



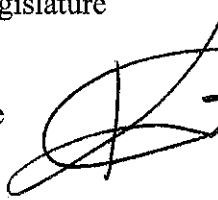
PUTNAM COUNTY EXECUTIVE
KEVIN M. BYRNE

TO: Diane Schonfeld
Clerk, Putnam County Legislature

FROM: Kevin M. Byrne
Putnam County Executive

DATE: November 8, 2023

RE: Adoption of the Annual Operating Budget.



Pursuant to section 7.04(B)(7) of the Putnam County Charter, I have reviewed the changes, alterations and revisions made by the Legislature to this Administration's 2024 Tentative Budget, and respectfully submit the following completed resolutions and corresponding messages that detail approvals and executive vetoes in response.

Message from County Executive Kevin M. Byrne

Resolution #202

**Approval/ Funding of \$36,000 to Peers Influence Peers Partnership in Subcontingency
(Department of Social Services, Mental Health & Youth Bureau)**

This modification made by the Legislature was first discussed and requested in the Health, Social, Educational, & Environmental Committee meeting held on October 10, 2023. The Administration approves of this funding to the Peers Influence Peers Partnership in subcontingency. A key consideration in the approval of this modification is that by funding this program in subcontingency it gives both the Legislature and Administration added time to address outstanding questions and concerns related to the request for funding.

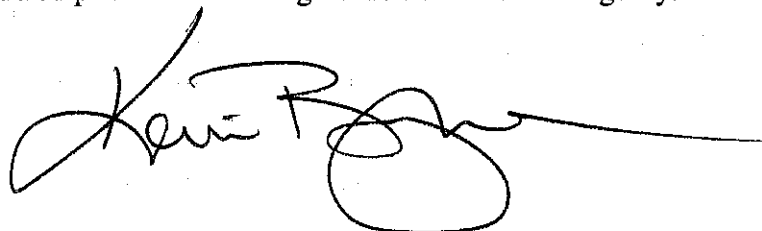
While Putnam County continues to actively support efforts by local not-for-profits who offer important services to our community, it is the Administration's belief that the County funding provided to these organizations must be properly reviewed and vetted in advance. Peers Influence Peers Partnership did not make a request or presentation to the Administration for the 2024 fiscal year justifying how they would use the \$36,000 in funding and instead relied on the Department of Social Services, Mental Health & Youth Bureau to include it in their requested department budget. Also noteworthy, to date, no deliverables for FY2023 funding has been provided by Peers Influence Peers Partnership.

If the Legislature does ultimately decide to move forward and release funds to Peers Influence Peers Partnership from subcontingency, the Administration believes the organization should first make a public presentation and provide greater information detailing its structure, services, and how County funds will be utilized. Leadership from Peers Influence Peers Partnership are encouraged to review section (E) (20) of the "Decentralized Budget Review Process/ 2024", passed by the Legislature on July 5, 2023, and signed by the County Executive on July 11, 2023, which outlines the documentation required for not-for-profits to provide to the Administration and Legislature as part of a budget request.

Furthermore, if this is a program Putnam County does choose to fund, looking forward to the 2025 Tentative Budget it is my belief that it is more appropriate for the County to consider Peers Influence Peers Partnership as an outside agency, so the County can then review and budget accordingly with the budget line that has been traditionally used for not-for-profit organizations that provide services to the County. Other organizations such as the Prevention Council of Putnam County provide similar services and should be afforded similar consideration.

For additional context, when the Tentative Budget was crafted, it was also calculated that the savings of \$36,000 would assist in partially funding the newly created position of Director of Mental Health. This is part of the Administration's commitment to fill voids in mental health and substance abuse services for our residents.

The above should be considered prior to transferring funds out of subcontingency.

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Alcohol & Substance Abuse

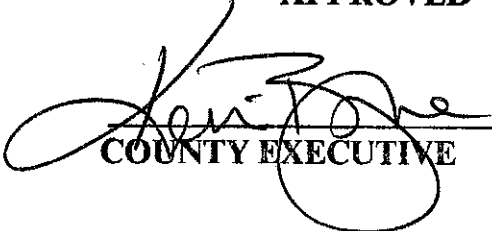
	FROM:	TO:
Peers Influence Peers (Restore Funding) Subcontingency 10199000 54981	0	36,000

A DIFFERENCE OF: 36,000

Adjust fringes and revenue accordingly.

BY POLL VOTE: ALL AYES. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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County of Putnam

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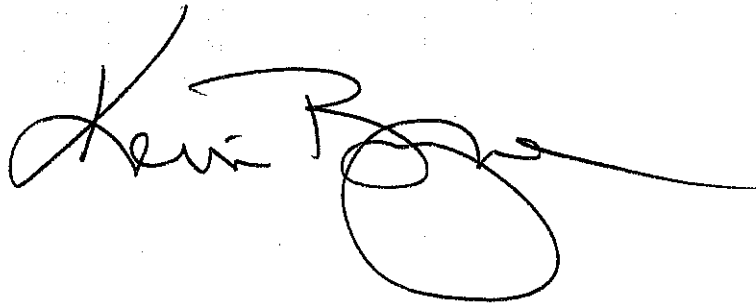
Diane Schonfeld
Clerk of the Legislature of Putnam County

Message from County Executive Kevin M. Byrne

Resolution # 203

**Approval/ Supporting Payments to Recipients Line
(Department of Social Services, Mental Health & Youth Bureau)**

This modification made by the Legislature was justified in the Budget and Finance Committee Meeting on October 19, 2023. The Administration agrees this is a better practice moving forward. The use of a new "payments to recipients" line is more appropriate than the proposed use of the "contracts" line in the 2024 Tentative Budget and the prior administration's use of the "miscellaneous" line.

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Social Services Department Adm

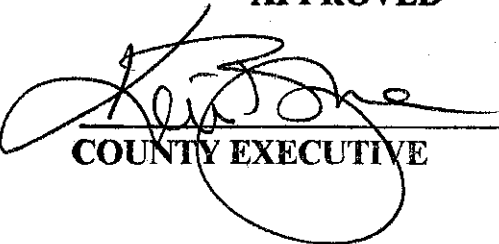
	FROM:	TO:
Contracts		
10120000 54646	60,000	0
(Correcting budget line)		
Payments To Recipients		
10120000 54493	0	60,000
(Correcting budget line)		

A DIFFERENCE OF: 0

Adjust fringes and revenue accordingly.

BY POLL VOTE: ALL AYES. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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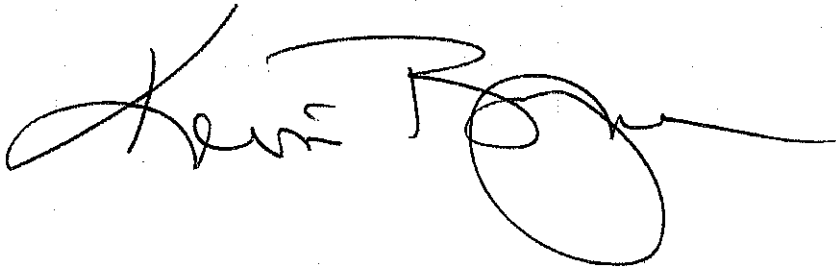
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Message from County Executive Kevin M. Byrne

Resolution # 204

**Approval/ Supporting Payments to Recipients Line
(Purchasing Department)**

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Purchase Services Recipients

	FROM:	TO:
Contracts		
10607000 54646	1,100,000	0
(Correcting budget line)		
Payments To Recipients		
10607000 54493	0	1,100,000
(Correcting budget line)		

A DIFFERENCE OF: 0

Adjust fringes and revenue accordingly.

BY POLL VOTE: ALL AYES. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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Signed: *[Handwritten Signature]*

Diane Schonfeld
 Clerk of the Legislature of Putnam County

Message from County Executive Kevin M. Byrne

Resolution # 205


**Approval/ Funding of \$6,000 to Putnam Senior Corp. For Technology Classes
(Office of Senior Resources)**

This modification made by the Legislature was first discussed and requested in the Health, Social, Educational, & Environmental Committee Meeting on October 10, 2023.

For additional background, this program was previously administered by staff at the Office of Senior Resources (OSR), until the individual teaching the classes was no longer employed by the County. The Office of Senior Resources has since struggled to replace the personnel, a struggle amplified from challenges created by the COVID-19 Pandemic. This budget line has not been properly utilized to provide technology service classes for seniors since 2020.

Following the Legislature's Health, Social, Educational, & Environmental Committee Budget meeting held on October 10th, the Administration reviewed this budget request with the OSR Director who indicated that his department is actively seeking candidates through a separate contract to fill this role. Alternatively, OSR has expressed it can also consider community volunteers in lieu of a paid replacement if one cannot be sourced.

As was discussed during the October 10th Budget Committee meeting by the Director of OSR and confirmed during this Administration's subsequent discussions with him, the Administration believes while it is appropriate to restore this funding, it would be more appropriate to transfer the funding out of the Senior Corps Volunteer (10677300-54646, Contracts) line into Rec For The Elderly (10762000 54646, Contracts) line as volunteers do not provide this training nor do they receive it. This potential budget transfer has also been discussed with the Department of Finance and may be proposed at a later date for consideration.

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Resolution #205

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Office For Senior Resources

**Putnam Senior Corp.
Contracts
(Restore Technology Classes)
10677300 54646**

FROM:

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TO:

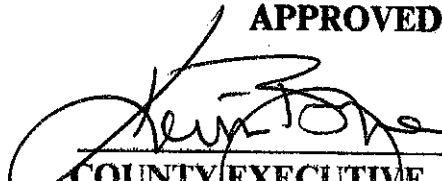
6,000

A DIFFERENCE OF: 6,000

Adjust fringes and revenue accordingly.

BY POLL VOTE: ALL AYES. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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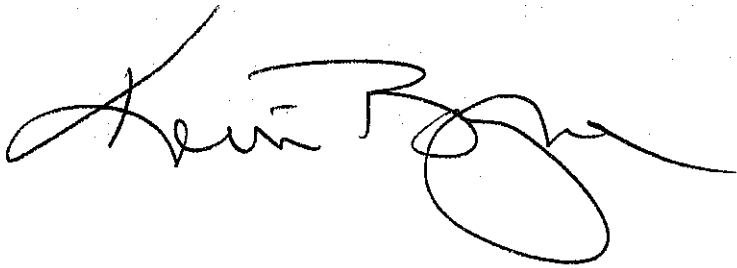
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Message from County Executive Kevin M. Byrne

Resolution # 206

**Approval/ Supporting Revenue Adjustments
(Department of Health)**

This modification made by the Legislature was requested by the Administration after the 2024 Tentative Budget was submitted and was further justified in the Budget and Finance Committee Meeting on October 19, 2023.

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Resolution #206

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Health Department

	FROM:	TO:
Reopening Schools		
Social Security		
26401001 58002 10167	1,008	0
(Grant ended 7/30/23 – No Budget for 2024)		

A DIFFERENCE OF: (1,008)

Reopening Schools		
Workers Compensation		
26401001 58004 10167	167	0
(Grant ended 7/30/23 – No Budget for 2024)		

A DIFFERENCE OF: (167)

Office of Homeland Security		
State Retirement		
26401001 58001 10067	2,337	0
(Not a Health Dept Account)		

A DIFFERENCE OF: (2,337)

NYS Public Health Corps – Revenue		
Public Health Emergency Preparedness (PHEP)		
264001001 444892 10173	297,511	314,758

A DIFFERENCE OF: 17,247

Public Health Infrastructure – Revenue		
PHEP		
26401001 444892 10205	175,192	181,120

A DIFFERENCE OF: 5,928

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Resolution #206

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Administration – Revenue

State Aid Public Health

10401000 434011

340,408

358,479

A DIFFERENCE OF: 18,071

Health Nursing Immunization – Revenue

State Aid Public Health

11017000 434011

84,417

88,774

A DIFFERENCE OF: 4,357

Health Nursing - Revenue

State Aid Public Health

11401000 434011

678,665

738,695

A DIFFERENCE OF: 60,030

Health EHS Drinking H2O Supply – Revenue

State Aid Public Health

12022000 434011

7,340

9,876

A DIFFERENCE OF: 2,536

Environmental Health – Revenue

State Aid Public Health

12401000 434011

845,297

875,886

A DIFFERENCE OF: 30,589

Health Education – Revenue

State Aid Public Health

21401000 434011

275,568

282,081

A DIFFERENCE OF: 6,513

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Emergency Preparedness – Revenue

State Aid Public Health

26401001 434011 10066

0

2,496

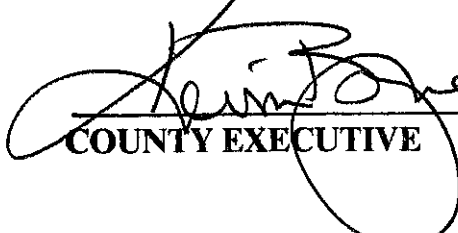
A DIFFERENCE OF: 2,496

A TOTAL DIFFERENCE OF: 151,279

Adjust fringes and revenue accordingly.

BY POLL VOTE: ALL AYES. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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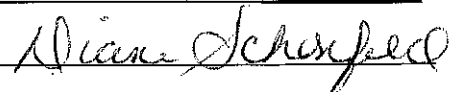
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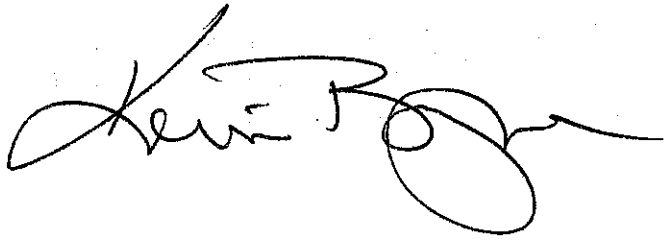
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Message from County Executive Kevin M. Byrne

Resolution # 207

**Approval/ Supporting Revenue Adjustment from Partnership Initiative Stop DWI
(Probation Department)**

This modification made by the Legislature was requested by the Administration after the 2024 Tentative Budget was submitted and was further justified in the Budget and Finance Committee Meeting on October 19, 2023.

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Resolution #207

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Probation Department

	FROM:	TO:
Partnership Initiative		
Stop DWI		
(Award Rec'd - \$24,000)		
10331500 54936	17,500	24,000

A DIFFERENCE OF: 6,500

Public Safety Other – Revenue		
Stop DWI		
(Award Rec'd - \$24,000)		
10331500 443890	17,500	24,000

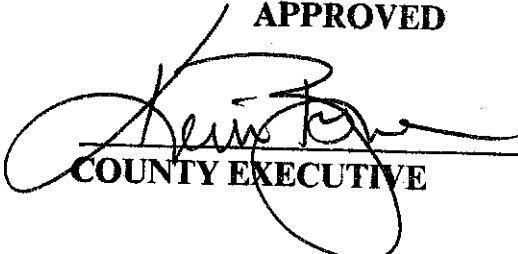
A DIFFERENCE OF: 6,500

Adjust fringes and revenue accordingly.

BY POLL VOTE: ALL AYES. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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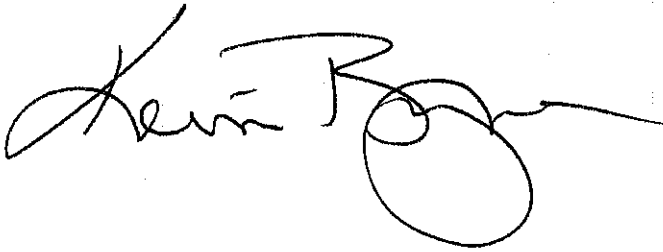
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Message from County Executive Kevin M. Byrne

Resolution # 208

**Approval/ Supporting Adjustment in Gasoline line
(Bureau of Emergency Services)**

The modification made by the Legislature was justified in the Budget and Finance Committee Meeting on October 19, 2023.

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Resolution #208

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Bureau of Emergency Services

**Gasoline
10398900 54371**

**FROM:
270**

**TO:
0**

A DIFFERENCE OF: (270)

Adjust fringes and revenue accordingly.

BY POLL VOTE: ALL AYES. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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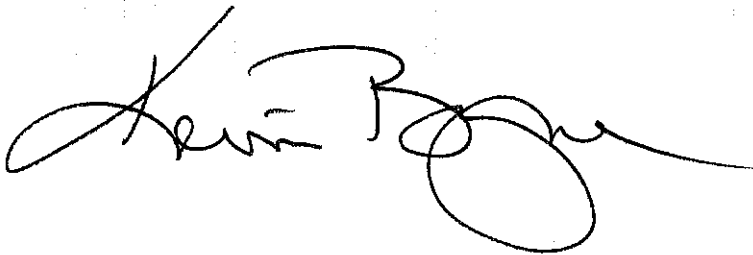
Resolution # 209

**VETO/ \$50,000 Adjustment in Printing & Forms
(Board of Elections)**

This modification made by the Legislature was discussed in the Rules Budget Committee Meeting on October 11, 2023, and the Budget and Finance Committee Meeting on October 19, 2023. Upon further discussion with both Commissioners of the Board of Elections (BOE) in which they shared additional information that had not been presented at the initial department budget meeting, I agree with the Legislature that additional funding to support the printing & forms budget line during the 2024 Presidential Election year is indeed warranted. However, a 50% increase to this line is unprecedented and the BOE was unable to provide adequate details to the Legislature during the Budget & Finance Committee Meeting or to the Administration on how they formulated this number.

I have since discussed this specific budget item with both Commissioners of the Board of Elections. Based on their projections, as an alternative, they shared that they would feel comfortable with a \$25,000 increase to this line, instead of \$50,000, which would still allow them to adequately prepare for the 2024 Elections.

In lieu of Putnam County's Charter not affording the County Executive the power of exercising a line-item reduction veto, I am vetoing this modification in its entirety. This will have the effect of bringing the budgeted line back to the amount budgeted in the 2024 Tentative Budget. I would like to express my support for a subsequent budgetary amendment by the Legislature that would increase the line by \$25,000 (instead of \$50,000) from the General Fund as an alternative and generate \$25,000 in savings.

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Board of Elections

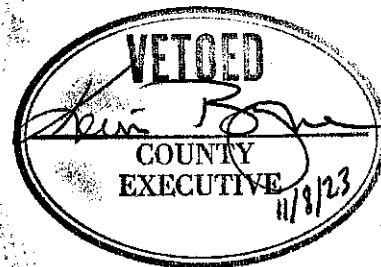
	FROM:	TO:
Printing & Forms		
(Due to Possibility of Additional Election)		
10145000 54311	100,000	150,000

A DIFFERENCE OF: 50,000

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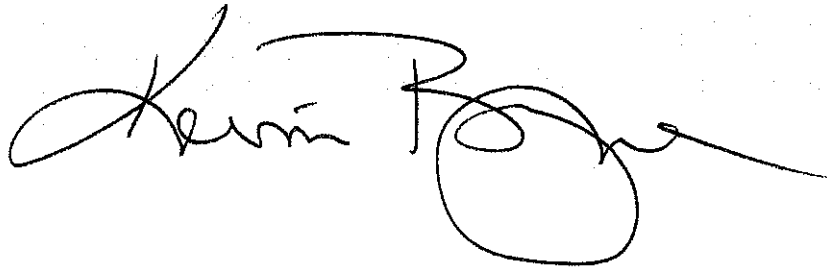
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Message from County Executive Kevin M. Byrne

Resolution # 210

**Approval/ Adjustments to Compensation and Benefits of Senior
Personnel Assistant due to Retirement
(Personnel)**

This modification made by the Legislature was requested by the Administration after the 2024 Tentative Budget was submitted and was further justified in both the Personnel Budget Committee Meeting on October 16th and the Budget and Finance Committee Meeting on October 19, 2023.

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Resolution #210

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Personnel Department

	FROM:	TO:
Senior Personnel Assistant 10143000 51000 (117) (Remove from Budget Due to Retirement)	900,180	819,473

A DIFFERENCE OF: (80,707)

State Retirement 10143000 58001	124,876	110,556
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A DIFFERENCE OF: (14,320)

FICA 10143000 58002	79,115	72,941
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A DIFFERENCE OF: (6,174)

Workers Compensation 10143000 58004	5,169	4,147
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A DIFFERENCE OF: (1,022)

Dental 10143000 58006	17,512	15,508
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A DIFFERENCE OF: (2,004)

Health Plans 10143000 58008	273,296	243,951
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A DIFFERENCE OF: (29,345)

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Vision

10143000 58009

1,831

1,589

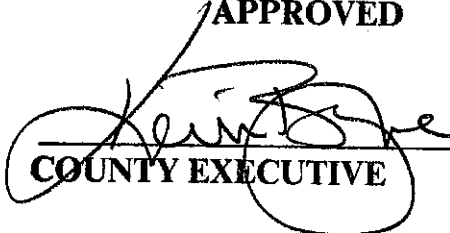
A DIFFERENCE OF: (242)

A TOTAL DIFFERENCE OF: (133,814)

Adjust fringes and revenue accordingly.

BY POLL VOTE: ALL AYES. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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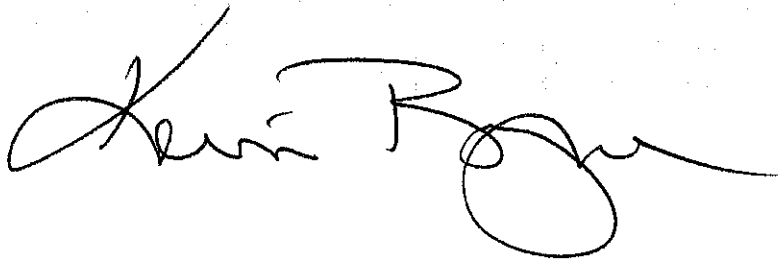
Message from County Executive Kevin M. Byrne

Resolution # 211

**Approval/ Salary Adjustment to Confidential Secretary
(Sheriff's Office)**

This modification was made by the Legislature and is the result of a compromise publicly negotiated between members of the Legislature and the Sheriff during the Personnel Committee Meeting on October 16, 2023, where it was ultimately justified.

While approved, as a point of clarity, this \$3,000 adjustment for the position of Confidential Secretary serving the Undersheriff now places the salary of that position above the Confidential Secretaries of the County Executive and County Clerk, who also serve in offices of County-wide elected officials. Also noteworthy, unlike most other merit adjustments in the 2024 Budget, the \$3,000 increase as provided by Resolution #211 is compounded with the 2.75% salary adjustment (instead of being inclusive of the 2.75%) and funds the position at \$64,380. The comparable positions in the County Executive and Clerk's offices are funded at \$63,978.00 and \$63,808.00 respectively. The modification provided by Resolution #211 furthers certain gaps in compensation for which the County should be mindful of in future budgets.

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Resolution #211

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Sheriff's Department - Administration

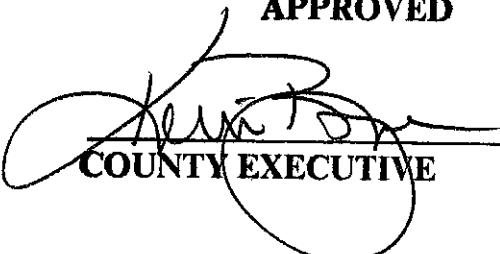
	FROM:	TO:
Confidential Secretary 10311000 51000 (910)	0	3,000
FICA 10311000 58002	0	230

A DIFFERENCE OF: 3,230

Adjust fringes and revenue accordingly.

BY POLL VOTE: ALL AYES. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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Resolution # 212

**Approval/ Funding \$180,027 for new Deputy Sheriff Sergeant- Civil Division
(Sheriff's Office)**

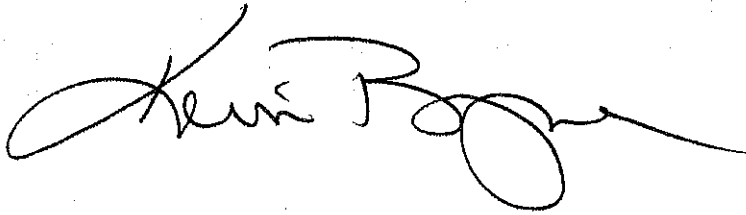
This modification made by the Legislature was requested by the Sheriff's Office and justified during the Personnel Budget Meeting on October 16, 2023.

During the Budget Meeting, the Sheriff's Office discussed that the proposed position would provide needed support due to increased workload in the office. According to the Finance Department, the creation of this position will restore full time equivalent (FTE) staffing levels that had previously existed in 2017.

While it was initially presented at the Personnel Budget Meeting on October 16, 2023, that this new position would cost \$115,000, it has since been clarified by the Finance Department that the total cost is projected at \$180,027 including associated fringes, which Resolution #212 accurately reflects. This does not account for other legacy costs associated with the new position.

This modification is approved based on the need that was justified to the Legislature by the Putnam County Sheriff at the Personnel Budget Meeting and the restoration of FTE staffing to 2017 levels.

Further, the Legislature identified additional offsets to support this position in Resolution #219 approved by the Administration.

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PUTNAM COUNTY LEGISLATURE

Resolution #212

Introduced by Legislator: Paul Jonke on behalf of the Budget & Finance Committee at a Special Meeting held on October 30, 2023.

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Sheriff's Department – Civil Division

	FROM:	TO:
Deputy Sheriff Sergeant 15311000 51000 (102)	0	115,000
Retirement 15311000 58001	0	24,788
FICA 15311000 58002	0	8,798
Health Plans 15311000 58008	0	31,441

A DIFFERENCE OF: 180,027

Adjust fringes and revenue accordingly.

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

State of New York
ss:
County of Putnam

APPROVED



COUNTY EXECUTIVE 11/8/23
DATE

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Dated: November 2, 2023

Signed: Diane Schonfeld

Diane Schonfeld
Clerk of the Legislature of Putnam County

Message from County Executive Kevin M. Byrne

Resolutions # 213

**VETO/ Salary Increase for Elected Officials
(Coroners)**

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Again, this decision is in no way a value judgement on the performance of our elected officials; all of whom I have great respect for and appreciate the work they do on behalf of the residents of Putnam County.

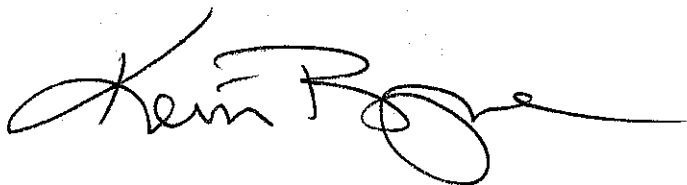
This Administration recognizes the very real financial challenges many residents face as they struggle to support their families and navigate through sky-high inflation, record setting interest rates, and overall economic uncertainty. Due to many of these same challenges the cost of government has grown, and eliminating pay raises for elected officials demonstrates our awareness of that hardship and helps solidify the County's commitment to a fiscally sound budget.

I also find it unfair to include pay raises for elected officials while we are still actively negotiating contracts with various collective bargaining units. Many of these collective bargaining units report directly to our County-wide elected officials who are part of the negotiating process. Any contract that is negotiated and agreed upon will ultimately need to be approved by the Legislature.

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I do not find the adjustments made by the Legislature for salary increases presented in Resolutions 213, 214, 215 to be justified and therefore **VETO** this modification made by the Legislature. Removing the modification made by Resolution #213 generates \$2,223 in savings and when combined with resolutions 214 and 215 generates a total of \$11,405 in savings.

I am willing to revisit this issue in the future after all union contracts are agreed to.

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PUTNAM COUNTY LEGISLATURE

Resolution #213

Introduced by Legislator: Paul Jonke on behalf of the Budget & Finance Committee at a Special Meeting held on October 30, 2023.

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Coroners

	FROM:	TO:
Coroner		
10118500 51000 (101)	25,000	25,688
(2.75% COLA Increase)		

A DIFFERENCE OF: 688

Coroner		
10118500 51000 (102)	25,000	25,688
(2.75% COLA Increase)		

A DIFFERENCE OF: 688

Coroner		
10118500 51000 (103)	25,000	25,688
(2.75% COLA Increase)		

A DIFFERENCE OF: 688

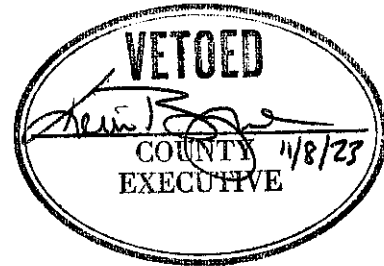
FICA		
10118500 58002	0	159

A DIFFERENCE OF: 159

A TOTAL DIFFERENCE OF: 2,223

Adjust fringes and revenue accordingly.

BY ROLL CALL VOTE: SIX AYES. TWO NAYS – LEGISLATORS CROWLEY & MONTGOMERY. ONE ABSTENTION – LEGISLATOR ELLNER. MOTION CARRIES.



State of New York
ss:
County of Putnam

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Diane Schonfeld
Clerk of the Legislature of Putnam County

Message from County Executive Kevin M. Byrne

Resolutions # 214

**VETO/ Salary Increase for Elected Officials
(County Clerk)**

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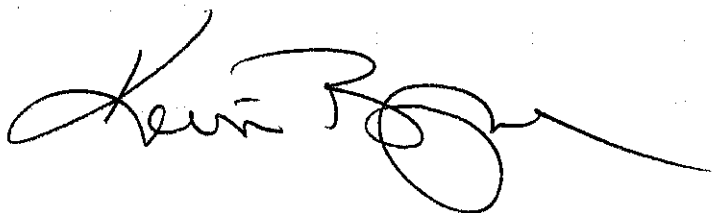
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I am willing to revisit this issue in the future after all union contracts are agreed to.

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PUTNAM COUNTY LEGISLATURE

Resolution #214

Introduced by Legislator: Paul Jonke on behalf of the Budget & Finance Committee at a Special Meeting held on October 30, 2023.

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County Clerk

	FROM:	TO:
County Clerk		
10141000 51000 (101)	144,343	148,312
(2.75% COLA Increase)		
 FICA		
10141000 58002	0	304

A DIFFERENCE OF: 4,273

Adjust fringes and revenue accordingly.

BY ROLL CALL VOTE: SIX AYES. TWO NAYS – LEGISLATORS CROWLEY & MONTGOMERY. ONE ABSTENTION – LEGISLATOR ELLNER. MOTION CARRIES.

State of New York

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County of Putnam



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Clerk of the Legislature of Putnam County

Message from County Executive Kevin M. Byrne

Resolutions # 215

**VETO/ Salary Increase for Elected Officials
(Sheriff's Office)**

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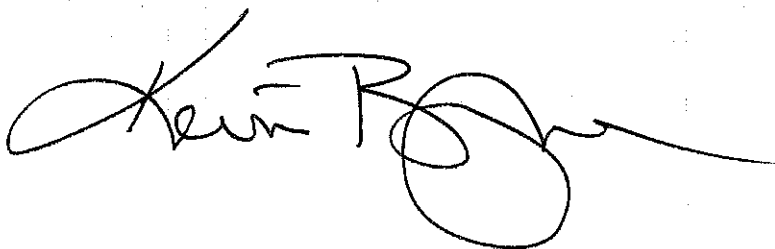
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I do not find the adjustments made by the Legislature for salary increases presented in Resolutions 213, 214, **215** to be justified and therefore **VETO** this modification made by the Legislature. Removing the modification made by Resolution #215 generates \$4,909 in savings and when combined with resolutions 213 and 214 generates a total of \$11,405 in savings.

I am willing to revisit this issue in the future after all union contracts are agreed to.

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PUTNAM COUNTY LEGISLATURE

Resolution #215

Introduced by Legislator: Paul Jonke on behalf of the Budget & Finance Committee at a Special Meeting held on October 30, 2023.

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Sheriff's Department – Administration

	FROM:	TO:
Sheriff		
10311000 51000 (101)	165,816	170,376
(2.75% COLA Increase)		
FICA		
10311000 58002	0	349

A DIFFERENCE OF: 4,909

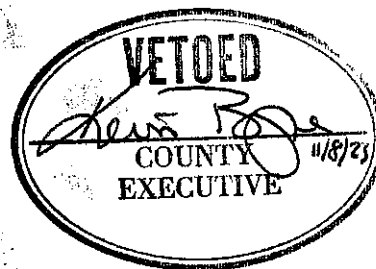
Adjust fringes and revenue accordingly.

BY ROLL CALL VOTE: SIX AYES. TWO NAYS – LEGISLATORS CROWLEY & MONTGOMERY. ONE ABSTENTION – LEGISLATOR ELLNER. MOTION CARRIES.

State of New York

ss:

County of Putnam



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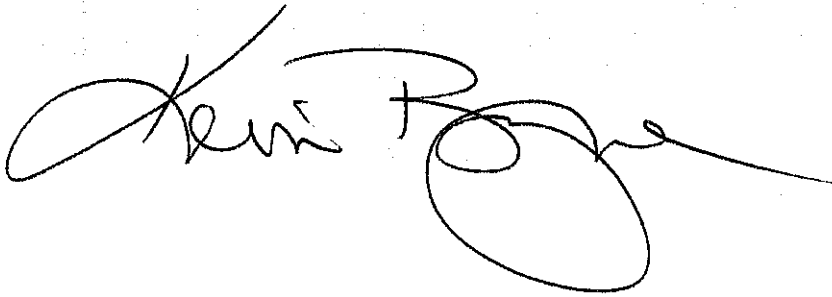
Message from County Executive Kevin M. Byrne

Resolution # 216

**Approval/ Salary Increase to the County Auditor Position
(Audit)**

The modification made by the Legislature was justified in the Personnel Committee Meeting on October 16, 2023, and throughout the Legislative budgeting process.

I echo the sentiments shared by members of the Legislature praising the excellent work and dedication by the County Auditor. During this budget process, I witnessed firsthand the County Auditor's expertise and diligence beginning with our August meetings to review department budget requests. As stated by multiple members of the Legislature, this would be the first merit increase for the Auditor in recent memory, and it is very well-deserved.

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PUTNAM COUNTY LEGISLATURE

Resolution #216

Introduced by Legislator: Paul Jonke on behalf of the Budget & Finance Committee at a Special Meeting held on October 30, 2023.

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County Auditor

	FROM:	TO:
County Auditor		
10132000 51000 (101)	125,305	130,305
FICA		
10132000 58002	0	383

A DIFFERENCE OF: 5,383

Adjust fringes and revenue accordingly.

BY POLL VOTE: ALL AYES. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

State of New York
ss:
County of Putnam

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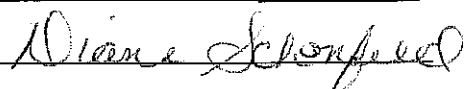
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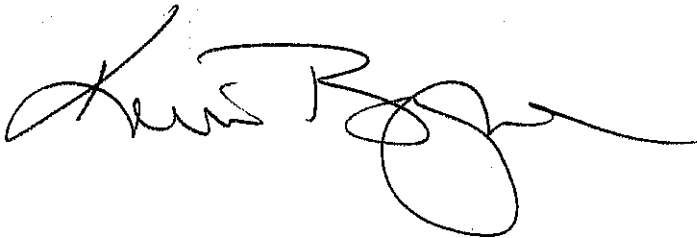
Diane Schonfeld
Clerk of the Legislature of Putnam County

Message from County Executive Kevin M. Byrne

Resolution # 217

Approval/ Adjustment of Chargebacks

This modification made by the Legislature was requested by the Administration after the 2024 Tentative Budget was submitted and was justified in the Budget and Finance Committee Meeting on October 19, 2023.

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PUTNAM COUNTY LEGISLATURE

Resolution #217

Introduced by Legislator: Paul Jonke on behalf of the Budget & Finance Committee at a Special Meeting held on October 30, 2023.

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Adjust Chargebacks

	FROM:	TO:
Warming Shelter Contract Chargeback Expense		
10120000 55646	82,076	68,632

A DIFFERENCE OF: (13,444)

Central Service Internal Chargeback Revenue		
10161000 412941	129,700	132,650

Part Bus System - Revenue		
Central Service Internal Chargeback		
95630000 412941	127,028	122,600

Road Machinery – Revenue		
Central Service Internal Chargeback		
10513000 412941	342,100	336,100

Stop DWI Fines - Revenue		
10331500 426151	75,806	76,200

Sheriff Security Service DSS – Revenue		
Central Service Internal Chargeback		
19005060 412941	82,076	68,632

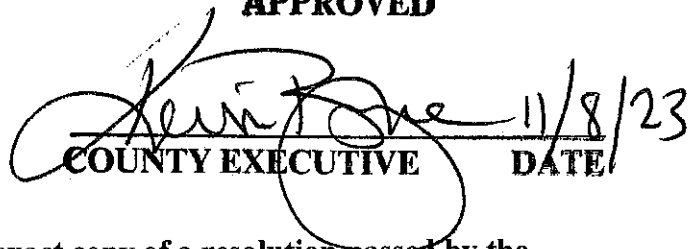
A DIFFERENCE OF: (20,528)

Adjust fringes and revenue accordingly.

BY POLL VOTE: ALL AYES. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

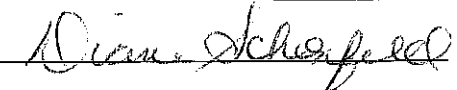
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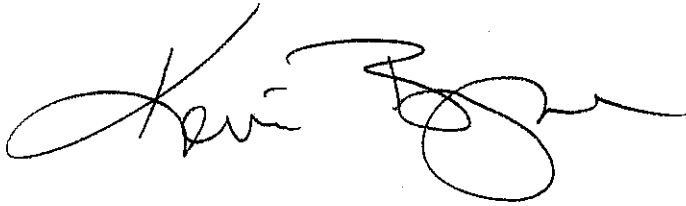
Diane Schonfeld
Clerk of the Legislature of Putnam County

Message from County Executive Kevin M. Byrne

Resolution # 218

Approval/ New Temporary Line to Cover Upcoming Maternity Leave

This modification made by the Legislature was justified in the Budget and Finance Committee Meeting on October 19, 2023.

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PUTNAM COUNTY LEGISLATURE

Resolution #218

Introduced by Legislator: Paul Jonke on behalf of the Budget & Finance Committee at a Special Meeting held on October 30, 2023.

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Legislature

	FROM:	TO:
Temporary (Cover Upcoming Maternity Leave) 10101001 51094	0	10,000
FICA 10101001 58002	0	765

A DIFFERENCE OF: 10,765

Adjust fringes and revenue accordingly.

BY POLL VOTE: ALL AYES. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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Message from County Executive Kevin M. Byrne

Resolution # 219

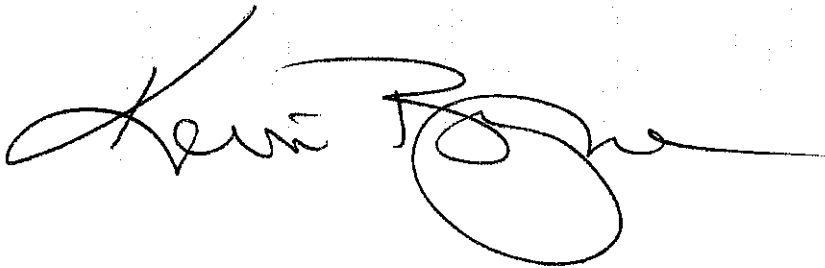
**Approval/ Elimination of Program Funding, Partial Offset, and Reduction of Property Tax Levy by \$475,469
(Planning Dept.)**

The Community Assistance (CAI) and Municipal Partnership (MPI) initiatives were designed to award funding on a competitive basis to local not-for-profit organizations, towns and village governments. Both programs were designed to create a more open and fair process to support outside agencies in a manner that is strategically aligned with the County's priorities.

Furthermore, these two programs were proposed as more effective and less costly alternatives to the prior administration's 'Share the Growth' plan. This plan, which was proposed in the final year of the prior administration and was approved outside of the budget process by the Legislature, was a departure from a decade-long stance not to distribute sales tax revenue to local governments. Last year, aided by American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funding, the prior administration appropriated over \$14 million to local governments and non-profit organizations, \$5 million of which was credited to sales tax revenue from the general fund. If Putnam County had continued this plan this year and "shared" sales tax growth from last year, it could have cost the County's general fund balance over \$7 million.

Fortunately, the Legislature's modification to eliminate \$500,000 in program funding for both initiatives better enables the County to fully fund a new position at the Putnam County Sheriff's Office and further reduce the property tax rate from 2.87% to 2.85%, which is an 8% reduction from the 2023 property tax rate of 3.12% and still the lowest property tax rate in 15 years. I support both these causes and happily accept the Legislature's decision to prioritize public safety and further reduce taxes.

As a point of clarity, the County Executive's office has no plans to submit proposals in the 2025 Tentative Budget to fund either the Community Assistance (CAI) or Municipal Partnership (MPI) initiatives. While the Executive's office is open to discussing any proposals made by the Legislature similar to the CAI or MPI, statements made by the Legislature during the Budget & Finance Committee Meeting that the dollars are better left with taxpayers is compelling and should be consistently applied from year to year.

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PUTNAM COUNTY LEGISLATURE

Resolution #219

Introduced by Legislator: Paul Jonke on behalf of the Budget & Finance Committee at a Special Meeting held on October 30, 2023.

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Planning Department

	FROM:	TO:
Municipal Partnership Initiative Contracts		
10802000 54646 10208	250,000	225,469

A DIFFERENCE OF: (24,531) Offset Changes

Municipal Partnership Initiative Contracts		
10802000 54646 10208	225,469	0

A DIFFERENCE OF: (225,469)

Community Assistance Program Contracts		
10802000 54646 10209	250,000	0

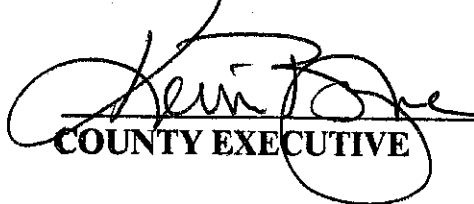
A DIFFERENCE OF: (250,000)

A TOTAL DIFFERENCE OF: (475,469) To Reduce the Tax Levy

Offset Changes made by the Legislature at the Adopt the Budget and Reduce Tax Levy

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

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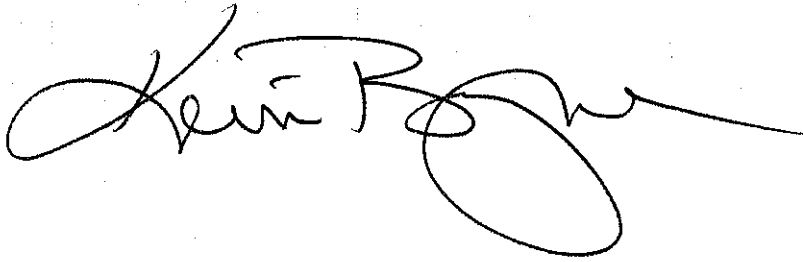
Clerk of the Legislature of Putnam County

Message from County Executive Kevin M. Byrne

Resolution # 220

**Approval/ Use of Fund Balance to Offset Changes to Maintain Tax Levy of
\$46,212,312.00**

As stated in Resolution #219, the Administration supports the further reduction of the property tax rate from 2.87% in the 2024 Tentative Budget to 2.85%, which is an 8% reduction from the 2023 property tax rate of 3.12% and the lowest property tax rate in 15 years. Furthermore, it's worth noting that this is the first time the County has reduced the tax levy in 25 years.

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PUTNAM COUNTY LEGISLATURE

Resolution #220

Introduced by Legislator: Paul Jonke on behalf of the Budget & Finance Committee at a Special Meeting held on October 30, 2023.

Seconded by Legislator: Erin Crowley.

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Offset Changes

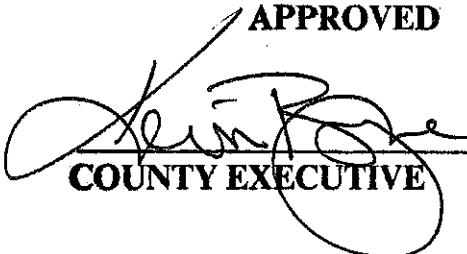
Use of Fund Balance

10131000 427161

Such adjusted amount as required to offset changes to the Tentative Budget by the County Legislature, including County Executive's Vetoes not overridden by the County Legislature and including final adjustment for Health Insurance rates, in compliance with the Tax Cap requirements of the State of New York. It being the intent of the Legislature to comply with Real Property Tax Law and Levy of \$46,212,312.00.


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

State of New York
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County of Putnam

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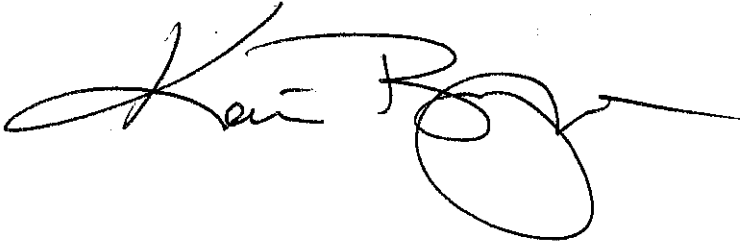
Signed: 

Diane Schonfeld
Clerk of the Legislature of Putnam County

Message from County Executive Kevin M. Byrne

Resolution # 221

Approval/ 2024 Budget Resolutions

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PUTNAM COUNTY LEGISLATURE

Resolution #221

Introduced by Legislator: Paul Jonke on behalf of the Budget & Finance Committee at a Special Meeting held on October 30, 2023.

Seconded by Legislators: Ginny Nacerino and Amy Sayegh.

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APPROVAL OF THE 2024 BUDGET RESOLUTIONS

RESOLVED, that the Putnam County Legislature hereby approves the 2024 budget resolutions as pre-filed by the Budget & Finance Committee and amended by the Legislature on October 30, 2023; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the individual votes on each budget resolution be made a part of this resolution.

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

State of New York

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County of Putnam

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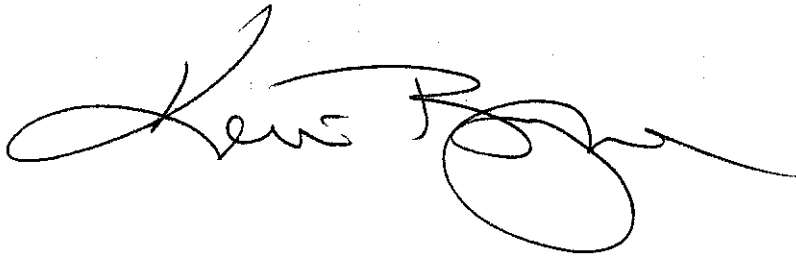
Diane Schonfeld
Clerk of the Legislature of Putnam County

Message from County Executive Kevin M. Byrne

Resolution # 222

Approval/Adopting the Budget for the Fiscal Year 2024

The Administration has completed its requirements pursuant to section 7.04(B)(7) of the Putnam County Charter, and awaits any legislative reconsiderations, pursuant to section 7.04(B)(8) of the Charter.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Kevin M. Byrne". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large loop at the end.

PUTNAM COUNTY LEGISLATURE

Resolution #222

Introduced by Legislator: Paul Jonke on behalf of the Budget & Finance Committee at a Special Meeting held on October 30, 2023.

Seconded by Legislator: Amy Sayegh.

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A RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE BUDGET FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2024 COMMENCING JANUARY 1, 2024 MAKING APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE OPERATION OF THE COUNTY GOVERNMENT AND ESTABLISHING RATES OF COMPENSATION FOR OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2024

WHEREAS, the Putnam County Legislature has met and considered the Tentative Budget as submitted by the County Executive and has held a Public Hearing thereon pursuant to both Article 7.04(b)(4) of the Putnam County Charter and Section 359 of the County Law of the State of New York; and

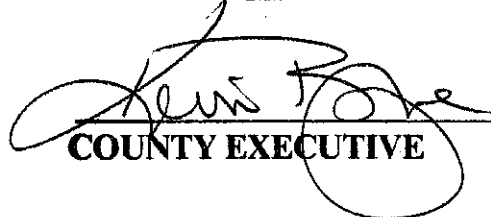
WHEREAS, this Legislature has made certain adjustments to the Tentative Budget as submitted by the County Executive which are included as part of this budget adoption; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Putnam County Legislature hereby adopts the Tentative Budget, as amended by this Legislature, which sets forth the appropriations for the objects and purposes as specified, and further establishes the rates of compensation to be paid provided that said tentative budget as amended does not exceed the tax cap as provided for by state law; and be it further

RESOLVED, that this act takes effect on January 1, 2024.

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

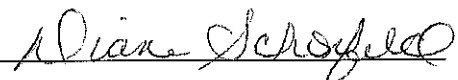
APPROVED

 11/8/23
COUNTY EXECUTIVE DATE

State of New York
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County of Putnam

I hereby certify that the above is a true and exact copy of a resolution passed by the Putnam County Legislature while in session on October 30, 2023.

Dated: November 2, 2023

Signed: 

Diane Schonfeld
Clerk of the Legislature of Putnam County