

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

Thursday

December 18, 2025

(Immediately Following the 6:00pm Audit & Admin. Mtg.)

The meeting was called to order at 8:25 p.m. by Chairwoman Sayegh who requested that Legislator Montgomery lead in the Pledge of Allegiance and Legislator Ellner lead in the Legislative Prayer. Upon roll call, Legislators Addonizio, Ellner, Jonke, Birmingham, Montgomery and Chairwoman Sayegh were present. Legislators Gouldman, Russo and Crowley were absent. Also present was Legislative Counsel Abissi.

Item #4 – Pre-filed resolutions:

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

(Chairman Jonke, Legislators Addonizio & Gouldman)

Item #4a. Approval – 2026 Salaries For Officers And Employees Paid From County Funds was next. On behalf of the members of the Personnel Committee, Legislators Addonizio and Gouldman, Chairman Jonke moved the following:

RESOLUTION: #360

APPROVAL/ 2026 SALARIES FOR OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES PAID FROM COUNTY FUNDS

WHEREAS, Pursuant to Section 2.04 of the Putnam County Charter and Section 201 of the NYS County Law, the Putnam County Legislature must fix by resolution the compensation of all officers and employees paid from County funds; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the salaries for fiscal year 2026 for all officers and employees, or their successors, who are not members of bargaining units or whose salaries are not required to be set by Local Law are hereby set at the amounts listed attached; and be it further

RESOLVED, that these employees will also be paid any benefits and/or receive incentive payments resulting from the Putnam County Flex Plan; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Commissioner of Finance is authorized to determine the method of pay out of monies as herein described.

<u>Pay Position</u>	<u>Pay Position Description</u>	<u>2026 Adopted</u>
101010101	LEGISLATOR	48,173.00
101010102	LEGISLATOR	48,173.00
101010103	LEGISLATOR	48,173.00
101010104	LEGISLATOR	48,173.00
101010105	LEGISLATOR	48,173.00

101010106	LEGISLATOR	48,173.00
101010107	LEGISLATOR	48,173.00
101010108	LEGISLATOR	48,173.00
101010109	LEGISLATOR	48,173.00
101010110	CLERK TO LEGIS	123,572.00
101010111	DEP CLERK TO LEGIS	100,922.00
101010113	ADMIN ASST (LEGIS)	71,970.00
10101011N	DEP CLERK TO LEGIS	87,000.00
10101011N	LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL (PT)	96,000.00
10101011N	MINORITY LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL (PT)	50,000.00
101010190	LEGISLATIVE STIPEND	12,044.00
116510101	DISTRICT ATTORNEY	223,700.00
116510103	CHIEF ASST DA	180,862.00
116510104	ASST DA	109,648.00
116510108	ASST DA	105,468.00
116510110	CRIM INVES (DA)	94,714.00
116510111	ASST DA	77,270.00
116510122	SPECIAL VICTIMS INVES (DA)	92,533.00
116510125	ASST DA	110,404.00
116510126	ASST DA	99,372.00
116510129	CHIEF OF STAFF (DIST ATTORNEY)	87,046.00
116510130	FIRST ASST DA	156,126.00
116510133	ASST DA APPEALS	133,900.00
116510134	ASST DA BUREAU CHIEF	137,582.00
1165101N	ASST DA FINANCIAL CRIMES & INVESTIGATIONS	105,000.00
118510101	CORONER	48,173.00
118510102	CORONER	48,173.00
118510103	CORONER	48,173.00

118510104	CONF SEC TO COUNTY CORONER	63,000.00
118510194	COORD OF CORONERS (MD)	12,000.00
123010101	COUNTY EXECUTIVE	181,303.00
123010102	DEP CNTY EXEC	167,464.00
123010103	CHIEF OF STAFF (COUNTY EXEC)	93,635.00
123010106	CONF SEC TO COUNTY EXEC	81,755.00
123010107	DIRECTOR OF COMMUNICATIONS	90,257.00
123010108	DIR COMP INTERGOV RELATIONS	73,388.00
131010101	COMM OF FINANCE	175,782.00
131010110	DEP COMM FINANCE	116,000.00
131010116	PAYROLL MANAGER	102,900.00
131010120	FIRST DEP COMM FINANCE	130,809.00
132010101	COUNTY AUDITOR	150,000.00
132010102	AUDIT MANAGER	87,000.00
132010103	DEP CNTY AUDITOR	127,000.00
134510101	DIR PURCH & CTRL SVCS	156,437.00
134510109	CAPITAL ASSET & PROCURE MANAGER	62,100.00
135510101	DIR REAL PRP TAX SVC	113,093.00
141010101	COUNTY CLERK	156,963.00
141010102	FIRST DEP CNTY CLERK	137,845.00
141010104	CONF SEC TO COUNTY CLK	73,912.00
141110101	DEP CNTY CLERK	70,476.00
141110103	DEP CNTY CLERK	99,841.00
146010101	ASST RCDS MGMT OFCR	75,495.00
146010193	COUNTY CLERK	7,500.00
142010101	COUNTY ATTORNEY	175,782.00
142010102	CONF SEC TO COUNTY ATTY	69,134.00
142010103	DEP CNTY ATTORNEY	102,107.00

142010104	FIRST DEP CNTY ATTY	156,483.00
142010105	SR DEP CNTY ATTY	142,558.00
142010110	RISK MANAGER	105,451.00
142010112	SR DEP CNTY ATTY	128,099.00
142010118	DEP COUNTY ATTY	118,450.00
142010119	SR DEP CNTY ATTY	71,650.00
142010120	DEP CNTY ATTORNEY	132,189.00
143010101	PERSONNEL OFFICER	163,358.00
143010111	DEPUTY PERSONNEL OFFICER	124,481.00
143010N	OFFICE MANAGER	80,751.00
143010N	OFFICE MANAGER	4,250.00
144010101	SUPV PLAN & DESIGN	142,091.00
144010110	COORD ENGINEERING PROJECTS	119,617.00
149010134	COMMISSIONER DEPT PUB WORKS	163,647.00
149010135	DEP COMM DEPT PUB WORKS	129,431.00
149010136	CONF SECRETARY TO COMM DPW	64,507.00
711010102	PARK SUPERINTENDENT	100,943.00
145010101	COMM OF ELECTIONS	112,710.00
145010102	COMM OF ELECTIONS	112,710.00
145010103	DEP COMM BD OF ELECT	99,885.00
145010104	ELECTION SPECIALIST	66,091.00
145010105	ELECTION SPECIALIST	66,091.00
145010106	DEP COMM BD OF ELECT	99,885.00
145010109	ELECTION SPECIALIST	72,629.00
145010110	ELECTION SPECIALIST	72,629.00
145010111	VOTING MCH TECH (PT)	34,661.00
145010112	VOTING MCH TECH (PT)	34,661.00
145010113	ELECTION SPECIALIST	35,721.00

145010113	ELECTION SPECIALIST	33,046.00
145010114	ELECTION SPECIALIST	66,091.00
168010109	DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF IT/GIS	93,000.00
168010120	DIR OF IT/GIS	154,892.00
311010101	SHERIFF	180,313.00
311010102	UNDERSHERIFF	166,560.00
311010103	ROAD PATROL CAPTAIN	158,629.00
311010110	CONF SECRETARY	68,135.00
311010114	CRIMINAL INVESTIGATIONS CAPT	158,629.00
311010125	CHIEF OF STAFF (SHERIFF)	82,400.00
311010127	OPERATIONS CAPT	158,629.00
311010128	CIVIL BUREAU CAPT	158,629.00
315010101	CORRECTION CAPTAIN	158,629.00
315010106	CORRECTION LIEUT	146,732.00
315010109	CORRECTION LIEUT	146,732.00
314110101	STOP DWI PRGM ADMIN	14,421.00
314010122	PROBATION DIRECTOR GROUP A	139,938.00
398910101	COMM OF EMERG SVCS	64,746.00
398910115	DIR OF EMERG MGMT	97,366.00
398913103	DEP COMM EMERG SVCS	105,833.00
398910101	COMM OF EMERG SVCS	64,746.00
398910102	EMERG SVC COORD (PT)	5,150.00
398910104	EMERG SVC COORD (PT)	5,150.00
398910105	EMERG SVC COORD (PT)	5,150.00
398910106	EMERG SVC COORD (PT)	5,150.00
398910107	EMERG SVC COORD (PT)	5,150.00
398910109	CONF SECRETARY	69,389.00
398910112	DIR OF EMERG MED SERV	92,075.00

398910113	EMERG SVC COORD (PT)	5,150.00
398910114	EMERG SVC COORD (PT)	5,150.00
398914101	EMS EDUCATION COORDINATOR	72,883.00
401010119	PUB HLTH DIRECTOR	159,650.00
401010120	MEDICAL CONSULTANT	113,300.00
816010101	SOLID WASTE MANAGER	82,400.00
401066109	QUALITY IMPRV/PRGRM EVAL MNGR	83,640.00
401077101	PUB HEALTH DATA & INFO SPEC	83,640.00
198910102	COORD OFFICE INDIV DISABILITIE	41,896.00
198910102	COORD OFFICE INDIV DISABILITIE	62,844.00
431010101	DIR OF MENTAL HEALTH	72,000.00
731010108	COMM OF SOC SVCES & MH	34,086.00
431010101	DIR OF MENTAL HEALTH	48,000.00
431010103	DUAL RECOVERY COORD	97,338.00
731010104	YOUTH DIRECTOR	11,786.00
431010102	CRISIS INTERV SPEC (LAW ENF)	97,338.00
601002101	DIR OF CHILD/FAM SVCES	133,779.00
731010104	YOUTH DIRECTOR	21,381.00
601020125	DEP COMM SOC SVCES & YB	124,470.00
731010108	COMM OF SOC SVCES & MH	127,821.00
641010101	DIRECTOR OF TOURISM	92,603.00
651010101	COUNTY VETERANS DIR	92,164.00
651010106	VETERANS ASST (PT)	4,553.00
651010108	DEP CNTY VETERANS DIR	68,458.00
651010N11	VETERANS SERVICE OFFICER- P/T 30HPW	50,000.00
661010101	DIR OF CONS AFFAIRS/WTS&MSRS	52,492.00
661010111	CONF SECRETARY	26,028.00
677210101	DIR, OFFICE SENIOR RESOURCES	116,631.00

677210103	CONF SECRETARY	68,250.00
677210145	DEPUTY DIR, OSR	92,700.00
601020125	DEP COMM SOC SVCES & YB	13,830.00
731010104	YOUTH DIRECTOR	85,284.00
731010108	COMM OF SOC SVCES & MH	8,521.00
731010112	DEP YOUTH DIRECTOR	97,200.00
751110101	COUNTY HISTORIAN	80,000.00
802010101	COMM OF PLAN DEV & PUB TRANS	139,297.00
802010123	DEPUTY COMM OF PLAN DEV & PUB TRANS	103,000.00
802110107	SOIL WATER CONS DISTRICT MANAG	108,150.00
511010127	SUPV CONSTR & MAINT	116,161.00

BY POLL VOTE: SIX AYES. LEGISLATORS CROWLEY, GOULDMAN AND RUSSO WERE ABSENT. MOTION CARRIES.

Item #4b. Approval – Fund Transfer (25T472)- Putnam County Sheriff's - Cover Overtime through to the end of the year was next. On behalf of the members of the Personnel Committee, Legislators Addonizio and Gouldman, Chairman Jonke moved the following:

RESOLUTION #361

APPROVAL/ FUND TRANSFER (25T472)- PUTNAM COUNTY SHERIFF'S - COVER OVERTIME THROUGH TO END OF YEAR

WHEREAS, Putnam County Sheriff requested Fund Transfer (25T472) to fund the Overtime through to the end of the year; 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:

Decrease:

17002000 51093	Sheriff Weight Enforcement: Overtime	3,7000
17311000 51093	Sheriff Patrol: Overtime	60,000
17002000 58002	Sheriff Weight Enforcement: FICA	283.05
17311000 58002	Traffic Patrol: FICA	4,590
	Total:	68,573.05

Increase:

13311000 51093	Sheriff Communications: Overtime	3,7000
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17311000 51093 10102	Sheriff Patrol: Overtime: SRT	60,000
13311000 58002	Sheriff Communications: FICA	283.05
17311000 58002 10102	Sheriff Patrol: Overtime: SRT: FICA	4,590
	Total:	<u>68,573.05</u>

2025 Fiscal Impact – 0 –

2026 Fiscal Impact – 0 –

BY POLL VOTE: SIX AYES. LEGISLATORS CROWLEY, GOULDMAN AND RUSSO WERE ABSENT. MOTION CARRIES.

Item #4c. Approval – Fund Transfer (25T492)- Putnam County Sheriff's – Correctional Facility - Cover Overtime from the month of August was next. On behalf of the members of the Personnel Committee, Legislators Addonizio and Gouldman, Chairman Jonke moved the following:

RESOLUTION #362

APPROVAL/ FUND TRANSFER (25T492)- PUTNAM COUNTY SHERIFF'S – CORRECTIONAL FACILITY - COVER OVERTIME FROM THE MONTH OF AUGUST

WHEREAS, Putnam County Sheriff requested Fund Transfer (25T492) to fund the Overtime from the month of August in the Correctional Facility; 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:

Decrease:

10315000 51000 101015	Jail General: Pers. Correction Officer	7,196
10315000 51000 10114	Jail General: Pers. Correction Officer	5,032
10315000 51000 10115	Jail General: Pers. Correction Officer	7,316
10315000 51000 10154	Jail General: Pers. Correction Officer	5,667
10315000 51000 10160	Jail General: Pers. Correction Officer	5,545
10315000 58002	Jail General: FICA	2,354
	Total:	<u>33,110</u>

Increase:

10008000 51093	Jail Medical: Overtime	19,756
10012000 51093	Jail Staff Training: Overtime	6,000
10010000 51093	Jail Food Services: Overtime	5,000
10012000 58002	Jail Staff Training: FICA	459
10010000 58002	Jail Food Services: FICA	383
10008000 58002	Jail Medical: FICA	1,512
	Total:	<u>33,110</u>

2025 Fiscal Impact – 0 –

2026 Fiscal Impact – 0 –

BY POLL VOTE: SIX AYES. LEGISLATORS CROWLEY, GOULDMAN AND RUSSO WERE ABSENT. MOTION CARRIES.

Item #4d. Approval – Fund Transfer (25T493)- Putnam County Sheriff’s – Correctional Facility - Cover Overtime from the month of September was next. On behalf of the members of the Personnel Committee, Legislators Addonizio and Gouldman, Chairman Jonke moved the following:

RESOLUTION #363

APPROVAL/ FUND TRANSFER (25T493)- PUTNAM COUNTY SHERIFF’S – CORRECTIONAL FACILITY - COVER OVERTIME FROM THE MONTH OF SEPTEMBER

WHEREAS, Putnam County Sheriff requested Fund Transfer (25T493) to fund the Overtime from the month of September in the Correctional Facility; 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:

Decrease:

10315000 51000 101015	Jail General: Pers. Correction Officer	7,196
10315000 51000 10114	Jail General: Pers. Correction Officer	5,032
10315000 51000 10115	Jail General: Pers. Correction Officer	7,316
10315000 51000 10154	Jail General: Pers. Correction Officer	5,667
10315000 51000 10160	Jail General: Pers. Correction Officer	5,545
	Total	30,756

Increase:

10315000 51093	Jail General: Overtime	30,756
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2025 Fiscal Impact – 0 –

2026 Fiscal Impact – 0 –

BY POLL VOTE: SIX AYES. LEGISLATORS CROWLEY, GOULDMAN AND RUSSO WERE ABSENT. MOTION CARRIES.

Item #4e. Approval – Fund Transfer (25T494)- Putnam County Sheriff’s – Correctional Facility - Cover Overtime from the month of October was next. On behalf of the members of the Personnel Committee, Legislators Addonizio and Gouldman, Chairman Jonke moved the following:

RESOLUTION #364

APPROVAL/ FUND TRANSFER (25T494)- PUTNAM COUNTY SHERIFF’S – CORRECTIONAL FACILITY - COVER OVERTIME FROM THE MONTH OF OCTOBER

WHEREAS, Putnam County Sheriff requested Fund Transfer (25T494) to fund the Overtime from the month of October in the Correctional Facility; 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:

Decrease:

10315000 51000 101015	Jail General: Pers. Correction Officer	7,538
10315000 51000 10114	Jail General: Pers. Correction Officer	5,272
10315000 51000 10115	Jail General: Pers. Correction Officer	7,665
10315000 51000 10154	Jail General: Pers. Correction Officer	5,937
10315000 51000 10160	Jail General: Pers. Correction Officer	5,809
	Total	32,221

Increase:

10315000 51093	Jail General: Overtime	32,221
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2025 Fiscal Impact – 0 –

2026 Fiscal Impact – 0 –

BY POLL VOTE: SIX AYES. LEGISLATORS CROWLEY, GOULDMAN AND RUSSO WERE ABSENT. MOTION CARRIES.

PROTECTIVE SERVICES COMMITTEE

(Chairman Jonke, Legislators Addonizio & Birmingham)

Item #4f. Approval –Budgetary Amendment (25A117) - Putnam County Sheriff's Office Inmate Commissary Funds to Purchase A Classification Printer and additional accessories was next. On behalf of the members of the Protective Services Committee, Legislators Addonizio and Birmingham, Chairman Jonke moved the following:

RESOLUTION #365

APPROVAL – BUDGETARY AMENDMENT (25A117) - PUTNAM COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE INMATE COMMISSARY FUNDS TO PURCHASE A CLASSIFICATION PRINTER AND ADDITIONAL ACCESSORIES

WHEREAS, Sheriff has requested Budgetary Amendment (25A117) to use Inmate Commissary Funds to purchase a Zebra dual-sided Classification Printer, printer ribbons and cards to be worn by the inmates based upon their classification ; 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:

Increase Revenue:

10315000 427701	Sheriff – Jail - Unclassified	3,592.26
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Increase Appropriations:

10315000 52130	Sheriff – Jail – Computer Equipment	3,592.26
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2025 Fiscal Impact – 0 –
2026 Fiscal Impact – 0 –

BY POLL VOTE: SIX AYES. LEGISLATORS CROWLEY, GOULDMAN AND RUSSO WERE ABSENT. MOTION CARRIES.

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

Item #4g. Approval – Budgetary Amendment (25A120) – Department of Planning, Development and Public Transportation – Recently Executed Two (2) Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Grants- NY-2025-061 and NY-2025-043 was next. On behalf of the members of the Physical Services Committee, Legislators Crowley and Jonke, Chairman Ellner moved the following:

RESOLUTION #366

APPROVAL BUDGETARY AMENDMENT (25A120) – DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING, DEVELOPMENT AND PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION – RECENTLY EXECUTED TWO (2) FEDERAL TRANSIT ADMINISTRATION (FTA) GRANTS- NY-2025-061 AND NY-2025-043

WHEREAS, Commissioner of Department of Planning, Development and Public Transportation has requested Budgetary Amendment (25A120) for the recently executed two (2) FTA Grants, NY-2025-061, Cashless Fare and Project Administration, and NY-2025-043, Rolling Stock Purchase of three (3) vehicles; and

WHEREAS, These grants are utilizing 2022 and 2023 Section 5307 and 5339 formula funding; 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:

CAPITAL FUND:

Increase Estimated Appropriations:

10990100 59020	Transfer to Capital Fund	105,091
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Decrease Estimated Appropriations:

10199000 54980	Contingency	105,091
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CAPITAL FUND:

Increase Estimated Appropriations:

55997000 53000 52524	Cashless Fare Project	850,000
55997000 53000 52525	Transit Buses	450,000
55997000 53000 50330	Bikeway 2 Stage 4	2,500,000
		3,800,000

Increase Estimated Appropriations:

55997000 53000 52306	Transit Section 5307 FFY 2023	81,579
55997000 53000 52413	Transit Section 5307 FFY 2024	202,331

55997000 53000 52514	Transit Section 5307 FFY 2025	766,991
		<u>1,050,901</u>

Increase Estimated Revenues:

55997000 445970 52524	Fed Aid Section 5307-Cashless Fare	680,000
55997000 445970 52525	Fed Aid Section 5307-Transit Buses	360,000
55997000 445970 50330	Fed Aid Section 5307-Bikeway 2 Stage 4	2,000,000
55997000 435970 52524	State Aid Section 5307-Cashless Fare	85,000
55997000 435970 52525	State Aid Section 5307-Transit Buses	45,000
55997000 435970 50330	State Aid Section 5307-Bikeway 2 Stage 4	250,000
55997000 428601 52524	Transfer from General Fund	85,000
55997000 428601 52525	Transfer from General Fund	45,000
55997000 428601 50330	Transfer from General Fund	250,000
		<u>3,800,000</u>

Increase Estimated Revenues:

55997000 445970 52306	Fed Aid Section 5307 FFY 2023	65,261
55997000 435970 52306	State Aid Section 5307 FFY 2023	8,159
55997000 428601 52306	Transfer from General Fund	8,159
55997000 445970 52413	Fed Aid Section 5307 FFY 2023	161,865
55997000 435970 52413	State Aid Section 5307 FFY 2023	20,233
55997000 428601 52413	Transfer from General Fund	20,233
55997000 445970 52514	Fed Aid Section 5307 FFY 2023	613,593
55997000 435970 52514	State Aid Section 5307 FFY 2023	76,699
55997000 428601 52514	Transfer from General Fund	76,699
		<u>1,050,901</u>

Decrease Estimated Appropriations:

55997000 53000 52006	Transit Section 5307 FFY 2020	100,000
55997000 53000 52103	Transit Section 5307 FFY 2021	73,669
55997000 53000 52103	Transit Section 5307 FFY 2021	952,542
55197000 53000 52206	Transit Section 5307 FFY 2022	26,331
55197000 53000 52206	Transit Section 5307 FFY 2022	1,303,243
55197000 53000 52306	Transit Section 5307 FFY 2023	1,303,212
55197000 53000 52413	Transit Section 5307 FFY 2024	1,193,545
		<u>4,952,542</u>

Decrease Estimated Revenues:

55997000 445970 52006	Fed Aid Section 5307 FFY 2020	80,000
55997000 435970 52006	State Aid Section 5307 FFY 2020	10,000
57997000 428601 52006	Transfer from General Fund	10,000
55997000 445970 52103	Fed Aid Section 5307 FFY 2021	58,935
55997000 435970 52103	State Aid Section 5307 FFY 2021	7,367
55997000 428601 52103	Transfer from General Fund	7,367
55997000 449898 52103	Fed Aid – ARPA 2021	632,148
55997000 445894 52103	Fed Aid – CRRSA 2021	320,394
55997000 445970 52206	Fed Aid Section 5307 FFY 2021	21,065
55997000 435970 52206	State Aid Section 5307 FFY 2021	2,633
55997000 428601 52206	Transfer from General Fund	2,633
55997000 445970 52206	Fed Aid Section 5307 FFY 2022	1,042,594
55997000 435970 52206	State Aid Section 5307 FFY 2022	130,324

55997000 428601 52206	Transfer from General Fund	130,325
55997000 445970 52306	Fed Aid Section 5307 FFY 2023	1,042,570
55997000 435970 52306	State Aid Section 5307 FFY 2023	130,321
55997000 428601 52306	Transfer from General Fund	130,321
55997000 445970 52413	Fed Aid Section 5307 FFY 2024	954,836
55997000 435970 52413	State Aid Section 5307 FFY 2024	119,354
55997000 428601 52413	Transfer from General Fund	119,355
		4,952,542
2025 Fiscal Impact – \$105,091		
2026 Fiscal Impact – 0 –		

BY POLL VOTE: SIX AYES. LEGISLATORS CROWLEY, GOULDMAN AND RUSSO WERE ABSENT. MOTION CARRIES.

Item #4h Approval – Budgetary Amendment (25A122) – Commissioner of Finance – Planning Department – Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) Reflect Actual Allocations was next. On behalf of the members of the Physical Services Committee, Legislators Crowley and Jonke, Chairman Ellner moved the following:

RESOLUTION #367

APPROVAL – BUDGETARY AMENDMENT (25A122) – COMMISSIONER OF PLANNING – UNIFIED PLANNING WORK PROGRAM (UPWP) REFLECT ACTUAL ALLOCATIONS

WHEREAS, Commissioner of Finance requested Budgetary Amendment (25A122) to adjust the UPWP accounts to reflect actual allocations; 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:

CAPITAL FUND:

Decrease Estimated Appropriations:

55997000 53000 52308	UPWP	250,075.11
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Decrease Estimated Revenues:

55997000 449895 52308	UPWP	250,075.11
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2025 Fiscal Impact – 0 –

2026 Fiscal Impact – 0 –

BY POLL VOTE: SIX AYES. LEGISLATORS CROWLEY, GOULDMAN AND RUSSO WERE ABSENT. MOTION CARRIES.

Item #4i. Approval – Fund Transfer (25T454) – Department of Public Works (DPW) - Funds to Replace Trusses on Animal Shelter Building at Tilly Foster Farm was next. On behalf of the members of the Physical Services Committee, Legislators Crowley and Jonke,

Chairman Ellner moved the following:

RESOLUTION #368

APPROVAL – FUND TRANSFER (25T454) – DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS (DPW) - FUNDS TO REPLACE TRUSSES ON ANIMAL SHELTER BUILDING AT TILLY FOSTER FARM

WHEREAS, Commissioner of DPW requested Fund Transfer (25T454) to fund the replacement of trusses on the animal shelter building at Tilly Foster Farm; and

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

RESOLVED, that the following fund transfer:

Decrease:

10084000 54710 10143	Tilly Foster Farm Bldg. Maintenance/ Repairs Agricultural Center	1,500
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Increase:

10084000 54710	Tilly Foster Farm Bldg. Maintenance/ Repairs Agricultural Center	1,500
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2025 Fiscal Impact – 0 –

2026 Fiscal Impact – 0 –

BY POLL VOTE: SIX AYES. LEGISLATORS CROWLEY, GOULDMAN AND RUSSO WERE ABSENT. MOTION CARRIES.

Item #4j. Approval – Authorizing Lease Agreement/ Special Victim’s Unit Facility was next. On behalf of the members of the Physical Services Committee, Legislators Crowley and Jonke, Chairman Ellner moved the following:

RESOLUTION #369

APPROVAL RESOLUTION/AUTHORIZING LEASE AGREEMENT/SPECIAL VICTIM’S UNIT FACILITY/20 FAIR STREET, CARMEL, NEW YORK

WHEREAS, the County is currently experiencing a serious and devastating issue relative to sexual crimes involving victims 18 years old and over; and

WHEREAS, this category of victims within the County has been underserved with respect to the investigation of alleged criminal incidents and resources offered to victims by the County, including a dedicated facility for use as a dedicated advocacy/investigation center; and

WHEREAS, the Putnam County Sheriff has recently created a Special Victim’s Unit which would handle cases involving victims of sexual crimes who are 18 years of age and older, and which would handle the case management of sexual crimes and the investigation thereof; and

WHEREAS, the Putnam County Sheriff, together with Putnam-Northern Westchester Women’s Resource Center, are desirous of creating a proper arena to conduct said

investigations and interviews of victims of sexual crimes who are 18 years of age and older much the same as is done for children under the age of 18 at the Child Advocacy Center; and

WHEREAS, the Putnam County Sheriff's Office has currently budgeted for the full lease amount for 2026 to cover the cost of the lease agreement for that period. It is our understanding that Putnam-Northern Westchester Women's Resource Center will be reimbursing those costs through grant money, commencing January 1, 2026 and ending December 31, 2029, not to exceed \$127,392.00 for the contract period and requiring no match from the County of Putnam, for the purpose of establishing a Special Victim's Unit Facility; and

WHEREAS, Source Properties, Inc. is the owner of certain real property located at 20 Fair Street, Carmel, New York, including the building and appurtenances located thereon; and

WHEREAS, the County of Putnam is desirous of leasing, for the purpose of operating a Special Victim's Unit and Advocacy Facility, 20 Fair Street in the Town of Carmel, New York; and

WHEREAS, said property is the ideal location for a much-needed special victim's facility, as it is easily accessible by the Sheriff's Department and District Attorney's Office personnel, as well as by all law enforcement entities serving the County; and

WHEREAS, the Putnam County Sheriff, with the advice and assistance of the County Attorney, has entered negotiations with Source Properties, Inc. for the lease of the building and parking lot located at 20 Fair Street in the Town of Carmel, New York; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 215 of the New York State County Law, the Putnam County Sheriff has requested that the Putnam County Legislature grant authorization for such lease; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that pursuant to Section 215 of the New York State County Law the Lease Agreement between Source Properties, Inc. and the County of Putnam for the premises located at 20 Fair Street, Carmel, New York is approved, as specified herein, and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Putnam County Sheriff and the County Executive shall be authorized, with the advice and assistance of the County Attorney, to execute said Lease Agreement with Source Properties, Inc., which shall be in the form and content attached hereto as Exhibit "A".

RESOLVED, this Resolution shall take effect immediately.

BY POLL VOTE: SIX AYES. LEGISLATORS CROWLEY, GOULDMAN AND RUSSO WERE ABSENT. MOTION CARRIES.

Item #4k. Approval – Agricultural District Inclusion Criteria – Agricultural and Farmland Protection Board was next. On behalf of the members of the Physical Services Committee, Legislators Crowley and Jonke, Chairman Ellner moved the following:

RESOLUTION #370

APPROVAL – AGRICULTURAL DISTRICT INCLUSION CRITERIA

WHEREAS, Article XIV of the New York State Constitution establishes the policy of the State to conserve and protect its natural resources, including agricultural lands, for the benefit of present and future generations; and

WHEREAS, Article 25-AA of the New York State Agriculture and Markets Law (AML) declares it to be the policy of the State to conserve, protect, and encourage the development and improvement of agricultural lands and to prevent the unreasonable restriction of farm operations within designated Agricultural Districts; and

WHEREAS, it is the policy of Putnam County to protect and encourage the development and improvement of agricultural lands and to recognize that the economic vitality of agricultural businesses is essential to the County's economic stability and growth; and

WHEREAS, AML §302 authorizes the establishment of a County Agricultural and Farmland Protection Board (AFPB) to advise the Legislature regarding the creation, modification, continuation, and termination of Agricultural Districts; and

WHEREAS, by Resolution #304 of 1988, the Putnam County Legislature established the "Great Swamp," as a critical environmental area, which may overlap with lands being considered for inclusion in the Agricultural District; and

WHEREAS, by Resolution #144 of 1997, the Putnam County Legislature established the Putnam County Agricultural and Farmland Protection Board with such functions and duties as prescribed in AML §302(1)(c)–(e); and

WHEREAS, by Resolution #81 of 2003, Putnam County Legislature created an Agricultural District in the County of Putnam; and

WHEREAS, by Resolution #244 of 2003, the Putnam County Legislature established the month of November as the month in which a landowner may request inclusion in the Putnam County Agriculture District; and

WHEREAS, by Resolution #139 of 2007, the Putnam County Legislature established supplemental criteria for inclusion into the Agricultural District; and

WHEREAS, by Resolution #154 of 2015, the Putnam County Legislature changed the annual thirty-day inclusion request period, from the month of November to April 1st through April 30th, commencing in the year 2016 and each year thereafter; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Article 25AA of the Agriculture & Markets Law section 303-b provides for the inclusion of viable agricultural land into a certified Agricultural District; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Article 25AA of the Agriculture and Markets Law the Putnam County Legislature is charged with determining whether a parcels lands are "viable agricultural land," as defined in Agriculture & Markets Law §301(7) and suitable for inclusion in the Agricultural District under §303-b of the Agriculture & Markets Law; and

WHEREAS, the Putnam County Legislature wishes to codify the factors by which it shall make such determinations; now it is hereby

RESOLVED, that this resolution supersedes Resolution #139 of 2007, and be it further

RESOLVED, that, consistent with the County's obligations to safeguard the health, safety, and wellbeing of the residents of Putnam County, when considering whether lands are viable agricultural lands and suitable for inclusion in the Agricultural District pursuant to Section 303-b of the Agriculture and Markets Law the following factors, which are not exclusive, shall be considered by AFPB in making their recommendations to the Putnam County Legislature, but no single factor shall ever serve as a sole basis for exclusion:

- 1. Whether the parcel includes viable agricultural land as defined by Agriculture & Markets Law 301(7)**
- 2. Whether the parcel is under current or proposed agricultural use, including whether the parcel is presently used or reasonably capable of being used for agricultural production;**
- 3. Whether the parcel, if proposed for agricultural use, qualifies as a start-up farm;**
- 4. Whether the parcel's contribution or proposed contribution to the local**

- agricultural economy, including diversification, specialty products, or expansion of agricultural capacity within the County supports or refutes inclusion;
5. Whether a sketch plan, business plan, or any other document by which the viability of the proposed start-up can be assessed has been provided to demonstrate its potential for becoming a financially viable farm operation, if proposed as a start-up farm;
 6. Whether vacant lands or proposed start-up farms are part of a current farm already in operation within the Agricultural District, such that the farm is merely transferring location;
 7. Whether the parcel is within or adjacent to a Critical Environmental Area, as defined in 6 NYCRR 617.2(i), or a sensitive natural resource (currently identified critical environmental areas and sensitive natural resources are provided in Schedule A annexed hereto);
 8. Whether an on-site assessment has been conducted by members of the AFPB ;
 9. Whether farm operations follow agricultural Best Management Practices as defined in Agriculture & Markets Law §150(4);
 10. Whether each parcel has been confirmed to be in compliance with Town, State, and Federal law and free and clear of any such violations prior to consideration of its application for inclusion, however, parcels shall not be excluded solely due to unrelated Town, State, or Federal violations unless such violations directly undermine agricultural viability or land stewardship, but nothing herein prohibits or enjoins any municipal authority from its lawful code enforcement powers; violations issued after the submission of an Agricultural District application shall not be treated as disqualifying when administrative, unsubstantiated, or unrelated to agricultural use; and
 11. Whether notice has been provided to adjacent landowners of the applicant's intention to seek inclusion of the specified parcel in the Agricultural District;
 12. Whether observations and findings made by the AFPB relative to these factors during site visits, where such visits are utilized support or refute the propriety of inclusion;
 13. Whether any additional information that bears upon the purposes, intent, and public-interest goals of Article 25-AA, including the protection of farmland, the encouragement of agricultural development, and/or the prevention of unreasonable local restrictions on farm operations support or refute the propriety of inclusion; and be it further

RESOLVED, in cases of uncertainty regarding statutory interpretation or agricultural viability, the Legislature may direct the AFPB to request an opinion from the New York State Department of Agriculture and Markets prior to final legislative action; and be it further

RESOLVED, that when determining whether land constitutes “viable agricultural land” as defined in AML §301(7) and evaluated under AML §303-b, the Putnam County Legislature shall seek advice based upon the specialized knowledge and expertise of the AFPB in assessing these appropriate factors and their recommendations for a parcel’s inclusion or exclusion from the Agricultural District; and be it further

RESOLVED, that these considerations are intended to guide AFPB analysis and legislative review, without creating new statutory thresholds or disqualifying criteria, and shall be applied solely within the scope of Article 25-AA; and be it further

RESOLVED, that all criteria shall be interpreted in a light most favorable toward inclusion, not exclusion; and be it further

RESOLVED, if any factors would adversely affect the application for inclusion in the Agricultural District, the Agriculture & Farmland Protection Board shall notify the applicant upon discovery to give the applicant 10 days to remedy or cure the negative factors; and be it further

RESOLVED, if a court of competent jurisdiction deems any factor unlawful or otherwise unenforceable, that factor shall be severed and all other factors shall remain in full force and effect; and be it further

RESOLVED, an applicant who is initially recommended for denial for inclusion in the Agricultural District by the Agriculture & Farmland Protection Board may request a re-review of their application by written statement providing grounds for re-review to the Agriculture & Farmland Protection Board within seven (7) days. The Agriculture & Farmland Protection Board, upon consultation with the County's Soil and Water District and Cornell Cooperative Extension, shall then reconsider the application and send recommendations after re-review to the Legislature within thirty (30) days. After reconsideration, the Legislature shall again determine whether to include the parcel in the Agricultural District. If the determination of the Legislature appears to be in contravention of the New York Agriculture and Markets Law, the applicant may make written request that AFPB seek an opinion from the Commissioner of Agriculture and Markets. Upon such written request, the AFPB shall consult with New York State Department of Agriculture and Markets, and shall provide all required records necessary, and shall send a written request for an opinion from Commissioner of Agriculture and Markets under AML§308, such opinion shall be adopted and implemented in the final determination of the County Legislature; and be it further

RESOLVED, if a parcel is denied inclusion in the Agricultural District during any given application year, such denial does not preclude re-application during future enrollment periods; and be it further

RESOLVED, that this resolution shall take effect immediately and apply to all Agricultural District inclusion requests beginning with the 2026 inclusion cycle.

BY POLL VOTE: SIX AYES. LEGISLATORS CROWLEY, GOULDMAN AND RUSSO WERE ABSENT. MOTION CARRIES.

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

Item #4L. Approval/ Renew Contract/ Outside Auditors was next. On behalf of the members of the Audit & Administration Committee, Legislators Birmingham and Crowley, Chairwoman Sayegh moved the following:

RESOLUTION #371

APPROVAL/ RENEW CONTRACT/ OUTSIDE AUDITORS

WHEREAS, by Resolution #174 of 2020 the Putnam County Legislature designated O'Connor Davies, LLP for outside services for the fiscal years 2020 - 2024 under the terms set forth in their September 18, 2020, response to a Request for Proposal; and

WHEREAS, said Request for Proposal included an option of two, one year renewals; and

WHEREAS, the Putnam County Legislature desires to exercise the option to renew the contract agreement with O'Connor Davies, LLP for the year 2025 under the terms set forth in their letter of December 5, 2025, to Legislative Chairwoman Sayegh; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Putnam County Legislature approves the renewal of the contract with O'Connor Davies, LLP for outside services for the year 2025 under the terms set forth in their letter of December 5, 2025.

BY POLL VOTE: SIX AYES. LEGISLATORS CROWLEY, GOULDMAN AND RUSSO WERE ABSENT. MOTION CARRIES.

Item #4m. Approval – Budgetary Amendment (25A059) – Commissioners of Board of Elections – Recognize Grant from New York State for Electronic Poll Books was next. On behalf of the members of the Audit & Administration Committee, Legislators Birmingham and Crowley, Chairwoman Sayegh moved the following:

RESOLUTION #372

APPROVAL – BUDGETARY AMENDMENT (25A059) – COMMISSIONERS OF BOARD OF ELECTIONS – RECOGNIZE GRANT FUNDS FROM NEW YORK STATE FOR ELECTRONIC POLL BOOKS

WHEREAS, Commissioners of Board of Elections (BOE) requested Budgetary Amendment (25A059) to recognize grant funds from New York State for Electronic Poll Books; and

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

RESOLVED, that the following budgetary amendment:

Increase Estimated Revenues:

10145000 430972	BOE Capital Grants Project	91,432
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Increase Estimated Appropriations:

10145000 54783	BOE – Licensing & Accessories	2,133
10145000 52630	BOE – Computer Equipment	4,824

Increase Appropriations:

10199000 54980	General Contingencies	84,475
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2025 Fiscal Impact – (84,475)

2026 Fiscal Impact – 0 –

BY POLL VOTE: SIX AYES. LEGISLATORS CROWLEY, GOULDMAN AND RUSSO WERE ABSENT. MOTION CARRIES.

Item #4n. Approval – Fund Transfer (25T496) – Mental Health, Social Services and Youth Bureau - Funds for the Child Advocacy Center Partnership with the Women’s Resource Center was next. On behalf of the members of the Audit & Administration Committee, Legislators Birmingham and Crowley, Chairwoman Sayegh moved the following:

RESOLUTION #373

APPROVAL – FUND TRANSFER (25T496) – MENTAL HEALTH, SOCIAL SERVICES AND YOUTH BUREAU - FUNDS FOR THE CHILD ADVOCACY CENTER PARTNERSHIP WITH THE WOMEN’S RESOURCE CENTER

WHEREAS, Commissioner of Mental Health, Social Services and Youth Bureau requested Fund Transfer (25T496) to the Child Advocacy Center Partnership with the Women’s Resource Center; and

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

RESOLVED, that the following fund transfer:

Increase Estimated Appropriations:

22071000 54646	Contracts	116,836
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Decrease Estimated Appropriations:

10199000 54980	Contracts	116,836
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2025 Fiscal Impact – 116,836

2026 Fiscal Impact – 0 –

BY POLL VOTE: SIX AYES. LEGISLATORS CROWLEY, GOULDMAN AND RUSSO WERE ABSENT. MOTION CARRIES.

Item #4o. – Approval – Budgetary Amendment (24A123) – Finance – Year End Journal Entry #1 was next. On behalf of the members of the Audit & Administration Committee, Legislators Birmingham and Crowley, Chairwoman Sayegh moved the following:

RESOLUTION #374

APPROVAL – BUDGETARY AMENDMENT (25A123) – FINANCE – YEAR END JOURNAL ENTRY #1

WHEREAS, the Commissioner of Finance has requested a budgetary amendment (25A123) for the first Year End Journal Entry for the year ending December 31, 2025; 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 Estimated Appropriations:	
SEE ATTACHED SHEET	1,117,509
Decrease Estimated Appropriations:	
SEE ATTACHED SHEET	80,425
Increase Estimated Revenues:	
SEE ATTACHED SHEET	1,037,084

ROAD FUND

Decrease Estimated Appropriations:	
SEE ATTACHED SHEET	3,097
Decrease Estimated Revenues:	
SEE ATTACHED SHEET	3,097

ROAD MACHINERY FUND

Increase Estimated Appropriations:	
SEE ATTACHED SHEET	1,395
Increase Estimated Revenues:	
SEE ATTACHED SHEET	1,395

TRANSPORTATION FUND

Increase Estimated Appropriations:	
SEE ATTACHED SHEET	722
Increase Estimated Revenues:	
SEE ATTACHED SHEET	722

CAPITAL PROJECTS FUND

Increase Estimated Appropriations:	
SEE ATTACHED SHEET	608,381.95
Increase Estimated Revenues:	
SEE ATTACHED SHEET	614,979.40
Decrease Estimated Revenues:	
SEE ATTACHED SHEET	6,597.45

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

BY POLL VOTE: SIX AYES. LEGISLATORS CROWLEY, GOULDMAN AND RUSSO WERE ABSENT. MOTION CARRIES.

Item #4p. Approval – Budgetary Amendment (25A124) – Mental Health, Social Services and Youth Bureau - Adjust Mental Health State Aid Levels was next. On behalf of the members of the Audit & Administration Committee, Legislators Birmingham and Crowley,

Chairwoman Sayegh moved the following:

RESOLUTION #375

APPROVAL – BUDGETARY AMENDMENT (25A124) – MENTAL HEALTH, SOCIAL SERVICES AND YOUTH BUREAU - ADJUST MENTAL HEALTH STATE AID LEVELS

WHEREAS, Commissioners of Mental Health, Social Services and Youth Bureau requested Budgetary Amendment (25A124) to adjust the mental Health State Aid levels; and

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

RESOLVED, that the following budgetary amendment:

Increase Estimated Appropriations:

10431000 54640 10227	Education & Train -MH LGU LOSS TEAMS	5,000
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Increase Estimated Revenues:

10431000 430891 10227	State Aid – MH LGU LOSS TEAMS	5,000
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2025 Fiscal Impact – 0 -

2026 Fiscal Impact – 0 -

BY POLL VOTE: SIX AYES. LEGISLATORS CROWLEY, GOULDMAN AND RUSSO WERE ABSENT. MOTION CARRIES.

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

Legislator Birmingham stated to Chairwoman Sayegh that he would ask that Legislator Ellner sit in on the Committee on his behalf to move Item #4s, due to his recusal.

Item #4q. – Approval/ Appointments and Re-Appointments Putnam County Board of Electrical Examiners was next. On behalf of the members of the Rules, Enactments & Intergovernmental Relations Committee, Legislators Ellner and Gouldman, Chairman Birmingham moved the following:

RESOLUTION #376

APPROVAL/ APPOINTMENTS AND RE-APPOINTMENTS PUTNAM COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTRICAL EXAMINERS

RESOLVED, under Section 145-6(F) of the Putnam County Code that the Putnam County Board of Electrical Examiners hereby appoint new board members, be it further

RESOLVED, that:

Carmine Ricci, Village of Cold Spring, Section 145-6(F), as Chairman, for a one

(1) year term, said term to expire December 31, 2026.

Carlos DaEira, Village of Brewster, Section 145-6(F), as Vice Chairman, for a one (1) year term, said term to expire December 31, 2026.

RESOLVED, under Section 145-6(D) of the Putnam County Code that the Putnam County Board of Electrical Examiners hereby re-appoint board members, be it further

RESOLVED, that:

Carlos DaEira, Village of Brewster, Section 145-6(D)(1), as Master Electrician Representative, for a three (3) year term, said term to expire on December 31, 2028.

Thomas Moccio, Town of Carmel, Section 145-6(D)(1), as Master Electrician Representative, for a three (3) year term, said term to expire on December 31, 2028.

Carmine Ricci, Village of Cold Spring, Section 145-6(D)(1), as Master Electrician Representative, for a three (3) year term, said term to expire on December 31, 2028.

And be it further

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

BY POLL VOTE: SIX AYES. LEGISLATORS CROWLEY, GOULDMAN AND RUSSO WERE ABSENT. MOTION CARRIES.

Item #4r. Approval - A Local Law to Amend Chapter 25, Article VI, Entitled "Transportation Advisory Council" was next. On behalf of the members of the Rules, Enactments & Intergovernmental Relations Committee, Legislators Ellner and Gouldman, Chairman Birmingham moved the following:

RESOLUTION #377

APPROVAL/ LOCAL LAW TO AMEND CHAPTER 25, ARTICLE VI, ENTITLED "TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COUNCIL"

A LOCAL LAW TO AMEND CHAPTER 25, ARTICLE VI, ENTITLED "TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COUNCIL"

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

<<PUTNAM COUNTY CODE CHAPTER 25>>

<<ARTICLE VI>>

Section 1.

Section 25 of the Putnam County Code is hereby amended to read as follows:

§ 25-39. Establishment.

There is hereby created and established in the County of Putnam, New York, a Transportation Advisory Council to be known as the "Putnam County Transportation Advisory Council," and said Board shall be and exist for the benefit of the County of Putnam and the inhabitants thereof, and same is hereby established for the accomplishment of any and all purposes provided by law.

§ 25-40. Membership and term.

A) Membership of the Transportation Advisory Council shall consist of the following:

(1) There shall be seven members appointed by the County Executive and confirmed by the Legislature, who reside or are employed in the County of Putnam. One member shall be a representative of the Putnam County business community, one member shall have experience or knowledge in the field of human services or intellectual & developmental disabilities, one member shall be a citizen at large, one member shall be a citizen eligible for Putnam County Paratransit services, one member shall have experience utilizing the PART system as a rider, one member shall have experience or knowledge in the medical services field, and one member shall have experience or knowledge as a transit operator.

(2) Ex-officio members shall be the Chairman of the Physical Services Committee, the Commissioner of Planning, Development and Public Transportation or their appointee, the Commissioner of Social Services or their appointee, the Commissioner of Health/ Public Health Director or their appointee, the Director of Tourism or their appointee, the Director of the Office for Senior Resources or their appointee, the Director of the Office of Veterans Affairs or their appointee, and the Putnam County Representative from the MTA Board. Ex-officio members are non-voting members that serve in an advisory capacity.

B) All appointed members shall serve at the pleasure of the County Executive during their three-year term of appointment.

C) Appointed member vacancies on the Transportation Advisory Council shall be filled in the same manner as the original appointment, except that a vacancy occurring through circumstances other than by expiration of a term shall be filled only for the remainder of said term.

D) An appointed member of the Transportation Advisory Council shall serve until his or her successor has been appointed.

§ 25-41. Chairperson.

The Chairperson of the Transportation Advisory Council shall be the Commissioner of Planning, Development and Public Transportation or their appointee.

§ 25-42. Powers and duties.

The powers and duties of the Transportation Advisory Council shall be to:

A) Review and make recommendations to the County Executive and Legislature regarding all facets of public transportation, including guidelines, policies and procedures, in order

to improve efficiencies, better manage assets, leverage resources and create partnerships to identify savings and improve transportation services.

B) Perform duties assigned to the Council in the Putnam County Department of Planning, Development, and Public Transportation's PART System Policy & Procedures Manual.

C) Provide annual updates or as requested to the Legislature.

D) Make recommendations for infrastructure improvements and other transportation additions to be included in the capital plan to the Commissioner of Planning, Development, and Public Transportation.

§ 25-43. Meetings.

A) The Transportation Advisory Council shall hold regular meetings in accordance with federal and state requirements, and at such other times as its Chairperson deems necessary for the efficient discharge of the business of the Transportation Advisory Council. Transportation Advisory Council meetings shall comply with the New York State Open Meetings Law.^[1]

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Editor's Note: See Public Officers Law, Art. 7, § 100 et seq.

B) The Transportation Advisory Council shall adopt rules and procedures for its meetings.

C) The Transportation Advisory Council shall maintain minutes of the proceedings of all meetings, memorializing votes taken, questions asked, and comments made with regard to the business before the Transportation Advisory Council.

D) Four members of the Transportation Advisory Council shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.

§ 25-44. Compensation.

The members of the Transportation Advisory Council shall receive no compensation for their services.

Section 2.

This local law shall take effect immediately.

BY POLL VOTE: SIX AYES. LEGISLATORS CROWLEY, GOULDMAN AND RUSSO WERE ABSENT. MOTION CARRIES.

Item #4s. Approval- Sheriff's Office- Intermunicipal Agreement (IMA) Between Putnam County Sheriff's Office and Westchester County was next. On behalf of the members of the Rules, Enactments & Intergovernmental Relations Committee, Chairman Birmingham stated to Chairwoman Sayegh that he would ask that Legislator Ellner move Item #4s. Legislator Ellner thanked Legislator Birmingham for yielding. Legislator Ellner moved the following:

RESOLUTION #378

AUTHORIZATION FOR INTERMUNICIPAL AGREEMENT WITH WESTCHESTER COUNTY TO EFFECTUATE A MUTUAL AID AND RAPID RESPONSE PLAN FOR THE POLICE DEPARTMENTS OF PARTICIPATING MUNICIPALITIES AND TO DELEGATE TO THE SHERIFF THE POWERS GRANTED TO THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER TO REQUEST AND GRANT POLICE ASSISTANCE

WHEREAS, the police departments of Westchester County, New York have created and entered into a Mutual Aid and Rapid Response Plan (the “Plan”) to formalize operational procedures for Law enforcement assistance to participating agencies; and

WHEREAS, each member police agency agrees to make available its police personnel and equipment to the others upon the occurrence of a condition which is beyond the scope of its police resources; and

WHEREAS, the County of Putnam desires to enter into this existing agreement with neighboring municipalities in and outside of Westchester, invitation to entry having been extended by the County of Westchester; and

WHEREAS, entry into such intermunicipal agreement is permitted under Article 5-G of the General Municipal Law; and

WHEREAS, due to prevailing world, national, and local security situations, the ever-increasing flow of intelligence, and actual threats directed against once benign sites and facilities, the parties desire that the Plan be flexible and subject to review and revision as necessary in a timely manner; and

WHEREAS, the Plan is governed by, and liabilities and costs are apportioned pursuant to, the provisions of New York State General Municipal Law Section 209-m, which provides, inter alia, that absent agreement to the contrary, the municipality receiving police aid shall reimburse the municipality providing such aid for any money paid by it for police salaries and other expenses incurred by it including damage to, or loss of, equipment and supplies; and

WHEREAS, the Plan is to be revised as necessary and revisions to the Plan will be approved and implemented by the Westchester County Chiefs of Police Association, and such revisions may include, but are not limited to, updates in protocols and additions of new municipalities and their police departments located within or outside of the physical boundaries of Westchester County to participate in the Plan; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the County of Putnam be and hereby is authorized to enter into an inter-municipal agreement (“IMA”) with certain municipal corporations as defined in Article 5-G of the New York State General Municipal Law, located both within and outside of the County of Westchester (collectively the “Participating Municipalities”), in order to effectuate a Mutual Aid and Rapid Response Plan for the police departments of the Participating Municipalities (the “Plan”) to carry out the purposes described in Section 209-m of the New York State General Municipal Law; and be it further

RESOLVED, that such IMA and the Plan shall be substantially similar in form and content to the draft items accompanying this Resolution; and be it further

RESOLVED, the term of the IMA will conform with the existing term agreed upon by the municipalities, which is five (5) years commencing on July 31, 2025, and continuing through July 30, 2030; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the County Executive is authorized to execute said IMA on behalf of the County of Putnam; and be it further

RESOLVED, that this Resolution shall take effect immediately.

BY ROLL CALL VOTE: FIVE AYES. ONE ABSTENTION: LEGISLATOR BIRMINGHAM. LEGISLATORS CROWLEY, GOULDMAN AND RUSSO WERE ABSENT. MOTION CARRIES.

Item #4t. Approval - A Local Law For A Counsel To The Majority Of The County Legislature And A Counsel To The Minority Of The County Legislature was next. On behalf of the members of the Rules, Enactments, and Intergovernmental Committee, Legislators Ellner and Gouldman, Chairman Birmingham moved the following:

RESOLUTION #379

A LOCAL LAW CHANGING THE CHARTER TO PROVIDE FOR A COUNSEL TO THE MAJORITY OF THE COUNTY LEGISLATURE AND A COUNSEL TO THE MINORITY OF THE COUNTY LEGISLATURE

WHEREAS, the Legislature has determined to add Article 2, to the Putnam County Charter and is hereby amended by adding a new Section;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE COUNTY OF PUTNAM AS FOLLOWS:

§ 2.11 Counsel to the Majority of the County Legislature and Counsel to the Minority of the County Legislature.

Section 1. The Legislature of the County of Putnam, New York hereby makes the following findings and determinations:

(a) That the system of checks and balances inherent in the separation of powers of each branch of the government is vitally important to prevent the concentration of power in any one branch of government, thereby protecting individual liberties and preventing one branch of government from having supremacy over another; and

(b) that in order for the County Legislature to have the capacity to prepare legislation independent of, as well as in cooperation with, the Executive Branch, the County Legislature hereby finds that given the separate branches of County Government, the County Legislature requires Counsel to the Legislature which is separate from and not dependent upon the approval and resources of the County Executive and Executive Branch; and

(c) that the Putnam County Legislature hereby finds and determines that the interests

and requirements of legislative responsibility and authority will be better served by the creation of a Counsel to the Majority of the County Legislature ("Majority Counsel") and a Counsel to the Minority of the County Legislature ("Minority Counsel"); and

(d) that the Putnam County Legislature hereby determines that the interests and requirements of legislative responsibility and authority will be better served by such Majority Counsel and Minority Counsel providing advice and recommendations to the majority members of the County Legislature and to the minority members of the County Legislature, respectively, in the drafting of legislation and otherwise and, as desired, in cooperation and consultation with the County Attorney and the Department of Law, provided that such cooperation shall not create or imply any supervisory authority of the County Attorney over such counsel because the role is internal to the legislature, and advisory in nature and therefore in no way contravenes County Law §501 or Article 8 of the Putnam County Code.

Section 2. Establishment.

Notwithstanding any other provisions of the County Charter, there is hereby established the positions of Counsel to the Majority of the County Legislature and Counsel to the Minority of the County Legislature to be appointed in the manner and have the powers as provided herein, and such positions shall be employees of the County Legislature and not of the Department of Law established under Article 8 of this Charter. Such positions will be selected by simple majority upon a vote of the Majority Party for the Counsel to the Majority, and simple majority upon a vote of the Minority Party for Counsel to the Minority. In the event that there are fewer than three members of the minority party, the selection will be made by the longest serving member of the minority party.

Section 3. Article 2, of the Putnam County Charter is hereby amended by adding a new Section to read as follows:

§ 2.11 Counsel to the Majority of the County Legislature and Counsel to the Minority of the County Legislature.

(a) The members of the County Legislature enrolled in the political party representing the largest number of County Legislators shall at the Organizational Meeting in January or as soon thereafter as practicable, and annually thereafter, appoint a Counsel to the Majority of the County Legislature. Such Counsel to the Majority shall be chosen by a simple majority upon a vote of the members of the Majority Party in the County Legislature. In the event of a vacancy in the office of Counsel to the Majority of the County Legislature, a replacement may be chosen thereafter by the same procedure.

(b) The members of the County Legislature enrolled in the political party representing the next largest number of County Legislators shall at the Organizational Meeting in January or as soon thereafter as practicable, and annually thereafter, appoint a Counsel to the Minority of the County Legislature by a simple majority vote of the Minority Party. In the event that there are fewer than three members of the minority party, the selection will be made by the longest serving member of the minority party. In the event of a vacancy in the office of Counsel to the Minority of the County Legislature, a replacement may be chosen thereafter by the same procedure.

(c) Powers and duties of each of the Counsel to the Majority and Counsel to the Minority shall include:

- (1) Oversee the preparation of local laws, ordinances, acts and resolutions upon receipt of a request.**
- (2) Research problems related to the function, powers and duties of the County Legislature and its employees.**
- (3) Prepare written reports on the breadth and depth of the function, powers and duties of the County Legislature and its employees.**
- (4) As requested by any Legislator, attend full Legislative meetings, special meetings and committee meetings.**
- (5) Provide advice to the members of the County Legislature on Rules of Order and other procedural questions as they arise or as requested during Legislative meetings.**
- (6) Recommend procedures in connection with the implementation of policy for the County Legislature.**
- (7) Recommend and coordinate appropriate ways to communicate initiatives and policy of the County Legislature through media and other mechanisms.**
- (8) Perform a variety of related activities as required, not inconsistent with Section 501 of the County Law and the provisions of this Charter, and the Putnam County Code.**

(d) At the time of their appointments, and throughout their time in office, the Counsel to the Majority of the County Legislature and the Counsel to the Minority of the County Legislature shall be duly admitted to practice law in the State of New York.

(e) Independence and limitations.

The Counsel to the Majority and the Counsel to the Minority shall not be part of, supervised by, or subject to removal by the Department of Law or the County Attorney. Their functions shall be strictly advisory and legislative in nature. They shall not appear as attorneys of record for the County or in any court or administrative proceeding, nor represent the County in litigation or claims. Nothing herein shall affect the authority or responsibilities of the County Attorney under Article 8 of this Charter, including representation of the County and the Legislature in legal proceedings.

(f) Equal Compensation.

The positions of Counsel to the Majority and Counsel to the Minority shall be compensated at an equal rate, reflecting parity in qualifications, duties, and professional standing, and shall be commensurate with other legal positions in the County. Equal compensation is essential to ensure nonpartisan fairness, prevent

political discrimination, and maintain the Legislature's commitment to equality and integrity in public employment.

Section 4. Severability.

If any provision of this Local Law is held to be illegal or invalid for any reason by court of law, such illegality or invalidity shall not affect the remaining provisions hereof, but such provision shall be fully severable and this Local Law shall be construed and enforced as if such illegal or invalid provision had never been included.

Section 5. Pursuant to Section 34(5) of the Municipal Home Rule Law, this Local Law shall take effect sixty (60) days after its final enactment and is subject to permissive referendum.

BY ROLL CALL VOTE: SIX AYES. LEGISLATORS CROWLEY, GOULDMAN AND RUSSO WERE ABSENT. MOTION CARRIES.

Item #5. – Other Business

Item #5a. – Approval/ Tax Collector Warrants/ Enter into the 2025 Book of Proceedings was next. Chairwoman Sayegh moved the following:

Legislator Birmingham stated that he will be voting in favor of this ministerial action and questioned if Chairwoman Sayegh had already signed them.

Legislator Sayegh confirmed.

Legislator Birmingham stated that he wants to disclose that two or three of the municipalities are represented by his firm, under limited parameters not having anything to do with this item, and so he will vote on it.

RESOLUTION #380

APPROVAL/ TAX COLLECTOR WARRANTS/ ENTER INTO 2025 BOOK OF PROCEEDINGS

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

RESOLVED, that the Tax Collector Warrants for the Towns of Carmel, Kent, Patterson, Philipstown, Putnam Valley and Southeast are hereby entered into the 2025 Book of Proceedings for the Putnam County Legislature.

BY POLL VOTE: SIX AYES. LEGISLATORS CROWLEY, GOULDMAN AND RUSSO WERE ABSENT. MOTION CARRIES.

Item # 5b. – Approval/ Date, Time & Place of Organizational Meeting/ 2026 was next. Chairwoman Sayegh moved the following:

RESOLUTION #381

APPROVAL/DATE, TIME & PLACE OF ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING / 2026

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

WHEREAS, per Section 2.05 of the Putnam County Charter the Legislature shall meet, on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in January of each year or as soon thereafter as practicable; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Organizational Meeting of the Putnam County Legislature for 2026 be held on Tuesday, January 6, 2026 at 7:00 P.M. in the Historic Courthouse located in Carmel, New York; and be it further

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

BY POLL VOTE: SIX AYES. LEGISLATORS CROWLEY, GOULDMAN AND RUSSO WERE ABSENT. MOTION CARRIES.

Item #5c. – Appointment/ Legislative Clerk was next. Chairwoman Sayegh moved the following:

Legislator Sayegh stated that Deputy Clerk Diane Trabulsy has worked in the Legislative Office for 20 years under Legislative Clerk Diane Schonfeld and is very knowledgeable.

Legislator Birmingham thanked Deputy Clerk Trabulsy for taking on this position, and stated that that he's known her for many years as a professional who treats all Legislators equally. He stated that the Clerk position is a three-year appointed term, with authority over a professional office and ability to hire staff to support the Legislature. He stated that politics does not dictate who the professional staff of the office is, and that the current staff is nonpartisan and highly professional.

Legislator Jonke stated that working with Deputy Clerk Trabulsy for the last nine years has been a wonderful experience and that she is the perfect fit for this job.

Legislator Addonizio stated that she fully supports Deputy Clerk Trabulsy, whom she has worked with for the past eleven years, and that she is always professional and helpful.

Legislator Montgomery stated that she is thankful that Deputy Clerk Trabulsy and staff always have her back, offer guidance and treat members of the public who call with the utmost respect.

Legislator Ellner stated that Deputy Clerk Trabulsy and staff always function with a degree of excellence.

Legislator Sayegh stated that without Legislative Counsel, the Legislative Clerk has been heavily relied upon for guidance in the past several months, and Deputy Clerk Trabulsy

has done this flawlessly. She stated that the Legislative Clerk position is appointed in December so that the position is already in place to assist new Legislators onboarding in January.

RESOLUTION #382

APPOINTMENT/ LEGISLATIVE CLERK

RESOLVED, that Diane Trabulsy be appointed to the position of Legislative Clerk, with all the rights, privileges and duties of the Office as set forth in the Putnam County Charter, as permitted by law for a three-year term period ending December 31, 2028; 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: SIX AYES. LEGISLATORS CROWLEY, GOULDMAN AND RUSSO WERE ABSENT. MOTION CARRIES.

Chairwoman Sayegh made a motion to waive the rules and accept other business Item #5d; Seconded by Legislator Elner. All in favor.

Item #5d. – Approval/ Fund Transfer 25T446- Department of Public Works- Automotive Supplies and Repair Services was next. Chairwoman Sayegh moved the following:

RESOLUTION #383

APPROVAL/ FUND TRANSFER 25T446- DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS- AUTOMOTIVE SUPPLIES AND EXPENSES

WHEREAS, Putnam County Commissioner of Department of Public Works requested Fund Transfer (25T446) to cover Automotive Supplies and Expenses through the end of the year; and

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

RESOLVED, that the following fund transfer:

Decrease:

03 10513000 54898	Other Maintenance	37,000
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Increase:

03 10513000 54410	Supplies	37,000
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2025 Fiscal Impact – 0 –

2026 Fiscal Impact – 0 –

BY POLL VOTE: SIX AYES. LEGISLATORS CROWLEY, GOULDMAN AND RUSSO WERE ABSENT. MOTION CARRIES.

Chairwoman Sayegh made a motion to waive the rules and accept other business Item #5e; Seconded by Legislator Birmingham. All in favor.

Item #5e.– Approval/ Soil And Water District Funds Transfer was next. Chairwoman Sayegh moved the following:

RESOLUTION #384

APPROVAL– SOIL AND WATER DISTRICT FUNDS TRANSFER

WHEREAS, the Putnam County Soil & Water Conservation District (District) is a public corporation and political subdivision of New York State established under Article 3 of the New York State Soil & Water Conservation District Law, independent of, but working in cooperation with, Putnam County Government (County); and

WHEREAS, the County is and has historically been the custodian of certain District Funds, which it holds in trust for ministerial disbursement; and

WHEREAS, per the NYS Soil and Water Conservation District Law, Districts have the authority to establish revolving fund accounts for their specific administrative and operational purposes, which may be carried from one fiscal year to another; and

WHEREAS, most Districts in NYS maintain their own financial accounts to support and manage their operations and administrative needs independently; and

WHEREAS, the District has its own Employer Identification Number (EIN) and has established its own fund account in the District's name, under its exclusive control; and

WHEREAS, the District wishes to maintain its own financial account to support and manage its own operation and administrative needs independently; and

WHEREAS, the District has requested that the County release and/or transfer District funds to such District-controlled account, to effect the District's independent management of its financial operation and administration; and

WHEREAS, upon any such transfer, all fiduciary duties, financial responsibilities, liabilities, obligations, accounting functions, reporting requirements, tax obligations, audit responsibilities, and compliance obligations of any kind whatsoever—whether arising under local, state, or federal law—shall rest solely and exclusively with the District, and shall not be shared by or attributed to the County in any respect; and

WHEREAS, upon such transfer, the County shall have no ongoing duty to monitor, supervise, audit, review, approve, or otherwise oversee the District's finances or financial practices as any and all risk and liability shall rest exclusively with the District; and

WHEREAS, the County recognizes that its current role as custodian of District funds has slowed and/or encumbered the District's ability to perform its statutorily mandated functions; and

WHEREAS, the County wishes to support the District's independence and furtherance of its statutorily mandated goals; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Commissioner of Finance is directed to take any and all steps legally required and necessary to effect the release and/or transfer of District

funds to the newly established Soil and Water Conservation District Account in a manner in full compliance with all local, New York State, and federal laws, rules, regulations, and policies as set forth by Risk Management and/or the County's insurance carrier; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Commissioner of Finance is directed to provide District with all necessary paperwork for completion and execution as is required by Risk Management, the County Audit Department, NYS Comptroller, NYS Taxation and Finance, and the IRS, to ensure Putnam County's ability satisfy all final reporting and record keeping requirements and documentation needed to end Putnam County's fiduciary responsibilities and holding of District money in trust in a responsible manner; and be it further

RESOLVED, that upon the Commissioner of Finance's receipt of the completed and fully executed paperwork required, Putnam County shall no longer serve as the custodian of these specified District funds, and shall immediately, in a manner consistent with all executed paperwork, release and/or transfer the specified District funds, and shall immediately notify and provide all executed documentation to all relevant divisions of New York State government along with any and all required final reports or accounting as may be required by law; and be it further

RESOLVED, that this Resolution shall take effect immediately upon and subject to the Commissioner of Finance and Risk Management's approval and subject to their edits, if any, submitted by further addendum; approval shall be evinced by affixing their signature to the addendum to this Resolution annexed hereto as Schedule A.

BY ROLL CALL VOTE: FIVE AYES. ONE NAY - LEGISLATOR SAYEGH. LEGISLATORS CROWLEY, GOULDMAN AND RUSSO WERE ABSENT. MOTION CARRIES.

Item #6. – Recognition of Public on Agenda Items

Brett Yarris, Treasurer and Vice Chair of the Putnam County Soil & Water Conservation District Board (SWCD), stated in regard to Other Business Item #5e, that this is the last official business of the year for the SWCD and for Dave Vickery, who is leaving the SWCD Board. Mr. Yarris stated Dave Vickery has served Putnam County in numerous volunteer roles, including on the Agriculture and Farmland Protection Board, and that he is grateful for his help and knowledge which helped him navigate his role as a new SWCD Board member. Mr. Yarris thanked the Legislators for passing this item.

Cassandra Roth, Chair of the Putnam County Soil & Water Conservation District Board, thanked Legislators Ellner and Russo for being on the SWCD Board and pushing this item forward. She thanked Legislator Montgomery for her comments about SWCD that she read in the newspaper, which prompted her to work to fix existing issues.

Commissioner of Finance, William Carlin thanked Legislators Jonke and Ellner for their service. He stated in reference to Item #5c, that he believes collaboration is paramount, and thanked newly appointed Clerk Trabulsy and County Auditor Alfano-Sharkey for their fine work managing day-to-day items which support the County's success.

Item # 7. – Recognition of Legislators

Legislator Birmingham thanked Legislators Eller and Jonke for their service, and for being honest and hardworking colleagues, whom he will miss working with.

Legislator Addonizio thanked Legislators Eller and Jonke for their public service, recognized their respect for the democratic process and stated they will be missed.

Legislator Montgomery stated that both Legislators Eller and Jonke are true public servants who care about their communities and that she is grateful to have worked with them through both agreements and disagreements.

Legislator Jonke thanked the Legislature and stated that he was fortunate to have been Chairman for two terms. He stated his accomplishments, including saving the taxpayers money by cutting the tax levy by \$500,000 for three years, voting to override a veto by the County Executive on a resolution cutting the sales tax, and always supporting law enforcement during his time as Chair of the Protective Services Committee.

Legislator Sayegh thanked the Legislature for their perseverance, self-education and efforts to pass Item #5e for SWCD and that she is 100% in-favor but voted no due to not seeing the IMA (Intermunicipal Agreement). She thanked Legislator Ellner for his passion in always looking out for his constituents, and for his friendship. She thanked Legislator Jonke for his fierce support of cutting property taxes for taxpayers and his friendship and wisdom throughout the years.

Legislator Ellner thanked the Legislature and all present, stating that it was his honor to serve. He stated that listening and doing what is right is the most important part of being a Legislator, and he believes that is what he did and that it made a difference. He stated that the \$6.5 million voted to be put into contingency by the Legislature to lower the taxes for every owner-occupied home is a fight that needs to be continued to get it done. He wished a Merry Christmas and Happy Chanukah to all.

Item # 8. – Adjournment

There being no further business, at 8:50 p.m. Legislator Sayegh made a motion to adjourn; Seconded by Legislator Ellner. All in favor.

Respectfully submitted by Mary Dechiaro, Administrative Assistant.