

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

Tuesday January 2, 2024 7:00 P.M.

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 P.M. by County Clerk Michael Bartolotti who requested Legislator Crowley to lead in the Pledge of Allegiance. County Clerk Bartolotti then requested Legislator Sayegh to lead in the Legislative Prayer. Upon roll call, Legislators Montgomery, Gouldman, Addonizio, Ellner, Jonke, Castellano, Sayegh and Crowley were present. Legislator Nacerino was absent. Also present was Legislative Counsel Firriolo.

Item #4 – Appointment/Chair/Putnam County Legislature was called first. County Clerk Bartolotti requested nominations from the floor for Chair of the Legislature.

Legislator Castellano made a motion to nominate Legislator Jonke as Chairman; seconded by Legislator Addonizio.

Legislator Castellano stated that Legislator Jonke was elected to office in 2016 as Putnam County Legislator for District #6. He served as Chairman of the Legislature in 2023 and served as Chairman of the Protective Services and Personnel Committees. He stated that he has over 30 years in public service. He has managed municipal budgets on a local level in the towns of Carmel, Southeast and Kent as the Assessor. He stated that he was responsible for the Town of Southeast adopting the homestead option which ensures that residential tax rates are lower than commercial rates. He stated that Legislator Jonke has a great deal of knowledge, not only in government, but in the business community. He is a devoted father and advocate for the Special Needs community.

Legislator Addonizio stated that she was honored to second the nomination. She stated that Legislator Jonke is serving his third term as Legislator representing the Town of Southeast. She stated that Legislator Jonke is a conscientious and dedicated public servant and is willing to serve as Chairman of the Legislature for a second year.

County Clerk Bartolotti asked if there were any other nominations.

County Clerk Bartolotti stated that seeing no further nominations, he asked for a roll call vote on the nomination.

Legislator Montgomery requested discussion on the nomination. She stated her concern this year, as she witnessed incidents in the County such as storms, racial incidents, and school uprisings. She stated that shootings and bomb threats are rampant throughout the Country. She understands that Legislator Jonke was on the Protective Services Committee and would like to know what National Incident Management System (NIMS) training he has. She stated that we are required, or it is recommended that Elected Officials have NIMS training. She stated that she has different levels of training for incident management. She stated that the County has a Bureau of Emergency Services

and a Sheriff's Department, but she has a great concern if we are prepared for these incidents. She stated that our residents look to their Elected Officials for guidance and answers during times of these types of incidents. She questioned what type of incident management training our proposed Chairman has.

Legislator Jonke stated that he was not aware of a prerequisite. He stated that we have professional people that work for the County who handle our incidents, not the Chairman of the Legislature.

County Clerk Bartolotti asked for a roll call vote on the nomination.

RESOLUTION #1

APPOINTMENT/ CHAIR/ PUTNAM COUNTY LEGISLATURE

RESOLVED, that Paul E. Jonke be appointed to the position of Chair of the Putnam County Legislature, with all the rights, privileges and duties of the office as set forth in the Putnam County Charter as permitted by law for a period ending December 31, 2024.

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

Chairman Jonke thanked his colleagues who supported him. He stated that it has been an honor serving as Chairman for the last year. He stated that we have done some incredibly good things. He stated that for the first time in 30 years we reduced the tax levy giving our taxpayers back their money. He stated that we are now offering exemptions for our first responders. He stated that he will continue to work diligently as Chairman this year.

Item #5 – Appointment/Deputy Chair/Putnam County Legislature was next.

Chairman Jonke made a motion to nominate Legislator Sayegh to serve as Deputy Chair; seconded by Legislator Castellano.

Chairman Jonke stated that Legislator Sayegh has done a superb job as Deputy Chair in 2023 and is deserving of this position for another year. He stated that Legislator Sayegh is steadfast and calm and always does her best for the people of Putnam County. He stated that Legislator Sayegh uses her heart, head, and spine to serve our residents. He stated that for six (6) years she has always been well prepared for the work that we do and does it in a respectful, professional, and compassionate manner.

Legislator Castellano stated that it was his honor to second the nomination. He stated that he knows Legislator Sayegh for approximately 10 years. He stated that she is a dedicated public officer and a great advocate for her community. He stated that she brings her Midwest values of common sense that help guide Putnam County and the Legislature in the right direction.

Legislator Montgomery explained that our constituents turn to their Elected Officials for training and guidance. She questioned Legislator Sayegh if she had any level of NIMS training as recommended by FEMA, the Federal government, and the New York State.

Chairman Jonke interjected and stopped the questioning of NIMS training.

Chairman Jonke requested a roll call vote on the nomination.

RESOLUTION #2

APPOINTMENT/ DEPUTY CHAIR/ PUTNAM COUNTY LEGISLATURE

RESOLVED, that Amy E. Sayegh be appointed to the position of Deputy Chair of the Putnam County Legislature, with all the rights privileges and duties of the office as set forth in the Putnam County Charter, as permitted by law for a period ending December 31, 2024.

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

Item #6 – Adoption of Legislative Manual was next. Chairman Jonke moved the following; seconded by Legislators Crowley and Ellner.

RESOLUTION #3

ADOPTION OF LEGISLATIVE MANUAL

WHEREAS, Section 2, Sub-division B(1)(f) of the Legislative Manual requires that the Legislature adopt annually its Legislative Manual, including any amendments incorporated therein; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Putnam County Legislature adopts the annexed Legislative Manual for the year 2024.

BY POLL VOTE: ALL AYES. LEGISLATOR NACERINO WAS ABSENT. MOTION CARRIES.

Item #7 – Adoption of Legislative Calendar was next. Chairman Jonke made a motion to move the following; seconded by Legislator Crowley.

RESOLUTION #4

ADOPTION OF LEGISLATIVE CALENDAR

WHEREAS, the Legislative Manual for the Legislature of the County of Putnam provides that annually the Legislative Calendar shall be adopted and promulgated by the Clerk of the Legislature, that the Legislature meets on the first Tuesday of each and every month thereof, except where noted; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the following schedule be adopted as to Regular Meeting dates of the Putnam County Legislature for the year 2024:

Tuesday	January 2, 2024
Tuesday	February 6, 2024
Tuesday	March 5, 2024
Tuesday	April 2, 2024
Tuesday	May 7, 2024
Tuesday	June 4, 2024
Tuesday	July 2, 2024
Tuesday	August 6, 2024
Tuesday	September 3, 2024
Tuesday	October 1, 2024
Wednesday	November 6, 2024
Tuesday	December 3, 2024

BY POLL VOTE: ALL AYES. LEGISLATOR NACERINO WAS ABSENT. MOTION CARRIES.

Item #8 – Designation of Official Newspaper was next. Chairman Jonke made a motion to move the following; seconded by Legislator Castellano.

Legislator Gouldman made a motion to amend the resolution and add the Putnam County News & Recorder. He stated that last year the Legislature did not approve this paper as an Official Newspaper of Putnam County. He stated that the only paper approved was the Putnam County Press. He stated that he was given assurances that the paper would be distributed in the Town of Putnam Valley which he represents. He explained that the Putnam County Press is only delivered to two (2) locations in Putnam Valley, the Putnam Valley Town Hall and Library. He explained that the content of this paper rarely has articles specifically related to the towns of Putnam Valley and Philipstown. He explained that a community newspaper keeps the towns and individuals of the community informed on meetings, high school sports and events specific to each town and community. They keep residents informed on the critical issues of each local community. He believed that was not occurring with the Putnam County Press. He explained that the Putnam County News & Recorder which he is requesting be added to the resolution covers the western side of the County, Putnam Valley and Philipstown. He stated that they also serve every school district. He asked his colleagues to support this paper as an additional resource.

Seconded by Legislator Addonizio.

Chairman Jonke questioned if there was discussion on the motion to amend.

Legislator Montgomery stated that last year the Putnam County News & Recorder and the Putnam County Courier appeared on the agenda as was the practice in past years if a request was submitted. She explained that she opposed both papers last year because their primary reporter was appointed to a County Board and was also the public information officer for the Bureau of Emergency Services. She believed it was unethical. She stated that this year she would support this amendment because the reporter is no longer appointed to a County Board or the public information officer for the Bureau of Emergency Services. She stated that it has nothing to do with her opinion of any paper.

She stated that they are not always so friendly towards her and she has been dealing with that even before she was in office.

Chairman Jonke called for a Roll Call Vote on the motion to amend the resolution to add the Putnam County News & Recorder.

By Roll Call Vote: Five Ayes – Legislators Addonizio, Ellner, Gouldman, Montgomery and Sayegh. Three Nays – Legislators Castellano, Crowley and Chairman Jonke. Legislator Nacerino was absent. Motion Carries.

Chairman Jonke made a motion to divide the question.

Legislative Counsel Firriolo stated as a point of procedure, a question is divisible upon the request of any member. It does not need a second and it is not debatable as long as the Chair rules that it is so divisible, it is divided.

Chairman Jonke called for a Roll Call Vote on the Putnam County Press first and then the Putnam County News & Recorder.

RESOLUTION #5

DESIGNATION OF OFFICIAL NEWSPAPER

RESOLVED, that pursuant to Section 2.04 (k) of the Putnam County Charter, the following newspapers, to wit:

Putnam County Press and the Putnam County News & Recorder

are hereby designated as the official newspapers of the County of Putnam for the publication of all concurrent resolutions, election notices, official canvasses, enactments and other matters required by law to be published for the year 2024.

BY ROLL CALL VOTE ON THE PUTNAM COUNTY PRESS: ALL AYES. LEGISLATOR NACERINO WAS ABSENT. MOTION CARRIES.

BY ROLL CALL VOTE ON THE PUTNAM COUNTY NEWS & RECORDER: FIVE AYES. THREE NAYS – LEGISLATORS CASTELLANO, CROWLEY & CHAIRMAN JONKE. LEGISLATOR NACERINO WAS ABSENT. MOTION CARRIES.

Item #9 – Permission for Legislature and Staff to Attend Conferences, Seminars & Official Business for the County was next. Chairman Jonke moved the following; seconded by Legislators Sayegh and Crowley.

RESOLUTION #6

PERMISSION FOR LEGISLATURE AND STAFF TO ATTEND CONFERENCES, SEMINARS & OFFICIAL BUSINESS OF THE COUNTY

RESOLVED, that Legislators and Legislative Staff be reimbursed for reasonable expenses incurred while attending conferences, seminars and official business of the

County for the year 2024 for any such event costing under \$200.00. Any such event costing over \$200.00 will require the affirmative vote of a majority of the Legislature.

BY POLL VOTE: ALL AYES. LEGISLATOR NACERINO WAS ABSENT. MOTION CARRIES.

Item #10 – Authorization for County Auditor to Approve Erroneous Assessments Under \$2,500 was next. Chairman Jonke moved the following; seconded by Legislator Castellano.

RESOLUTION #7

AUTHORIZATION FOR COUNTY AUDITOR TO APPROVE ERRONEOUS ASSESSMENTS UNDER \$2,500

WHEREAS, Real Property Law Section 556 Sub (8)(a) authorizes a tax levying body, by resolution, to delegate to an official who is empowered to authorize the payment of bills without prior audit by such board, the authority to perform the duties of the tax levying body as specified in Section 556(8) of the Real Property Tax Law; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the County Legislature hereby delegates to the County Auditor the authority to review and approve applications for refunds of taxes due to erroneous assessments, whether by clerical error or unlawful entry, and where the recommended refund is \$2,500 or less; and be it further

RESOLVED, that pursuant to statute, this authority shall expire on December 31, 2024.

BY POLL VOTE: ALL AYES. LEGISLATOR NACERINO WAS ABSENT. MOTION CARRIES.

Item #11 – Appointment/Legislative Representative/Cooperative Extension Board was next. Chairman Jonke moved the following; seconded by Legislator Sayegh.

RESOLUTION #8

APPOINTMENT/ LEGISLATIVE REPRESENTATIVE/ COOPERATIVE EXTENSION BOARD

RESOLVED, that Erin Crowley be appointed as the Legislative Representative to the Cooperative Extension Board for a period of one (1) year, said term to expire on December 31, 2024.

BY POLL VOTE: ALL AYES. LEGISLATOR NACERINO WAS ABSENT. MOTION CARRIES.

Item #12 – Appointment/Legislative Representative/Jury Board was next. Chairman Jonke moved the following; seconded by Legislator Ellner.

RESOLUTION #9

APPOINTMENT/ LEGISLATIVE REPRESENTATIVE/ JURY BOARD

RESOLVED, that Toni Addonizio be appointed Legislative Representative to the Putnam County Jury Board for a period of one (1) year, said term to expire on December 31, 2024.

BY POLL VOTE: ALL AYES. LEGISLATOR NACERINO WAS ABSENT. MOTION CARRIES.

Item #13 – Appointment/Legislative Representative/Region 3 Forest Practice Board was next. Chairman Jonke moved the following; seconded by Legislator Addonizio.

RESOLUTION #10

APPOINTMENT/ LEGISLATIVE REPRESENTATIVE/ REGION 3 FOREST PRACTICE BOARD

RESOLVED, that Nancy Montgomery be appointed Legislative Representative to the Region 3 Forest Practice Board for a period of one (1) year, said term to expire on December 31, 2024.

BY POLL VOTE: ALL AYES. LEGISLATOR NACERINO WAS ABSENT. MOTION CARRIES.

Item #14 – Appointment/Legislative Representatives/Putnam County Soil & Water Conservation District Board was next. Chairman Jonke moved the following; seconded by Legislators Addonizio and Crowley.

RESOLUTION #11

APPOINTMENT/ LEGISLATIVE REPRESENTATIVES/ PUTNAM COUNTY SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT BOARD

RESOLVED, that Amy Sayegh and Greg Ellner be appointed Legislative Representatives to the Putnam County Soil & Water Conservation District Board for a one-year term, said term to expire December 31, 2024.

BY POLL VOTE: ALL AYES. LEGISLATOR NACERINO WAS ABSENT. MOTION CARRIES.

Item #15 – Appointment/Legislative Representative/Records Management Board was next. Chairman Jonke moved the following; seconded by Legislator Addonizio.

RESOLUTION #12

APPOINTMENT/ LEGISLATIVE REPRESENTATIVE/ RECORDS MANAGEMENT BOARD

RESOLVED, that William Gouldman be appointed Legislative Representative to the Records Management Board for a period of one year, said term to expire December 31, 2024.

BY POLL VOTE: ALL AYES. LEGISLATOR NACERINO WAS ABSENT. MOTION CARRIES.

Item #16 – Legislative Representatives/Putnam County Board of Health was next. Chairman Jonke moved the following; seconded by Legislator Ellner.

RESOLUTION #13

LEGISLATIVE REPRESENTATIVE/ PUTNAM COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH

RESOLVED, that Amy Sayegh shall continue to serve as Legislative Representative to the Putnam County Board of Health for the remainder of her six (6) year term; said term to expire December 31, 2027.

BY POLL VOTE: SEVEN AYES. ONE NAY – LEGISLATOR MONTGOMERY. LEGISLATOR NACERINO WAS ABSENT. MOTION CARRIES.

Item #17 – Appointment/ Legislative Representative/ Putnam County Agricultural and Farmland Protection Board was next. Chairman Jonke moved the following; seconded by Legislator Sayegh.

RESOLUTION #14

APPOINTMENT/ LEGISLATIVE REPRESENTATIVE/ PUTNAM COUNTY AGRICULTURAL AND FARMLAND PROTECTION BOARD

RESOLVED, that Erin Crowley shall continue to serve as Legislative Representative to the Agricultural and Farmland Protection Board for the remainder of her Legislative year term, said term to expire on December 31, 2025.

BY POLL VOTE: ALL AYES. LEGISLATOR NACERINO WAS ABSENT. MOTION CARRIES.

Item #18 – Appointment/Putnam County Representative/Catskill Regional Off-Track Betting Corporation Board was next. Chairman Jonke moved the following; seconded by Legislator Sayegh.

Chairman Jonke stated that the one property in Putnam County that the Catskill Regional Off-Track Betting Corporation owns is in his Legislative District and he would like to be more closely involved.

RESOLUTION #15

APPOINTMENT/ PUTNAM COUNTY REPRESENTATIVE/ CATSKILL REGIONAL OFF-TRACK BETTING CORPORATION BOARD

RESOLVED, that Paul Jonke be appointed as the Putnam County representative to the Catskill Regional Off-Track Betting Corporation Board, for a one-year term, said term to expire on December 31, 2024; and be it further

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

BY POLL VOTE: SEVEN AYES. ONE NAY – LEGISLATOR MONTGOMERY. LEGISLATOR NACERINO WAS ABSENT. MOTION CARRIES.

Item #19 – Appointment/Legislative Representative/Fish & Wildlife Management Board was next. Chairman Jonke moved the following; seconded by Legislator Ellner.

RESOLUTION #16

APPOINTMENT/ LEGISLATIVE REPRESENTATIVE/ FISH & WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT BOARD

RESOLVED, that Nancy Montgomery be appointed as Legislative Representative on the Fish and Wildlife Management Board, for a one (1) year term to expire on December 31, 2024.

BY POLL VOTE: ALL AYES. LEGISLATOR NACERINO WAS ABSENT. MOTION CARRIES.

Item #20 – Appointment/Law Library Board was next. Chairman Jonke moved the following; seconded by Legislator Crowley.

RESOLUTION #17

APPOINTMENT/ LAW LIBRARY BOARD

RESOLVED, that Joseph Castellano be appointed to the Law Library Board for a one (1) year term, said term to expire December 31, 2024; and be it further

RESOLVED, that Amy Sayegh shall serve as an Alternate to the Law Library Board for a one (1) year term, said term to expire December 31, 2024.

BY POLL VOTE: ALL AYES. LEGISLATOR NACERINO WAS ABSENT. MOTION CARRIES.

Item #21 - Appointment/Legislative Liaison/Veterans Affairs was next. Chairman Jonke moved the following; seconded by Legislator Ellner.

RESOLUTION #18

APPOINTMENT/ LEGISLATIVE LIAISON/ VETERANS AFFAIRS

RESOLVED, that Ginny Nacerino be appointed Legislative Liaison for Veterans Affairs for a period of one (1) year, said term to expire December 31, 2024; and be it further

RESOLVED, that Toni Addonizio shall serve as an Alternate as Legislative Liaison for Veterans Affairs for a period of one (1) year, said term to expire December 31, 2024.

BY POLL VOTE: ALL AYES. LEGISLATOR NACERINO WAS ABSENT. MOTION CARRIES.

Item #22 – Approval/Appointment/ Legislative Representative/ Putnam County Traffic Safety Board was next. Chairman Jonke moved the following; seconded by Legislator Sayegh.

RESOLUTION #19

APPROVAL/ APPOINTMENT/ LEGISLATIVE REPRESENTATIVES/ PUTNAM COUNTY TRAFFIC SAFETY BOARD

RESOLVED, that William Gouldman and Ginny Nacerino be appointed as the Legislative Representatives to the Putnam County Traffic Safety Board for a period of one (1) year, said term to expire on December 31, 2024.

BY POLL VOTE: ALL AYES. LEGISLATOR NACERINO WAS ABSENT. MOTION CARRIES.

Item #23 – Appointment/Legislative Representatives/Putnam County Fire Advisory Board was next. Chairman Jonke moved the following; seconded by Legislator Ellner.

Legislator Montgomery stated that this goes along with being prepared in the County with emergency management. She stated that she was not confident that this person is qualified and has been serving on this board for a long time.

Legislator Montgomery made a motion to nominate herself.

Chairman Jonke questioned if there was a second on Legislator Montgomery's motion.

Chairman Jonke stated that seeing no second, motion failed.

Chairman Jonke called for a Roll Call Vote on the resolution.

RESOLUTION #20

APPOINTMENT/ LEGISLATIVE REPRESENTATIVES/ PUTNAM COUNTY FIRE ADVISORY BOARD

RESOLVED, that Ginny Nacerino be appointed as Legislative Representative to the Putnam County Fire Advisory Board, for a one (1) year term to expire on December 31, 2024; and be it further

RESOLVED, that Erin Crowley will serve as an Alternate to the Putnam County Fire Advisory Board, for a one (1) year term to expire on December 31, 2024.

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

Item #24 – Approval/Appointment/ Budget & Finance Committee Representative / Capital Projects Committee was next.

Chairman Jonke made a motion to table this resolution until the Committee Assignments are made; seconded by Legislator Ellner. All in favor.

APPOINTMENT/ BUDGET & FINANCE COMMITTEE REPRESENTATIVE/ CAPITAL PROJECTS COMMITTEE

WHEREAS, County Charter § 7.05 (B)(3) provides that there shall be a Capital Projects Committee consisting of various members including a designee of the Budget and Finance Committee; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that _____ be appointed as Budget & Finance Committee Representative to the County’s Capital Projects Committee for a period of one (1) year, said term to expire on December 31, 2024.

Item #25 – Approval/ Appointment/ Legislative Representative Member of Capital Projects Committee was next. Chairman Jonke moved the following; seconded by Legislator Sayegh.

RESOLUTION #21

APPOINTMENT/ LEGISLATIVE REPRESENTATIVE MEMBER OF CAPITAL PROJECTS COMMITTEE

WHEREAS, County Charter § 7.05 (B)(3) provides for the appointment to the County’s Capital Projects Committee a member of the County Legislature representing the minority political party, if another party is represented, or a member elected without party endorsement; and

WHEREAS, Legislator Nancy Montgomery is the sole member of the County Legislature representing the minority political party; now therefore be it

RESOLVED that pursuant to County Charter § 7.05 (B)(3), the County Legislature designates Nancy Montgomery as the additional member of the County’s Capital Projects Committee for a period of one (1) year, said term to expire on December 31, 2024.

BY POLL VOTE: ALL AYES. LEGISLATOR NACERINO WAS ABSENT. MOTION CARRIES.

Item #26 – Confirmation/ Designation of Jail Chief Medical Officer was next.

Chairman Jonke made a motion to table this resolution. He explained that we have not yet received notification on the option to extend the contract; seconded by Legislator Sayegh. All in favor.

DESIGNATION OF JAIL CHIEF MEDICAL OFFICER

WHEREAS, due to a change in the Corrections Law, Section 501 in July of 2017, a physician from the medical services provider to the Putnam County Jail shall be designated by the Putnam County Legislature to act as the Chief Medical Officer of the Jail; and

WHEREAS, PrimeCare was awarded the RFP to provide medical services for the Putnam County Corrections Facility initially through December 31, 2021; and

WHEREAS, as stated in Resolution #48 of 2023, Putnam County exercised the contractual option to extend Prime Care’s contract under the terms of the RFP response through December 31, 2023; and

WHEREAS, Putnam County has exercised the contractual option to extend Prime Care’s contract under the terms of the RFP response through December 31, 2024; and

WHEREAS, PrimeCare has proposed _____ to act as the Chief Medical Officer for the Jail; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Putnam County Legislature hereby designates _____ to act as the Chief Medical Officer for the Putnam County Corrections Facility, for a period of one (1) year, said term to expire December 31, 2024.

Item #27 – Approval/ Purchasing Department/ Identifying Individuals Responsible for Purchasing was next. Chairman Jonke made a motion to move the following; seconded by Legislator Crowley.

RESOLUTION #22

APPROVAL/ PURCHASING DEPARTMENT/ IDENTIFYING INDIVIDUALS RESPONSIBLE FOR PURCHASING

WHEREAS, Section 140-1.5 of the Putnam County Code (Procurement Policy) requires the Legislature to annually identify the individuals responsible for purchasing and their respective titles; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Putnam County Legislature re-affirms the County’s Procurement Policy as contained in Chapter 140 of the Putnam County Code and identifies the following individuals and their respective titles as the individuals responsible for purchasing:

- a. John Tully, Director of Purchasing**
- b. Alexis Hawley, Assistant Supervisor of Planning and Design**
- c. Michele Pinto, Account Clerk**

BY POLL VOTE: ALL AYES. LEGISLATOR NACERINO WAS ABSENT. MOTION CARRIES.

Item #28 – Approval/ Budgetary Amendment (24A001)/ Health Department/ Public Health Infrastructure, Workforce and Data Systems Grant/ New Position – Quality Improvement/ Program Evaluation Manager (approved at December Personnel Committee Mtg) was next. Chairman Jonke moved the following.

RESOLUTION #23

APPROVAL/ BUDGETARY AMENDMENT (24A001)/ HEALTH DEPARTMENT/ PUBLIC HEALTH INFRASTRUCTURE, WORKFORCE AND DATA SYSTEMS GRANT/ NEW POSITION – QUALITY IMPROVEMENT/ PROGRAM EVALUATION MANAGER

WHEREAS, by Resolution #156 of 2023, the Putnam County Legislature approved the Health Department’s request to budget for a full-time Public Health Data and Informatics Specialist position at \$79,031 with a 2% COLA raise per year, and a part-time Quality Improvement/ Performance Management (QIPM) Coordinator position at 21 hours per week, at an hourly rate of \$43.42; and

WHEREAS, due to recruitment difficulties, the Health Department is currently requesting that the part-time position be funded full-time beginning on January 1, 2024; and

WHEREAS, the job specification and title for this position were reviewed and updated, and the job was retitled to Quality Improvement/ Program Evaluation Manager; and

WHEREAS, the salary is indicated as a Grade 21 and is not allocating the title to CSEA, rather, it is being used as a salary indicator for recruitment purposes; and

WHEREAS, the new position created is contingent upon renewal of the grant beyond 11/30/27; and

WHEREAS, the Interim Commissioner of Health has requested a budgetary amendment (24A001) to create this new position; and

WHEREAS, the Personnel Committee and 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:

26401001 51000 10205 (66109)	Personnel Services Quality Improvement/ Program Evaluation Manager	79,031
26401001 58001 10205	Retirement	6,542
26401001 58002 10205	FICA	6,046
26401001 58004 10205	Workers Comp	1,005
26401001 58006 10205	Dental	2,004
26401001 58011 10205	Health Insurance	28,284
26401001 58012 10205	Vision	<u>242</u>
		123,154

Increase Estimated Revenues:

26401001 444892 10205	Public Health Infrastructure Grant	123,154
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**2024 Fiscal Impact – 0 –
2025 Fiscal Impact – 0 –**

BY POLL VOTE: ALL AYES. LEGISLATOR NACERINO WAS ABSENT. MOTION CARRIES.

Item #29 – Approval/ Budgetary Transfer (24T001)/ Social Services/ Reclassification/ Caseworker to Senior Caseworker (approved at December Personnel Committee Mtg) was next. Chairman Jonke moved the following.

RESOLUTION #24

APPROVAL/ BUDGETARY TRANSFER (24T001)/ SOCIAL SERVICES/ RECLASSIFICATION/ CASEWORKER TO SENIOR CASEWORKER

WHEREAS, the Commissioner of Social Services Sara Servadio requested a budgetary transfer (24T001) seeking approval to upgrade an existing vacant Caseworker position (CSEA) Grade 15 Step 1 (#601002112) to a Senior Caseworker position (CSEA) Grade 17 Step 3 (#601002137) in the Adult Protective Unit of DSS; and

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

RESOLVED, that the following budgetary transfer be made:

Decrease:		
10199000 54980	General Contingencies	18,055
Increase:		
10102000 51000 (2137)	Personnel Services	
	DSS – Senior Caseworker	
	Grade 17 Step 3	16,771
10102000 58002	FICA	<u>1,284</u>
		18,055
	2024 Fiscal Impact - \$18,055	
	2025 Fiscal Impact – 0 –	

BY POLL VOTE: ALL AYES. LEGISLATOR NACERINO WAS ABSENT. MOTION CARRIES.

Item #30 – Other Business

There was no other business submitted to the meeting.

Item #31 – Recognition of the Public on Agenda Items.

There was no member of the public that wished to speak.

Item #32 - Recognition of Legislators

Legislator Montgomery stated that she would like to clarify what NIMS is, National Incident Management System. She stated that it is a system that provides stakeholders

with the language across the community with a shared vocabulary system and process to successfully deliver capabilities and preparedness. She stated that she has serious concerns about how prepared we are as a County. She stated that her questions were merely a result of inquiring about that.

Legislator Gouldman reminded everyone that Putnam County students are eligible to apply for an Internship Program in County government. He stated that applications must be submitted by February 2, 2024. Information can be obtained on the Putnam County website. He also encouraged everyone to use licensed and registered tradesman for all of your home repairs. Questions or concerns can be directed to the Office of Consumer Affairs at 845-808-1617 for a complete listing of Putnam County licensed tradesmen.

Legislator Sayegh thanked her colleagues for their trust in her as Deputy Chair of the Putnam County Legislature. She stated that she is looking forward to working with everyone.

There being no further business, at 7:33 P.M., Chairman Jonke made a motion to adjourn; seconded by Legislator Crowley. All in favor.

Respectfully submitted by Diane Schonfeld, Clerk.