

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

**Tuesday                      March 5, 2024                      7:00 P.M.**

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

**Item #4 – Acceptance of Minutes – Regular Meeting – February 6, 2024**

The minutes were accepted as submitted.

**Item #5 – Correspondence**  
a) County Auditor

There was no activity during this reporting period.

**Item #6 – Pre-filed resolutions:**

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

**Item #6a – Approval/ Budgetary Amendment (24A016)/ DPW / Capital Projects/ 20 County Center Courthouse Renovations/ HVAC was next. Chairman Jonke recognized Legislator Ellner, Chairman of the Physical Services Committee. On behalf of the members of the Committee, Legislators Castellano and Crowley, Legislator Ellner moved the following:**

**Legislator Montgomery stated that she wondered why this was not included in the Article 9 energy efficient items for the County buildings in 2020.**

**Chairman Jonke explained that this is a piece of equipment. The County believed that the New York Unified Court System was going to pay for the system, however it was not considered eligible.**

**Legislator Ellner concurred.**

**Legislator Montgomery believed that if we were going to face this situation with any of our other buildings, we needed to consider HVAC systems for these buildings.**

**RESOLUTION #52**

**APPROVAL/ BUDGETARY AMENDMENT (24A016)/ DPW / CAPITAL PROJECTS/ 20 COUNTY CENTER COURTHOUSE RENOVATIONS/ HVAC**

WHEREAS, part of the 2024 Capital Projects Plan was the replacement of four (4) rooftop HVAC units which were approaching the end of their useful life (20 years) at the Courthouse located at 20 County Center in the amount of \$435,000; and

WHEREAS, the intention was to have this Capital Project subsidized with State Aid; and

WHEREAS, after further discussion with the County's representatives from the New York Unified Court System (UCS), this Capital Project was not considered eligible pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 686, Laws of 1996 of the New York State UCS law; and

WHEREAS, to keep this necessary project moving forward, the Commissioner of Finance has requested a budgetary amendment (24A016) to utilize funding from Contingency; and

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

RESOLVED, that the following budgetary amendment be made:

**CAPITAL FUND:**

**Increase Estimated Revenues:**

55197000 428601 52408	Interfund Transfer – General (Courthouse HVAC)	435,000
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**Decrease Estimated Revenues:**

55197000 430211 52408	State Aid (Courthouse Renovations HVAC)	435,000
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**GENERAL FUND:**

**Increase Appropriations:**

10990100 59020	Transfer Out – Capital Fund	435,000
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**Decrease Appropriations:**

10199000 54980	General Contingencies	435,000
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2024 Fiscal Impact - \$435,000

2025 Fiscal Impact – 0 –

**BY POLL VOTE: ALL AYES. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**Item #6b – Approval/ Department of Public Works/ Use of Capital Facility Reserve/ (24CP01) (Heating, Ventilation & Air Conditioning (HVAC) Repairs & Improvements Program) was next. On behalf of the members of the Physical Services Committee, Legislators Castellano and Crowley, Legislator Ellner moved the following:**

**RESOLUTION #53**

**APPROVAL/ DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS/ USE OF CAPITAL FACILITY RESERVE/ (24CP01) (Heating, Ventilation & Air Conditioning (HVAC) Repairs & Improvements Program)**

**WHEREAS, the Commissioner of Public Works has proposed the use of \$200,000 from the Capital Facility Reserve to fund Project #24CP01 – Heating, Ventilation & Air Conditioning (HVAC) Repairs & Improvements Program; and**

**WHEREAS, the County owns, operates, and maintains countless HVAC systems throughout our County facilities, many of which are critical to building operations; and**

**WHEREAS, funding is necessary to establish a program to undertake preventative and emergency HVAC repairs and improvements at various County facilities in order to keep these systems in a state of good repair; and**

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

**RESOLVED, that the Putnam County Legislature approves and authorizes the expenditure of \$200,000 from the Capital Facility Reserve fund budget line 55197000 53000 51509 as follows:**

**24CP01 – Heating, Ventilation & Air Conditioning (HVAC) Repairs & Improvements Program**

**Project cost not to exceed \$200,000**

**BY POLL VOTE: ALL AYES. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**Item #6c – Authorizing the Implementation, and Funding in the First Instance 100% of the Federal-Aid and State “Marchiselli” Program-Aid Eligible Costs, of a Transportation Federal-Aid Project, and Appropriating Funds Therefore (Fair Street Reconstruction) was next. On behalf of the members of the Physical Services Committee, Legislators Castellano and Crowley, Legislator Ellner moved the following:**

**Chairman Jonke stated that it was nice to see this project moving forward.**

**RESOLUTION #54**

**AUTHORIZING THE IMPLEMENTATION, AND FUNDING IN THE FIRST INSTANCE 100% OF THE FEDERAL-AID AND STATE "MARCHISELLI" PROGRAM-AID ELIGIBLE COSTS, OF A TRANSPORTATION FEDERAL-AID PROJECT, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFORE (Fair St Reconstruction)**

**WHEREAS, a Project for Fair Street (C.R. 60) Reconstruction 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, Putnam County desires to advance the Project by making a commitment of 100% of the non-federal share of the costs of Construction and Construction Inspection work.**

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

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

**RESOLVED, that the Putnam County Legislature hereby authorizes Putnam County to pay in the first instance one hundred (100%) percent of the federal and non-federal share**

of the cost of Construction and Construction Inspection work for the Project or portions thereof; and it is further

RESOLVED, that the sum of \$24,705,000 (\$26,505,000 minus the previous \$1,800,000) is hereby appropriated from the Putnam County capital budget line number 05 55197000 53000 51622 and made available to cover the cost of participation in the above phases of the Project; and it is further

RESOLVED, that in the event the full federal and non-federal share costs of the Project exceeds 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 it is further

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

RESOLVED, that the County Executive, with the advice and assistance of the County Attorney, is authorized to finalize and execute all necessary documents, including, without limitation, the State/Local Agreement, in connection with the Project; and it is further

RESOLVED, that in addition to the Putnam County Executive, the Commissioner of the Department of Public Works and the Commissioner of Finance are also authorized, with the consent of the County Executive, to execute any necessary Agreements or certifications on behalf of Putnam County with the New York State Department of Public Transportation 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 it is further

RESOLVED, this Resolution shall take effect immediately.

**BY POLL VOTE: ALL AYES. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**RULES, ENACTMENTS & INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE  
(Chairwoman Addonizio, Legislators Ellner & Nacerino)**

Item #6d – Approval/ Town of Putnam Valley Sales Tax Funding Reallocation was next. Chairman Jonke recognized Legislator Addonizio, Chairwoman of the Rules, Enactments & Intergovernmental Relations Committee. On behalf of the members of the Committee, Legislators Ellner and Nacerino, Legislator Addonizio moved the following:

Legislator Gouldman explained that the Town of Putnam Valley would like to reallocate a portion of the sales tax funding designated for the Bell Hollow Bridge Replacement project to the town's current Parks and Recreation Day Camp project. He explained that due to the storm on July 10, 2023, the culvert was undermined and declared an emergency site by FEMA, resulting in the culvert and bridge being funded by them.

Legislator Montgomery stated that she too would be supporting this. She stated that the Town of Putnam Valley acquired this wonderful facility for the recreation programs. She

stated that she was happy they are investing in this and improving it for the children and everyone's use in Putnam Valley.

**RESOLUTION #55**

**APPROVAL/ TOWN OF PUTNAM VALLEY SALES TAX FUNDING REALLOCATION**

**WHEREAS, the Town of Putnam Valley was allocated a total of \$1,204,284 of American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) and Sales Tax funding pursuant to Resolutions #133 & #134 of 2022 to be utilized for a Water & Sewer project; and**

**WHEREAS, by Resolution #61 of 2023, the Town of Putnam Valley requested that the funds be modified to provide that the ARPA funding of \$602,142 be reallocated to the Wenonah Road Stormwater Project and that the Sales Tax funding of \$602,142 be reallocated to the Bell Hollow Bridge Replacement Project; and**

**WHEREAS, on November 21, 2023, the Town of Putnam Valley stated that due to the storm of July 10<sup>th</sup>, the Bell Hollow Road Culvert was undermined, and the culvert and bridge will be funded by FEMA; and**

**WHEREAS, said correspondence from the Town of Putnam Valley requested a \$509,858.90, a portion of the sales tax funding of \$602,142 originally funded for the Bell Hollow Bridge Replacement Project, be reallocated to the town's current Parks and Recreation Day Camp Project; and**

**WHEREAS, the proposal was submitted to the County Auditor and Commissioner of Finance for review, and then to the County Executive for recommendation; and**

**WHEREAS, the Commissioner of Finance, and the Rules, Enactments & Intergovernmental Relations Committee have reviewed and approved of this request; now therefore be it**

**RESOLVED, that the Putnam County Legislature approves and authorizes the Town of Putnam Valley's request for \$509,858.90, a portion of the sales tax funding of \$602,142 originally funded pursuant to Resolution #61 of 2023 for the Bell Hollow Bridge Replacement Project, is hereby authorized to be expended on the town's current Parks and Recreation Day Camp Project.**

**BY POLL VOTE: ALL AYES. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**Item #6e - Approval/ Appointment/ Putnam County Home Improvement Board was next. On behalf of the members of the Rules, Enactments & Intergovernmental Relations Committee, Legislators Ellner and Nacerino, Legislator Addonizio moved the following:**

**RESOLUTION #56**

**APPROVAL/ APPOINTMENT/ PUTNAM COUNTY HOME IMPROVEMENT BOARD**

**RESOLVED, that the following be appointed to the Putnam County Home Improvement Board:**

**Stephen Kastuk, Town of Putnam Valley, as a Contractor, for the remainder of John Morrison's term, said term to expire 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: ALL AYES. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**Item #6f - Approval/ Appointment/ Putnam County Plumbing & Mechanical Trades Board was next. On behalf of the members of the Rules, Enactments & Intergovernmental Relations Committee, Legislators Ellner and Nacerino, Legislator Addonizio moved the following:**

**RESOLUTION #57**

**APPROVAL/ APPOINTMENT/ PUTNAM COUNTY PLUMBING & MECHANICAL TRADES BOARD**

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

**Gary Redlon, Town of Carmel, as 190-6(D)(2) Master Plumber, for a three (3) year term, said term to expire December 31, 2026.**

**And be it further**

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

**BY POLL VOTE: ALL AYES. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**Item #6g – Approval/ Confirmation/ Re-appointment/ Putnam County Board of Ethics was next. On behalf of the members of the Rules, Enactments & Intergovernmental Relations Committee, Legislators Ellner and Nacerino, Legislator Addonizio moved the following:**

**RESOLUTION #58**

**APPROVAL/ CONFIRMATION/ RE-APPOINTMENT/ PUTNAM COUNTY BOARD OF ETHICS**

**RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the County Executive, the Putnam County Legislature confirms the following re-appointment to the Putnam County Board of Ethics:**

**Paul Eldridge, for a three (3) year term, said term to expire December 31, 2026.**

**And be it further**

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

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

**Item #6h – Approval/ Putnam Arts Council Grants for 2024 was next. On behalf of the Rules, Enactments & Intergovernmental Relations Committee, Legislators Ellner and Nacerino, Legislator Addonizio moved the following:**

**Legislator Addonizio thanked the Putnam Arts Council and review panel for all their hard work in determining funding awards of the Arts Link Community Regrant Program.**

**Legislator Nacerino thanked the Putnam Arts Council. She stated that we know that they could use more funding, but they are always grateful for the allocation that they receive. She stated that they distributed the funding over various participants of arts and theater.**

**Legislator Gouldman explained that the grant recipients are very thankful for the funding award. He thanked the Putnam Arts Council for giving \$2,000 to the Tompkins Corners Cultural Center in Putnam Valley. He encouraged everyone to stop by and enjoy their programs.**

**Legislator Montgomery thanked Executive Director Joyce Picone and panel she put together. She stated that it is not an easy task when narrowing down the many funding requests they received. She stated that the arts not only contribute educational and cultural programs, but millions of dollars in sales tax revenue that come back to Putnam County. She hoped that in the future we could invest much more than \$13,000 in our arts programs.**

#### **RESOLUTION #59**

#### **APPROVAL/ PUTNAM ARTS COUNCIL GRANTS FOR 2024**

**WHEREAS, on February 13, 2024, the Putnam Arts Council reported to the Putnam County Legislature their recommendations for distribution of the 2024 Arts Link Community Regrant Program (formerly Putnam Arts Fund) totaling \$13,993; now therefore be it**

**RESOLVED, that the Putnam County Legislature accepts and approves the recommendation of the Putnam Arts Council dated February 13, 2024, distribution of \$13,993 for the 2024 Arts Link Community Regrant Program for the first round of applications pursuant to the attached list.**

**BY POLL VOTE: ALL AYES. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

#### **PROTECTIVE SERVICES COMMITTEE (Chairwoman Nacerino, Legislators Addonizio & Sayegh)**

**Item #6i – Approval/ Budgetary Amendment (24A010)/ Sheriff’s Department, Emergency Services and Social Services, Mental Health/ Domestic Terrorism Prevention (DTP) Grant Program/ Threat Assessment and Management Teams (TAM) was next. Chairman Jonke recognized Legislator Nacerino, Chairwoman of the Protective Services Committee. On behalf of the members of the Committee, Legislators Addonizio and Sayegh, Legislator Nacerino moved the following:**

**Legislator Nacerino stated that this is a wonderful step forward for Putnam County that these departments, Social Services, Emergency Services and the Sheriff's Department, have brought forth a comprehensive way to meet the goal and objective of this grant.**

**Legislator Crowley stated that at the Protective Services Committee she requested a list of the TAM Team members from Social Services Commissioner Sara Servadio and the Sheriff's Department. She stated that she has not received that information yet.**

**Legislator Montgomery stated that she was curious about the teams that are put together. She stated that this is a great step forward and she liked the collaboration regarding reaching out to other areas of the community to participate. She stated that she is in favor of this with caution because we saw how another team was put together and then disbanded due to lack of Legislative approval or the insurance to cover their participation.**

**Legislator Sayegh stated that Commissioner of Social Services Sara Servadio forwarded the Legislature a memorandum as a follow-up to requests for information during the Protective Services Committee meeting. Legislator Sayegh stated that she was not sure if this was everything that Legislator Crowley was looking for, but the core TAM Team group consists of members from the following agencies: the Sheriff's Office, Bureau of Emergency Services, District Attorney's Office, Mental Health & Social Services, BOCES and the Probation Department. She stated that she also attached a list of the October 16, 2023 TAM Team meeting attendees.**

**Legislator Crowley stated that she received that list as well, but she requested a more comprehensive list.**

#### **RESOLUTION #60**

#### **APPROVAL/ BUDGETARY AMENDMENT (24A010)/ SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT, EMERGENCY SERVICES AND SOCIAL SERVICES, MENTAL HEALTH/ DOMESTIC TERRORISM PREVENTION (DTP) GRANT PROGRAM/ THREAT ASSESSMENT AND MANAGEMENT TEAMS (TAM)**

**WHEREAS, at the September 21, 2022 Protective Services Committee meeting, Putnam County Sheriff McConville and Bureau of Emergency Services Deputy Commissioner Lipton informed the Committee of the New York State Department of Homeland Security and Emergency Services (DHSES) award of \$172,413 to Putnam County under the Domestic Terrorism Prevention (DTP) Grant Program; and**

**WHEREAS, the Putnam County Sheriff and Commissioner of Social Services has requested a budgetary amendment (24A010) to account for said grant award; and**

**WHEREAS, the funding is earmarked to be used to support the County's capability to prevent targeted violence and domestic terrorism through the utilization of Threat Assessment and Management (TAM) teams; and**

**WHEREAS, the County submitted their application by the September 16, 2022 deadline, and submitted their comprehensive development plan to the DHSES by December 31, 2022 as indicated by Executive Order 18 of the Governor's office; and**

**WHEREAS, this is a reimbursable grant which covers a period from September 1, 2022 through August 31, 2024; and**

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



RESOLVED, that the following budgetary amendment be made:

**GENERAL FUND:**

**Increase Estimated Revenues:**

10033000 440891 10218	Federal Aid – NYSDHSES TAM Grant	50,000
10398901 440891 10218	Federal Aid – NYSDHSES TAM Grant	5,000
13311000 440891 10218	Federal Aid – NYSDHSES TAM Grant	<u>117,413</u>
		172,413

**Increase Appropriations:**

10033000 54783 10218	MH LGU – Licensing Software	50,000
10398901 54646 10218	BES – Contracts	5,000
13311000 54646 10218	Sheriff Communications – Contracts	25,000
13311000 51093 10218	Sheriff Communications – Overtime	85,845
13311000 58002 10218	Sheriff Communications – Social Sec.	<u>6,568</u>
		172,413

2024 Fiscal Impact – 0 –

2025 Fiscal Impact – 0 –

BY ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL AYES. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

**PERSONNEL COMMITTEE  
(Chairman Jonke, Legislators Castellano & Nacerino)**

Item #6j – Approval/ Budgetary Amendment (24A018) / Emergency Services/ Personnel/ Director of Emergency Medical Services Position was next. On behalf of the members of the Personnel Committee, Legislators Castellano and Nacerino, Chairman Jonke moved the following:

Chairman Jonke explained that this is a request to increase the salary of a vacant position in order to attract a highly qualified candidate for this vital position.

**RESOLUTION #61**

**APPROVAL/ BUDGETARY AMENDMENT (24A018) / EMERGENCY SERVICES/  
PERSONNEL/ DIRECTOR OF EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES POSITION**

WHEREAS, the Director of Emergency Medical Services position became vacant on February 9, 2024; and

WHEREAS, there is a urgent need to fill this position as soon as possible since it is a vital component of the Bureau of Emergency Services team; and

WHEREAS, the Personnel Officer has requested a budgetary amendment (24A018) to provide additional funding for the vacant Director of Emergency Medical Services position in order to attract a highly qualified candidate; and

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

RESOLVED, that the following budgetary amendment be made:

**GENERAL FUND:**

<b>Increase Appropriations:</b>		
10398900 51000 (112)	Personnel Services – Director of Emergency Medical Services	11,494
10398900 58002 (112)	FICA	<u>879</u>
		12,373

<b>Increase Estimated Revenues:</b>		
10131000 427705	Vacancy Control Factor	12,373

2024 Fiscal Impact – 0 –  
2025 Fiscal Impact – To be determined

**BY POLL VOTE: ALL AYES. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**Item #6k – Approval/ Budgetary Transfer (24T024)/ Office for Senior Resources/ Nutrition Services Manager Position/ Salary Increase was next. On behalf of the members of the Personnel Committee, Legislators Castellano and Nacerino, Chairman Jonke moved the following:**

**Legislator Montgomery stated that she would be supporting this. She appreciated the work performed at the nutrition centers and she stated that she was a strong advocate for making these positions whole by increasing their salaries.**

**Chairman Jonke thanked Office for Senior Resources Director Michael Cunningham. He stated that this request benefits the employees and the County.**

**RESOLUTION #62**

**APPROVAL/ BUDGETARY TRANSFER (24T024)/ OFFICE FOR SENIOR RESOURCES/  
NUTRITION SERVICES MANAGER POSITION/ SALARY INCREASE**

**WHEREAS, the adopted 2024 Budget provided for a title change to a position in the Office for Senior Resources (OSR) from Nutrition Services Coordinator to Nutrition Services Manager for OSR’s most senior nutrition position; and**

**WHEREAS, recruitment has been difficult in filling the Nutrition Services Manager position; and**

**WHEREAS, the Director of Office for Senior Resources has requested that the current salary of \$73,725 be increased to \$82,000 to improve the attractiveness of the position; and**

**WHEREAS, said increase of \$8,275 will be covered by underfilling the Head Cook position at \$61,500 but was budgeted at \$72,563; and**

**WHEREAS, the Director of OSR has requested a budgetary transfer (24T024) to account for these salary adjustments; and**

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

**RESOLVED, that the following budgetary transfer be made:**

**GENERAL FUND:**

**Increase Appropriations:**

10677200 51000 (140)	OSR Title II – Nutrition Services Mgr	8,275
10677200 58001 (140)	OSR Title II – State Retirement	682
10677200 58002 (140)	OSR Title II – Social Security	<u>633</u>
		9,590

**Decrease Appropriations:**

10677400 51000 (930)	OSR Title VI – Reclass Head Cook	8,275
10677400 58001 (930)	OSR Title VI – Stated Retirement	682
10677400 58002 (930)	OSR Title VI – Social Security	<u>633</u>
		9,590

2024 Fiscal Impact – 0 –

2025 Fiscal Impact – 0 –

**BY POLL VOTE: ALL AYES. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**Item #6L – Approval/ Confirmation/ Appointment/ Commissioner of Social Services, Mental Health, and Youth Bureau was next. On behalf of the members of the Personnel Committee, Legislators Castellano and Nacerino, Chairman Jonke moved the following:**

Chairman Jonke explained that the Legislature previously confirmed the appointment of the Commissioner of Social Services, Mental Health & Youth Bureau. He stated that the term was to fill the remainder of the previous Commissioner’s term. He stated that it was discovered that Commissioner Servadio should be appointed for her own five-year term. He stated that this resolution is confirming her appointment for that term.

Legislator Nacerino stated that Commissioner Servadio is doing a wonderful job. She stated that we are fortunate to have someone of her caliber as our Commissioner of Social Services.

**RESOLUTION #63**

**APPROVAL/ CONFIRMATION/ APPOINTMENT/ COMMISSIONER OF SOCIAL SERVICES, MENTAL HEALTH, AND YOUTH BUREAU**

WHEREAS, by Resolution #240 of 2023, the Putnam County Legislature, at their Full Meeting held on December 5, 2023, appointed Sara Servadio as Commissioner of Social Services, Mental Health & Youth Bureau, effective November 10, 2023, pursuant to Sections 10.01 and 10.08 of the Putnam County Charter as well as Article III, Title 7-B §116 of the New York State Social Services Law; and

WHEREAS pursuant to New York State Social Services Law the term of Commissioner of Social Services is a five-year term; and

WHEREAS Sara Servadio was appointed to complete the remainder of the term of the previous Commissioner expiring on April 1, 2024; and

WHEREAS pursuant to New York State Social Services Law, in the event a Commissioner of Social Services does not complete their five-year term, the next Commissioner is to be appointed to a new five-year term; now therefore be it

RESOLVED that the Legislature hereby confirms the five-year term for Sara Servadio Commissioner of Social Services shall be effective November 10, 2023; and be it further

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

**BY POLL VOTE: ALL AYES. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**HEALTH, SOCIAL, EDUCATIONAL & ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITTEE  
(Chairwoman Sayegh, Legislators Crowley & Gouldman)**

**Item #6m – Approval/ Appointment/ Putnam County Mental Health Community Services Board was next. Chairman Jonke recognized Legislator Sayegh, Chairwoman of the Health, Social, Educational & Environmental Committee. On behalf of the members of the Committee, Legislators Crowley and Gouldman, Legislator Sayegh moved the following:**

**Legislator Sayegh stated that former Commissioner of Social Services Michael Piazza, has comprehensive knowledge of mental health and has served decades in this field here in Putnam County. She highly recommended his appointment to the Putnam County Mental Health Community Services Board. She thanked him for his service and volunteerism.**

**Legislator Nacerino believed that we were fortunate to have Michael Piazza serve on this Board. He has a wealth of knowledge and experience. She stated that his expertise will serve this Board very well.**

**Chairman Jonke stated that we could not have a better candidate.**

**RESOLUTION #64**

**APPROVAL/ APPOINTMENT/ PUTNAM COUNTY MENTAL HEALTH COMMUNITY SERVICES BOARD**

**RESOLVED, that the following be appointed to the Putnam County Mental Health Community Services Board:**

**Michael Piazza, Town of Carmel, as the County Executive's Designee, for a four (4) year term; said term to expire December 31, 2027.**

**And be it further**

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

**BY POLL VOTE: ALL AYES. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**AUDIT & ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE  
(Chairman Castellano, Legislators Ellner & Gouldman)**

**Item #6n – Approval/ Budgetary Amendment (23A093)/ Commissioner of Finance/ Year End Journal Entry #3 was next. Chairman Jonke recognized Legislator Castellano,**

Chairman of the Audit & Administration Committee. On behalf of the members of the Committee, Legislators Ellner and Gouldman, Legislator Castellano moved the following:

**RESOLUTION #65**

**APPROVAL/ BUDGETARY AMENDMENT (23A093)/ COMMISSIONER OF FINANCE/ YEAR END JOURNAL ENTRY #3**

WHEREAS, the Commissioner of Finance has requested a budgetary amendment (23A093) for the third Year End Journal Entry for the year ending December 31, 2023; and

WHEREAS, further entry(s) will follow as more information becomes available during the year end closing process; and

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

RESOLVED, that the following budgetary amendment be made:

**COUNTY ROAD FUND:**

Decrease Appropriations:

SEE ATTACHED SHEET 1,114,252.00

Increase Estimated Revenues:

SEE ATTACHED SHEET 15,030.00

Decrease Estimated Revenues:

SEE ATTACHED SHEET 1,129,282.00

**ROAD MACHINERY:**

Increase Appropriations:

SEE ATTACHED SHEET 954.00

Decrease Appropriations:

SEE ATTACHED SHEET 265,053.00

Decrease Estimated Revenues:

SEE ATTACHED SHEET 264,099.00

**GENERAL FUND:**

Increase Appropriations:

SEE ATTACHED SHEET 419,570.00

Increase Estimated Revenues:

SEE ATTACHED SHEET 419,570.00

2023 Fiscal Impact – 0 –

2024 Fiscal Impact – 0 –

**BY POLL VOTE: ALL AYES. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**Item #6o – Approval/ Budgetary Amendment (23A094)/ Planning Department/ NYSDOT Contract/ Modernization & Enhancement Program (MEP) Funding / Trolley Replacement**

was next. On behalf of the members of the Audit & Administration Committee, Legislators Ellner and Gouldman, Legislator Castellano moved the following:

**RESOLUTION #66**

**APPROVAL/ BUDGETARY AMENDMENT (23A094)/ PLANNING DEPARTMENT/ NYSDOT CONTRACT/ MODERNIZATION & ENHANCEMENT PROGRAM (MEP) FUNDING / TROLLEY REPLACEMENT**

WHEREAS, the Commissioner of Planning has requested a budgetary amendment (23A094) in anticipation of receiving an approved contract from NYSDOT for various approved grant funding including Modernization & Enhancement Program (MEP) funding in the amount of \$137,909 for a trolley purchase; and

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

RESOLVED, that the following budgetary amendment be made:

**CAPITAL FUND:**

**Increase Appropriations:**

55997000 53000 51711	Capital Expenditures – Transit Buses	137,909
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**Increase Estimated Revenues:**

55997000 435970 51711	State Aid – Section 5307	137,909
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2023 Fiscal Impact – 0 –

2024 Fiscal Impact – 0 –

**BY POLL VOTE: ALL AYES. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**Item #7 – Other Business**

There was no other business submitted to the meeting.

**Item #8 – Recognition of Public on Agenda Items**

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

**Discussion Between Chairman Jonke and Legislator Montgomery:**

Legislator Montgomery questioned if she missed the other business item that she thought Chairman Jonke was going to bring forward; the ratification of the PBA Agreement.

Chairman Jonke stated that no one brought it forward.

Legislator Montgomery questioned if she could move it forward.

Chairman Jonke stated that we have moved on with the agenda.

## **Item #9 - Recognition of Legislators**

**Legislator Montgomery stated that it is Women's History Month. She stated that all of the women in the Sheriff's Department are getting disenfranchised right now, as well as all the Deputy Sheriffs. She stated that the Chairman did not even put a proclamation on the agenda. She stated that she cannot believe that she lived through a time, as recently as the 1970's, where women's history was virtually an unknown topic in the K-12 curriculum and a task force had to be established to address this fact. She believed that women have come a long way, but not far enough. She stated that while New York has a robust set of anti-discrimination statutes, our laws are still inadequate when it comes to ensuring equality. She detailed how she believed there were a different set of rules for women right here on the Legislature. She stated that she was lucky to witness fearless women throughout history, too many to name, many right in her own town, who have taught her to stand up. She stated that she was glad that the Putnam History Museum was celebrating Women's History Month with an ongoing exhibit.**

**Legislator Sayegh recognized that March was National Colorectal Cancer Awareness Month. She stated that individuals should be screened starting at the age of 45. She stated that colorectal cancer is the second deadliest cancer in the United States, yet it is one of the few cancers that is preventable thanks to screening. She encouraged everyone to get screened.**

**Legislator Gouldman reminded everyone that starting on March 1<sup>st</sup> shopping in Putnam County will save you money. When you purchase clothing and footwear up to \$110.00 there will be a savings on sales tax. He stated that he looked forward to the County Executive's State of the County Address to the Legislature on Thursday, March 7, 2024, at Tilly's Table. He encouraged residents to attend. He stated that if you are unable to attend, the meeting will be live streamed on the County's website.**

**Chairman Jonke stated that he did not move forward the proposed other business item because he believed it was important enough to go through the Committee process. He stated that there was a comment made that the Chairman did not bring up a proclamation for Women's History Month. He stated, as Chair of the Legislature, he approves the proclamations that are requested, but he is not the one that moves them forward. He stated that Legislator Montgomery is aware of that.**

**There being no further business, at 7:31 P.M., Chairman Jonke made a motion to adjourn; seconded by Legislators Nacerino and Sayegh. All in favor.**

**Respectfully submitted by Diane Schonfeld, Clerk.**