHEREAS, the Putnam County Sheriff’s Department has requested a budgetary amendment (25A086) to recognize reimbursement of Overtime from the NYS Stop-DWI Foundation Inc. for DRE Callouts and DWI Crackdowns for the Patrol Division; 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 Revenues:

17311000 443890	Sheriff Patrol – Public Safety Other	650.20
17311000 422601	Sheriff Patrol – Deputy Outside Services	<u>3,999.76</u>
		4,649.96

Increase Expenses:

17311000	Sheriff Patrol	
51093	Overtime	4,319.51
58002	Social Security	<u>330.45</u>
		4,649.96

2025 Fiscal Impact – 0 –

2026 Fiscal Impact – 0 –

BY POLL VOTE: ALL AYES. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Item #5w - Approval – Budgetary Amendment (25A087) – Sheriff’s Office – NYS Sheriff’s Association – BCI Overtime Reimbursement was next. On behalf of the members of the Protective Services Committee, Legislators Addonizio and Birmingham, Legislator Jonke moved the following:

RESOLUTION #251

APPROVAL – BUDGETARY AMENDMENT (25A087) – SHERIFF’S OFFICE – NYS SHERIFF’S ASSOCIATION – BCI OVERTIME REIMBURSEMENT

WHEREAS, the Putnam County Acting Sheriff has requested a budgetary amendment (25A087) to account for reimbursement received from the NYS Sheriff’s Association for Instructor Services rendered at New Paltz College on May 28, 2025 to increase the Bureau of Criminal Investigation’s (BCI) Overtime line; 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 Revenues:

32311000 427701	Sheriff BCI – Unclassified	632.52
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Increase Expenses:

32311000	Sheriff BCI	
51093	Overtime	587.57
58002	Social Security	<u>44.95</u>
		632.52

2025 Fiscal Impact – 0 –

2026 Fiscal Impact – 0 –

BY POLL VOTE: ALL AYES. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Item #5x - Approval – Continuation of the Community Engagement & Police Advisory Board was next. On behalf of the members of the Protective Services Committee, Legislators Addonizio and Birmingham, Legislator Jonke moved the following:

RESOLUTION #252

APPROVAL – CONTINUATION OF THE COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT & POLICE ADVISORY BOARD

WHEREAS, Resolution #104 of 2021 established a Police Policy Advisory Board known as the “Community Engagement & Police Advisory Board” (CEPAB); and

WHEREAS, said Board was reestablished by Resolution #268 of 2022 and expired on December 31, 2023; and

WHEREAS, said Board was further reestablished by Resolution #195 of 2023 and Resolution # 213 of 2024 is set to expire on December 31, 2025; and

WHEREAS, the CEPAB members have requested the continuation of said Board via letter dated September 10, 2025; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that unless extended by subsequent resolution, this Advisory Board shall be dissolved and terminate all activity on December 31, 2026, on which date the Advisory Board shall deposit all the records of its proceedings with the Clerk of the Legislature; and be it further

RESOLVED, that this Advisory Board shall inform the Legislature of its desire to continue its existence by a written request to the Clerk of the Legislature prior to the date this Advisory Board is scheduled to terminate.

BY POLL VOTE: ALL AYES. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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

Item #5y - Approval – Budgetary Amendment (25A079) – Planning Department – Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) Funding Under New York Metropolitan Transportation Council (NYMTC) 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 #253

**APPROVAL – BUDGETARY AMENDMENT (25A079) – PLANNING DEPARTMENT –
UNIFIED PLANNING WORK PROGRAM (UPWP) FUNDING UNDER NEW YORK
METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION COUNCIL (NYMTC)**

WHEREAS, the Commissioner of Planning has requested a budgetary amendment (25A079) to account for additional UPWP Funding under NYMTC awarded to Putnam County; and

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

GENERAL FUND:

Increase Appropriations:

10990100 59020	Transfer to Capital Fund	150,000
10199000 54980	Contingency	<u>137,461</u>
		287,461

Increase Revenues:

10802000 449895	UPWP 2025/26 – Federal Aid	287,461
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CAPITAL FUND:

Increase Appropriations:

55997000 53000 52308	UPWP – Capital Expenditures	150,000
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Increase Revenues:

55997000 428601 52308	UPWP 2025/26 – Federal Aid	150,000
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2025 Fiscal Impact (137,461)

2026 Fiscal Impact – 0 –

BY POLL VOTE: ALL AYES. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Item #5z - Approval – Contract – Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) – Terry Hill Road / Route 311 Project was next. On behalf of the members of the Physical Services Committee, Legislators Crowley and Jonke, Legislator Ellner moved the following:

7:35pm: Legislator Ellner made a motion to go into Executive Session to consult with Legal Counsel due to confidentiality. Seconded by Legislator Birmingham. All in favor.

Chairwoman Sayegh called for a Roll Call Vote.

BY ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL AYES. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

7:51pm: Chairwoman Sayegh made a motion to come out of Executive Session; Seconded by Legislator Birmingham. All in favor.

Legislator Ellner made a motion to table this item to the next Special Full Meeting on October 14, 2025, so the confidentiality will be lifted.

Legislator Birmingham seconded and stated that this resolution and back-up was not posted to County website before this meeting and requested that the Law Department provide the most information possible to publish before meetings.

Senior Deputy County Attorney Heather Abissi confirmed.

Chairwoman Sayegh made a motion to Table Item #5z to the Special Full Meeting on October 14, 2025.

BY ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL AYES. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

APPROVAL – CONTRACT – MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING (MOU) – TERRY HILL ROAD / ROUTE 311 PROJECT

WHEREAS, Putnam County, through its Department of Public Works has determined that the intersection at Terry Hill Road and Route 311 would benefit from improvements consistent with and to accommodate the current traffic volume and patterns; and

WHEREAS, L.I.S.E., LLC a private developer, is seeking to improve the area in furtherance of its development project and accordingly supports this material improvement to the Terry Hill and Route 311 intersection to better accommodate the current traffic volume and patterns; and

WHEREAS, in consideration of the County's contribution for capital improvements and L.I.S.E., LLC's contribution toward right-of-way acquisition and design planning, the Administration, in accordance with applicable State and local law, has entered into negotiations with L.I.S.E., LLC; and

WHEREAS, the Putnam County Law Department has prepared and the County Executive and L.I.S.E., LLC have executed a memorandum of understanding setting forth the terms of engagement between the parties, which is annexed hereto as Schedule "A"; and

WHEREAS, the Putnam County Law Department has also prepared a contract between the County and L.I.S.E., LLC which is annexed hereto as Schedule "B"; and

WHEREAS, the County Executive has requested that the Putnam County Legislature approve such contract; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Putnam County Legislature has reviewed the memorandum of understanding between the parties, and has reviewed the proposed contract, and has considered the benefit to the County in improving the County intersection at Terry Hill Rd and Route 311; and

RESOLVED, that the Putnam County Legislature approves the contract between the County of Putnam and L.I.S.E., LLC, which shall be in substantial conformance with the form attached hereto and made a part hereof as Schedule "B", and that the Putnam County Executive is authorized to execute said contract; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the County Attorney is authorized to take whatever legal action is necessary to effectuate this contract pursuant to its terms, which are approved herein.

Item #5aa - Approval – Budgetary Amendment (25A080) – DPW – Empire State Development Grant – Terry Hill Road Improvements was next. On behalf of the members of the Physical Services Committee, Legislators Crowley and Jonke, Legislator Ellner moved the following:

Chairwoman Sayegh made a motion to Table Item#5aa the same reasons as Item#5z; until confidentiality is lifted.

BY POLL VOTE: ALL AYES. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

APPROVAL – BUDGETARY AMENDMENT (25A080) – DPW – EMPIRE STATE DEVELOPMENT GRANT – TERRY HILL ROAD IMPROVEMENTS

WHEREAS, on July 17, 2025, the County Executive was notified by Empire State Development on the acceptance of Putnam County’s County Infrastructure Grant Program (CIGP) application and to provide an update on the next steps in the Empire State Development’s grant process; and

WHEREAS, the Commissioner of Finance has requested a budgetary amendment (25A080) to account for the Empire State Development Grant and the agreement with L.I.S.E., LLC to fund up to \$100,000 in project right-of-way costs; and

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

CAPITAL FUND:

Increase Estimated Appropriations:

55197000 53000 52307	Terry Hill Road Improvements	100,000
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Increase Estimated Revenues:

55197000 435971 52307	State Aid – Empire State Dev. Grant	500,000
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55197000 427050 52307	Contribution	100,000
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Decrease Estimated Revenues:

05000 45710N 52307	Bond Proceeds	500,000
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2025 Fiscal Impact – 0 –

2026 Fiscal Impact – 0 –

Item #5bb - Approval – Budgetary Amendment (25A088) – Soil & Water Conservation District – Cornell Cooperative Extension Tree Seedling Program – Part C Funds was next. On behalf of the members of the Physical Services Committee, Legislators Crowley and Jonke, Legislator Ellner moved the following:

RESOLUTION #254

APPROVAL – BUDGETARY AMENDMENT (25A088) – SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT – CORNELL COOPERATIVE EXTENSION TREE SEEDLING PROGRAM – PART C FUNDS

WHEREAS, the Putnam County Soil & Water Conservation District voted to approve \$8,000 in funding from the Soil & Water Conservation District Trust Fund Account “Part C” to support the 2025 Tree and Shrub Seedling Sale, to be administered in collaboration with Cornell Cooperative Extension of Putnam County; and

WHEREAS, the Commissioner of Finance provided a budgetary amendment (25A088) to account for this request; and

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

CAPITAL FUND:

Increase Estimated Appropriations:

10874500 54652	Tree Program	8,000
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Increase Estimated Revenues:

10874500 439106	Conservation Project	8,000
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2025 Fiscal Impact – 0 –

2026 Fiscal Impact – 0 –

BY POLL VOTE: ALL AYES. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Item #5cc - Approval – Ratification of the 2025 Real Property Tax Sale was next. On behalf of the members of the Physical Services Committee, Legislators Crowley and Jonke, Legislator Ellner moved the following:

RESOLUTION #255

APPROVAL - RATIFICATION OF THE 2025 REAL PROPERTY TAX SALE

WHEREAS, on September 5, 2025, the County of Putnam held a public auction for its 2025 Real Property Tax Sale; and

WHEREAS, the County received bids on the parcels offered, as indicated by the listing attached hereto and made a part hereof as Schedule “A”; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Putnam County Legislature, on behalf of the County of Putnam, hereby accepts the bid of the highest bidder on the parcels listed on the attached Schedule “A”; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the County Attorney is authorized to prepare a deed for each parcel to the highest bidder, said deed to be executed on behalf of the County by the County Executive; and be it further

RESOLVED, that upon delivery of the balance of the purchase price as indicated in the bid, along with the appropriate transfer tax, fees, and any property taxes due, as specified in the promulgated Terms and Conditions of the auction, the County Attorney is hereby authorized to deliver said deed to the highest bidder; and be it further

RESOLVED, that in the event any of the highest bidders fail to complete the transaction as specified in the promulgated Terms and Conditions of the auction, the County Attorney is authorized to complete the transaction with the second highest bidder in the same manner as set for the above.

BY POLL VOTE: ALL AYES. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Item #5dd - Approval – Acceptance of Amendment B for 2024-2025 Snow and 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 #256

APPROVAL - ACCEPTANCE OF AMENDMENT B FOR 2024-2025 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 2024-2025 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 #5ee - Approval to Apply for New York State Roadway Departure Safety Action Plan (RwDSAP) Local call for Projects which Provides Federal Highway Safety Improvement Program Funds for the Stoneleigh Avenue/ Drewville Road Intersection Reconstruction Project (Pin 8761.97) in Putnam County was next. On behalf of the members of the Physical Services Committee, Legislators Crowley and Jonke, Legislator Ellner moved the following:

RESOLUTION #257

APPROVAL TO APPLY FOR NEW YORK STATE ROADWAY DEPARTURE SAFETY ACTION PLAN (RwDSAP) LOCAL CALL FOR PROJECTS WHICH PROVIDES FEDERAL HIGHWAY SAFETY IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM FUNDS FOR THE STONELEIGH AVENUE/ DREWVILLE ROAD INTERSECTION RECONSTRUCTION PROJECT (PIN 8761.97) IN PUTNAM COUNTY

WHEREAS, New York State Department of Transportation (NYSDOT) announced the local call for roadway departure projects included in the Statewide Roadway Departure Safety Action Plan (RwDSAP). The local call for Roadway Departure safety projects includes federal Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP) funds for systemic or "Hot Spot" roadway departure safety projects on local and county roads and streets which will fund up to 95% of project costs; and

WHEREAS, the County was invited to submit a proposal for consideration by NYSDOT in August 2025; and

WHEREAS, Putnam County ("the County") desires to submit a proposal to NYSDOT for consideration, namely, the Stoneleigh Avenue/ Drewville Road Intersection Reconstruction Project (PIN 8761.97) (the "Project"), of which a budget shortfall was recently identified in the amount of \$1,280,400; and

WHEREAS, the County, as the Municipality/Sponsor of the Project, desires to

accept the funds if County's request for funding is approved by New York State, by and through the RWDSP Program, in the amount of \$1,280,400, of which the County would be responsible to contribute the local match of \$64,020; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Putnam County Legislature hereby approves the aforesaid Project; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Putnam County Legislature hereby authorizes the County to accept the funding if the application is approved by New York State, thereby reducing the total Project costs by said amount; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the County Executive, with the advice and assistance of the County Attorney, is authorized to finalize and execute a grant agreement upon approval of the Project proposal and presentment of said Agreement by NYSDOT; and be it further

RESOLVED, that this Resolution shall take effect immediately.

BY POLL VOTE: ALL AYES. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Item #5ff - Approval - Department of Public Works – Use of Capital Facility Reserve – (25CP05) (Walk-In Cooler & Associated Repairs at Putnam County Golf Course) was next. On behalf of the members of the Physical Services Committee, Legislators Crowley and Jonke, Legislator Ellner moved the following:

RESOLUTION #258

APPROVAL - DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS – USE OF CAPITAL FACILITY RESERVE – (25CP05) (Walk-In Cooler & Associated Repairs at Putnam County Golf Course)

WHEREAS, the Commissioner of Public Works has proposed the use of \$50,000 from the Capital Facility Reserve to fund Project #25CP05 – Walk-In Cooler & Associated Repairs at Putnam County Golf Course; and

WHEREAS, the existing walk-in cooler used in support of ongoing activities at the Putnam County Golf Course has reached the end of its useful life; and

WHEREAS, in order to keep the cooler in service for as long as possible, DPW has continued to make numerous ongoing repairs, which are becoming more frequent and futile while the cooler's operational longevity is becoming less likely; and

WHEREAS, the Commissioner of Public Works is proposing to replace the existing cooler with a new, comparable unit; and

WHEREAS, once the existing unit is removed, DPW will need to repair the floor structure beneath it as the floor has fallen into a state of disrepair and structural improvements will be necessary to accommodate the new unit; and

WHEREAS, DPW will address these flooring improvements in-house to conserve costs; and

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

RESOLVED, that the Putnam County Legislature approves and authorizes the expenditure of \$50,000 from the Capital Facility Reserve fund budget line 55197000 53000 51509 as follows:

25CP05 – Walk-In Cooler & Associated Repairs at Putnam County Golf Course

Project cost not to exceed \$50,000

BY ROLL CALL VOTE: EIGHT AYES. ONE NAY - LEGISLATOR MONTGOMERY. MOTION CARRIES.

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

Item #5gg - Approval – Budgetary Amendment (25A089) – Sheriff’s Office – Youth Overtime was next. On behalf of the members of the Audit & Administrative Committee, Legislators Birmingham and Crowley, Chairwoman Sayegh moved the following:

RESOLUTION #259

APPROVAL – BUDGETARY AMENDMENT (25A089) – SHERIFF’S OFFICE – YOUTH OVERTIME

WHEREAS, the Putnam County Acting Sheriff has requested a budgetary amendment (25A089) to recognize reimbursement for services rendered to the School Districts in excess of the 2025 budget; and

WHEREAS, the funds are being requested to be applied to Overtime expense; 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 Revenues:

16311000 422601	Sheriff - Youth – Deputy Outside Serv	58,022
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Increase Expenses:

16311000 51093	Sheriff - Youth – Overtime	53,899
16311000 58002	Sheriff - Youth – Social Security	<u>4,123</u>
		58,022

2025 Fiscal Impact – 0 –

2026 Fiscal Impact – 0 –

BY POLL VOTE: ALL AYES. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Item #5hh - Approval – Budgetary Amendment (25A090) – County Clerk – Overtime and Furniture & Fixtures was next. On behalf of the members of the Audit & Administrative Committee, Legislators Birmingham and Crowley, Chairwoman Sayegh moved the following:

RESOLUTION #260

APPROVAL – BUDGETARY AMENDMENT (25A090) – COUNTY CLERK – OVERTIME AND FURNITURE & FIXTURES

WHEREAS, the County Clerk requested a budgetary amendment (25A090) to fund Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) Overtime and Furniture purchases through the end

of 2025 utilizing DMV revenues; 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 Estimated Appropriations:

10141100 51093	Overtime	15,000
10141100 52110	Furniture & Fixtures	<u>3,500</u>
		18,500

Increase Estimated Revenues:

10141100 412552	DMV Fees	18,500
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2025 Fiscal Impact – 0 –

2026 Fiscal Impact – 0 –

BY POLL VOTE: ALL AYES. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Item #5ii - Approval – Budgetary Amendment (25A091) – Social Services – Mental Health State Aid was next. On behalf of the members of the Audit & Administrative Committee, Legislators Birmingham and Crowley, Chairwoman Sayegh moved the following:

RESOLUTION #261

APPROVAL – BUDGETARY AMENDMENT (25A091) – SOCIAL SERVICES – MENTAL HEALTH STATE AID

WHEREAS, the Commissioner of Social Services has requested a budgetary amendment (25A091) 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 dated 9/04/25; 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 Estimated Revenues:

10431000 434981 10115	MH LGU State Aid CIT Training	512
10431000 434981 10120	MH LGU MH State Aid Respite Serv.	555
10036000 434951	MH CSS Sub-Contract	2,167
10038000 434944	MH State Aid Enhancements/COLA	1,315
10039000 434947	MH Childrens Case Mgmt	
	MH State Aid CF	1,097
10040000 434981	MH Reinvestment MH State Aid	15,890
10041000 434981	CMHS Comm Performance MH State Aid	552
10042000 434981	CMHS C&F Family Support Serv	
	MH Sate Aid	6,476
10043000 434981	CMHS MNHL MH State Aid	5,029
10044000 434981	CMHS Ongoing Integrated Emplm	
	MH State Aid	1,050
10046000 434981	CMHS Kendras Law MH State Aid	154
10052000 434981	Contracted MH Svcs Pros MH State Aid	<u>48,990</u>

83,787

Increase Appropriations:

10431000 54646 10115	MH LGU Contracts – CIT Training	512
10431000 54646 10120	MH LGU Contracts – Respite Serv.	555
10036000 54647	MH CSS Sub-Contract	2,167
10038000 54647	MH State Aid Enhancements/COLA Sub-Contract	1,315
10039000 54647	MH Childrens Case Mgmt Sub Contractors	1,097
10040000 54647	MH Reinvestment Sub Contractors	15,890
10041000 54647	CMHS Comm Performance Sub Contractors	552
10042000 54647	CMHS C&F Family Support Svcs Sub Contractors	6,476
10043000 54647	CMHS MNHL Sub Contractors	5,029
10044000 54647	CMHS Ongoing Integrated Emplm Sub Contract	1,050
10046000 54647	CMHS Kendras Law Sub Contractors	154
10052000 54647	Contracted MH Svcs Pros Sub Contractors	<u>48,990</u>
		83,787

2025 Fiscal Impact – 0 –

2026 Fiscal Impact – 0 –

BY POLL VOTE: ALL AYES. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Item #5jj - Approval – Budgetary Amendment (25A093) – DPW – Overtime was next. On behalf of the members of the Audit & Administrative Committee, Legislators Birmingham and Crowley, Chairwoman Sayegh moved the following:

RESOLUTION #262

APPROVAL – BUDGETARY AMENDMENT (25A093) – DPW – OVERTIME

WHEREAS, the Commissioner of DPW has requested a budgetary amendment (25A093) provide funding for projected Overtime expenses through the end of 2025; 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 Estimated Appropriations:

10511100 51093	Overtime	40,000
10511100 58002	FICA	<u>3,060</u>
		43,060

Decrease Estimated Appropriations:

10511100 54755	Janitorial	13,060
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Increase Estimated Revenues:

10131000 428661	Transfer from Road Machinery Fund	30,000
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ROAD MACHINERY FUND:

Increase Estimated Appropriations:

03990100 59030	Transfer to General Fund	30,000
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Decrease Estimated Appropriations:

10513000 54540	Radio Communications	30,000
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2025 Fiscal Impact – 0 –

2026 Fiscal Impact – 0 –

BY POLL VOTE: ALL AYES. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Item #5kk - Approval - Resolution of the Legislature of the County of Putnam, Providing an Exemption from Sales and Compensating Use Taxes for Receipts from Retail Sales of, and Consideration given or Contracted to be given for, Certain Clothing and Footwear, Pursuant to the Authority of Article 29 of the Tax Law of the State of New York was next. On behalf of the members of the Audit & Administration Committee, Legislators Birmingham and Crowley, Chairwoman Sayegh moved the following:

RESOLUTION #263

APPROVAL - RESOLUTION OF THE LEGISLATURE OF THE COUNTY OF PUTNAM, PROVIDING AN EXEMPTION FROM SALES AND COMPENSATING USE TAXES FOR RECEIPTS FROM RETAIL SALES OF, AND CONSIDERATION GIVEN OR CONTRACTED TO BE GIVEN FOR, CERTAIN CLOTHING AND FOOTWEAR, PURSUANT TO THE AUTHORITY OF ARTICLE 29 OF THE TAX LAW OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK

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

SECTION 1. Subdivision (a) of section six of Resolution No. 85, of 1977, as amended, is amended by adding a new paragraph (19) to read as follows:

(19). Clothing and footwear described in paragraph (30) of subdivision (a) of section 1115 of the New York Tax Law.

SECTION 2. This resolution shall take effect March 1, 2026, and shall expire and be deemed repealed on March 1, 2027, and shall apply in accordance with applicable transitional provisions of the New York Tax Law.

BY POLL VOTE: ALL AYES. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Item #5LL - Approval – Appointment – Putnam County Plumbing & Mechanical Trades Board was next. On behalf of the members of the Audit & Administrative Committee, Legislators Birmingham and Crowley, Chairwoman Sayegh moved the following:

RESOLUTION #264

APPROVAL – APPOINTMENT – PUTNAM COUNTY PLUMBING & MECHANICAL TRADES BOARD

RESOLVED, that the following be appointed to the Putnam County Plumbing & Mechanical Trades Board pursuant to Section 190-6(D):

Ferdy Guerra, Town of Southeast, as Section (D3) Citizen Representative, to fill the unexpired term of Master Plumber Stephen Alonge, said term to expire December 31, 2025.

And be it further

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

BY POLL VOTE: ALL AYES. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

#6. OTHER BUSINESS

Item #6c – Approval – Appointment Soil & Water Conservation District Board was next. On behalf of the members of the Audit & Administrative Committee, Legislators Birmingham and Crowley, Chairwoman Sayegh moved the following:

RESOLUTION #265

Legislator Montgomery stated there has been a lot of correspondence with the public since back in February 2025 regarding concerns of appointments to the Soil & Water Conservation District (SWCD) Board, and so to keep continuity and a functioning board, proposed to appoint Crystal Stowell. Legislator Montgomery stated that Crystal Stowell was on a list of recommendations from the SWDC Board to start on January 1, 2026, as David Vickery who is the appointed County Grange representative, will end his term on December 31, 2025.

Legislator Montgomery made a motion to appoint Crystal Stowell to the SWCD Board.

Legislator Sayegh stated that a motion to accept other business was needed first.

Legislative Clerk, Diane Trabulsy, confirmed and that a supermajority is required.

Legislator Montgomery made a motion to accept other business. Legislator Sayegh called for a Roll Call Vote.

BY CALL VOTE: NINE AYES. MOTION CARRIES.

Legislator Montgomery again made a motion to appoint Crystal Stowell to the SWCD Board for a term starting on January 1, 2026.

Legislator Jonke questioned Senior County Deputy Attorney Heather Abissi if there is a vacancy on the Board.

Senior County Deputy Attorney Heather Abissi stated not to her knowledge.

Legislator Jonke stated that if there is no vacancy, then it cannot be filled.

Legislator Ellner stated that as a Board member, he is aware of a vacancy effective on December 31, 2025, when Mr. Vickery steps down, and discussion is seen on the recent SWDC meeting video, although written minutes are not yet available.

Legislator Jonke questioned why this matter can't go through the usual committee process.

Legislator Montgomery stated that correspondence about this has been shared since back in February 2025, and in her opinion, no one has done anything about it.

Legislator Jonke stated that this should go through committee and not just be brought forth here.

Legislator Ellner stated that this is a specific position to be filled based on the recommendation of the Grange, not advertised to the public, and that Mr. Vickery is currently their representative.

Legislator Jonke stated that he would like to hear what legal counsel has to say.

Chairwoman Sayegh stated she agrees on this matter going to committee and that Mr. Vickery should have the chance to speak.

Legislator Addonizio stated that waiting to do this would further delay the matter.

Legislator Montgomery stated that she has watched the SWDC Board Meetings where Mr. Vickery did make a statement that he would not seek another term, and she feels it is her responsibility to make sure that the matter is addressed.

Legislator Crowley stated that December is busy for SWDC Board, as filings are due and as they finally have a quorum, she wants them to have the people there they need to get things done.

Legislator Montgomery stated the SWCD Board is losing two members.

Legislator Ellner stated that it was difficult to fill the Board, and as a member he would recommend moving this forward for continuity.

Legislator Russo stated that as a Board member, she agrees and supports this.

Legislator Montgomery stated that she has followed Mr. Vickery's service to the Town of Philipstown and Board for many years and wants to continue with what he has established and thanked him for his service.

Legislator Jonke asked Senior Deputy County Attorney Heather Abissi to confirm that Mr. Vickery's was a Grange appointed position.

Deputy County Attorney Abissi responded that the position for discussion should have

been a Grange appointed position.

Legislator Montgomery stated that in her opinion, there was some confusion regarding whether Mr. Vickery was the Grange appointment or not, but regardless, he is the Grange Representative to the SWCD Board and that NY state law requires that there is a member of the Grange represented on the SWDC Board.

Legislator Jonke questioned if the Grange was inactive and then reinstated.

Senior Deputy Attorney Heather Abissi stated that there was some controversy whether the Grange constitutes a County Grange, but recently there was a statement from New York State designating them as the one County Grange, although they are in Putnam Valley. She stated that nominees must represent a cross-section of Putnam County, otherwise the Legislature can request further other nominees, should they feel that the total County is not fairly represented.

Carmel resident Brett Yarris, a member of the SWDC Board, stated that it was discussed at the most recent SWDC meeting that Mr. Vickery would be stepping down and that he wants to assure continuity moving forward. He stated that his concern is that there could be two or three SWDC Board members off the Board after the November elections and that he wants to assure that the good work they are doing for taxpayers continues.

Legislator Jonke questioned Mr. Yarris if this candidate, in his opinion, is the most qualified for the job.

Mr. Yarris confirmed that Crystal Stowell, the candidate, was on a list from the Grange that was narrowed down based on qualifications, and she attended many SWDC meetings as a member of the public and spoke to Mr. Vickery regarding the necessary preparation for this role.

Chairwoman Sayegh made a motion to accept the appointment of Crystal Stowell to the SWCD Board and called for a Roll Call Vote.

RESOLUTION #265

APPROVAL – APPOINTMENT - PUTNAM COUNTY SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT BOARD

WHEREAS, pursuant to §6 of the New York State Soil and Water Conservation Districts Law, each county Board of Supervisors (or Legislature) shall appoint a Soil and Water Conservation District Board of Directors composed of two Legislators, one farm bureau representative recommended from a list by the county farm bureau, one representative recommended from a list by the county grange, and a member “at-large” representing the public; and

WHEREAS, the law further provides that the County Grange representative shall be appointed from a list of nominees submitted by the County Grange; and

WHEREAS, the Putnam Valley Grange #841, in accordance with this provision, has formally submitted a list of nominees to the Putnam County Legislature dated June 13, 2025; and

WHEREAS, upon review of the list of nominees and recommendations of the County Grange; and

WHEREAS, the Legislature recognizes the importance of accurate representation of the County Grange in accordance with New York State law and values the Grange's historic and ongoing contributions to local agricultural, conservation, and environmental initiatives; and

WHEREAS, the Legislature determined that Crystal Stowell's strong academic background in environmental science and engineering, combined with her professional experience in environmental consulting and stakeholder engagement with agencies such as NYSDEC, NYCDEP, and the USEPA, make her well-qualified to serve as the Grange representative; and

WHEREAS, the current Grange representative, David Vickery, has indicated he will not be seeking reappointment, and the Legislature seeks to ensure continuity of representation and a smooth transition beginning in the next term; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Putnam County Legislature hereby appoints Crystal Stowell as the Grange Representative to the Putnam County Soil and Water Conservation District Board, effective January 1, 2026; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that this appointment shall fulfill the statutory requirement for representation by the local Grange as outlined in the New York State Soil and Water Conservation Districts Law; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Clerk of the Legislature is directed to transmit a certified copy of this Resolution to the Putnam County Soil and Water Conservation District, the Putnam Valley Grange #841, and the New York State Soil and Water Conservation Committee; now therefore be it

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

BY ROLL CALL VOTE: NINE AYES. MOTION CARRIES.

Item #7- Recognition of Public on Agenda Items - None

Item # 8 - Recognition of Legislators

Legislator Montgomery stated that as the County is going into this budget season, she really appreciates the level of deliberation, collaboration and civil discourse of late across parties, achieved within the Legislature.

Legislator Ellner stated that as this budget season, he would like to thank his colleagues for their help, input and guidance, as it takes a tremendous amount of time to go through the preparation and discussions of the budget.

Legislator Russo stated that this will be her first budget season, and she appreciates the guidance, time and effort of the Legislature and others involved in the process. She stated that she attended the Suicide Prevention Walk outside the County building recently, which was well attended and shared that their hotline #988 is always available by call or text for anyone in need of immediate help. She stated that she attended the NYSAC conference this month and was humbled, honored and thankful that during one of the public sessions, Sheriff Juan Figueroa of Ulster County asked everyone to take a moment of silence in remembrance of Putnam County Sheriff Kevin McConville.

Legislator Sayegh stated that the Sybil Ludington statue restoration rally fundraiser is this Sunday and invited the public to attend.

Item #9 - Adjournment

There being no further business, at 8:06 P.M., Chairwoman Sayegh made a motion to adjourn; seconded by Legislator Ellner. All in favor.

Respectfully submitted by Administrative Assistant Mary Dechiaro.