

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

Tuesday **December 3, 2025** **7:00 P.M.**
 (Rescheduled from 12/2/25 to 12/3/25 due to inclement weather)

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

PROCLAMATIONS

Chairwoman Sayegh recognized Legislator Gouldman who presented the “Putnam Valley High School Varsity Cheer Team” proclamation to Coach Kelly Wilson and members of the Putnam Valley High School Varsity Cheer Team.

Putnam Valley High School Varsity Cheer Team

WHEREAS, the hard work, sportsmanship and talent of the Putnam Valley High School Varsity Cheer Team led them to reclaim the Class C New York State Game Day Championship on Sunday November 9, 2025 at Hudson Community College; and

WHEREAS, the Putnam Valley High School Varsity Cheer Team, coached by Head Coach Kelly Wilson and Assistant Coaches Nicole D'Addona and Joseph D'Addona, delivered an outstanding performance to bring the state title back to Putnam Valley; and

WHEREAS, the Putnam Valley High School Varsity Cheer Team went undefeated throughout both the regular season and post-season, demonstrating incredible dedication, teamwork and spirit; now therefore so be it

RESOLVED, that Putnam County Executive and Putnam County Legislature hereby recognize the dedication and commitment of each Cheerleader and coach of the Putnam Valley High School Varsity Cheer Team, leading to this well-deserved accomplishment! Let's go Valley!

The Putnam County Legislature presented the “Recognizing Diane Schonfeld” proclamation to Diane Schonfeld, former Clerk of the Legislature.

Recognizing Diane Schonfeld

WHEREAS, Diane began working in the Legislative Office in 2003 and remained a dedicated member of the Legislative Staff for over two decades. Throughout her tenure, she held various positions which provided her a comprehensive understanding of the office, making her transition into each new role seamless; and

WHEREAS, in 2012 Diane was appointed Clerk of the Legislature and remained a consistent support to each co-worker and Legislator she worked with. She served as a guide to newly elected Legislators, helping them through the onboarding process and

each step of the way after. She has truly been an invaluable resource for not only the Legislators but for many colleagues in the County; and

WHEREAS, Diane's unwavering professionalism and thoroughness established her as a dutiful leader while her approachable nature and warm sense of humor made working alongside her both rewarding and enjoyable; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Putnam County Legislature and Putnam County Executive hereby thank Diane Schonfeld for her dedicated service to not only the Legislature, but Putnam County as a whole. We congratulate her on her well-deserved retirement and wish her all the best!

Item #4 – Acceptance of Minutes – Regular Mtg – April 1, 2025

Special Mtg – April 24, 2025

Regular Mtg – September 2, 2025

Special Mtg – September 29, 2025

The minutes were accepted as submitted.

Item #5 – Correspondence

a) County Auditor

There was no activity.

Item #6 – Pre-filed resolutions:

RULES, ENACTMENTS & INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE

(Chairman Birmingham, Legislators Ellner & Gouldman)

Item #6a – Approval – Budgetary Amendment (25A096) – Finance Department – Account for American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) was next.

RESOLUTION #315

APPROVAL – BUDGETARY AMENDMENT (25A096) – FINANCE DEPARTMENT – ACCOUNT FOR AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT (ARPA)

WHEREAS, Commissioner of Finance has requested Budgetary Amendment (25A096) to account for American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Spending through September 30, 2025; 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:

Increase Appropriations:

10990100 59020 50245	Transfer to Capital Fund - ARPA	149,594
10990100 59020 51622	Transfer to Capital Fund - ARPA	11,412
10990100 59020 52420	Transfer to Capital Fund - ARPA	500,078
10990100 59020 51914	Transfer to Capital Fund - ARPA	1,450,384

10990100 59020 52202	Transfer to Capital Fund - ARPA	40,378
10990100 59020 52225	Transfer to Capital Fund - ARPA	120,176
10990100 59020 52227	Transfer to Capital Fund - ARPA	15,623
10990100 59020 52405	Transfer to Capital Fund - ARPA	254,617
10990100 59020 52228	Transfer to Capital Fund - ARPA	77,907
10990100 59020 52224	Transfer to Capital Fund - ARPA	91,476
10990100 59020 51601	Transfer to Capital Fund - ARPA	85,284
10990100 59020 52214	Transfer to Capital Fund - ARPA	63,916
10990100 59020 52215	Transfer to Capital Fund - ARPA	80,092
10990100 59020 52217	Transfer to Capital Fund - ARPA	542,570
10990100 59020 52219	Transfer to Capital Fund - ARPA	542,500
		4,026,007

Increase Estimated Revenues:

10131000 449898 50245	Fed Aid – ARPA	149,594
10131000 449898 51622	Fed Aid – ARPA	11,412
10131000 449898 52420	Fed Aid – ARPA	500,078
10131000 449898 51914	Fed Aid – ARPA	1,450,384
10131000 449898 52202	Fed Aid – ARPA	40,378
10131000 449898 52225	Fed Aid – ARPA	120,176
10131000 449898 52227	Fed Aid – ARPA	15,623
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10131000 449898 52217	Fed Aid – ARPA	542,570
10131000 449898 52219	Fed Aid – ARPA	542,500
		4,026,007

2025 Fiscal Impact – 0 –

2026 Fiscal Impact – 0 –

BY POLL VOTE: EIGHT AYES. LEGISLATOR BIRMINGHAM WAS ABSENT. MOTION CARRIES.

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

Item #6b – Approval – Budgetary Amendment (25A110) – Putnam County Sheriff's Office- Personnel Transport Van - Utilize Federally Seized Asset Forfeiture Funds was next.

RESOLUTION #316

APPROVAL – BUDGETARY AMENDMENT (25A110) – PUTNAM COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE- PERSONNEL TRANSPORT VAN – UTILIZE FEDERALLY SEIZED ASSET FORFEITURE FUNDS

WHEREAS, Sheriff has requested Budgetary Amendment (25A110) to use Federally Seized Asset Forfeiture funds to purchase a Personnel Transport Van; and

WHEREAS, the Personnel Transport Van would be used to transport Sheriff's Department Personnel in many different scenarios when needed such as, to details, assignments, personnel staging areas, active police calls, critical incidents, Special Response Team (SRT), planned tactical deployments and serve as a warming or temporary shelter area for civilians displaced during emergencies; 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 Estimated Revenues:

17311000 427151 10102	Sheriff's Road Patrol -SRT Proceeds of Seized Assets	100,000
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Increase Estimated Appropriations:

17311000 52650 10102	Sheriff's Road Patrol -SRT Motor Vehicles	100,000
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2025 Fiscal Impact – 0 –

2026 Fiscal Impact – 0 –

BY POLL VOTE: EIGHT AYES. LEGISLATOR BIRMINGHAM WAS ABSENT. MOTION CARRIES.

Item #6c – Approval – Fund Transfer (25T358) – Putnam County Sheriff's Office- Corrections- Purchase Evac Smoke/Fire Hoods Model E900 was next.

RESOLUTION #317

APPROVAL – FUND TRANSFER (25T358) – PUTNAM COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE – CORRECTIONS – PURCHASE SIX (6) NEW EVAC SMOKE/FIRE HOODS MODEL E900

WHEREAS, Acting Sheriff has requested Fund Transfer (25T358) to fund the purchase of six (6) new Evac Smoke/Fire Hood Model E900 for Corrections; and

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

RESOLVED, that the following fund transfer:

Decrease:

10315000 54319	Jail General: Clothing Cleaners	1,359
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Increase:

10315000 52180	Jail General: Other Equipment	1,359
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2025 Fiscal Impact – 0 –

2026 Fiscal Impact – 0 –

BY POLL VOTE: EIGHT AYES. LEGISLATOR BIRMINGHAM WAS ABSENT. MOTION CARRIES.

Item #6d – Approval – Fund Transfer (25T363) – Putnam County Sheriff's Office-Corrections- Purchase Bullet Proof Vests was next.

RESOLUTION #318

APPROVAL – FUND TRANSFER (25T363) – PUTNAM COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE-CORRECTIONS – PURCHASE BULLET PROOF VESTS

WHEREAS, Acting Sheriff has requested Fund Transfer (25T363) to fund the purchase of Bullet Proof Vests for Corrections Department; and

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

RESOLVED, that the following fund transfer:

Decrease:

10009000 52180	Jail Transport: Other Equipment	500
10011000 54770	Jail Maintenance: Misc. Small Tools	700
10315000 51099	Jail Gen: Clothing Allowance	100
10315000 54311	Jail Gen: Printing & Forms	2,666
10315000 54319	Jail Gen: Clothing Cleaners	153
10315000 54330	Jail Gen: Medical Supplies	151
		4,270

Increase:

10315000 52180	Jail Gen: Other Equipment	4,270
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2025 Fiscal Impact – 0 –

2026 Fiscal Impact – 0 –

BY POLL VOTE: EIGHT AYES. LEGISLATOR BIRMINGHAM WAS ABSENT. MOTION CARRIES.

Item #6e – Approval – Fund Transfer (25T365) – Putnam County Sheriff's Office Corrections – Purchase Safety Restraint Chair was next.

RESOLUTION #319

APPROVAL FUND TRANSFER (25T365) – PUTNAM COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE-CORRECTIONS – PURCHASE SAFETY RESTRAINT CHAIR

WHEREAS, Acting Sheriff has requested Fund Transfer (25T365) to fund the of purchase a Safety Restraint Chair for Corrections; and

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

RESOLVED, that the following fund transfer:

Decrease:		
10011000 52180	Jail Maintenance: Other Equipment	2,980
10315000 54313	Jail Gen: Books & Supplements	1,502
10315000 54330	Jail Gen: Medical Supplies	72
		4,554

Increase:		
10315000 52180	Jail Gen: Other Equipment	4,554

2025 Fiscal Impact – 0 –

2026 Fiscal Impact – 0 –

BY POLL VOTE: EIGHT AYES. LEGISLATOR BIRMINGHAM WAS ABSENT. MOTION CARRIES.

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

(Chairman Jonke, Legislators Addonizio & Gouldman)

Item #6f Approval – Fund Transfer (25T384) – Department of Social Services – Administrative Services Increase Overtime was next.

RESOLUTION #320

APPROVAL – FUND TRANSFER (25T384) – DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES – ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES INCREASE OVERTIME

WHEREAS, the Commissioner of Department of Social Services (DSS) has requested a Fund Transfer (25T384) to fund the overtime line in DSS – Administrative Services overtime for the remainder of 2025; and

WHEREAS, this request is a result of increased caseloads; 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:		
10102000 51000 10132	DSS Administrative Services	
	Personnel Services-Caseworker	19,290

Increase:		
10102000 51093	DSS Administrative Services	
	Overtime	19,290

2025 Fiscal Impact – 0 –

2026 Fiscal Impact – 0 –

BY POLL VOTE: EIGHT AYES. LEGISLATOR BIRMINGHAM WAS ABSENT. MOTION CARRIES.

Item #6g – Approval – Amendment of the Putnam County Employee Health Insurance

Contribution Rate- County Executive's Employee Health Insurance Contribution Review Committee – was next.

RESOLUTION #321

APPROVAL – AMENDMENT OF THE PUTNAM COUNTY EMPLOYEE HEALTH INSURANCE CONTRIBUTION RATE

WHEREAS, public sector recruitment and retention has been a severe challenge for government employers across New York State; and

WHEREAS, Putnam County has experienced this challenge and has evaluated several alternatives to address these concerns; and

WHEREAS, one identified area of concern relative to recruitment relates to the high cost of employee health insurance contributions, most particularly during the initial few years of employment with the County; and

WHEREAS, to address this particular concern, the County Executive established a Putnam County Employees Health Insurance Review Committee (Committee) to evaluate Putnam County's employee contribution rates relative to other Hudson Valley area County employers; and

WHEREAS, the Committee consisted of five members made up of 2 Putnam County retirees, 2 current Putnam County employees (1 union and 1 management) and 1 member of the public; and

WHEREAS, the Committee reached an overwhelming consensus regarding the following items that:

- **The current highest employee contribution rate of 30% was too high. (This is the percentage that most new hires pay during their first 3 years of employment)**
- **The greatest burden of high employee contribution rates falls on entry level positions (which are also the lowest paid positions in the county union agreement structures); and**

WHEREAS, the Committee presented the County Executive with several options that were considered reasonable, fiscally informed, fair and regionally competitive which also gave full consideration to the taxpayers as well as the dedicated Putnam County employees; and

WHEREAS, the County Executive based his option selection on the above cited considerations, as well; and

WHEREAS, the County administrative team initiated and engaged in negotiations with the Civil Service Employees Association (CSEA), Putnam County Sheriff's Employees Association (PCSEA), Putnam Management Association (PuMA), and the Putnam County Sheriff's Department Police Benevolent Association (PBA) unions to arrive at an agreement with each of the above unions on the maximum employee health insurance contribution rate of 17%; and

WHEREAS, four Memoranda of Agreement (MOA) were reached and signed by these county employee unions and are attached hereto; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Putnam County Legislature hereby ratifies the Employee Health Insurance Contribution Memorandum of Agreement for each of the county employee unions cited above; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the highest employee health insurance contribution rate shall not exceed 17% as it would apply to Management/Confidential employees; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the new employee contribution rates for affected employees be effective as soon as practicable after approval by the County Legislature.

BY ROLL CALL VOTE: SEVEN AYES. ONE ABSTENTION – LEGISLATOR CROWLEY. LEGISLATOR BIRMINGHAM WAS ABSENT. MOTION CARRIES.

Item #6h – Approval – A Local Law Establishing the 2026 Salary of Certain Elected Officials Serving for Fixed Terms was next.

RESOLUTION #322

A LOCAL LAW ESTABLISHING THE 2026 SALARY OF CERTAIN ELECTED OFFICIALS SERVING FOR FIXED TERMS

BE IT ENACTED BY THE PUTNAM COUNTY LEGISLATURE AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1.

Section 201 of the County Law and Municipal Home Rule Law Section 24 (2)(h) requires that salary increases of fixed term officers shall be established by Local Law, subject to permissive referendum.

Section 2.

The annual salary of the hereinafter designated County Officers elected for a fixed term is hereby set at the following amounts effective January 1, 2026:

Kevin Byrne.....	\$181,303
Putnam County Executive	
Michael Bartolotti.....	\$156,963
Putnam County Clerk	
John Bourges.....	\$48,173
Putnam County Coroner	
Wendy Erickson.....	\$48,173
Putnam County Coroner	
Michael Nesheiwat.....	\$48,173
Putnam County Coroner	
Nancy Montgomery.....	\$48,173
Putnam County Legislator	
William Gouldman.....	\$48,173
Putnam County Legislator	
Toni Addonizio.....	\$48,173
Putnam County Legislator	
Laura Russo.....	\$48,173
Putnam County Legislator	

Daniel Birmingham..... \$48,173
Putnam County Legislator

Amy Sayegh..... \$48,173
Putnam County Legislator

- Additional Stipend for Legislature Chairperson..... \$12,044

Section 3.

THIS LOCAL LAW SHALL TAKE EFFECT FORTY-FIVE DAYS AFTER ITS PASSAGE AND IS SUBJECT TO PERMISSIVE REFERENDUM.

BY ROLL CALL VOTE: SEVEN AYES. ONE NAY – LEGISLATOR CROWLEY. LEGISLATOR BIRMINGHAM WAS ABSENT. MOTION CARRIES.

Item #6i – Approval – A Local Law Establishing The 2026 Salaries Of Certain Appointed Officers Serving For Fixed Terms was next.

RESOLUTION #323

A LOCAL LAW ESTABLISHING THE 2026 SALARIES OF CERTAIN APPOINTED OFFICERS SERVING FOR FIXED TERMS

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

Section 1.

Section 201 of the County Law and Municipal Home Rule Law, Section 24 (2)(h) requires that certain salary increases of fixed term officers be established by Local Law, subject to permissive referendum.

Section 2.

The annual salaries of the hereinafter designated County Officers appointed for a fixed term are hereby set at the following amounts effective January 1, 2026:

Paul Eldridge..... \$163,358
Personnel Officer

Sara Servadio..... \$170,428
Commissioner, Social Services/ Mental Health/ Youth Bureau

Patricia McLoughlin..... \$113,093
Director of Real Property Tax Services

Rian Rodriguez..... \$159,650
Public Health Director

Kelly Primavera.....	\$112,710
Commissioner, Board of Elections	
Catherine Croft.....	\$112,710
Commissioner, Board of Elections	
Michele Alfano-Sharkey.....	\$150,000
County Auditor	

Section 3.

THIS LOCAL LAW SHALL TAKE EFFECT FORTY-FIVE DAYS AFTER ITS PASSAGE AND IS SUBJECT TO PERMISSIVE REFERENDUM.

BY POLL VOTE: EIGHT AYES. LEGISLATOR BIRMINGHAM WAS ABSENT. MOTION CARRIES.

Item #6j – Approval – Financial Disclosure List for the Year 2026 Filing Recommended by the Putnam County Personnel Officer Pursuant to Code Section 55-7 was next.

RESOLUTION #324

APPROVAL – FINANCIAL DISCLOSURE LIST FOR THE YEAR 2026 FILING RECOMMENDED BY THE PUTNAM COUNTY PERSONNEL OFFICER PURSUANT TO CODE SECTION 55-7

WHEREAS, Section 55-7 of the Code of Putnam County requires that the Legislature annually by resolution determine which officers and employees of Putnam County are required to comply with the disclosure requirements of Chapter 55 of the County's Code; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 55-7 of the Putnam County Code, the County Personnel Officer has submitted his recommendations for officers and employees subject to the County's Financial Disclosure Reporting requirements indicating which officers and employees must file the Policy Form and which officers and employees must file the Advisory Form; and

WHEREAS, the Putnam County Legislature has reviewed and recommends the adoption of said recommendation of the Personnel Officer; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Putnam County Legislature hereby determines that those officers and employees of Putnam County delineated on the annexed list recommended by the Putnam County Officer of Personnel are required to comply with the disclosure requirements contained in Chapter 55 of the Code of Putnam County by filing the designated disclosure form as contained in the recommendation.

BY POLL VOTE: EIGHT AYES. LEGISLATOR BIRMINGHAM WAS ABSENT. MOTION CARRIES.

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

Item #6k –Approval – Budgetary Amendment (25A102) – County Historian – Purchase William S. Pelletreau’s “History of Putnam County” was next.

RESOLUTION #325

APPROVAL – BUDGETARY AMENDMENT (25A102) – COUNTY HISTORIAN – PURCHASE WILLIAM S. PELLETREAU’S “HISTORY OF PUTNAM COUNTY”

WHEREAS, the County Historian has requested a budgetary amendment (25A102) to purchase William S. Pelletreau’s “History of Putnam County” at cost, no tax for resale on the County Historian’s shopping website as a public service for the community; and

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

RESOLVED, that the following budgetary amendment be made:

Increase Estimated Revenues:

10751000 426551	Minor Sales and Other	250
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Increase Appropriations:

10751000 54313	Books for Supplements	250
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2025 Fiscal Impact – 0 –

2026 Fiscal Impact – 0 –

BY POLL VOTE: EIGHT AYES. LEGISLATOR BIRMINGHAM WAS ABSENT. MOTION CARRIES.

Item #6L – Approval – Budgetary Amendment (25A105) – Health Department – Early Learning Center (ELC) – Staffing for Universal Pre- Kindergarten was next.

RESOLUTION #326

APPROVAL – BUDGETARY AMENDMENT (25A105) – HEALTH DEPARTMENT – EARLY LEARNING CENTER (ELC) – STAFFING FOR UNIVERSAL PRE- KINDERGARTEN

WHEREAS, the Public Health Director has requested a budgetary amendment (25A105) to amend the 2025 Health Department’s budget for the Early Learning Center (ELC) relating to classroom staffing for Universal Pre-Kindergarten Children to be reimbursed by the Carmel School District; and

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

RESOLVED, that the following budgetary amendment be made:

Increase Estimated Revenues:

10296001 423101	Contributions from School Districts	50,000
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Increase Appropriations:

10296001 54646	Early Learning Center- Contracts	50,000
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2025 Fiscal Impact – 0 –

2026 Fiscal Impact – 0 –

BY POLL VOTE: EIGHT AYES. LEGISLATOR BIRMINGHAM WAS ABSENT. MOTION CARRIES.

Item #6m – Approval – Budgetary Amendment (25A106) – Health Department – Early Learning Center (ELC) – Special Education Itinerant Services Provided was next.

RESOLUTION #327

APPROVAL – BUDGETARY AMENDMENT (25A106) – HEALTH DEPARTMENT – EARLY LEARNING CENTER (ELC) – SPECIAL EDUCATION ITINERANT SERVICES PROVIDED

WHEREAS, the Public Health Director has requested a budgetary amendment (25A106) to amend the 2025 Health Department’s budget for the Early Learning Center (ELC) relating to Special Education Itinerant Services (SEIT) provided; and

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

RESOLVED, that the following budgetary amendment be made:

Increase Estimated Revenues:

10296001 432773	ELC-Educ and Trans Hndcp Child 3 to 5	29,750
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Decrease Estimated Revenues:

10296000 432773	ELC-Educ and Trans Hndcp Child 3 to 5	29,750
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Increase Estimated Appropriations:

10296001 54414	ELC-Care at Private Institutions	50,000
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Decrease Estimated Appropriations:

10296000 54441	ELC-Itinerant Services	50,000
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2025 Fiscal Impact – 0 –

2026 Fiscal Impact – 0 –

BY POLL VOTE: EIGHT AYES. LEGISLATOR BIRMINGHAM WAS ABSENT. MOTION CARRIES.

Item #6n – Approval – Budgetary Amendment (25A112) – Department of Mental Health, Social Services, and Youth Bureau – Mental Health Budget – Opioid Settlement Trust Funds was next.

RESOLUTION #328

APPROVAL – BUDGETARY AMENDMENT (25A112) – DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH, SOCIAL SERVICES, AND YOUTH BUREAU – MENTAL HEALTH BUDGET – OPIOID SETTLEMENT TRUST FUNDS

WHEREAS, the Commissioner of Mental Health, Social Services, and Youth Bureau has requested a budgetary amendment (25A112) to amend the 2025 Mental Health budget to properly allocate agency awards pursuant to RFP-10-2025 utilizing up to \$351,223 of the Opioid Settlement Trust Funds; and

WHEREAS, the funds will be rolled over and awards will be effective January 1, 2026; and

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

RESOLVED, that the following budgetary amendment be made:

Increase Estimated Appropriations:

10431000 54646 10212	Contracts – Opioid – People USA	64,850
10431000 54646 10213	Contracts – Opioid – Cove Care Center	34,200
10431000 54646 10214	Contracts – Opioid – St. Christopher’s Inn	42,000
10431000 54646 10215	Contracts – Opioid – Green Chimneys	49,900
10431000 54646 10216	Contracts – Opioid – Prevention Council	75,000
10431000 54646 10230	Contracts – Opioid – Mental Health Assoc.	85,273
		<u>351,223</u>

Increase Estimated Revenues:

10431000 427350 10212	Use of Settlement Funds – People USA	64,850
10431000 427350 10213	Use of Settlement Funds – Cove Care Center	34,200
10431000 427350 10214	Use of Settlement Funds – St. Christopher’s Inn	42,000
10431000 427350 10215	Use of Settlement Funds – Green Chimneys	49,900
10431000 427350 10216	Use of Settlement Funds – Prevention Council	75,000
10431000 427350 10230	Use of Settlement Funds – Mental Health Assoc.	85,273
		<u>351,223</u>

2025 Fiscal Impact – 0 –

2026 Fiscal Impact – 0 –

BY POLL VOTE: EIGHT AYES. LEGISLATOR BIRMINGHAM WAS ABSENT. MOTION CARRIES.

Item #6o – Approval – Budgetary Amendment (25A113) – Department of Mental Health, Social Services, and Youth Bureau – Mental Health Budget – Adjusted State Aid Levels was next.

RESOLUTION #329

APPROVAL – BUDGETARY AMENDMENT (25A113) – DEPARTMENT MENTAL HEALTH, SOCIAL SERVICES, AND YOUTH BUREAU – MENTAL HEALTH BUDGET – ADJUSTED STATE AID LEVELS

WHEREAS, the Commissioner of Mental Health, Social Services, and Youth Bureau has requested a budgetary amendment (25A113) to amend the 2025 Mental Health budget to reflect adjusted State Aid levels to be passed through to provider agencies in accordance with the recent State Aid authorizations from the NYS Office of Mental Health (OMH) dated 09/29/2025 and 10/31/2025; and

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

RESOLVED, that the following budgetary amendment be made:

Increase Estimated Appropriations:

10034000 54647	Subcontractors – MH Supported Housing	13,397
10037000 54647	Subcontractors – MH INTV Case Mgmt.	7,841
10038000 54647	Subcontractors – MH COLA	21
		21,259

Increase Estimated Revenues:

10034000 434903	Subcontractors – MH Supported Housing	13,397
10037000 434946	Subcontractors – MH INTV Case Mgmt.	7,841
10038000 434944	Subcontractors – MH COLA	21
		21,259

2025 Fiscal Impact – 0 –

2026 Fiscal Impact – 0 –

BY POLL VOTE: EIGHT AYES. LEGISLATOR BIRMINGHAM WAS ABSENT. MOTION CARRIES.

Item #6p - Approval – Fund Transfer (25T398) – Health Department – Early Intervention – Itinerant Services was next.

RESOLUTION #330

APPROVAL – FUND TRANSFER (25T398) – HEALTH DEPARTMENT – EARLY INTERVENTION – ITINERANT SERVICES

WHEREAS, the Public Health Director has requested a fund transfer (25T398) to cover the increase in children from 215 in 2024 to 225 in 2025; and

WHEREAS, New York State recently increased rates by 5% per units billed; and

WHEREAS, the Health, Social, Educational & Environmental Committee and the Audit & Administration Committee have reviewed and approved said fund transfer; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the following fund transfer be made:

Decrease:
10405900 54417 Early Intervention – Evaluations 40,000

Increase:
10405900 54441 Early Intervention – Itinerant Services 40,000

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

BY POLL VOTE: EIGHT AYES. LEGISLATOR BIRMINGHAM WAS ABSENT. MOTION CARRIES.

Item #6q – Approval – Fund Transfer (25T400) – Health Department – Pre-School – Parent Travel was next.

RESOLUTION #331

APPROVAL – FUND TRANSFER (25T400) – HEALTH DEPARTMENT – PRE-SCHOOL PARENT TRAVEL

WHEREAS, the Public Health Director has requested a fund transfer (25T400) to cover the increase in Parents Driving Children to School; and

WHEREAS, in 2024 - 30 parents were driving their children to school; and

WHEREAS, in 2025 – 37 parents were driving their children to school; and

WHEREAS, the Health, Social, Educational & Environmental Committee and the Audit & Administration Committee have reviewed and approved said fund transfer; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the following fund transfer be made:

Decrease:
10296000 54678 Pre-School Leased Transportation 10,000

Increase:
10296000 54670 Pre-School – Non – Employee Travel 10,000

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

BY POLL VOTE: EIGHT AYES. LEGISLATOR BIRMINGHAM WAS ABSENT. MOTION CARRIES.

Item #6r – Approval – Fund Transfer (25T401) – Health Department – Pre-School – Special Education was next.

RESOLUTION #332

APPROVAL – FUND TRANSFER (25T401) – HEALTH DEPARTMENT – PRE-SCHOOL SPECIAL EDUCATION

WHEREAS, the Public Health Director has requested a fund transfer (25T401) to cover the School Districts Billing for Pre-School Special Education; and

WHEREAS, in 2024 the number of children receiving services was 583; and

WHEREAS, in 2025 the number of children increased by 59, bringing the total of children receiving services in 2025 to 642; and

WHEREAS, the charge per child went from \$708 in 2024 to \$752 in 2025; and

WHEREAS, the Health, Social, Educational & Environmental Committee and the Audit & Administration Committee have reviewed and approved said fund transfer; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the following fund transfer be made:

Decrease:

10296000 54441	Pre-School Itinerant Services	120,000
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Increase:

10296000 54113	Pre-School – Excessive School Dist. Admin.	120,000
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2025 Fiscal Impact – 0 –

2026 Fiscal Impact – 0 –

BY POLL VOTE: EIGHT AYES. LEGISLATOR BIRMINGHAM WAS ABSENT. MOTION CARRIES.

Item #6s – Approval – Fund Transfer (25T403) – Health Department – Pre-School – Care at Private Institution was next.

RESOLUTION #333

APPROVAL – FUND TRANSFER (25T403) – HEALTH DEPARTMENT – PRE-SCHOOL – CARE AT PRIVATE INSTITUTION

WHEREAS, the Public Health Director has requested a fund transfer (25T403) to cover Pre-School Care at Private Institution; and

WHEREAS, in 2024 the original budgeted amount was \$6,000,000 and the 2024 total expenses were \$7,400,000, due to multiple rate increases and number of children at schools increased by 15 students; from 105 to 120; and

WHEREAS, in 2025 the line was budgeted at \$7,000,000 as the number of children at schools had leveled off; and

WHEREAS, the rate changes continually increase and they anticipate needing more money in this line; and

WHEREAS, the Health, Social, Educational & Environmental Committee and the Audit & Administration Committee have reviewed and approved said fund transfer; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the following fund transfer be made:

Decrease:

10296000 54441	Pre-School - Itinerant Services	100,000
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10296000 54678	Pre-School - Leased Transportation	30,000
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10405900 54414	Early Intervention – Care at Private Inst.	<u>40,000</u>
		170,000

Increase:

10296000 54414	Pre-School – Care at Private Inst.	170,000
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2025 Fiscal Impact – 0 –

2026 Fiscal Impact – 0 –

BY POLL VOTE: EIGHT AYES. LEGISLATOR BIRMINGHAM WAS ABSENT. MOTION CARRIES.

Item #6t – Approval – Fund Transfer (25T412) – Department of Social Services – Day Care was next.

RESOLUTION #334

APPROVAL – FUND TRANSFER (25T412) – DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES – DAY CARE

WHEREAS, the Commissioner of Department of Social Services, Mental Health and the Youth Bureau requested a fund transfer (25T412) to cover projected Day Care costs through 12/31/2025; and

WHEREAS, the Health, Social, Educational & Environmental Committee and the Audit & Administration Committee have reviewed and approved said fund transfer; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the following fund transfer be made:

Decrease:

10607000 54471	Day Care	90,000
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10607000 54670	Travel Non-Employee	15,000
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10610900 54433	Emergency Assist. For Families Title IVE Federally Participating	<u>80,000</u>
		185,000

Increase:

10605500 54471	Day Care	185,000
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2025 Fiscal Impact – 0 –

2026 Fiscal Impact – 0 –

BY POLL VOTE: EIGHT AYES. LEGISLATOR BIRMINGHAM WAS ABSENT. MOTION CARRIES.

Item #6u – Approval – Fund Transfer (25T413) – Department of Social Services – Day Care and Committee on Special Education was next.

RESOLUTION #335

APPROVAL – FUND TRANSFER (25T413) – DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES – DAY CARE AND COMMITTEE ON SPECIAL EDUCATION

WHEREAS, the Commissioner of Department of Social Services, Mental Health and the Youth Bureau requested a fund transfer (25T413) to cover projected Day Care and Committee on Special Education costs through 12/31/2025; and

WHEREAS, the Health, Social, Educational & Environmental Committee and the Audit & Administration Committee have reviewed and approved said fund transfer; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the following fund transfer be made:

Decrease:

10610900 54435	Emergency Assistance For Families Child Welfare/Foster Care	550,000
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10610900 54495	Payments To Recipients	25,000
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10610900 54436	Emergency Assist. For Families Child Welfare/Foster Care JD PNS	245,000
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10611900 54415	Adoptive Subsidy Federally Non-Participating	20,000
		840,000

Increase:

10605500 54471	Day Care	575,000
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10611900 54114	Committee on Spec. Educ.	265,000
		840,000

2025 Fiscal Impact – 0 –

2026 Fiscal Impact – 0 –

BY POLL VOTE: EIGHT AYES. LEGISLATOR BIRMINGHAM WAS ABSENT. MOTION CARRIES.

Item #6v – Approval – Fund Transfer (25T414) – Department of Social Services – Committee on Special Education was next.

RESOLUTION #336

APPROVAL – FUND TRANSFER (25T414) – DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES – COMMITTEE ON SPECIAL EDUCATION

WHEREAS, the Commissioner of Department of Social Services, Mental Health and the Youth Bureau requested a fund transfer (25T414) to cover projected Committee on Special Education costs through 12/31/2025; and

WHEREAS, the Health, Social, Educational & Environmental Committee and the Audit & Administration Committee have reviewed and approved said fund transfer; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the following fund transfer be made:

Decrease:

10611900 54416	Adoptive Subsidy Federally Participating	10,000
10611900 54420	Foster Care Federally Non-Participating	200,000
10612300 54414	Care At Private Institution	<u>200,000</u>
		410,000

Increase:

10611900 54114	Committee on Spec. Educ.	410,000
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2025 Fiscal Impact – 0 –

2026 Fiscal Impact – 0 –

BY POLL VOTE: EIGHT AYES. LEGISLATOR BIRMINGHAM WAS ABSENT. MOTION CARRIES.

Item #6w – Approval – Fund Transfer (25T415) – Department of Social Services – Payments to Recipients Safety Net was next.

RESOLUTION #337

APPROVAL – FUND TRANSFER (25T415) – DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES – PAYMENTS TO RECIPIENTS SAFETY NET

WHEREAS, the Commissioner of Department of Social Services, Mental Health and the Youth Bureau requested a fund transfer (25T415) to cover projected Payments To Recipients Safety Net costs through 12/31/2025; and

WHEREAS, the Health, Social, Educational & Environmental Committee and the Audit & Administration Committee have reviewed and approved said fund transfer; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the following fund transfer be made:

Decrease:

10610900 54493	Payments to Recipients	120,000
10610900 54495	Payments to Recipients - EAF (Emergency Assist. for Families)	<u>85,000</u>
		205,000

Increase:

10614000 54493	Payments to Recipients Safety Net	205,000
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2025 Fiscal Impact – 0 –

2026 Fiscal Impact – 0 –

BY POLL VOTE: EIGHT AYES. LEGISLATOR BIRMINGHAM WAS ABSENT. MOTION CARRIES.

Item #6x – Approval – Appointments – Putnam County Board of Health was next. On behalf of the members of the Health, Social, Educational & Environmental Committee, Legislators Ellner and Russo, Legislator Addonizio moved the following:

Legislator Montgomery thanked Kristen McConnell and Dr. Michael Schoolman for their years of service. She thanked all members of the Board of Health and welcomed the new appointees.

Chairwoman Sayegh thanked Dr. Schoolman for his decades of service to the Board of Health. She stated the members' willingness to volunteer is so appreciated.

RESOLUTION #338

APPROVAL – APPOINTMENTS – PUTNAM COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH

RESOLVED, that the following be Appointed to the Putnam County Board of Health:

Dr. Michael Nesheiwat, appointed to fill a vacant seat with an unexpired six (6) year term, said term to expire December 31, 2026.

Shelby Luce appointed to fill a vacant seat with an unexpired six (6) year term, said term to expire December 31, 2025.

And be it further

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

BY POLL VOTE: EIGHT AYES. LEGISLATOR BIRMINGHAM WAS ABSENT. MOTION CARRIES.

Item #6y – Approval – Lead Agency – SEQRA Determination – Putnam County Solid Waste Management Plan was next. On behalf of the members of the Health, Social, Educational & Environmental Committee, Legislators Ellner and Russo, Legislator Addonizio moved the following:

RESOLUTION #339

APPROVAL – LEAD AGENCY – SEQRA DETERMINATION – PUTNAM COUNTY SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT PLAN

WHEREAS, the Putnam County Legislature is considering the adoption of a Solid Waste Management Plan for the County of Putnam (hereinafter the “Updated Plan”), which is currently being revised and updated to cover the ten-year period from 2025 to 2034; and

WHEREAS, the Updated Plan will not involve the construction of any Material Recovery Facilities or Transfer Stations within Putnam County; and

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

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

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

WHEREAS, the Putnam County Legislature, after review of the 6 NYCRR Part 617, finds that the proposed action is a Type I Action; now therefore be it

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

RESOLVED, that this Resolution shall take effect immediately.

BY POLL VOTE: EIGHT AYES. LEGISLATOR BIRMINGHAM WAS ABSENT. MOTION CARRIES.

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

Item #6z – Approval – Budgetary Amendment (25A108) – Finance – Donation from Preserve Putnam County – Restoration of Sybil Ludington Statue was next.

RESOLUTION #340

APPROVAL – APPROVAL – BUDGETARY AMENDMENT (25A108) – FINANCE – DONATION FROM PRESERVE PUTNAM COUNTY -RESTORATION OF SYBIL LUDINGTON STATUE

WHEREAS, Commissioner of Finance requested a Budgetary Amendment (25A108) to adjust the capital budget to account for a donation from Preserve Putnam County to fund the restoration of the Sybil Ludington Statue; 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 52522	Sybil Statue Renovation	10,000
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Increase Estimated Revenues:

55197000 427051 52522	Outside Donations	10,000
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2025 Fiscal Impact – 0 –

2026 Fiscal Impact – 0 –

BY POLL VOTE: EIGHT AYES. LEGISLATOR BIRMINGHAM WAS ABSENT. MOTION CARRIES.

Item #6aa – Approval – Budgetary Amendment (25A111) – Finance – Putnam Golf Course Contracts was next.

RESOLUTION # 341

APPROVAL – BUDGETARY AMENDMENT (25A111) – FINANCE – PUTNAM GOLF COURSE CONTRACTS

WHEREAS, the Commissioner of Finance has requested a budgetary amendment (25A111) to fund the account for projected golf course activity through the end of the year; 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 Estimated Appropriations:

10085000 54646	Contracts – Putnam Golf Course	100,000
10085000 54646 10149	Contracts – Putnam Golf Course F & B	250,000
		<u>350,000</u>

Increase Estimated Revenues:

10085000 424011	Interest & Earnings	49,000
10085000 424011 10149	Interest & Earnings	30,000
10085000 420031	Income – Putnam Golf Course	51,000
10085000 420031 10149	Income – Putnam Golf Course F & B	220,000
		<u>350,000</u>

2025 Fiscal Impact – 0 –

2026 Fiscal Impact – 0 –

BY POLL VOTE: EIGHT AYES. LEGISLATOR BIRMINGHAM WAS ABSENT. MOTION CARRIES.

Item #6bb – Approval – Grant Application – Office for Senior Resources – New York State Department of Transportation FTA Section 5310 Grant Program was next.

RESOLUTION #342

APPROVAL – GRANT APPLICATION – OFFICE FOR SENIOR RESOURCES – NEW YORK STATE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FTA SECTION 5310 GRANT PROGRAM

WHEREAS, when County matching funds are required Section 5-1(D)(1) of the Putnam County Code requires the Legislature to approve all grant applications and subsequent renewals thereof prior to submission for all applications requiring County matching funds; and

WHEREAS, this Section also provides that in the case when time is of the essence and Legislature approval before submission is not possible, the Legislature shall be furnished the grant application for consideration by the next Full Legislature meeting; and

WHEREAS, the Putnam County Office for Senior Resources is seeking approval for a grant in the amount of \$736,586.00 under the New York State Department of

Transportation FTA Section 5310 Grant Program which requires a County matching fund of \$147,317.20; and

WHEREAS, this application submission is due by December 5, 2025 which may not be in a timely manner for approval of the Full Legislature; and

WHEREAS, this grant application was considered and approved by the Physical Services Committee of the Putnam County Legislature at its November 17, 2025 meeting; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Putnam County Legislature approves retroactively the application of the Office Senior Resources for a \$736,586.00 grant under the New York State Department of Transportation FTA Section 5310 Grant Program.

BY POLL VOTE: EIGHT AYES. LEGISLATOR BIRMINGHAM WAS ABSENT. MOTION CARRIES.

Item #6cc – Approval – Notice of Intent to Act as Lead Agency for SEQR Review – Donald B. Smith Campus Site Improvements was next.

RESOLUTION #343

APPROVAL – NOTICE OF INTENT TO ACT AS LEAD AGENCY FOR SEQR REVIEW – DONALD B. SMITH CAMPUS SITE IMPROVEMENTS

WHEREAS, the Putnam County Department of Public Works is proposing to construct various improvements to the site parking lot pavement, sidewalks, parking accommodations, site circulations and drainage located at 110 Old Route 6 in the Town of Carmel, Putnam County, New York; and

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

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

WHEREAS, a short Environmental Assessment Form (EAF) has been prepared for the proposed action; and

WHEREAS, the Putnam County Legislature, after review of the 6 NYCRR Part 617, finds that the proposed action is an Unlisted Action; now therefore be it

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

BY POLL VOTE: EIGHT AYES. LEGISLATOR BIRMINGHAM WAS ABSENT. MOTION CARRIES.

Item #6dd – Approval – Notice of Intent to Act as Lead Agency for SEQR Review – Tilly Foster Farm Conservation Easement Amendment was next.

RESOLUTION #344

APPROVAL – NOTICE OF INTENT TO ACT AS LEAD AGENCY FOR SEQR REVIEW – TILLY FOSTER FARM CONSERVATION EASEMENT AMENDMENT

WHEREAS, Putnam County and the Watershed Agricultural Council (“WAC”) wish to amend the Deed of Conservation Easement covering the Tilly Foster Farm (WAC Property #600), located on NYS Route 312 in the Town of Southeast, Putnam County, New York; and

WHEREAS, The County and WAC are proposing that the boundary lines of the existing Municipal Acceptable Development Area (MADA) be enlarged and that a new Acceptable Development Area (ADA) be created along the northern boundary of the MADA and along a certain portion of the road frontage of NYS Route 312; and

WHEREAS, the foregoing will result in the MADA being increased by 2.828 acres and the ADA area be increased by 0.628 acres; and

WHEREAS, in exchange, the County will add approximately 131 acres of presently unencumbered adjacent land to the Tilly Foster Farm, to be covered by the Deed of the Conservation Easement, which will be divided into Farm Area (FA) and Resource Protection Area (RPA), of which the RPA area will be 23.591 acres; and

WHEREAS, said property is undeveloped and contains a watercourse that flows directly into the NYC Middle Branch Reservoir; and

WHEREAS, no construction or physical alterations to the property will occur from the proposed action; and

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

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

WHEREAS, a short Environmental Assessment Form (EAF) has been prepared for the proposed action; and

WHEREAS, the Putnam County Legislature, after review of the 6 NYCRR Part 617, finds that the proposed action is an Unlisted Action; now therefore be it

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

BY POLL VOTE: EIGHT AYES. LEGISLATOR BIRMINGHAM WAS ABSENT. MOTION CARRIES.

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

RESOLUTION #345

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

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

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

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

WHEREAS, the County of Putnam and the New York State Department of Transportation continue their combined efforts to improve and enhance transportation services in Putnam County, such services provided by and through the Putnam Area Rapid Transit (PART) system, and includes, without limitation, expanding and/or making connections to the regional transit services network, as set forth in the Intercity Bus/Mass Transportation Joint Service Agreement No. C041573, collectively Project ID Number 8824.14, attached hereto as Schedule "A" and Schedule "B", which is fully executed and in effect January 1, 2025 through December 31, 2025; and

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

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

RESOLVED, that the County of Putnam be and is hereby authorized to enter into the Intercity Bus/Mass Transportation Joint Service Supplemental Agreement No. 1 to C041573, attached hereto as Schedule "A," with the New York State Department of Transportation for the maintenance of the Park and Ride Lots in Putnam County and payment for passenger transfers between PART and other commuter transportation systems, as well as for the operation of the Croton Falls Commuter Shuttle, collectively Project ID Number 8824.14; and be it further

RESOLVED, that payments made to the County of Putnam under the Intercity Bus/Mass Transportation Joint Service Supplemental Agreement No. 1 to C041573 between the County of Putnam and the New York State Department of Transportation for the Putnam County Parking and Transfer Program shall not, except as otherwise may hereafter be agreed to between Putnam County and New York State, exceed \$287,000 in monthly or quarterly reimbursements for the period of January 1, 2026 through December

31, 2026, with a total contract amount of \$750,000; and be it further

RESOLVED, that payments made to the County of Putnam under the Intercity Bus/Mass Transportation Joint Service Agreement No. C041573 between Putnam County and New York State for the operation of the Park & Ride facilities for the period January 1, 2026 through December 31, 2026 or such period as otherwise may be agreed to between Putnam County and New York State, are not to exceed \$52,000 and be it further

RESOLVED, that payments to the County of Putnam under the Intercity Bus/Mass Transportation Joint Service Agreement No. C041573 between Putnam County and New York State for Marketing and Promotion for the period January 1, 2026 through December 31, 2026 or such period as otherwise may be agreed to between Putnam County and New York State up to \$33,000 and Connecting Services will be reimbursed up to \$3,000, and be it further

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

BY POLL VOTE: EIGHT AYES. LEGISLATOR BIRMINGHAM WAS ABSENT. MOTION CARRIES.

Item #6ff – Approval – Grant Application – Community Resiliency, Economic Sustainability, And Technology Program – Sybil Ludington Statue Restoration Project was next. On behalf of the members of the Physical Services Committee, Legislators Crowley and Jonke Legislator Ellner moved the following:

RESOLUTION #346

APPROVAL – GRANT APPLICATION – COMMUNITY RESILIENCY, ECONOMIC SUSTAINABILITY, AND TECHNOLOGY PROGRAM – SYBIL LUDINGTON STATUE RESTORATION PROJECT

WHEREAS, Section 5-2(E) of the Putnam County Code provides that an applicant of any grant application that does not require local Putnam County (“the County”) matching funds shall notify the Putnam County Legislature (“the Legislature”) prior to the submission of a grant application and, further, if the Legislature objects to such grant application, the applicant shall not apply for said grant; and

WHEREAS, by and through the State of New York and the Office of Senator Peter Harckham, the County has the opportunity to apply for a Community Resiliency, Economic Sustainability, and Technology Program (CREST) grant in the amount of \$50,000 administered by the Dormitory Authority of the State of New York (“DASNY”) for the restoration of the Sybil Ludington Statue; and

WHEREAS, the purpose of the grant funds is to subsidize the costs associated with the Project; and

WHEREAS, there is no matching fund requirement by the County to accept the CREST grant for the Project; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Legislature authorizes and approves the County’s submission, by the Department of Planning, Development and Public Transportation, of its application for a \$50,000 grant administered through DASNY and awarded by the Community Resiliency, Economic Sustainability, and Technology (CREST) Program for the Project; and be it further

RESOLVED, that this resolution shall take effect immediately.

BY POLL VOTE: EIGHT AYES. LEGISLATOR BIRMINGHAM WAS ABSENT. MOTION CARRIES.

Item #6gg – Approval – Authorizing the Implementation, and Funding in the First Instance 100% Of the Federal-Aid and State-Aid Eligible Costs, of a Transportation Federal-Aid and/or State-Aid Transportation Project and Appropriating Funds - Culvert Replacement Program PIN 8762.97 was next. On behalf of the members of the Physical Services Committee, Legislators Crowley and Jonke Legislator Ellner moved the following:

RESOLUTION #347

AUTHORIZING THE IMPLEMENTATION, AND FUNDING IN THE FIRST INSTANCE 100% OF THE FEDERAL-AID AND STATE-AID ELIGIBLE COSTS, OF A TRANSPORTATION FEDERAL-AID AND/OR STATE-AID TRANSPORTATION PROJECT AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS - CULVERT REPLACEMENT PROGRAM PIN 8762.97

WHEREAS, a Project for the Putnam County Culvert Replacement Program in the Towns of Patterson and Carmel, PIN 8762.97 (the "Project") is eligible for funding under Title 23 U.S. Code, as amended, that calls for the apportionment of the costs such program to be borne at the ratio of 80% Federal funds and 20% non-federal funds; and

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

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

RESOLVED, that the County Legislature hereby approves the above-subject Project; and be it further

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

RESOLVED, that the sum of \$2,900,000 is hereby appropriated and made available to cover the cost of participation in the above phases of the Project; and be it further

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

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

RESOLVED, that in addition to the Putnam County Executive, the following

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

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

RESOLVED, this Resolution shall take effect immediately.

BY POLL VOTE: EIGHT AYES. LEGISLATOR BIRMINGHAM WAS ABSENT. MOTION CARRIES.

Item #6hh – Approval – Adoption SEQRA Negative Declaration – Approval Lease Agreement – Approval Land Use Zoning Exemption for the Facility (E911 Tower) was next. On behalf of the members of the Physical Services Committee, Legislators Crowley and Jonke Legislator Ellner moved the following:

RESOLUTION #348

APPROVAL – ADOPTION SEQRA NEGATIVE DECLARATION – APPROVAL LEASE AGREEMENT – APPROVAL LAND USE ZONING EXEMPTION FOR THE FACILITY (E911 Tower)

WHEREAS, the Town of Philipstown is the owner of the property located at 50 Fishkill Road, Cold Spring, New York (“Property”); and

WHEREAS, the County desires to use a portion of the Property for the installation of a 120-foot cellular monopole tower with the associated equipment shelter, backup generators and telecommunications equipment; and

WHEREAS, the County, working with Motorola, desires to use a portion of the Property to install the support structure and compound area necessary to accommodate the emergency telecommunications coverage needs of various County Emergency Service Departments; and

WHEREAS, the County and Motorola desire to enter into a public private partnership with the Town of Philipstown by entering into a lease agreement (“Agreement”), a copy of which is attached hereto as Schedule “A”, for the purpose of constructing the monopole tower and supporting equipment (the “Facility”), with County emergency service antennas located thereon all of which shall be situated on or within the lease parcel; and

WHEREAS, the property is subject to a conservation easement with the Open Space Institute (“OSI”), of whom the County has worked closely with to receive authorization/approval to construct the Facility thereon; and

WHEREAS, the Facility will provide and facilitate wireless telecommunication services essential for responding to accidents, natural disasters and for reporting medical emergencies and other dangers such as potential criminal activity; and

WHEREAS, the installation of a wireless communications facility and the approval of lease agreement thereof has been determined to be a SEQR Unlisted Action in accordance with the 6 NYCRR Part 617; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with the requirements of SEQRA, a full Environmental Assessment form (“EAF”), along with a natural resources inventory including wetlands

and endangered species, a Federal Aviation Administration (“FAA”) aeronautical evaluation, a geotechnical evaluation, an antenna site Federal Communications Commission (“FCC”) RF justification report, a Phase II environmental site assessment, and a visual resource evaluation were prepared to describe the potential environmental impacts associated with the project; and

WHEREAS, that unless otherwise objected to, the Putnam County Legislature previously declared, pursuant to Resolution #227 of 2024, their intent to serve as “lead agency” in accordance with 6 NYCRR Part 617.2; and

WHEREAS, the Putnam County Department of Planning on behalf of the Putnam County Legislature, circulated said notice to serve as lead agency along with the full EAF and above noted supporting documentation to all involved and/ or interested agencies on October 15, 2024 for the required minimum thirty (30) day period; and

WHEREAS, the Putnam County Legislature has received no objection with respect to its intent to act as lead agency with respect to the implementation of SEQRA, and therefore, assumes Lead Agency status herein with respect to this project; and

WHEREAS, based upon a careful review of the action as a whole, of the EAF, supporting documents and of the criteria set forth in 6 NYCRR Part 617.7(c), and after considering all of the public input that has been received, the Putnam County Legislature, as Lead Agency, has determined that the project will not result in any significant adverse environmental impacts; and

WHEREAS, it is recognized under New York State Law that counties are accorded certain “immunity” from local zoning regulations; and

WHEREAS, the leading New York Court of Appeals decision, Matter of County of Monroe v City of Rochester, 72 N.Y. 2d 338, 533 N.Y.S. 2d 702 (“Monroe”), establishes the balancing of the interests” approach for determining whether a project should be accorded immunity from local zoning regulations; and

WHEREAS, Monroe permits the County to determine whether or not it is in the public interest to subject a particular project serving governmental interests to local zoning; and

WHEREAS, Monroe discusses the following nine (9) factors for consideration when balancing the interest of the public and the governmental entity:

- 1) The nature and scope of the instrumentality seeking immunity;
- 2) The encroaching governmental entity’s legislative grant of authority;
- 3) The kind of function or land use involved;
- 4) The effect local land use regulation would have upon the enterprise concerned;
- 5) Alternative locations for the facility in less restrictive zoning areas;
- 6) The impact upon legitimate local interest;
- 7) Alternative methods of providing the proposed improvement;
- 8) The extent of the public interest to be served by the improvements; and
- 9) The intergovernmental participation in the project development process and an opportunity to be heard; and

WHEREAS, the County has analyzed each of the foregoing considerations to determine whether the Facility should be exempt from the local municipal zoning regulations and has determined that the Facility as proposed, should be exempt from such zoning regulations; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that after duly noticed public hearings upon the evidence adduced there as, it is found and determined that based upon a review of the foregoing considerations, the Putnam County Legislature has adopted the following findings of fact:

- 1) Pursuant to Section 3 of New York State County Law, the County is a municipal corporation of the State of New York. Among other things, the County

provides emergency and public safety protection to its residents. For example, the County operates an EMS department pursuant to Section 223-b of New York State County Law and a Sheriff's department pursuant to Article 17 of New York State County Law. Such departments rely heavily on wireless communications to protect the public health, safety and welfare. Reliable wireless communications are a critical resource that is necessary for the County to provide emergency and public safety protection. Therefore, the County is purely public in nature and is a governmental entity that provides an essential public service.

2) The Facility will be located within the municipal border of the Village of Nelsonville/Town of Philipstown ("Village" and "Town") and within the County of Putnam. Pursuant to Section 215 of the New York State County Law, the County has the authority to enter into a lease agreement with the Town. Pursuant to Section 3 of the New York State County Law, the County is a municipal corporation comprising the inhabitants within its boundaries and formed for the purpose of exercising such powers and discharging such duties of local government and administration of public affairs as may be imposed or conferred upon it by law.

3) The function or land use that is contemplated by the County under the lease agreement is a wireless communications facility (the "Facility"). The Facility will consist of a 120-foot cellular monopole tower with the associated equipment shelter, backup generators and telecommunications equipment. The County, working with Motorola, desires to use a portion of the Town-owned Property to install the support structure and compound area necessary to accommodate the emergency telecommunications coverage needs of various County Emergency Service Departments. The Facility will serve the public interest in that it allows the County public service and emergency service entities the ability to effectively communicate through the County E911 network. The Facility will also offer the general public and the County emergency service entities a wireless communications alternative particularly well suited for responding to accidents, natural disasters and for reporting medical emergencies and other dangers such as potential criminal activity.

4) Imposing local land use regulations on the proposed Facility would have the effect of unreasonably delaying an essential public need for immediate and effective emergency response and reliable wireless communications. It is the public policy of the United States "to make available so far as possible, to all people of the United States a rapid, efficient, nationwide and world-wide wire and radio communication service with adequate facilities at reasonable charges, for the purpose of national defense, for the purpose of promoting safety of life and property through the use of wire and radio communication...[.]" 47 U.S.C §151. The project will also further the goals and objectives established by Congress under the federal Telecommunications Act of 1996. The federal Telecommunications Act of 1996 is "an unusually important legislative enactment," establishing national public policy in favor of encouraging "rapid deployment of new telecommunications technologies (emphasis supplied)." *Reno v. ACLU*, 521 U.S. 844, 17 S. Ct.2329, 2337-38, 138 L.Ed.2d 874 (1997). The federal Telecommunications Act of 1996 builds upon the regulatory framework for commercial mobile (radio) services which Congress established in 1993. Indeed, since 1993, it has been the policy of the United States "to foster the growth and development of mobile services that, by their nature, operate without regard to state lines as an integral part of the national

telecommunication infrastructure.” H.R. Rep. No. 103-111, 103d Cong., 1st sess 260 (1993) (emphasis added). In 1999, Pub. L 106-81, 113 Stat. 1286 (the “911 Act”). The “911 Act” empowered the FCC to develop the regulations to make wireless 911 services available to all Americans. The express purpose of the Act, as articulated by Congress, was “to encourage and facilitate the prompt deployment throughout the United States of seamless, ubiquitous, and reliable end-to-end infrastructure for communications, including wireless communications, to meet the Nation’s public safety and other communications need” (emphasis added).

5) There are no alternative locations for the Facility in less restrictive zoning areas as such facilities are permitted in all Town zoning districts by conditional use permit. Moreover, the proposed location for the Facility at the subject Property is ideal in order to minimize aesthetic impacts to the greatest extent feasible based on the large size of the property and distance from neighboring uses, as demonstrated by the Visual Resource Evaluation. The Property already supports municipal operations and therefore, the location of the Facility on Town property will not be detrimental to the community. By siting the Facility at the proposed location, the County can ensure that there is adequate infrastructure in place for the location of emergency communication antennas. Moreover, the Facility is part of an overall County wide wireless communications network. The location of the Facility fits within the existing County wide network and remedies gaps in service that currently hamper emergency services communications.

6) The Facility will not have an adverse environmental or other impact on the public because the Facility will be sited on an existing town highway yard’s salt shed which has previous site disturbance. The Facility will benefit the public interest by providing essential services and by producing revenue for the County, while also providing critical infrastructure for County emergency wireless communications and public utility commercial wireless services and will be sited to minimize any potential adverse environmental impacts. The Facility will comply with all structural standards and will not adversely affect the health, safety or general welfare of the public. The Facility will not cause any harmful interference with the frequencies of any radio, television, telephone or other uses. The Facility will have no impact on pedestrian or vehicular traffic since the proposed use is unmanned requiring infrequent maintenance visits of approximately one per month. The Facility will not produce any smoke, gas, odor, heat, dust, noise above ambient levels, fumes, vibrations or flashing lights; the Facility will not generate solid waste, wastewater or sewage, will not require water supply or waste disposal, and will not attract insects, vermin or other vectors. Any human exposure to electromagnetic energy from the Facility even under “worst case” conditions, will be several orders of magnitude below the exposure limits established by the FCC, the American National Standards Institute, the Institute of Electronic and Electrical Engineers, the National Council on Radiation Protection and Measurements, and the New York State Department of Health. The Facility will not impact any wetlands and will not be located within any wetland buffers.

7) Due to the topography of the County, the proposed height of the Facility is necessary to provide reliable wireless communications services in the local area and support collocation thereby discouraging the proliferation of towers.

8) The Facility will protect and promote the public interest in that it will serve and benefit the entire community by providing the infrastructure necessary to offer the public a wireless telecommunications services essential for protecting public health, safety, and welfare, including the provision of enhance 911 services.

9) The zoning exemption contemplated by this resolution shall apply and extend to the commercial public utility antennas and related equipment located on or associated with the Facility consistent with the decision of the New York State Court of Appeals in the Matter of Crown Communication New York Inc., 4 N.Y.3d 159 (2005).

10) The Agreement with the Town is to utilize a portion of the Property for the installation of a 120-foot cellular monopole tower with the associated equipment shelter, backup generators and telecommunications equipment. The Town will benefit from the ability to place its communications equipment on the Facility. Moreover, the public private partnership will result in the County not being required to expend significant resources on the lease of property necessary for tower and supporting infrastructure.

11) The County Legislature has reviewed the Agreement and has conducted a public hearing. All Involved/ Interested Agencies, including the Village of Nelsonville and Town of Philipstown in which the Facility is located, have been notified of the proposal and offered the opportunity to comment; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Putnam County Legislature designates itself as “Lead Agency” in this matter, as defined in 6 NYCRR Part 617.2(u); and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Putnam County Legislature as “Lead Agency”, hereby determines that the project will not have any significant adverse environmental impacts; and be it further

RESOLVED, that a Draft Environmental Impact Statement will not be prepared; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Putnam County Legislature, as “Lead Agency” hereby issues a Negative Declaration in connection with the project, a copy of which is attached hereto as Schedule “B”, and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Agreement terms are agreeable to the County; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Putnam County Legislature approves the Agreement between the County and Town of Philipstown, in the document attached hereto and made a part hereof as Schedule “A”, and that the Putnam County Executive is authorized to execute said Agreement, and be it further

RESOLVED, that the County Attorney is authorized to take whatever legal action is necessary to effectuate the Agreement between the County and Town in the manner approved herein; and be it further

RESOLVED, that based upon the foregoing balancing of interest, it is not in the public interest to subject the Facility to local zoning land use regulations.

BY POLL VOTE: EIGHT AYES. LEGISLATOR BIRMINGHAM WAS ABSENT. MOTION CARRIES.

Item #6ii – Approval – Request the New York State Legislature prepare and introduce the

necessary alienation legislation that would enable the County of Putnam to transfer Town of Philipstown- Parkland TM # 83.14-1-10, 83.14-1-11, and 83.14-1-15; to Hudson Highlands Land Trust for E911 Tower -Planning Department was next. On behalf of the members of the Physical Services Committee, Legislators Crowley and Jonke Legislator Ellner moved the following:

RESOLUTION #349

APPROVAL – REQUEST THE NYS LEGISLATURE PREPARE AND INTRODUCE THE NECESSARY ALIENATION LEGISLATION THAT WOULD ENABLE THE COUNTY OF PUTNAM TO TRANSFER TOWN OF PHILIPSTOWN- PARKLAND TM # 83.14-1-10, 83.14-1-11, AND 83.14-1-15; TO HUDSON HIGHLANDS LAND TRUST FOR E911 TOWER

WHEREAS, the Town of Philipstown is owner in fee of approximately 2.591 acres of land situate in the Village of Nelsonville, Town of Philipstown, Putnam County, State of New York identified as Tax Map No. 38.14-1-28 (the “Property”); and

WHEREAS, the Town granted to Open Space Conservancy, Inc., now known as Open Space Institute Land Trust, Inc., a conservation easement dated February 18, 2004, and recorded in the Putnam County Clerk’s Office at Liber 1660, Page 25 (“Conservation Easement”) encumbering the Property; and

WHEREAS, the Conservation Easement sets forth as its purpose to “maintain the current use of the Property for municipal highway department purposes, and to prohibit other uses of the Property unless such use receives the prior written approval of the Grantee; and

WHEREAS, the County desires to construct and operate a non-commercial 120-foot tall radio transmission tower and supporting structures (hereinafter the “Facility”), on the Property for the purpose of enhancing critical emergency communications in the Town of Philipstown and surrounding area, which communications are currently severely limited; and

WHEREAS, the Town is willing to allow the County to construct and operate the Facility on the Property for the said purpose; and

WHEREAS, the County has demonstrated that the most appropriate location for the Facility in the Town of Philipstown and surrounding area is on the Property; and

WHEREAS, the language of the Conservation Easement does not permit the construction and operation of the proposed Facility; and

WHEREAS, the Town and County have requested an amendment to the Conservation Easement to allow the Property to be used for the purpose of constructing, leasing and operating the Facility on the Property; and

WHEREAS, OSILT agrees that enhancing area-wide emergency communications is an essential municipal and county function and that use of a portion of the Property for the Facility satisfies a critical public need; and

WHEREAS, to offset the construction of the Facility both the Town and County have agreed to transfer municipally owned parcels of land totaling approximately 18 acres to HHLT to become part of the land trust’s Canopus Creek Preserve; and

WHEREAS, HHLT is a land trust accredited by the Land Trust Accreditation Commission and conserves land throughout the Hudson Highlands of New York State, including land situated in the Town of Philipstown, Putnam County, New York; and

WHEREAS, OSILT’s Board of Trustees has approved amending the Conservation Easement to allow the construction, operation and leasing of the Facility on the Property because of the important public need and that 18 acres of land to be donated to HHLT to become part of HHLT’s Canopus Creek Preserve; and

WHEREAS, the County parcels to be conveyed to HHLT total approximately 4.63 acres and are designated and described as Town of Philipstown TM # 83.14-1-7, 83.14-1-10, 83.14-1-11, and 83.14-1-15; and

WHEREAS, three (3) of those parcels, Town of Philipstown TM # 83.14-1-10, 83.14-1-11, and 83.14-1-15, were previously designated as public parkland; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Putnam County Legislature does hereby request the New York State Legislature to prepare and introduce the necessary alienation legislation that would enable the County of Putnam to transfer Town of Philipstown TM # 83.14-1-10, 83.14-1-11, and 83.14-1-15; to HHLT; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Putnam County Legislature hereby directs its Clerk to transmit copies of this Resolution to each member of the New York State Legislature that represents any portion of the County of Putnam and to the Speaker of the State of New York Assembly and to the Majority Leader of the New York State Senate.

BY POLL VOTE: EIGHT AYES. LEGISLATOR BIRMINGHAM WAS ABSENT. MOTION CARRIES.

Item #6jj – Approval – Transfer of Certain Real Property Owned by the County of Putnam to Hudson Highlands Trust (E911 Tower) was next. On behalf of the members of the Physical Services Committee, Legislators Crowley and Jonke Legislator Ellner moved the following:

RESOLUTION #350

APPROVAL – TRANSFER OF CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY OWNED BY THE COUNTY OF PUTNAM TO HUDSON HIGHLANDS TRUST (E911 Tower)

WHEREAS, the Town of Philipstown owns certain property in the Village of Nelsonville Putnam County, New York, which is used as a Highway Department Garage; and

WHEREAS, the County of Putnam and the Town of Philipstown propose to construct an emergency communications tower on the said property; and

WHEREAS, the said property is subject to a conservation easement held by the Open Space Conservatory, Inc., now known as the Open Space Institute Land Trust, Inc. (hereinafter OSILT); and

WHEREAS, the conservation easement does not currently permit construction of an emergency communications tower on the said property; and

WHEREAS, in consideration for waiving the restrictions of the conservation easement and allowing the emergency communications tower to be built on said property, OSILT has requested that certain parcels of vacant real property owned by the County of Putnam (Tax Lots Section 8.14, Block 1, Lots 7, 10, 11 & 15) and that certain parcels of vacant real property owned by the Town (Tax Lots Section 83.14, Block 1, Lots 4, 5, 6, 8, 9, 12, 13, 14, 16, 17, 18, 19, & 20), amounting in total to approximately 18.4 acres, be conserved in perpetuity through transfer of title of those lots to the Hudson Highlands Trust (“HHLT”) as an extension of its adjacent Canopus Creek Preserve; and

WHEREAS, the Legislature has reviewed the parcels at issue that are owned by the County of Putnam and finds that they do not serve any present or intended future municipal use except for green space, and may be declared surplus; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Putnam County Legislature hereby declares the lots owned by the County of Putnam, identified by tax map identification numbers 83.14-1-7, 83.14-1-10, 83.14-1-11, and 83.14-1-15 to be surplus; and be it further

RESOLVED, that transfer of title of the said lots to HHLT constitutes fair and adequate consideration for waiver of the restrictions of the conservation easement on the Town's aforesaid property to allow for construction of the proposed emergency communications tower; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Putnam County Legislature hereby authorizes the County Executive to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding with OSILT, HHLT and the Town providing for the waiver of the restrictions of the conservation easement on the Town's aforesaid property to allow for construction of the proposed emergency communications tower, and the transfer of title to the aforesaid lots to HHLT, a copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit "A"; and be it further

RESOLVED, that pursuant to Section 31-8(B) of the Putnam County Code, the Putnam County Legislature approves the transfer of the lots identified by tax map numbers 83.14-1-7, 83.14-1-10, 83.14-1-11, and 83.14-1-15 to HHLT; and be it further

RESOLVED, that said transfer shall be subject to and conditioned upon the County obtaining all necessary and required legislation and approvals as may be required for the alienation of public parkland; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Putnam County Legislature hereby authorizes the County Executive to execute a deed or deeds for transfer of title to said lots to HHLT, appropriate recording documents, and any and all documents necessary to effectuate the terms of this resolution; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the aforementioned lots shall be conveyed to HHLT in an "as is" condition by Quitclaim deed; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Putnam County Attorney is authorized to take whatever legal action is necessary to effectuate the transfer as herein approved; and it be it further

RESOLVED, that this Resolution shall take effect immediately.

BY POLL VOTE: EIGHT AYES. LEGISLATOR BIRMINGHAM WAS ABSENT. MOTION CARRIES.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT & ENERGY COMMITTEE
(Chairman Gouldman, Legislators Birmingham & Ellner)

Item #6kk – Approval – Re-Appointments & Appointment – Putnam County Industrial Development Agency Board was next.

Legislator Montgomery welcomed new IDA Board member James Hartford. She stated she hopes some meetings can be held on the western side of the County.

Chairwoman Sayegh thanked the volunteers for their service and dedication to Putnam County.

Legislator Addonizio stated her appreciation for the volunteers as well.

RESOLUTION #351

APPROVAL – RE-APPOINTMENTS AND APPOINTMENT – PUTNAM COUNTY INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AGENCY BOARD

RESOLVED, that the following be Re-Appointed to the Putnam County Industrial Development Agency:

Edward P. Cooke, Town of Carmel, for a three (3) year term; from January 1, 2026, to expire December 31, 2028.

William Nulk, Town of Kent, for a three (3) year term; from January 1, 2026, to expire December 31, 2028.

RESOLVED, that the following be Appointed to the Putnam County Industrial Development Agency:

James Hartford, Town of Philipstown, appointed to fill an unexpired three (3) year term, said to expire December 31, 2025 and be appointed to the three (3) year term; from January 1, 2026 to expire December 31, 2028.

And be it further

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

BY POLL VOTE: EIGHT AYES. LEGISLATOR BIRMINGHAM WAS ABSENT. MOTION CARRIES.

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

Item #6LL – Approval – Budgetary Amendment (25A107) – Bureau of Emergency Services-Flooring and Dispatcher Overtime was next. (Reviewed by the Personnel and Physical Services Committees)

RESOLUTION #352

APPROVAL – BUDGETARY AMENDMENT (25A107) – BUREAU OF EMERGENCY SERVICES (BES) - FLOORING AND DISPATCHER OVERTIME

WHEREAS, the Acting Commissioner of Bureau of Emergency Services requested a Budgetary Amendment (25A107) to fund the improvement to the flooring in the lobby of the BES and cover Dispatcher Overtime for the remainder of 2025; and

WHEREAS, the Personnel, Physical Services and Audit & Administration Committees 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	25,000
13398900 51093	Overtime	84,000
13398900 58002	FICA	<u>6,426</u>

		115,426
Decrease Estimated Appropriations:		
10398900 54710	Maintenance & Repairs	25,000
10199000 54980	Contingency	90,426
		115,426

CAPITAL FUND:

Increase Estimated Appropriations:

55197000 532201 51509	CP - Flooring	25,000
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Increase Estimated Revenues:

55197000 428601 51509	Transfer From General Fund	25,000
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2025 Fiscal Impact – 90,426 –

2026 Fiscal Impact – 0 –

BY POLL VOTE: EIGHT AYES. LEGISLATOR BIRMINGHAM WAS ABSENT. MOTION CARRIES.

Item #6mm – Approval – Budgetary Amendment (25A109) – Department of I.T. & G.I.S – New Phone System – Utilizing Microsoft Teams was next.

RESOLUTION #353

APPROVAL – BUDGETARY AMENDMENT (25A109) – DEPARTMENT OF I.T. & G.I.S –NEW PHONE SYSTEM – UTILIZING MICROSOFT TEAMS

WHEREAS, the Director of Department of I.T. & G.I.S. requested a Budgetary Amendment (25A109) to fund the implementation of a new phone system utilizing Microsoft Teams; 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:

10990100 59020	Transfer to Capital Fund	178,970
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Decrease Estimated Appropriations:

10199000 54980	Contingency	178,970
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CAPITAL FUND:

Increase Estimated Appropriations:

55197000 53000 52523	County Wide Telephone System	178,970
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Increase Estimated Revenues:

55197000 428601 52523	Transfer From General Fund	178,970
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2025 Fiscal Impact – 178,970 –

2026 Fiscal Impact – 0 –

BY POLL VOTE: EIGHT AYES. LEGISLATOR BIRMINGHAM WAS ABSENT. MOTION CARRIES.

Item #6nn – Approval – Budgetary Amendment (25A114) – Finance – Legal Aid Society – Indigent Legal Services was next. On behalf of the members of the Audit & Administration Committee, Legislators Birmingham and Crowley, Chairwoman Sayegh moved the following:

RESOLUTION #354

APPROVAL – BUDGETARY AMENDMENT (25A114) – FINANCE – INDIGENT LEGAL SERVICES

WHEREAS, the Commissioner of Finance has requested a budgetary amendment (25A114) to fund mandated Legal Services to indigent persons pursuant to County Law; 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:

25117100 54125	Legal Services – 18B	200,000
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Increase Estimated Revenues:

25117100 430251	State Aid – ILSF	100,000
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Decrease Estimated Appropriations:

10199000 54980	Contingency	100,000
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**2025 Fiscal Impact – \$100,000 –
2026 Fiscal Impact – 0 –**

BY POLL VOTE: EIGHT AYES. LEGISLATOR BIRMINGHAM WAS ABSENT. MOTION CARRIES.

Item #6oo – Approval – Budgetary Amendment (25A115) – Sheriff’s Office –Purchase Microwaves – Correctional Facility- Inmate Commissary Funds was next. On behalf of the members of the Audit & Administration Committee, Legislators Birmingham and Crowley, Chairwoman Sayegh moved the following:

RESOLUTION #355

APPROVAL – BUDGETARY AMENDMENT (25A115) – SHERIFF’S OFFICE – PURCHASE MICROWAVES – CORRECTIONAL FACILITY – INMATE COMMISSARY FUNDS

WHEREAS, the Sheriff has requested a budgetary amendment (25A115) to use the Inmate Commissary Account to fund the purchase of microwaves for use by the inmates in the Correctional Facility; 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 Revenue:

10010000 427701	Sheriff – Jail Food – Unclassified	989.05
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Increase Appropriations:

10010000 52170	Sheriff – Jail Food – Kitchen Equipment	989.05
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2025 Fiscal Impact – 0–

2026 Fiscal Impact – 0 –

BY POLL VOTE: EIGHT AYES. LEGISLATOR BIRMINGHAM WAS ABSENT. MOTION CARRIES.

Item #6pp – Approval – Budgetary Amendment (25A116) – Sheriff’s Office – Purchase Televisions – Correctional Facility – Inmate Commissary Funds was next. On behalf of the members of the Audit & Administration Committee, Legislators Birmingham and Crowley, Chairwoman Sayegh moved the following:

RESOLUTION #356

APPROVAL – BUDGETARY AMENDMENT (25A116) – SHERIFF’S OFFICE – PURCHASE TELEVISIONS – CORRECTIONAL FACILITY- INMATE COMMISSARY FUNDS

WHEREAS, the Sheriff has requested a budgetary amendment (25A116) to use the Inmate Commissary Account to fund the purchase of televisions for use by the inmates in the Correctional Facility; 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 Revenue:

10315000 427701	Sheriff-Jail - Unclassified	1,315.30
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Increase Appropriations:

10315000 52140	Sheriff-Jail – Audio Visual Equipment	1,315.30
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2025 Fiscal Impact – 0 –

2026 Fiscal Impact – 0 –

BY POLL VOTE: EIGHT AYES. LEGISLATOR BIRMINGHAM WAS ABSENT. MOTION CARRIES.

Item #6qq – Approval – Budgetary Amendment (25A118) – Sheriff’s Office – Purchase Two Senior Office Assistant Stations – Correctional Facility – T-Commission Reserve Funds was next. On behalf of the members of the Audit & Administration Committee, Legislators Birmingham and Crowley, Chairwoman Sayegh moved the following:

RESOLUTION #357

APPROVAL – BUDGETARY AMENDMENT (25A118) – SHERIFF’S OFFICE –TWO SENIOR OFFICE ASSISTANT STATIONS – CORRECTIONAL FACILITY – T-COMMISSION RESERVE FUNDS

WHEREAS, the Sheriff has requested a budgetary amendment (25A118) to use the T – Commission Reserve funds to purchase two (2) Senior Office Assistant Stations – Correctional Facility; 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 Revenue:

10315000 426605	Jail – Inmate T-Comm Use of Reserve	12,272.03
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Increase Appropriations:

10315000 52610	Jail – Furniture & Furnishings	12,272.03
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2025 Fiscal Impact – 0 –

2026 Fiscal Impact – 0 –

BY POLL VOTE: EIGHT AYES. LEGISLATOR BIRMINGHAM WAS ABSENT. MOTION CARRIES.

Item #6rr – Approval – Budgetary Amendment (25A119) – Sheriff’s Office – Purchase Eight Security Cameras – Correctional Facility – T-Commission Reserve Funds was next. On behalf of the members of the Audit & Administration Committee, Legislators Birmingham and Crowley, Chairwoman Sayegh moved the following:

RESOLUTION #358

APPROVAL – BUDGETARY AMENDMENT (25A119) – SHERIFF’S OFFICE – PURCHASE EIGHT SECURITY CAMERAS – CORRECTIONAL FACILITY – T-COMMISSION RESERVE FUNDS

WHEREAS, the Sheriff has requested a budgetary amendment (25A119) to use the T – Commission Reserve funds to purchase eight (8) security cameras for the Correctional Facility; 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 Revenue:

10315000 426605	Jail – Inmate T-Comm Use of Reserve	27,513.93
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Increase Appropriations:

10315000 52140	Jail – Audio Visual Equipment	27,513.93
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2025 Fiscal Impact – 0 –

2026 Fiscal Impact – 0 –

BY POLL VOTE: EIGHT AYES. LEGISLATOR BIRMINGHAM WAS ABSENT. MOTION CARRIES.

Item #6ss – Approval – Budgetary Transfer (25T432) – Finance – Public Information Officers Stipends – Subcontingency was next.

RESOLUTION #359

APPROVAL – BUDGETARY TRANSFER (25T432) – FINANCE – PUBLIC INFORMATION OFFICERS STIPENDS – SUBCONTINGENCY

WHEREAS, the Commissioner of Finance requested budgetary transfer (25T432) to allocate for the three (3) Public Information Officer (PIO) Stipends from subcontingency; and

WHEREAS, the Personnel Committee discussed and requested said action; and

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

RESOLVED, that the following budgetary transfer be made:

Increase Estimated Appropriations:

10398900 51000 (121)	PIO Stipend	2,500
10398900 51000 (122)	PIO Stipend	2,500
10398900 51000 (123)	PIO Stipend	2,500
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2025 Fiscal Impact – 0 –

2026 Fiscal Impact – 0 –

BY POLL VOTE: EIGHT AYES. LEGISLATOR BIRMINGHAM WAS ABSENT. MOTION CARRIES.

Item #7 – Other Business – None

Item #8 – Recognition of Public on Agenda Items

There were no members of the public wishing to be recognized.

Item #9 – Recognition of Legislators

Legislator Gouldman stated this is the last Full Legislative Meeting for two of his colleagues, Legislator Jonke and Legislator Ellner. He stated they have both served with body with distinction. He stated there have been agreements and disagreements over the years and if there were no disagreements, we would not be doing the People's work. He stated it has been an honor to serve alongside Legislator Jonke and Legislator Ellner and wished them the best of luck. He wished everyone Happy Holidays and a happy and healthy New Year.

Legislator Montgomery stated it has been interesting, fun, and robust serving with Legislator Jonke and she wished him the best of luck. She stated she appreciated Legislator Ellner's confidence in her.

Legislator Addonizio stated it has been a pleasure working with Legislator Jonke and Legislator Ellner and they will be missed.

Legislator Crowley thanked Legislator Jonke and Legislator Ellner for their years of service to Putnam County. She wished everyone a Happy Holiday season.

Legislator Russo wished Legislator Ellner and Legislator Jonke well.

Chairwoman Sayegh acknowledged the students attending this evening's meeting and questioned if they were here for a class.

The students stated they attend Mahopac High School and confirmed they are here for an assignment from the Public Policy class.

Chairwoman Sayegh stated she is happy to see the younger generation coming out to learn more about their government and requested that the students come up and introduce themselves.

The students came up to the microphone and introduced themselves individually.

Chairwoman Sayegh thanked the students and applauded their attendance here this evening.

Chairwoman Sayegh thanked Legislator Jonke and Legislator Ellner for their service to the County. She stated she has learned a great deal from each of them and she is sorry to see them go.

Legislator Jonke thanked everyone for their kind words. He thanked the staff for their work over the past nine (9) years; he has worked in government for 37 years and this staff is the best of the best. He stated during his nine (9) years on the Legislature he has worked to protect the integrity and independence of this branch of government. He stated he has been fortunate to serve on the Protective Services Committee, including as Chairman, to work for the protection of the residents of Putnam County. He stated he hopes the future Legislature continues to protect the integrity of this separate branch of government.

Legislator Ellner stated he has been proud to serve on the Legislature. He stated this past year he was happy that 10 more miles of road was paved than had ever been done in the history of Putnam County. He wished everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy Hanukkah and good health. He stated it has been a pleasure serving with everyone, including the Legislative and Audit staff.

Item #10 – Adjournment

There being no further business at 7:00pm, Chairwoman Sayegh made a motion to adjourn; Seconded by Legislator Ellner. All in favor.

Respectfully submitted by Deputy Clerk, Beth Robinson.