

**REGULAR MEETING  
OF THE  
PUTNAM COUNTY LEGISLATURE  
HELD VIA AUDIO WEBINAR PURSUANT TO TEMPORARY EMERGENCY ORDERS**

**Tuesday**

**April 7, 2020**

**7:00 P.M.**

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 P.M. by Chairwoman Addonizio who led in the Pledge of Allegiance and the Legislative Prayer. Upon roll call, Legislators Montgomery, Gouldman, Nacerino, Albano, Jonke, Castellano, Sayegh, Sullivan and Chairwoman Addonizio were present. Also present was Legislative Counsel Firriolo.

**PROCLAMATIONS**

Chairwoman Addonizio stated that the following proclamations are done annually. They are for informational purposes only and they will be mailed to the relevant parties. She encouraged everyone to read them.

**ALCOHOL AWARENESS MONTH**

**WHEREAS, alcohol is the most commonly used addictive substance in the United States. One in every 12 adults (17.6 million people) suffer from alcohol abuse or dependence; and**

**WHEREAS, underage drinking presents an enormous public health issue and alcohol is the drug of choice among children and adolescents. Annually, approximately 5,000 youth under the age of 21 die from motor vehicle crashes, other unintentional injuries, homicides, and suicides that involve underage drinking; 100,000 persons die each year from alcohol-related causes: drinking and driving crashes, other accidents, falls, fires, alcohol-related homicides and suicides; and**

**WHEREAS, tragic health, social, and economic problems result from the use of alcohol by youth. Underage drinking is a causal factor in a host of serious problems, including traumatic injury, violent and property crime, high risk sex, fetal alcohol syndrome, alcohol poisoning, and need for treatment for alcohol abuse and dependence; and**

**WHEREAS, the 2018 Prevention Needs Assessment Survey reports that 42.9% of Putnam County youth grades 8-12 have used alcohol in their lifetime; and**

**WHEREAS, young people who begin drinking before the age of 15 are four times more likely to develop alcohol dependence and are two and half times more likely to become abusers of alcohol than those who begin drinking at age 21; and**

**WHEREAS, over 7 million children live in a household where at least one parent is dependent on or has abused alcohol; and**

**WHEREAS, alcohol-related problems cost America \$224 billion in lost productivity, absenteeism, healthcare costs, crime, and family-related problems; and**

**WHEREAS, the typical American will see 100,000 beer commercials before he or she turns 18; now therefore be it**

**RESOLVED, that the Putnam County Executive and the Putnam County Legislature do hereby proclaim April 2020 as Alcohol Awareness Month and along with the Putnam Communities That Care Coalition and all substance abuse prevention and treatment providers in Putnam County encourage all residents to increase their awareness of alcohol use disorders, the dangers of alcohol abuse, the success of prevention and treatment programs, especially for our youth, and to support and**

encourage referrals for treatment of individuals when an alcohol use disorder is suspected or present.

### **CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH**

**WHEREAS, the majority of child abuse cases stem from situations and conditions that are preventable in an engaged and supportive community; and**

**WHEREAS, effective child abuse prevention programs ensure the health of children and families, allowing children to grow into adults who prosper and contribute to society; and**

**WHEREAS, the Child Advocacy Center of Putnam County, the Department of Social Services Child Protective Services, Child Welfare Services, Legal Division, and Safe Harbour Putnam County are deeply committed to serving child abuse victims and their families with sensitivity, understanding, and compassion and providing services necessary to help healing begin; and**

**WHEREAS, the Child Advocacy Center of Putnam County, the Department of Social Services Child Protective Services, Child Welfare Services, Legal Division, and Safe Harbour Putnam County especially this month should be commended and recognized for working with schools, faith communities, civic organizations, law enforcement, and the business community to implement prevention programs to ensure the physical, mental, and emotional health and well-being of the children of Putnam County; now therefore be it**

**RESOLVED, that the Putnam County Executive and the Putnam County Legislature do hereby proclaim April 2020 as Child Abuse Prevention Month in Putnam County and call upon all citizens to increase their efforts to support families, thereby preventing child abuse and strengthening the communities in which we live.**

### **DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES AWARENESS MONTH & AUTISM AWARENESS MONTH**

**WHEREAS, The Arc Mid-Hudson is an integral part of our community, serving both as a business and as a human services agency with the mission to empower people with intellectual and other developmental disabilities to achieve and experience the highest quality of life; and**

**WHEREAS, for over sixty-five years, The Arc Mid-Hudson has been the leading provider of services in Putnam County for children and adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities from birth through advanced age; and**

**WHEREAS, The Arc Mid-Hudson is one of the leading employers in Putnam County and also offers Vocational Training and Rehabilitation to participants so they can provide quality work to the business community, training employees in both supported and competitive placements; and**

**WHEREAS, The Arc Mid-Hudson educates and assists over 50 children with autism and special needs through its Preschool to reach their fullest potential and retain their success through their participation in the public school system; and**

**WHEREAS, The Arc Mid-Hudson's Residential program provides for more than 130 people in both homes and apartments throughout Putnam County; and**

**WHEREAS, The Arc Mid-Hudson's Day Habilitation programs offer the opportunity to expand social, communication, and life skills to over 150 adults with developmental disabilities; and**

**WHEREAS, The Arc Mid-Hudson provides Community Habilitation, Respite, Educational Advocacy and Traumatic Brain Injury services to over 70 children and adults living at home with their families throughout Putnam County; and**

**WHEREAS, The Arc Mid-Hudson's clinic, Mid-Hudson Health Specialties, offers clinical services for over 200 individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities in Putnam County and their families, including psychology, social work, occupational, physical, and speech therapies, podiatry, psychiatry, and medical services, as well as behavioral supports for families in their homes; now therefore be it**

**RESOLVED, that the Putnam County Executive and the Putnam County Legislature do hereby proclaim April 2020 as Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month and Autism Awareness Month, and recognize and commend The Arc Mid-Hudson for the valuable services this agency provides to people with disabilities, their families, and the business community.**

### **HEALTHY TEEN BRAIN DAY – APRIL 20, 2020**

**WHEREAS, Our youth are our greatest joy and our hope for the future so it is necessary for us to support them in making safe and healthy decisions, while creating a supportive environment that safeguards their future; and**

**WHEREAS, Many of our youth are making very healthy and safe decisions to remain marijuana-free and providing leadership in their schools and communities to help other youth remain marijuana-free; and**

**WHEREAS, There is strong objective evidence that marijuana is harmful to the adolescent brain, with the potential to cause distorted perceptions, difficulty with thinking and problem solving, disrupted learning and memory, and impaired reaction time, attention span, judgment, balance and coordination; and**

**WHEREAS, It is with special pleasure that we join with the youth and adult leaders of the Putnam Communities That Care Coalition in celebrating the first "Healthy Teen Brain Day" to applaud and support our youth who are making healthy decisions; and**

**WHEREAS, On behalf of the citizens of Putnam County, we are pleased and proud to join all associated with the inception of "Healthy Teen Brain Day" and urge all citizens to acknowledge this very important day.**

**RESOLVED, that the Putnam County Executive and the Putnam County Legislature do hereby proclaim April 20, 2020 to be Healthy Teen Brain Day in Putnam County and proudly join my fellow residents in marking this very special occasion.**

### **KEEP PUTNAM BEAUTIFUL**

**WHEREAS, Putnam County is one of the most unique counties in New York State as it is located in close proximity to large cities, but remains a quiet, pastoral community where many natural and historic sites can be enjoyed; and**

**WHEREAS, Acknowledging the bucolic nature of Putnam County and the importance of preserving it, the County of Putnam established the Keep Putnam Beautiful program in 2005. Lead by Program Coordinator Walt Thompson, Keep Putnam Beautiful utilized an education and community volunteerism approach to work toward their goal of not only preserving the environment, but enhancing it along the way. The collaborative effort set forth involved the towns and villages within the County to achieve a common goal; and**

**WHEREAS, Legislator Ginny Nacerino recognized that the need to maintain and even improve the environment in Putnam County is ever-present and thereby has launched a campaign to reintroduce the *Keep Putnam Beautiful* slogan and reestablish the program. The Putnam County Health Department and Tourism Department join in the effort with Towns, Villages, and Individual Community Volunteers to make the prevention of litter and preservation of the environment a priority in our community. By employing the same spirit and concerted effort as the original program, a renewed pride will be instilled in our County and Putnam will remain the idyllic home and destination it is and has always been; now therefore be it**

**RESOLVED, that Putnam County Executive MaryEllen Odell and the Putnam County Legislature, hereby proclaim April as Keep Putnam Beautiful Month and encourage all residents to remain cognizant of their impact on the environment.**

### **NATIONAL LIBRARY WEEK – APRIL 19 – 25, 2020**

**WHEREAS, libraries are the hearts and hubs of their communities, providing essential and valued resources, collections, and programs for all ages and demographics; and**

**WHEREAS, libraries are continually evolving to meet the needs of their communities by offering opportunities for lifelong learning through both traditional services and new technologies; and**

**WHEREAS, libraries provide gathering places for neighbors, friends, newcomers, and entrepreneurs so they can come together to share ideas and enrich their communities; and**

**WHEREAS, libraries employ trained, tech-savvy professionals who provide their communities with Internet access, technology training, and access to downloadable content like e-books and magazines; and**

**WHEREAS, libraries offer services such as job-seeking resources, homework help, storytimes, literacy classes, parenting workshops, and summer reading programs; and**

**WHEREAS, libraries value, promote, and practice sound sustainability measures that ensure economical services, conserve resources, reduce long-term energy costs, and protect the environment; and**

**WHEREAS, libraries, librarians, library staff, and library supporters across America are celebrating National Library Week; now therefore be it**

**RESOLVED, that the Putnam County Executive and the Putnam County Legislature do hereby proclaim the week of April 19 – 25, 2020 as National Library Week. We encourage all county residents to visit their local libraries to take advantage of the wealth of library resources our libraries provide.**

### **PEERS INFLUENCE PEERS MONTH**

**WHEREAS, the use of alcohol and illegal drugs cause serious health, social, and educational problems for our young people; and one in four high school girls will suffer from an abusive relationship before they graduate; and**

**WHEREAS, it has been empirically proven that substance abuse is significantly involved in the three leading causes of death for young people – car crashes, homicides, and suicides – and is also a major factor in school dropouts, violence, and vandalism as well as HIV/AIDS, teenage pregnancy, rapes, and sexual assaults; and**

**WHEREAS, the recent upturns in drug and alcohol usage, as documented in state and national surveys, show that we must target effective prevention strategies at key population groups, such as middle and high school students; and**

**WHEREAS, the Peers Influence Peers Partnership has demonstrated a great deal of initiative and sophistication in developing proactive media messages against dating and domestic violence as well as alcohol and other drug use; and**

**WHEREAS, that work, which has been aired through numerous schools and cable TV systems throughout our state, has won praise from many authorities; now therefore be it**

**RESOLVED, that the Putnam County Executive and the Putnam County Legislature do hereby recognize April 2020 as Peers Influence Peers Month in hope that this declaration and a joint effort of all agencies and authorities to encourage young people to help others by encouraging them to live safe and healthy lives, may one day rid our children and their children's children of the scourge of drug and alcohol abuse.**

### **TEEN DRIVER SAFETY AWARENESS MONTH**

**WHEREAS, statistics and experience demonstrate that the greatest danger to our youth in Putnam County, and throughout our country, are the dangers posed from traffic crashes; and**

**WHEREAS, highway crash statistics inform us that although teen drivers make up only 7% of the driving population, they comprise 11% of the injury related automobile crashes; and**

**WHEREAS, the leading cause of accidental deaths to our youthful population throughout the United States are automobile accidents; and**

**WHEREAS, analysis shows us that the reasons for teen overrepresentation in injury related automobile crashes include: driver inexperience, excessive speed, unnecessary risk taking, inattentive driving, and use of alcohol and drugs; and**

**WHEREAS, in Putnam County, we have too often experienced a tragedy with the death of a teen driver at the wheel. Many of these deaths have occurred during the spring and summer months with a high incidence rate during the period leading up to prom season; and**

**WHEREAS, all accidents are preventable and crash rates can be lowered through the use of education and awareness programs through the use of our school systems, law enforcement programs and youth services organizations such as Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, Junior RTC programs and the Civil Air Patrol, just to name a few; and**

**WHEREAS, these programs work best when there is a period set aside for local government at every level, our school districts and churches, synagogues, and youth service organizations coming together to provide these educational programs; now therefore be it**

**RESOLVED, that the Putnam County Executive and the Putnam County Legislature do hereby proclaim April 2020 as Teen Driver Safety Awareness Month in Putnam County. We encourage all levels of government, our school districts, law enforcement, our churches and synagogues, our youth service organizations and all the citizens of Putnam County to support programs that promote teen driver safety awareness in Putnam County, thereby protecting one of our most precious resources, our children and grandchildren.**

**NATIONAL TELECOMMUNICATORS' WEEK APRIL 12 – 18, 2020**

**WHEREAS, the Putnam County 911 Center answered 88,895 calls for help and dispatched Fire, EMS, and Police agencies 11,735 times during 2019; and**

**WHEREAS, emergencies can occur at any time that require police, fire, or emergency medical services; and**

**WHEREAS, when an emergency occurs the prompt response of police officers, firefighters, and paramedics is critical to the protection of life and preservation of property; and**

**WHEREAS, the safety of our police officers, firefighters, and emergency medical services personnel is dependent upon the quality and accuracy of information obtained from citizens who telephone the Putnam 911 communications center; and**

**WHEREAS, Emergency Service Dispatchers are the first and most critical contact our citizens have with emergency services; and**

**WHEREAS, Emergency Service Dispatchers are the single vital link for our police officers, firefighters, and emergency medical services by monitoring their activities by radio, providing them information and insuring their safety; and**

**WHEREAS, Emergency Service Dispatchers of the Putnam 911 communications center have contributed substantially to the apprehension of criminals, suppression of fires and treatment of patients; and**

**WHEREAS, each dispatcher has exhibited compassion, understanding and professionalism during the performance of their job in the past year; now therefore be it**

**RESOLVED, that the Putnam County Executive and the Putnam County Legislature do hereby proclaim the week of April 12<sup>th</sup> through April 18<sup>th</sup>, 2020 to be National Telecommunicators' Week in Putnam County, in honor of the men and women whose diligence and professionalism keep our County and its citizens safe.**

**Item #4 – Approval of Minutes – Regular Meeting – March 5, 2020**

The minutes were approved as submitted.

**Item #5 – Correspondence**

**a) County Auditor**

There was no activity during this reporting period.

**Item #6 – Pre-filed resolutions:**

**PROTECTIVE SERVICES COMMITTEE  
(Chairman Jonke, Legislators Nacerino & Sullivan)**

**Item #6a – Approval/ Budgetary Amendment (20A008)/ District Attorney/ Asset Forfeiture Program/ Partnership Initiative/ License Plate Readers for Cold Spring Police Department was next. Chairwoman Addonizio recognized Legislator Jonke, Chairman of the Protective Services Committee. On behalf of the members of the Committee, Legislators Nacerino and Sullivan, Legislator Jonke moved the following:**

Legislator Jonke stated this is an initiative by the District Attorney's Office. He stated District Attorney Tandy feels strongly about the use of automated license plate readers (ALPRs) as a tool in law enforcement and he is happy to support this.

Legislator Nacerino echoed Legislator Jonke's comments. She stated ALPRs are a beneficial tool.

Legislator Sullivan stated he believes ALPRs are beneficial, however he believes a policy should be put in place before they can be used. He stated in this case particularly, there are some outstanding questions on the ALPRs because it appears they are more than just license plate readers. He stated this will be discussed at the next Protective Services Committee Meeting.

Legislator Sayegh agreed with Legislator Sullivan regarding the policy. She stated she is in favor of this tool being utilized by law enforcement, but the bottom line is that a policy needs to be in place to protect the innocent people in Putnam County. She thanked District Attorney Tandy for utilizing Asset Forfeiture funding to purchase this equipment. She stated she is in favor of this with the stipulation in the resolution that the Cold Spring Police Department will adhere to Putnam County's ALPR policy. She stated the policy should include revised verbiage pertaining to the sharing of data, misuse of data, and editing the retention of the data. She stated this tool is important to use, but needs to be used responsibly.

Legislator Gouldman stated his support for the use of ALPRs. He stated this provides a valuable tool for law enforcement.

Legislator Albano stated his support for the use of ALPRs as well.

#### **RESOLUTION #70**

#### **APPROVAL/ BUDGETARY AMENDMENT/ DISTRICT ATTORNEY/ ASSET FORFEITURE PROGRAM/ PARTNERSHIP INITIATIVE/ LICENSE PLATE READERS FOR COLD SPRING POLICE DEPARTMENT**

**WHEREAS, the District Attorney has requested a budgetary amendment (20A008) to utilize Forfeited Asset Reserve funds to enter into a Partnership Initiative for four (4) Automated License Plate Readers (ALPR) for the Cold Spring Police Department; and**

**WHEREAS, the Protective Services Committee, at its meeting convened on March 10, 2020, reviewed and approved said budgetary amendment contingent upon the Putnam County Sheriff Department's adoption of an ALPR Policy; and**

**WHEREAS, the Protective Committee stipulated the following requirements:**

- **The Cold Spring Police Department must adhere to Putnam County's ALPR Policy; and**
- **Policy would include revised verbiage related to: sanction for misuse of data, the sharing of data and editing the retention of data to state three (3) years; and**

**WHEREAS, the proposed three (3) requests have been included in the attached ALPR Policy; and**

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

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

Increase Revenue:  
10001000 District Attorney  
427152 Asset Forfeiture Program 13,399

Increase Appropriations:  
10001000 District Attorney Asset Forfeiture Program  
Partnership Initiative 13,399

2020 Fiscal Impact – 0 –  
2021 Fiscal Impact – 0 –

**BY ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL AYES. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**RULES, ENACTMENTS & INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE  
(Chairman Sullivan, Legislator Albano & Castellano)**

Item #6b – Approval/ Litigation Settlement/ Denton-Lotts v. County of Putnam was next. Chairwoman Addonizio recognized Legislator Sullivan, Chairman of the Rules, Enactments & Intergovernmental Relations Committee. On behalf of the members of the Committee, Legislators Albano and Castellano, Legislator Sullivan moved the following:

**RESOLUTION #71**

**APPROVAL/ LITIGATION SETTLEMENT/ DENTON-LOTTS V. COUNTY OF PUTNAM**

**WHEREAS, the Plaintiff, Roxanne Denton-Lotts, commenced an action against the Putnam County Sheriff’s Department and the Putnam County Personnel Department for retaliation and denial of employment with the County of Putnam; and**

**WHEREAS, Plaintiff commenced a federal civil rights suit in the District Court for the Southern District of New York alleging retaliation, unlawful hiring practices and discrimination associated with her denial of employment as a correction officer; and**

**WHEREAS, Plaintiff sought recovery for special, compensatory and punitive damages, as well as an award of costs and attorney’s fees; and**

**WHEREAS, Plaintiff agreed to a settlement with the County, subject to the Legislature’s approval, in which the County agreed to pay Plaintiff the sum of sixty-five thousand (\$65,000.00) dollars, inclusive of attorney’s fees; and**

**WHEREAS, the Plaintiff has further agreed to withdraw her name from any current eligible list for the position of Correction Officer with the County of Putnam, and has further agreed not to seek any future employment with the County of Putnam; and**

**WHEREAS, the County Attorney, the County’s outside counsel, James A. Randazzo, and NYMIR’s claims representative recommended the settlement as an alternative to trial; and**

**WHEREAS, counsel for the County of Putnam has in fact settled the matter with the Plaintiffs for the total sum of sixty-five thousand (\$65,000.00) dollars, and the Plaintiff has executed the required Settlement Agreement and General Release which, upon filing with the Court, will discontinue this matter and which will allow Plaintiff to receive her settlement payment; and**

**WHEREAS, the settlement is in the public interest and has avoided the costs of further litigation; now therefore be it**



**RESOLVED, that the settlement of this matter for the sum of sixty-five thousand (\$65,000.00) dollars is hereby approved.**

**BY ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL AYES. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**PERSONNEL COMMITTEE  
(Chairwoman Nacerino, Legislators Jonke & Montgomery)**

**Item #6c – Approval/ Ratification/ PBA Contract was next. Chairwoman Addonizio recognized Legislator Nacerino, Chairwoman of the Personnel Committee. On behalf of the members of the Committee, Legislators Jonke and Montgomery, Legislator Nacerino moved the following:**

**Legislator Nacerino stated she is pleased to move forward with the ratification of this contract. She stated this has been a long, arduous process for the past three (3) years. She thanked the negotiation teams for the hard work they put into this process. She stated the memorandum of agreement was executed on March 13, 2020 by County Executive MaryEllen Odell, Sheriff Robert L. Langley, County Attorney Jennifer Bumgarner, and PBA President Daniel Hunsberger. She stated Commissioner of Finance William Carlin and Director of Personnel Paul Eldridge were instrumental to the process as well. She thanked all who were involved. She stated as she previously stated at the last Personnel Committee Meeting, the passage of this contract is significant and comes at a crucial time, especially with the looming impact of the COVID-19 pandemic and the effect it has already had on our health, safety, and welfare. She stated the Putnam County PBA membership is at the frontline, standing to protect us and working with first responders, healthcare workers, the Putnam County Health Department, our essential workers, and all of our towns, villages, and agencies to ensure our safety. She stated she is pleased and optimistic that with tonight's approval of the contract, the PBA membership will get everything they duly deserve. She stated this is a fairly equitable contract to the membership and taxpayers alike. She stated it is a six (6) year contract with an annual increase of 2.5% along with updated operational efficiencies, policies, procedures, and equitable benefits.**

**Legislator Jonke stated as mentioned in Committee, it is mindboggling that it took three (3) years to get to this point. He stated on behalf of the hardworking members of the Sheriff's Department, he is happy the ratification of this contract has been reached. He stated this is a bonus for the taxpayers of Putnam County, it is an almost \$900,000 interest free loan that the County has had over the last three (3) years while the leadership of the PBA has worked hard to get to this point. He stated he is in favor of this. He stated for the record, we have all seen the signs and billboards about a 14% increase for Legislators over a 12 year period. He stated he wanted to make it clear that this contract is a 18.8% raise compounded over six (6) years.**

**Legislator Montgomery thanked both sides for working hard on this. She stated she became a Legislator in the middle of negotiations. She stated she is in support of providing fair compensation for our great Sheriff's Department. She stated it is important to recognize their work in protecting residents, business, families, and neighborhoods in Putnam County. She stated this is most evident right now as they deal with the COVID-19 pandemic on the front line. She stated she is glad there is now a**

contract and she is glad to be on the Personnel Committee to be part of the process of approving this.

Legislator Sullivan stated in any labor negotiations there is the old saying “No team should be happy when the negotiations are done” but this is actually a win for both sides. He stated he would like to thank the PBA for putting a team together for the mediation so they were able to work together, come to an agreement, and move forward.

Chairwoman Addonizio stated she is also happy that an agreement has been reached. She stated the contract is in the best interest of the County and the members of the PBA.

## **RESOLUTION #72**

### **APPROVAL/ RATIFICATION/ PBA CONTRACT**

**WHEREAS, the Putnam County Sheriff’s Department Police Benevolent Association (“PBA”) and the County of Putnam are parties to a Collective Bargaining Agreement (“CBA”) which expired on December 31, 2016; and**

**WHEREAS, negotiations with PBA for a new and/or amended CBA took place on many dates, over the course of the past three (3) years, and many proposals and counter-proposals were exchanged over that same period of time; and**

**WHEREAS, a Declaration of Impasse was filed by PBA on July 17, 2019 with the Office of Conciliation of the Public Employment Relations Board; and**

**WHEREAS, mediation sessions took place between PBA and the County of Putnam with mediator Lori Matles on December 20, 2019, January 31, 2020, and March 5, 2020; and**

**WHEREAS, on March 12, 2020 a letter recommendation from mediator Lori Matles was received as a result of the aforementioned mediation sessions, a copy of which is attached hereto; and**

**WHEREAS, a Memorandum of Agreement (“MOA”) was executed by Putnam County Executive MaryEllen Odell, by Sheriff Robert L. Langley and County Attorney Jennifer S. Bumgarner and PBA President Daniel Hunsberger, in which the specific changes to the underlying Collective Bargaining Agreement were outlined, a copy of which is attached hereto; and**

**WHEREAS, the Personnel Committee of the Putnam County Legislature held a meeting on March 30, 2020 to discuss the terms of the MOA; and**

**WHEREAS, the Putnam County Legislature held a meeting on April 7, 2020 to discuss the terms of the MOA; and**

**WHEREAS, the Legislature is in agreement with the administration, the negotiating team and the mediator’s recommendation that the MOA is in the best interests of the County of Putnam, its taxpayers and the Membership of PBA; now therefore be it**

**RESOLVED that the Putnam County Legislature hereby approves and ratifies the attached Memorandum of Agreement, dated March 13, 2020, which was entered into with PBA for the period of January 1, 2017 up to and including December 31, 2022.**

**BY ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL AYES. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**Item #6d – Approval/ Budgetary Transfer (20T062)/ Commissioner of Finance/ Ratified Contract Settlement between Putnam County and PBA was next. On behalf of the**

members of the Personnel Committee, Legislators Jonke and Montgomery, Legislator Nacerino moved the following:

**RESOLUTION #73**

**APPROVAL/ BUDGETARY TRANSFER/ COMMISSIONER OF FINANCE/ RATIFIED CONTRACT SETTLEMENT BETWEEN PUTNAM COUNTY AND PBA**

WHEREAS, the Commissioner of Finance has requested a budgetary transfer (20T062) to provide funding for the 2020 Salary and Benefit Costs pursuant to ratified Contract Settlement between Putnam County and the Putnam County Sheriff's Department Police Benevolent Association (PBA) Resolution #72 of 2020; 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:

**Increase Estimated Appropriations:**

10311000 51000	Personnel Services	10,972
10311000 58002	Social Security	839
13311000 51000	Personnel Services	38,251
13311000 58002	Social Security	2,926
14311000 51000	Personnel Services	87,187
14311000 58002	Social Security	6,670
15311000 51000	Personnel Services	28,696
15311000 58002	Social Security	2,195
16311000 51000	Personnel Services	128,442
16311000 58002	Social Security	9,826
17311000 51000	Personnel Services	357,826
17311000 58002	Social Security	27,374
19005060 51000	Personnel Services	9,268
19005060 58002	Social Security	709
19311000 51000	Personnel Services	9,268
19311000 58002	Social Security	709
20311000 51000	Personnel Services	10,160
20311000 58002	Social Security	777
32311000 51000	Personnel Services	123,544
32311000 58002	Social Security	<u>9,451</u>
		865,090

**Decrease Estimated Appropriations:**

10199000 54980	Contingency	865,090
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2020 Fiscal Impact - 865,090

2021 Fiscal Impact - 886,717

**BY ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL AYES. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**PHYSICAL SERVICES COMMITTEE  
(Chairman Albano, Legislators Gouldman & Nacerino)**

**Item #6e - Support/Approval/ Continuing the Putnam County Parking and Transfer Program and Intercity Bus/Mass Transportation Joint Service Agreement to Operate the Croton Falls Commuter Shuttle was next. Chairwoman Addonizio recognized Legislator Albano, Chairman of the Physical Services Committee. On behalf of the members of the Committee, Legislators Gouldman and Nacerino, Legislator Albano moved the following:**

**Legislator Sayegh stated the Croton Falls Shuttle runs directly through the Legislative District she represents. She stated commuters rely on the Croton Falls Shuttle to get to and from the Croton Falls MetroNorth train station. She stated this Shuttle provides traffic congestion mitigation and relieves parking congestion at the Train Station. She stated the Shuttle is funded wholly by the New York State Department of Transportation (NYSDOT), except for the \$3,000 in-kind services provided by the County which covers administrative expenses. She stated the Croton Falls Shuttle serves 12,000 riders annually and is an important service for Putnam County that keeps more cars off the road, therefore relieving traffic, parking congestion, and is better for the environment.**

**Legislator Montgomery thanked Commissioner of Planning, Development, & Public Transportation Sandra Fusco for answering all the questions she had through the Committee process. She stated she has one (1) unanswered question in regard to the operating deficit, which she believes is absorbed by NYSDOT. She stated Commissioner Fusco provided a great explanation of the service.**

#### **RESOLUTION #74**

#### **SUPPORT/ APPROVE CONTINUING THE PUTNAM COUNTY PARKING AND TRANSFER PROGRAM AND INTERCITY BUS/MASS TRANSPORTATION JOINT SERVICE AGREEMENT TO OPERATE THE CROTON FALLS COMMUTER SHUTTLE**

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

**WHEREAS, the County of Putnam and the New York State Department of Transportation entered into an Intercity Bus/Mass Transportation Joint Service Agreement in connection with the Putnam County Parking and Transfer Program, formerly Project ID Number 8822.84.12A, and Putnam County Croton Falls Commuter Shuttle, formerly Project ID Number 8822.44.12H, collectively Comptroller's Contract No. D035345 and Supplemental Agreement Nos. 1, 2 and 3, dated August 10, 2016, November 24, 2017/June 22, 2018 and February 4, 2020 respectively, which have all now expired; and**

**WHEREAS, the County of Putnam and the New York State Department of Transportation continue their combined efforts to improve and enhance transportation services in Putnam County, such services provided by and through the Putnam Area Rapid Transit (PART) system, and includes, without limitation, expanding and/or making regional connections to the regional transit services network, as set forth in the Intercity Bus/Mass Transportation Joint Service Agreement No. C040127 attached hereto as Schedule "A"; and**

**WHEREAS, the County of Putnam transportation system's undertaking to operate the Croton Falls Commuter Shuttle between Mahopac and Croton Falls will continue to**

improve, enhance and expand transportation services in Putnam County in support of the aforesaid collaborative efforts between the County of Putnam and the New York State Department of Transportation; and

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

RESOLVED, that the County of Putnam be and is hereby authorized to enter into the Intercity Bus/Mass Transportation Joint Service Agreement No. C040127, attached hereto as Schedule "A," with the New York State Department of Transportation for the maintenance of the Park and Ride Lots in Putnam County and payment for passenger transfers between PART and other commuter transportation systems, as well as for the operation of the Croton Falls Commuter Shuttle, collectively Project ID Number 8823.88; and be it further

RESOLVED, that payments made to the County of Putnam under the Intercity Bus/Mass Transportation Joint Service Agreement No. C040127 between the County of Putnam and the New York State Department of Transportation for the Putnam County Parking and Transfer Program shall not, except as otherwise may hereafter be agreed to between Putnam County and New York State, exceed \$52,000 in reimbursements (Federal: \$41,600; State: \$10,400; County: \$0) for period January 1, 2020 through December 31, 2020, or such period as otherwise may be agreed to between Putnam County and New York State, exclusive of any other/Federal and/or State participation amounts; and be it further

RESOLVED, that payments made to the County of Putnam under Intercity Bus/Mass Transportation Joint Service Agreement No. C040127 between Putnam County and New York State for the operation of the Croton Falls Commuter Shuttle shall not, except as otherwise may hereafter be agreed to between Putnam County and New York State, exceed \$418,000, inclusive of the aforementioned Park & Ride maintenance reimbursement, as follows (Federal: \$300,000; Operating Revenues: \$13,000; State: \$102,000; County: \$3,000) for period January 1, 2020 through December 31, 2020, or such period as otherwise may be agreed to between Putnam County and New York State, exclusive of any other/Federal and/or State participation amounts; and be it further

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

**BY ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL AYES. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Legislator Albano made a motion to address items #6f-#6k together; Seconded by Legislator Nacerino.

**BY ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL AYES. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Legislator Albano stated at this time, the County projects a sizeable shortfall in revenue due to the COVID-19 pandemic. He stated allowing these properties to be put up for sale will avoid having to pay additional expenses on them. He stated the sale of the properties will also put them back on the tax rolls. He stated the sale of these properties will generate between \$1.5 million and \$2 million.

Legislator Montgomery thanked First Deputy County Attorney Andrew Negro for providing the detailed memorandum in response to her questions pertaining to these properties. She stated he laid out the information she was looking for, on behalf of her constituents, in a very clear and concise manner. She stated the only comment she has is that it would be great to be able to share the memorandum with the constituents who have asked those questions, however she cannot because it is confidential. She stated she would like to have a discussion regarding programs that other counties have pertaining to notifying not-for-profits about these sales prior to the sale. She stated she believes it would be beneficial for Putnam County to explore this.

Legislator Sayegh stated she is glad that these properties are being sold and will be back on the tax rolls. She stated it is important for the communities to have less abandoned properties and for these properties to have a purpose.

Legislator Albano stated when these properties are up for sale, signs are posted and it is public knowledge. He stated of course, the County wants to get the best price in a short period of time. He stated the ability to purchase these properties is not a secret.

Legislator Sullivan stated this process has been improved to be transparent and to get the best value for the properties. He stated the taxpayers should be proud of the job the County has done in regard to the Chapter 31 process.

Item #6f – Approval/ Sale of County Property Pursuant to Chapter 31 of the Putnam County Code/ Town of Carmel, 113 Longdale Road Tax Map #65.10-1-32 was next. On behalf of the members of the Physical Services Committee, Legislators Gouldman and Nacerino, Legislator Albano moved the following:

#### **RESOLUTION #75**

#### **APPROVAL/SALE OF COUNTY PROPERTY PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 31 OF THE PUTNAM COUNTY CODE/ TOWN OF CARMEL, 113 LONGDALE ROAD TAX MAP #65.10-1-32**

WHEREAS, the Putnam County Legislature previously authorized the County Executive and Commissioner of Finance to offer certain County owned properties, which were acquired by tax foreclosure proceeding pursuant to Article 11 of the New York State Real Property Tax Law, for sale through the applicable Multiple Listing Service utilizing the services of the licensed real estate brokers under contract with the County; and

WHEREAS, per Resolution # 274 of 2019, the Putnam County Legislature approved said properties to be listed at the initial offer amounts which were based upon the comparative market analyses performed by the real estate brokers for the properties, and

WHEREAS, said properties have been listed on the applicable Multiple Listing Service; and

WHEREAS, the Putnam County Administration has entered into negotiations with a prospective purchaser for the property identified as 113 Longdale Road, Mahopac, New York (Carmel TM # 65.10-1-32); and

WHEREAS, the Putnam County Administration recommends the acceptance of the negotiated amount of \$211,000.00, and as further specified in the Contract of Sale, which is attached hereto and made a part hereof as Schedule “A”; and

**WHEREAS, the Putnam County Legislature has reviewed said negotiated amount, now therefore be it**

**RESOLVED, that pursuant to the authority vested in the Putnam County Legislature in Section 31-8 of the Putnam County Code, the Putnam County Legislature approves the sale of the property identified as 113 Longdale Road, Mahopac, New York (Carmel TM # 65.10-1-32) for such amount and upon such other terms and conditions as are contained in the Contract of Sale, which is attached hereto and made a part hereof as Schedule "A"; and be it further**

**RESOLVED, that the County Executive is authorized to execute the Contract of Sale for the property identified as 113 Longdale Road, Mahopac, New York (Carmel TM # 65.10-1-32) which Contract of Sale shall be in the form attached hereto and made a part hereof as Schedule "A"; and be it further**

**RESOLVED, that the County Attorney is authorized to take all necessary steps to complete the transfer of said property in accordance with the terms and conditions of the aforementioned Contract of Sale; and be it further**

**RESOLVED, that the County Executive is authorized to execute the deed and other required closing documents necessary to complete the transfer of said property.**

**BY ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL AYES. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**Item #6g – Approval/ Sale of County Property Pursuant to Chapter 31 of the Putnam County Code/ Town of Southeast, 86 North Brewster Road Tax Map #56.28-1-43 was next. On behalf of the members of the Physical Services Committee, Legislators Gouldman and Nacerino, Legislator Albano moved the following:**

**RESOLUTION #76**

**APPROVAL/SALE OF COUNTY PROPERTY PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 31 OF THE PUTNAM COUNTY CODE/ TOWN OF SOUTHEAST, 86 NORTH BREWSTER ROAD TAX MAP #56.28-1-43**

**WHEREAS, the Putnam County Legislature previously authorized the County Executive and Commissioner of Finance to offer certain County owned properties, which were acquired by tax foreclosure proceeding pursuant to Article 11 of the New York State Real Property Tax Law, for sale through the applicable Multiple Listing Service utilizing the services of the licensed real estate brokers under contract with the County; and**

**WHEREAS, per Resolution # 274 of 2019, the Putnam County Legislature approved said properties to be listed at the initial offer amounts which were based upon the comparative market analyses performed by the real estate brokers for the properties, and**

**WHEREAS, said properties have been listed on the applicable Multiple Listing Service; and**

**WHEREAS, the Putnam County Administration has entered into negotiations with a prospective purchaser for the property identified as 86 North Brewster Road, Brewster, New York (Southeast TM # 56.28-1-43); and**

**WHEREAS, the Putnam County Administration recommends the acceptance of the negotiated amount of \$142,879.00, and as further specified in the Contract of Sale, which is attached hereto and made a part hereof as Schedule "A"; and**

**WHEREAS, the Putnam County Legislature has reviewed said negotiated amount, now therefore be it**

**RESOLVED, that pursuant to the authority vested in the Putnam County Legislature in Section 31-8 of the Putnam County Code, the Putnam County Legislature approves the sale of the property identified as 86 North Brewster Road, Brewster, New York (Southeast TM # 56.28-1-43) for such amount and upon such other terms and conditions as are contained in the Contract of Sale, which is attached hereto and made a part hereof as Schedule "A"; and be it further**

**RESOLVED, that the County Executive is authorized to execute the Contract of Sale for the property identified as 86 North Brewster Road, Brewster, New York (Southeast TM # 56.28-1-43) which Contract of Sale shall be in the form attached hereto and made a part hereof as Schedule "A"; and be it further**

**RESOLVED, that the County Attorney is authorized to take all necessary steps to complete the transfer of said property in accordance with the terms and conditions of the aforementioned Contract of Sale; and be it further**

**RESOLVED, that the County Executive is authorized to execute the deed and other required closing documents necessary to complete the transfer of said property.**

**BY ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL AYES. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**Item #6h – Approval/ Sale of County Property Pursuant to Chapter 31 of the Putnam County Code/ Town of Putnam Valley, 7 Evergreen Road Tax Map #62.11-1-23 was next. On behalf of the members of the Physical Services Committee, Legislators Gouldman and Nacerino, Legislator Albano moved the following:**

**RESOLUTION #77**

**APPROVAL/SALE OF COUNTY PROPERTY PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 31 OF THE PUTNAM COUNTY CODE/ TOWN OF PUTNAM VALLEY, 7 EVERGREEN ROAD TAX MAP #62.11-1-23**

**WHEREAS, the Putnam County Legislature previously authorized the County Executive and Commissioner of Finance to offer certain County owned properties, which were acquired by tax foreclosure proceeding pursuant to Article 11 of the New York State Real Property Tax Law, for sale through the applicable Multiple Listing Service utilizing the services of the licensed real estate brokers under contract with the County; and**

**WHEREAS, per Resolution # 274 of 2019, the Putnam County Legislature approved said properties to be listed at the initial offer amounts which were based upon the comparative market analyses performed by the real estate brokers for the properties, and**

**WHEREAS, said properties have been listed on the applicable Multiple Listing Service; and**

**WHEREAS, the Putnam County Administration has entered into negotiations with a prospective purchaser for the property identified as 7 Evergreen Road, Putnam Valley, New York (Putnam Valley TM # 62.11-1-23); and**

**WHEREAS, the Putnam County Administration recommends the acceptance of the negotiated amount of \$165,000.00, and as further specified in the Contract of Sale, which is attached hereto and made a part hereof as Schedule "A"; and**



**WHEREAS, the Putnam County Legislature has reviewed said negotiated amount, now therefore be it**

**RESOLVED, that pursuant to the authority vested in the Putnam County Legislature in Section 31-8 of the Putnam County Code, the Putnam County Legislature approves the sale of the property identified as 7 Evergreen Road, Putnam Valley, New York (Putnam Valley TM # 62.11-1-23) for such amount and upon such other terms and conditions as are contained in the Contract of Sale, which is attached hereto and made a part hereof as Schedule "A"; and be it further**

**RESOLVED, that the County Executive is authorized to execute the Contract of Sale for the property identified as 7 Evergreen Road, Putnam Valley, New York (Putnam Valley TM # 62.11-1-23) which Contract of Sale shall be in the form attached hereto and made a part hereof as Schedule "A"; and be it further**

**RESOLVED, that the County Attorney is authorized to take all necessary steps to complete the transfer of said property in accordance with the terms and conditions of the aforementioned Contract of Sale; and be it further**

**RESOLVED, that the County Executive is authorized to execute the deed and other required closing documents necessary to complete the transfer of said property.**

**BY ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL AYES. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**Item #6i – Approval/ Sale of County Property Pursuant to Chapter 31 of the Putnam County Code/ Town of Patterson, 56 Fairfield Drive Tax Map #36.30-1-8 was next. On behalf of the members of the Physical Services Committee, Legislators Gouldman and Nacerino, Legislator Albano moved the following:**

**RESOLUTION #78**

**APPROVAL/SALE OF COUNTY PROPERTY PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 31 OF THE PUTNAM COUNTY CODE/ TOWN OF PATTERSON, 56 FAIRFIELD DRIVE TAX MAP #36.30-1-8**

**WHEREAS, the Putnam County Legislature previously authorized the County Executive and Commissioner of Finance to offer certain County owned properties, which were acquired by tax foreclosure proceeding pursuant to Article 11 of the New York State Real Property Tax Law, for sale through the applicable Multiple Listing Service utilizing the services of the licensed real estate brokers under contract with the County; and**

**WHEREAS, per Resolution # 274 of 2019, the Putnam County Legislature approved said properties to be listed at the initial offer amounts which were based upon the comparative market analyses performed by the real estate brokers for the properties, and**

**WHEREAS, said properties have been listed on the applicable Multiple Listing Service; and**

**WHEREAS, the Putnam County Administration has entered into negotiations with a prospective purchaser for the property identified as 56 Fairfield Drive, Patterson, New York (Patterson TM # 36.30-1-8); and**

**WHEREAS, the Putnam County Administration recommends the acceptance of the negotiated amount of \$150,000.00, and as further specified in the Contract of Sale, which is attached hereto and made a part hereof as Schedule "A"; and**

**WHEREAS, the Putnam County Legislature has reviewed said negotiated amount, now therefore be it**

**RESOLVED, that pursuant to the authority vested in the Putnam County Legislature in Section 31-8 of the Putnam County Code, the Putnam County Legislature approves the sale of the property identified as 56 Fairfield Drive, Patterson, New York (Patterson TM # 36.30-1-8) for such amount and upon such other terms and conditions as are contained in the Contract of Sale, which is attached hereto and made a part hereof as Schedule "A"; and be it further**

**RESOLVED, that the County Executive is authorized to execute the Contract of Sale for the property identified as 56 Fairfield Drive, Patterson, New York (Patterson TM # 36.30-1-8) which Contract of Sale shall be in the form attached hereto and made a part hereof as Schedule "A"; and be it further**

**RESOLVED, that the County Attorney is authorized to take all necessary steps to complete the transfer of said property in accordance with the terms and conditions of the aforementioned Contract of Sale; and be it further**

**RESOLVED, that the County Executive is authorized to execute the deed and other required closing documents necessary to complete the transfer of said property.**

**BY ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL AYES. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**Item #6j – Approval/ Sale of County Property Pursuant to Chapter 31 of the Putnam County Code/ Town of Southeast, 55-61 Main Street Tax Map #67.34-2-51 was next. On behalf of the members of the Physical Services Committee, Legislators Gouldman and Nacerino, Legislator Albano moved the following:**

**RESOLUTION #79**

**APPROVAL/SALE OF COUNTY PROPERTY PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 31 OF THE PUTNAM COUNTY CODE/ TOWN OF SOUTHEAST, 55-61 MAIN STREET TAX MAP #67.34-2-51**

**WHEREAS, the Putnam County Legislature previously authorized the County Executive and Commissioner of Finance to offer certain County owned properties, which were acquired by tax foreclosure proceeding pursuant to Article 11 of the New York State Real Property Tax Law, for sale through the applicable Multiple Listing Service utilizing the services of the licensed real estate brokers under contract with the County; and**

**WHEREAS, per Resolution # 274 of 2019, the Putnam County Legislature approved said properties to be listed at the initial offer amounts which were based upon the comparative market analyses performed by the real estate brokers for the properties, and**

**WHEREAS, said properties have been listed on the applicable Multiple Listing Service; and**

**WHEREAS, the Putnam County Administration has entered into negotiations with a prospective purchaser for the property identified as 55-61 Main Street, Brewster, New York (Southeast TM # 67.34-2-51); and**

**WHEREAS, the Putnam County Administration recommends the acceptance of the negotiated amount of \$910,000.00, and as further specified in the Contract of Sale, which is attached hereto and made a part hereof as Schedule "A"; and**

**WHEREAS, the Putnam County Legislature has reviewed said negotiated amount, now therefore be it**

**RESOLVED**, that pursuant to the authority vested in the Putnam County Legislature in Section 31-8 of the Putnam County Code, the Putnam County Legislature approves the sale of the property identified as 55-61 Main Street, Brewster, New York (Southeast TM # 67.34-2-51) for such amount and upon such other terms and conditions as are contained in the Contract of Sale, which is attached hereto and made a part hereof as Schedule "A"; and be it further

**RESOLVED**, that the County Executive is authorized to execute the Contract of Sale for the property identified as 55-61 Main Street, Brewster, New York (Southeast TM # 67.34-2-51) which Contract of Sale shall be in the form attached hereto and made a part hereof as Schedule "A"; and be it further

**RESOLVED**, that the County Attorney is authorized to take all necessary steps to complete the transfer of said property in accordance with the terms and conditions of the aforementioned Contract of Sale; and be it further

**RESOLVED**, that the County Executive is authorized to execute the deed and other required closing documents necessary to complete the transfer of said property.

**BY ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL AYES. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**Item #6k – Approval/Sale of County Property Pursuant to Chapter 31 of the Putnam County Code/ Town of Putnam Valley, 23 Point Drive South Tax Map #83.74-1-8 was next. On behalf of the members of the Physical Services Committee, Legislators Gouldman and Nacerino, Legislator Albano moved the following:**

**RESOLUTION #80**

**APPROVAL/SALE OF COUNTY PROPERTY PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 31 OF THE PUTNAM COUNTY CODE/ TOWN OF PUTNAM VALLEY, 23 POINT DRIVE SOUTH TAX MAP #83.74-1-8**

**WHEREAS**, the Putnam County Legislature previously authorized the County Executive and Commissioner of Finance to offer certain County owned properties, which were acquired by tax foreclosure proceeding pursuant to Article 11 of the New York State Real Property Tax Law, for sale through the applicable Multiple Listing Service utilizing the services of the licensed real estate brokers under contract with the County; and

**WHEREAS**, per Resolution # 274 of 2019, the Putnam County Legislature approved said properties to be listed at the initial offer amounts which were based upon the comparative market analyses performed by the real estate brokers for the properties, and

**WHEREAS**, said properties have been listed on the applicable Multiple Listing Service; and

**WHEREAS**, the Putnam County Administration has entered into negotiations with a prospective purchaser for the property identified as 23 Point Drive South, Lake Peekskill, New York (Putnam Valley TM # 83.74-1-8); and

**WHEREAS**, the Putnam County Administration recommends the acceptance of the negotiated amount of \$220,000.00, and as further specified in the Contract of Sale, which is attached hereto and made a part hereof as Schedule "A"; and

**WHEREAS**, the Putnam County Legislature has reviewed said negotiated amount, now therefore be it

**RESOLVED**, that pursuant to the authority vested in the Putnam County Legislature in Section 31-8 of the Putnam County Code, the Putnam County Legislature approves the sale of the property identified as 23 Point Drive South, Lake Peekskill, New York (Putnam Valley TM # 83.74-1-8) for such amount and upon such other terms and conditions as are contained in the Contract of Sale, which is attached hereto and made a part hereof as Schedule "A"; and be it further

**RESOLVED**, that the County Executive is authorized to execute the Contract of Sale for the property identified as 23 Point Drive South, Lake Peekskill, New York (Putnam Valley TM # 83.74-1-8) which Contract of Sale shall be in the form attached hereto and made a part hereof as Schedule "A"; and be it further

**RESOLVED**, that the County Attorney is authorized to take all necessary steps to complete the transfer of said property in accordance with the terms and conditions of the aforementioned Contract of Sale; and be it further

**RESOLVED**, that the County Executive is authorized to execute the deed and other required closing documents necessary to complete the transfer of said property.

**BY ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL AYES. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**Item #6L – Approval/ Highways & Facilities/ Use of Capital Facility Reserve (20CP03) (Water Systems) was next. On behalf of the members of the Physical Services Committee, Legislators Gouldman and Nacerino, Legislator Albano moved the following:**

**RESOLUTION #81**

**APPROVAL/ HIGHWAYS & FACILITIES/ USE OF CAPITAL FACILITY RESERVE (20CP03) (Water Systems)**

**WHEREAS**, by Resolutions #55 and #56 of 2020, the Putnam County Legislature approved the use of the Capital Project Reserve fund for projects; 20CP01 and 20CP02, for a total expenditure not to exceed \$119,000; and

**WHEREAS**, the Commissioner of Highways & Facilities has proposed the use of \$135,000 from the Capital Facility Reserve to fund Project #20CP03 – Water Systems, to allow the continuing design and subsequent implementation of the new treatment system at the Putnam Valley Senior Center, to allow a backup well to be drilled at the Putnam Valley Senior Center, and for our efforts to design upgrades for all of our treatment systems Countywide to move forward; 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 \$135,000 from the County Facility Reserve fund budget line 55197000 53000 51509 as follows:

**20CP03 – Water Systems**

**Project cost not to exceed \$135,000**

**BY ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL AYES. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Item #6m – Approval/ Lead Agency/ SEQRA Determination/ Mill Street Culvert Rehabilitation was next. On behalf of the members of the Physical Services Committee, Legislators Gouldman and Nacerino, Legislator Albano moved the following:

**RESOLUTION #82**

**APPROVAL/ LEAD AGENCY/ SEQRA DETERMINATION/ MILL STREET CULVERT REHABILITATION**

WHEREAS, the Putnam County Legislature is considering the approval of a Putnam County Department of Highways and Facilities project that involves the rehabilitation of an existing culvert in the Town of Putnam Valley along Mill Street (Putnam Route 23) crossing Shrub Oak Brook, a Class C stream, which existing culvert is deteriorating and requires rehabilitation. The proposed work includes removal of the existing culvert deck, pouring new concrete culvert abutments behind the existing abutments, and setting a new precast concrete culvert deck on the new abutments. Ancillary work includes asphalt pavement, overhead utility relocation, guide rails, and stream stabilization (rip-rap). The clear span of the existing culvert is 16.7 feet long and 21.3 feet wide with approximately 6.5 feet between the bottom of the deck and the stream channel bed. The proposed design will construct new abutments behind the existing abutments. The existing abutments will remain in place during and after construction thereby mitigating disturbance to the watercourse. The new culvert deck will be thinner, increasing the height between the bottom of the deck and the channel bed to 7.5 feet. Flow through the culvert will not be changed by the construction. The road will be closed throughout the duration of construction and a detour posted; and

WHEREAS, the proposed action is subject to review under the State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQRA) and the regulations promulgated thereunder, 6 NYCRR Part 617 *et seq.*; and

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

WHEREAS, the Putnam County Legislature hereby declares its intent to act as the Lead Agency under the procedures and requirements of SEQRA;

WHEREAS, a full Environmental Assessment Form (EAF) has been prepared for the proposed project along with supporting documentation; and

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

RESOLVED, that the Putnam County Legislature will conduct a coordinated SEQRA environmental review for the proposed action; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Putnam County Legislature hereby declares its intent to serve as the Lead Agency under the procedures and requirements of SEQRA, and will circulate a Lead Agency Notice along with the EAF and associated documentation to all involved and/or interested agencies, and will follow protocol in accordance with and as required by all relevant rules and regulations therefor.

**BY ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL AYES. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Item #6n – Approval/ Bond Resolution/ Bridges & Culverts/ \$500,000 was next. On behalf of the members of the Physical Services Committee, Legislators Gouldman and Nacerino, Legislator Albano moved the following:

Legislator Montgomery stated Legislator Albano has mentioned that this would be for various bridges and culverts. She questioned if it is being done now primarily for the Mill Street culvert. She stated she asked some extensive questions during the Physical Services Committee Meeting and Deputy Commissioner of Highways & Facilities John Tully provided a detailed memorandum. She stated there is a lot to this and the Mill Street culvert desperately needs to be done; the people of Putnam Valley have been waiting for a long time. She stated she believes it is necessary, but questioned if it is essential during this time of the COVID-19 pandemic when only essential items are being addressed on the agenda. She stated Deputy Commissioner Tully provided a lot of information, but some questions remain. She stated the estimate was left open; there was no labor estimated on the spreadsheet. She stated she does not know if it is standard practice to approve estimates without the labor included. She stated there were some statements in Deputy Commissioner Tully's memorandum that CHIPs (Consolidated Highway Improvement Program) money was being saved for other things such as resurfacing and equipment, however a bond was passed last month for the same things. She stated she would like a more clear process consisting of seeing the budgets before going to Committee and seeing labor estimates included in the estimates. She questioned why bonding would be done now in this uncertain time.

Legislator Albano stated this bond will allow the process to begin. He stated the repair of the bridges and culverts are a safety issue and the equipment to be purchased is necessary to continue this work. He stated things that are bonded for are items that have a useful life, therefore they can be projected for and the bond goes along with it.

Legislator Montgomery stated she understands Legislator Albano's point, however there are no specifics. She stated there have been projects before them that came from the Capital Projects Committee. She stated when bonding, she would like to see a budget and the specifics as to what the bond is exactly for.

Legislator Albano stated as this progresses to the next step, more particulars and exact amounts will be known. He stated once those amounts are known and the project is ready to begin, it will come before the Legislature to be moved forward.

Legislator Nacerino agreed with Legislator Albano's comments pertaining to the useful life and she noted that this is a 20 year bond.

Legislator Sullivan stated with the new way these meetings are being held, essential business is the main focus and he wonders if this discussion is necessary now.

Legislator Montgomery stated if it is not necessary then it should not be on the agenda.

Legislator Albano stated perhaps an in-depth discussion is not necessary at this point because it will come before the Legislature again with more specific information. He stated this bond will allow the County to address projects that are going to be necessary in the near future. He stated because these things can take time, it is better to be ahead of it.

Legislator Sullivan stated certainly we all respect government and following the proper operations. He stated unfortunately, he does not believe this is the time to be drilling down to this level of discussion.

Chairwoman Addonizio stated in the memorandum dated April 2, 2020 from Deputy Commissioner Tully, it states that the County will not be borrowing until later this year, depending on market conditions.

Legislator Nacerino stated it is the prerogative of any Legislator to ask meaningful questions to have gainful understanding on agenda items. She stated she does not believe discussion should be limited and it would not be the proper thing to do.

Legislator Montgomery requested that items not be placed on the agenda if they cannot be discussed fully. She stated if the agenda items are being restricted due to the COVID-19 pandemic we are facing, then that should be the topic of discussion, which she has requested for the past few months.

Legislator Albano stated the time for in depth discussion is at the Committee Meetings. He stated this item was on the agenda at the Physical Services Committee Meeting. He stated now is the time to vote on the item. He restated that the projects will come before the Legislature with the specifics.

Legislator Montgomery stated she is not opposed to moving this forward; she is in favor of the project and the culvert needs to be repaired. She stated she is discussing the process of how it came before the Legislature and the lack of information submitted before a vote.

Legislator Albano stated this allows the County to bond later on. He stated when that time comes, the rates and other pertinent information will be looked into before a final determination is made.

**RESOLUTION #83**

### **EXTRACT OF MINUTES**

**Meeting of the County Legislature of  
the County of Putnam, New York**

**April 7, 2020**

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**A regular meeting of the County Legislature of the County of Putnam, New York, was held by Audio Conference pursuant to Executive Order 202.1 and subsequent Executive Orders, on April 7, 2020, at 7 o'clock P.M. (Prevailing Time).**

**The following Legislators participated by  
Audio Conference: Albano, Castellano, Gouldman, Jonke,  
Montgomery, Nacerino, Sayegh, Sullivan and  
Chairwoman Addonizio.**

There were absent: NONE

Also present: Diane Schonfeld, Clerk of the County Legislature  
Robert Firriolo, Legislative Counsel

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Legislator Albano offered the following resolution and moved its adoption:

**BOND RESOLUTION OF THE COUNTY OF PUTNAM, NEW YORK, ADOPTED APRIL 7, 2020, AUTHORIZING THE REHABILITATION AND/OR RECONSTRUCTION OF VARIOUS COUNTY-OWNED BRIDGES AND CULVERTS; STATING THE ESTIMATED TOTAL COST THEREOF IS \$500,000; APPROPRIATING SAID AMOUNT THEREFOR; AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$500,000 SERIAL BONDS OF SAID COUNTY TO FINANCE SAID APPROPRIATION.**

**THE COUNTY LEGISLATURE OF THE COUNTY OF PUTNAM, NEW YORK, HEREBY RESOLVES (by the favorable vote of not less than two-thirds of all the members of said Legislature) AS FOLLOWS:**

**Section 1. The County of Putnam, New York (herein called "County"), is hereby authorized to rehabilitate and/or reconstruct various County-owned bridges and culverts. The estimated total cost thereof, including preliminary costs and costs incidental thereto and to the financing thereof, is \$500,000, and said amount is hereby appropriated therefor. The plan of financing, includes the issuance of \$500,000 serial bonds of the County to finance said appropriation, and the levy and collection of taxes on all the taxable real property in the County to pay the principal of said bonds and the interest thereon as the same shall become due and payable.**

**Section 2. Bonds of the County in the principal amount of \$500,000 are hereby authorized to be issued pursuant to the provisions of the Local Finance Law, constituting Chapter 33-a of the Consolidated Laws of the State of New York (herein called "Law"), to finance said appropriation.**

**Section 3. The period of probable usefulness of the object or purpose for which said bonds are authorized to be issued, within the limitations of Section 11.00 a. 10 of the Law, is twenty (20) years.**

**Section 4. The proceeds of the bonds herein authorized and any bond anticipation notes issued in anticipation of said bonds may be applied to reimburse the County for expenditures made after the effective date of this resolution for the purpose for which said bonds are authorized. The foregoing statement of intent with respect to reimbursement is made in conformity with Treasury Regulation Section 1.150-2 of the United States Treasury Department.**

**Section 5. Each of the bonds authorized by this resolution, and any bond anticipation notes issued in anticipation of the sale of said bonds, shall contain the recital of validity as prescribed by Section 52.00 of the Law and said bonds, and any notes issued in anticipation of said bonds, shall be general obligations of the County, payable as to both principal and interest by general tax upon all the taxable real property within the County. The faith and credit of the County are hereby irrevocably pledged to**



the punctual payment of the principal of and interest on said bonds, and any notes issued in anticipation of the sale of said bonds, and provision shall be made annually in the budget of the County by appropriation for (a) the amortization and redemption of the bonds and any notes in anticipation thereof to mature in such year and (b) the payment of interest to be due and payable in such year.

Section 6. Subject to the provisions of this resolution and of the Law and pursuant to the provisions of Section 21.00 relative to the authorization of the issuance of bonds having substantially level or declining annual debt service, Section 30.00 relative to the authorization of the issuance of bond anticipation notes or the renewals thereof, and Sections 50.00, 56.00 to 60.00 and 168.00 of the Law, the powers and duties of the County Legislature relative to authorizing bond anticipation notes, or the renewals thereof, and relative to providing for substantially level or declining annual debt service, and prescribing the terms, form and contents, and as to the sale and issuance of the bonds herein authorized, and of any bond anticipation notes issued in anticipation of said bonds, and the renewals of said notes, as well as to executing agreements for credit enhancements, are hereby delegated to the Commissioner of Finance, the chief fiscal officer of the County.

Section 7. The validity of the bonds authorized by this resolution, and of any notes issued in anticipation of the sale of said bonds, may be contested only if:

(a) such obligations are authorized for an object or purpose for which the County is not authorized to expend money, or

(b) the provisions of law which should be complied with at the date of the publication of such resolution, or a summary thereof, are not substantially complied with,

and an action, suit or proceeding contesting such validity is commenced within twenty days after the date of such publication, or

(c) such obligations are authorized in violation of the provisions of the constitution.

Section 8. This bond resolution shall take effect upon the approval of the Putnam County Executive, and the Clerk of the County Legislature is hereby authorized and directed to publish the foregoing resolution, in summary, together with a Notice attached in substantially the form prescribed by §81.00 of the Law in "*The Putnam County Courier*," "*The Putnam Press*," and "*The Putnam County News & Recorder*," three newspapers, each having a general circulation in the County and hereby designated as the official newspapers of the County for such publications.

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The adoption of the foregoing resolution was duly put to a vote on roll call, which resulted as follows:

**AYES:** NINE – Legislators Albano, Castellano, Gouldman, Jonke, Montgomery, Nacerino, Sayegh, Sullivan and Chairwoman Addonizio.

**NOES:** NONE

The resolution was declared adopted.

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**CERTIFICATE**

I, Diane Schonfeld, Clerk to the County Legislature of the County of Putnam, State of New York, HEREBY CERTIFY that the Resolution No.\_\_\_\_-2020 contained in the foregoing annexed extract from the minutes of a meeting of the County Legislature of said County of Putnam duly called and held on April 7, 2020, has been compared by me with the original minutes as officially recorded in my office in the Minute Book of said County Legislature and is a true, complete and correct copy thereof and of the whole of said original Resolution, which was duly adopted by the County Legislature of the County of Putnam on April 7, 2020 and approved by the County Executive on May \_\_\_\_, 2020.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the corporate seal of said County of Putnam this \_\_\_\_ day of April, 2020.

(SEAL)

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Diane Schonfeld  
Clerk to the County Legislature

**NOTICE**

The resolution, a summary of which is published herewith, has been adopted on April 7, 2020, and the validity of the obligations authorized by such resolution may be hereafter contested only if such obligations were authorized for an object or purpose for which the COUNTY OF PUTNAM, New York, is not authorized to expend money or if the provisions of law which should have been complied with as of the date of publication of this Notice were not substantially complied with, and an action, suit or proceeding contesting such validity is commenced within twenty days after the publication of this Notice, or such obligations were authorized in violation of the provisions of the constitution.

Diane Schonfeld

Clerk to the County

Legislature

**BOND RESOLUTION OF THE COUNTY OF PUTNAM, NEW YORK, ADOPTED APRIL 7, 2020, AUTHORIZING THE REHABILITATION AND/OR RECONSTRUCTION OF VARIOUS COUNTY-OWNED BRIDGES AND CULVERTS; STATING THE ESTIMATED TOTAL COST THEREOF IS \$500,000; APPROPRIATING SAID AMOUNT THEREFOR; AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$500,000 SERIAL BONDS OF SAID COUNTY TO FINANCE SAID APPROPRIATION.**

**Object or purpose:** the rehabilitation and/or reconstruction of various County-owned bridges and culverts

**Period of probable usefulness:** twenty (20) years

**Amount of obligations to be issued:** \$500,000

A complete copy of the bond resolution summarized above shall be available for public inspection during normal business hours at the office of the Clerk to the Legislature, at the County Office Building, 40 Gleneida Avenue, Carmel, New York.

**Dated:** April 7, 2020  
Carmel, New York

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

Item #6o – Approval/ Budgetary Amendment (20A011)/ Social Services/ Child Advocacy Center Grant Award was next. Chairwoman Addonizio recognized Legislator Castellano, Chairman of the Audit & Administration Committee. On behalf of the members of the Committee, Legislators Gouldman and Sayegh, Legislator Castellano moved the following:

**RESOLUTION #84**

**APPROVAL/ BUDGETARY AMENDMENT/ SOCIAL SERVICES/ CHILD ADVOCACY CENTER GRANT AWARD**

WHEREAS, the Commissioner of Social Services has requested an amendment to the 2020 budget to account for a grant awarded to the Child Advocacy Center in accordance with a cooperative agreement with the National Children’s Alliance for the period January 1, 2020 through December 31, 2020, CFDA #16.834; and

WHEREAS, the 17 ½ Part-Time Prevention & Community Outreach Coordinator, Budget Line #601005103, will work an additional 9 hours per week to handle said grant award through December 31, 2020; and

WHEREAS, the Commissioner of Social Services has requested a budgetary amendment (20A011) to account for said grant award; and

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

RESOLVED, that the following budgetary amendment be made:

**Increase Estimated Revenues:**

22073000 446132	National Children's Alliance	48,932
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**Increase Appropriations:**

22073000	OEOP National Children's Alliance	
51000 (601005103)	Personnel Services	12,341
54640	Education/Training	29,023
54782	Software/Accessories	3,825
58001	Retirement	1,816
58002	Social Security	944
58003	Disability	21
58004	Workers Comp	33
58007	Life Insurance	88
58011	Flex	<u>841</u>
		48,932

2020 Fiscal Impact – 0 –

2021 Fiscal Impact – 0 –

**BY ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL AYES. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Item #6p – Approval/ Budgetary Amendment (20A017)/ Bureau of Emergency Services/ Putnam County Sheriff's Department/ FY2019 State Homeland Security Program Grant (SHSP) was next. On behalf of the members of the Audit & Administration Committee, Legislators Gouldman and Sayegh, Legislator Castellano moved the following:

Legislator Sayegh stated there are no matching funds required for this grant. She stated this grant will be used for law enforcement and terrorism prevention and she is happy to support it.

Legislator Montgomery stated this is a great opportunity for more preparedness and prevention planning. She stated this is essential to government on every level, not only in departments but for Elected Officials across the board. She stated she has trained at the FEMA facility, the programs they have available online to anyone in government is invaluable and she highly recommends that everyone take a look at what they have to offer. She stated she is glad this grant was received.

**RESOLUTION #85**

**APPROVAL/ BUDGETARY AMENDMENT/ BUREAU OF EMERGENCY SERVICES/  
PUTNAM COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT/ FY2019 STATE HOMELAND SECURITY  
PROGRAM GRANT (SHSP)**

WHEREAS, by Resolution #111 of 2019, the Putnam County Legislature approved and authorized the Putnam County Bureau of Emergency Services to apply for a \$274,920 grant under the FY2019 State Homeland Security Program (SHSP) and State Law Enforcement Terrorism Prevention Program (SLETPP); and

WHEREAS, Putnam County has been awarded \$274,920 in funding provided by the U.S. Department of Homeland Security, Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) which is administered by the NYS Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Services (DHSES); and

WHEREAS, this grant requires no matching County funds; and

WHEREAS, the performance period of the grant is from September 1, 2019 through August 31, 2022; and

WHEREAS, the Commissioner of Finance has requested a budgetary amendment (20A017) to account for this grant award; and

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

RESOLVED, that the following budgetary amendment be made:

**Increase Appropriations:**

10398901 54379 10157	FY19 Homeland Security – Training Supplies	28,650
10398901 52680 10157	FY19 Homeland Security – Other Equip	146,270
10364501 52680 10157	FY19 Homeland Security – Other Equip	35,000
10364501 54646 10157	FY19 Homeland Security – Contracts	<u>65,000</u>
		274,920

**Increase Revenues:**

10398901 440891 10157	FY19 Homeland Security	274,920
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2020 Fiscal Impact – 0 –

2021 Fiscal Impact – 0 –

**BY ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL AYES. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Item #6q – Approval/ Grant Application/ Bureau of Emergency Services/ FY2020 State Homeland Security Program Grant (SHSP) was next. On behalf of the members of the Audit & Administration Committee, Legislators Gouldman and Sayegh, Legislator Castellano moved the following:

**RESOLUTION #86**

**APPROVAL/ GRANT APPLICATION/ BUREAU OF EMERGENCY SERVICES/ FY2020 STATE HOMELAND SECURITY PROGRAM GRANT (SHSP)**

WHEREAS, the Bureau of Emergency Services has requested permission to apply for grant funding through the FY2020 State Homeland Security Program (SHSP) and State Law Enforcement Terrorism Prevention Program (SLETPP) in the amount between \$200,609 and \$262,521; and

WHEREAS, activities implemented under the SHSP and SLETPP must support terrorism preparedness, by building or sustaining capabilities that relate to terrorism prevention, protection, and/or response activities; and

**WHEREAS, this grant requires no matching funds on the part of the County but requires at least 25% be used for law enforcement terrorism prevention activities; and**

**WHEREAS, the performance period for this grant is 36 months, estimated to be from September 1, 2020 through August 31, 2023; and**

**WHEREAS, the Audit & Administration Committee has reviewed and approved of this grant application; now therefore be it**

**RESOLVED, that the Putnam County Legislature approves and authorizes the Putnam County Bureau of Emergency Services to apply for a grant under the FY2020 State Homeland Security Program (SHSP) and State Law Enforcement Terrorism Prevention Program (SLETPP).**

**BY ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL AYES. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**Item #6r – Approval/ Grant Application/ Office for Senior Resources/ Field Hall Foundation/ Caregiver Respite Grant was next. On behalf of the members of the Audit & Administration Committee, Legislators Gouldman and Sayegh, Legislator Castellano moved the following:**

**Legislator Sayegh thanked the Field Hall Foundation for their dedication to helping the Office for Senior Resources and offering these grants. She stated their work is fantastic and she appreciates their support.**

**Chairwoman Addonizio stated she is happy to receive this grant. She stated caring for a loved one can be a very taxing time. She stated this grant will serve 30 caregivers, giving them a temporary reprieve while an aid comes in to care for their loved one.**

**RESOLUTION #87**

**APPROVAL/ GRANT APPLICATION/ OFFICE FOR SENIOR RESOURCES/ FIELD HALL FOUNDATION/ CAREGIVER RESPITE GRANT**

**WHEREAS, the Director of the Office for Senior Resources (OSR) would like to apply for a Caregiver Respite Grant through the Field Hall Foundation for \$15,000; and**

**WHEREAS, OSR intends to apply for funding targeted for caregivers in need of respite to supplement care for their loved ones; and**

**WHEREAS, OSR is planning to serve thirty (30) caregivers with a \$500.00 respite grant for each; and**

**WHEREAS, there are no County matching funds required; and**

**WHEREAS, the Health, Social, Educational & Environmental Committee has considered and approved of this grant application; now therefore be it**

**RESOLVED, that the Putnam County Legislature approves and authorizes the Office For Senior Resources to apply for a Caregiver Respite Grant through the Field Hall Foundation in the amount of \$15,000.**

**BY ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL AYES. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**Item #6s – Approval/ Resolution Calling on Members of the NYS Senate and Assembly to Reject the Governor’s SFY 2020-21 Executive Budget Proposal to Shift 100% of the Cost of 730.20 Competency Restoration Services to the County Mental Health Commissioners**

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

Legislator Gouldman stated the New York State budget just passed, therefore this might be a moot point. He stated he believes the resolution should still go through and he is supportive of it.

Legislator Montgomery stated NYSAC (New York State Association of Counties) provided an update on the New York State budget, though she does not know if this particular item was addressed. She suggested checking to see if this was put back in before sending the resolution.

Chairwoman Addonizio stated that can be checked. She stated she believes shifting the costs to the counties is outrageous and it is important to send this resolution to the Governor.

Legislator Montgomery questioned if it was confirmed that the cost has been shifted to the counties. She stated there was a lot to follow in the budget.

Legislator Nacerino stated the resolution can be approved contingent upon checking on that information. She stated this is another unfunded mandate and during these perilous times the County is already facing a reduction in sales tax and cannot afford to do this. She stated she would encourage the Governor to think twice if it has been included.

Legislator Sayegh stated she is in favor of making our voice heard in Albany, whether it is included in the budget or not. She stated it is important for the State government to recognize that these unfunded mandates cannot be sustained. She stated if the counties were required to pay for 100% of this, it would be difficult to budget as the totals per year can range from \$50,000 to \$300,000 or more. She stated it is important to have our voices heard.

#### **RESOLUTION #88**

#### **RESOLUTION CALLING ON MEMBERS OF THE NYS SENATE AND ASSEMBLY TO REJECT THE GOVERNOR'S SFY 2020-21 EXECUTIVE BUDGET PROPOSAL TO SHIFT 100% OF THE COST OF 730.20 COMPETENCY RESTORATION SERVICES TO THE COUNTY MENTAL HEALTH COMMISSIONERS**

**WHEREAS, the Governor's proposal would require counties to pay 100% of the Office of Mental Health (OMH) State Operations costs for certain individuals receiving mental health treatment at State-operated Forensic Psychiatric Centers; and**

**WHEREAS, historically, counties have paid 50% of the per diem rate set by OMH, which has now reached an unsustainable cost burden on county budgets; and**

**WHEREAS, the derivation of Section 43.03 of Mental Hygiene Law (MHL), dates back to 1907 and allows the State to offset the costs of operating its Forensic Psychiatric Centers at county expense; and**

**WHEREAS, this statute no longer reflects the current mental hygiene system or the NYS Unified Court System and needs to be updated to be consistent with other statutes that makes the State responsible for its own costs for the treatment of mentally ill individuals in State-operated Forensic Psychiatric Centers; and**

**WHEREAS, despite the fact that counties are now paying half of such restoration services, the Executive Budget proposal shifts 100% of these costs to the counties; and**

**WHEREAS, OMH has also taken the position that the County Mental Health Commissioners are not entitled to any information about the treatment they are paying for; and**

**WHEREAS, other payors for medical services are clearly entitled both under HIPAA and the MHL to receive information about the services for which payment is sought; and**

**WHEREAS, OMH also indicates counties should be responsible for any medical or hospitalization costs incurred for individuals mandated to competency restoration which, depending on the medical or surgical treatment required, could be hundreds of thousands of dollars and have devastating impacts on county budgets; and**

**WHEREAS, in NYS the counties, through county tax levy, already bear an overwhelming portion of the financial burden for supporting individuals suffering from serious mental illness and assuming 100% in 730.20 competency restoration costs will take away millions of dollars for critical behavioral health programming in the community; and**

**WHEREAS, Counties are requesting members of the NYS Senate and Assembly reject the Governor's proposal to shift 100% of the cost of 730.20 competency restoration services to the County Mental Health Commissioners in the SFY 2020-21 Enacted State Budget; now therefore be it**

**RESOLVED, that Putnam County calls on the Governor and the Office of Mental Health to strongly reconsider the enactment of this proposal which will cripple county budgets and have a devastating impact on the counties' ability to pay for behavioral health programs that are critical for serving the State's most vulnerable populations.**

**BY ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL AYES. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**Item #6t – Approval/ Financing of County's Energy Performance Contract with Ameresco, Inc. (Equipment Lease) was next. On behalf of the members of the Audit & Administration Committee, Legislators Gouldman and Sayegh, Legislator Castellano moved the following:**

**Legislator Sullivan stated the County was able to issue bonds at a very competitive rate, which he believes was 2.8%. He stated given these unusual and uncertain times, this is an unprecedented rate that can be attributed to the County's strong financial stability and great credit rating.**

**RESOLUTION #89**

### **EXTRACT OF MINUTES**

**Meeting of the County Legislature of  
the County of Putnam, New York**

**April 7, 2020**

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A regular meeting of the County Legislature of the County of Putnam, New York, was held by Audio Conference pursuant to Executive Order 202.1 and subsequent Executive Orders, on April 7, 2020, at 7 o'clock P.M. (Prevailing Time).

The following Legislators participated by

Audio Conference: Albano, Castellano, Gouldman, Jonke,  
Montgomery, Nacerino, Sayegh, Sullivan and  
Chairwoman Addonizio.

There were absent: NONE

Also present: Diane Schonfeld, Clerk of the County Legislature  
Robert Firriolo, Legislative Counsel

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Legislator Albano offered the following resolution and moved its adoption:

**RESOLUTION OF THE COUNTY OF PUTNAM, NEW YORK  
DECLARING THE FINDINGS OF THE COUNTY WITH RESPECT TO  
THE PROPOSALS RECEIVED FOR THE FINANCING OF THE  
COUNTY'S ENERGY PERFORMANCE CONTRACT WITH  
AMERESCO, INC., AND MAKING CERTAIN OTHER  
DETERMINATIONS IN CONNECTION THEREWITH.**

**THE COUNTY LEGISLATURE OF COUNTY OF PUTNAM, NEW YORK,  
HEREBY RESOLVES (by a majority vote of all the members of said Legislature) AS  
FOLLOWS:**

**Section 1. Following the solicitation of proposals, the County of Putnam (the "County") received proposals from various firms to provide financing for a portion of the cost of the energy conservation measures to be implemented under the Energy Services Agreement that the County has heretofore entered into with Ameresco, Inc. (the "Agreement").**

**Section 2. Following a discussion of the County Legislature of the County, and based upon the written recommendation received from Fiscal Advisors & Marketing, Inc., the County's Municipal Advisor, it is hereby determined that the "Option 2" proposal received from Municipal Leasing Consultants, or one of its affiliates or assigns (the "Lessor") is hereby accepted subject to the negotiation of one or more lease purchase agreements approved by counsel.**

**Section 3. The County Executive, acting on behalf of the County and with the advice of counsel, is hereby authorized to negotiate, enter into, execute, and deliver one or more lease purchase agreements (the "Equipment Lease") with the Lessor, and is further authorized to negotiate, enter into, execute, and deliver such other documents relating to the Equipment Lease (including, but not limited to, escrow agreements). All other related contracts and agreements necessary and incidental to the Equipment Lease are hereby authorized, and such documents shall be filed in the office of the Commissioner of Finance and made available for public inspection.**

**Section 4. The aggregate original principal amount of the Equipment Lease shall not exceed \$4,184,693 and shall bear interest and mature as set forth in the Equipment Lease.**

**Section 5. The County's obligations under the Equipment Lease shall be subject to annual appropriation or renewal by the County Legislature of the County as set forth in the Equipment Lease and the County's obligations under the Equipment Lease shall not constitute a general obligation of the County or indebtedness under the Constitution or laws of the State of New York.**

**Section 6. The proceeds of the Equipment Lease may be applied to reimburse the County for expenditures made after the effective date of this resolution for the purpose for which said proceeds are authorized, or on or prior to such date in accordance with Treasury Regulation Section 1.150-2 of the United States Treasury Department. The foregoing statement of intent with respect to reimbursement is made in conformity with Treasury Regulation Section 1.150-2 of the United States Treasury Department.**

**Section 7. The County Executive, the Commissioner of Finance, the Chief Deputy Commissioner of Finance, the Deputy Commissioner of Finance and the County Attorney are hereby authorized to take any and all other actions necessary in connection with the Agreement, the Equipment Lease, and all matters related thereto.**

**Section 8. This resolution shall take effect upon the approval of the Putnam County Executive.**

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**The adoption of the foregoing resolution was duly put to a vote on roll call, which resulted as follows:**

**AYES: NINE – Legislators Albano, Castellano, Gouldman, Jonke, Montgomery, Nacerino, Sayegh, Sullivan and Chairwoman Addonizio.**

**NOES: NONE**

**The resolution was declared adopted.**

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#### **CLERK'S CERTIFICATE**

**I, Diane Schonfeld, Clerk to the County Legislature of the County of Putnam, State of New York, HEREBY CERTIFY that the Resolution No. \_\_\_\_\_-2020 contained in the foregoing annexed extract from the minutes of a meeting of the County Legislature of said County of Putnam duly called and held on April 7, 2020, has been**

compared by me with the original minutes as officially recorded in my office in the Minute Book of said County Legislature and is a true, complete and correct copy thereof and of the whole of said original Resolution, which was duly adopted by the County Legislature of the County of Putnam on April 7, 2020 and approved by the County Executive on April \_\_\_\_, 2020.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the corporate seal of said County of Putnam this \_\_\_\_ day of April, 2020.

(SEAL)

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Clerk to the County Legislature

#### Item #7 – Other Business

Chairwoman Addonizio made a motion to waive the rules and accept the Other Business; Seconded by Legislator Jonke.

BY ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL AYES. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Item #7a – Approval/ Fund Transfer (20T072)/ Commissioner of Finance/ COVID-19 Pandemic Supplies was next. Chairwoman Addonizio moved the following, seconded by Legislators Sullivan and Sayegh:

Chairwoman Addonizio stated the County is looking to be reimbursed by the Federal Government at 75%, which would leave a 25% local share. She stated these medical supplies will be distributed to first responder employees and town first responder groups. She stated the County will track all supplies distributed and account for all reimbursements received before making any assessment regarding a charge to local municipalities.

Legislator Sullivan stated in these unprecedented times, the County has to make quick decisions and purchase necessary supplies and Personal Protective Equipment (PPE). He stated there will be plenty of time in the future to look at these expenditures in detail, but in these unprecedented times the County cannot hold these decisions up. He stated with the public health crisis going on, this is the best thing to do. He stated during this time, the County is operating with a 50% reduction in staff and it is important that we really think about the work they are doing and not micromanage them. He stated County Executive MaryEllen Odell has declared a state of emergency, which does not happen very often. He stated at the end of the day, it is important to support our first responders and health care workers.

**Legislator Nacerino concurred. She stated these supplies are imperative and time is of the essence.**

**Legislator Montgomery stated there are many resources available through NYSAC and FEMA. She stated FEMA has a webinar pertaining to procurement during a crisis and NYSAC has a program for budgeting and purchasing. She stated she hopes that the County is utilizing these resources. She stated she also hopes a line item has been set in the budget just for these types of expenditures so it is easy to track across all departments, which would make it more easily accessible when submitting for reimbursement. She stated it is great that these resources are now being purchased because they have been needed for about a month. She stated many first responders did not have PPE. She stated she reached out to the fire departments and ambulance corps in her Legislative District and they are still scrambling to obtain the necessary equipment. She stated there is a great volunteer group that has provided masks to some of those agencies and they are now supplying masks to hospitals and jails in New York City. She stated this is a long time coming and she is glad it is now being purchased. She stated she would like to see the cleaning materials be utilized for agencies such as the Child Advocacy Center and Women’s Resource Center. She stated these are non-government agencies, however the County does provide funding for them, and they are on the front lines of this. She stated she hopes to have a fluid system moving forward because we have not yet hit the apex of this pandemic.**

**Legislator Sullivan agreed with Legislator Montgomery that everyone is scrambling to get supplies for first responders, including the County, State, and so many across the Country. He stated he, Chairwoman Addonizio, and Legislator Sayegh are on the calls each morning and they know exactly what the County is doing to try to obtain these supplies and how hard it is to get the proper supplies that are approved for medical use. He stated many people are working very hard to get the right supplies, which is why the approval of this resolution is so important tonight.**

**Chairwoman Addonizio stated in reference to the comment of these supplies being needed a month ago, that is not at the fault of anyone in particular. She stated she participates in the daily NYSAC calls. She stated all 62 counites in New York State are struggling to obtain these supplies.**

**RESOLUTION #90**

**APPROVAL/ FUND TRANSFER (20T072)/ COMMISSIONER OF FINANCE/ COVID-19 PANDEMIC**

**WHEREAS, the Commissioner of Finance has requested a fund transfer (20T072) to provide for medical & supply costs associated to the COVID-19 Pandemic; and**

**WHEREAS, the Putnam County Legislature has reviewed and approved said fund transfer; now therefore be it**

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

**Decrease:**

**10199000 54980**

**Contingency**

**221,144**

**Increase:**

10398900 54330 10158	COVID-19 Med Supplies	150,000
10398900 54410 10158	COVID-19 Supp & Materials	31,144
10398900 54755 10158	COVID019 Janitorial	<u>40,000</u>
		221,144

2020 Fiscal Impact \$221,144

2021 Fiscal Impact – 0-

**BY ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL AYES. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**Item #8 – Recognition of Legislators**

Legislator Albano stated he is currently dealing with COVID-19 in his family. He thanked the first responders and health care providers for their hard work. He stated he would like to especially thank Commissioner of Heath Dr. Nesheiwat for his consistent work during this pandemic. He stated he would also like to thank Chairwoman of the Heath, Social, Educational, & Environmental Committee, Legislator Sayegh. He stated in additional to her volunteer work, she has spent a lot of time disseminating valuable information.

Legislator Jonke thanked the first responders, law enforcement, Health Department, Bureau of Emergency Services, and all healthcare workers who service Putnam County. He stated mostly, he would like to thank the constituents of Putnam County, who have honored each other by isolating themselves and practicing safety, which protects everyone. He stated we are all in this together. He stated he believes we have weathered the storm better than most, and he attributes that to the teamwork.

Legislator Nacerino thanked everyone on the front line who are risking their lives to help others; it is truly commendable. She thanked everyone in Putnam County exercising safety precautions, which need to be emphasized over and over again. She stated this is the core of the turning point, and as Legislator Montgomery mentioned earlier, we have not yet reached the apex. She stated the necessary precautions must still be followed and hopefully we will turn the corner soon.

Legislator Gouldman stated everyone has been affected by the COVID-19 pandemic in one way or another. He stated we have never experienced anything like this in our lifetime. He stated we will get through this, and when we do, we will have a stronger community. He urged everyone to continue following the safety protocols. He encouraged residents to call 211 for information pertaining to COVID-19.

Legislator Castellano stated this is a difficult time for everyone all over the world. He encouraged residents to look out for one another during this time. He thanked the grocery store employees who have been unbelievable during this crisis. He thanked the sanitation workers, mail carriers, local restaurants, and volunteers who have been delivering food to those who are unable to leave their home. He stated he is proud to be an American and a resident of Putnam County. He wished everyone the best and reminded everyone that we will get through this.

Legislator Montgomery stated she really appreciates all of these sentiments; it is a tough time. She stated we all need each other now more than ever. She stated this is why she

should be included on the daily phone call briefings. She stated she has not gotten information or updates from Legislator Sayegh. She stated she is astounded that she gets her information from the website. She stated she represents a whole district and she is the Minority Leader and she is not included on those phone calls. She stated we all need to work together and not exclude anyone. She stated she has masks to give to everybody. She stated Home Depot saw the work of the volunteer group making masks and they are donating 500 masks. She stated if anyone knows of an agency in need of masks, they have some N95 masks to distribute. She stated let's work together and pool resources to help one another.

Legislator Sayegh stated today, the Putnam County Health Department hosted their fourth drive through testing clinic. She stated on March 25, 2020 County Executive MaryEllen Odell formally requested that the New York State Health Department establish a COVID-19 testing center in Putnam County as soon as possible. She stated the clinic was run efficiently and residents were very cooperative. She stated the Health Department prioritized symptomatic individuals, with high priority given to those on the front lines. She stated we need more test kits to be able to better serve our residents. She stated the total number of tests given in Putnam County is 1,381, which is about 1.4% of the population of Putnam County. She stated 26.5% of those tested were positive, which is 402 individuals. She stated Putnam Hospital Center has reported a slowing of admissions into the hospital. She applauded the Health Department and Commissioner Dr. Nesheiwat as they have been astounding in this whole process. She stated it is ironic that we presented a proclamation recognizing Peers Influence Peers Month tonight as we were recently notified the Co-Founder of Peers Influence Peers Frank Reale passed away this week. She also wished everyone a Happy Easter and Happy Passover.

Legislator Sullivan stated in the Hamlet of Carmel, the County Seat, the Row of Honor has been installed honoring first responders and healthcare workers. He stated there is also a beautiful banner thanking essential workers and showing the County's appreciation for their hard work throughout this public health crisis.

Chairwoman Addonizio thanked all first responders and health care professionals as they battle this pandemic. She thanked the Bureau of Emergency Services and Health Department for their outstanding work and for keeping the public up to date through the daily dashboard on the County website, which provides daily data pertaining to COVID-19. She also thanked all of the essential workers on the frontlines everyday. She encouraged residents to reach out to their neighbors and any senior citizens they know to make sure they are doing well throughout this crisis.

There being no further business, at 8:25pm, Chairwoman Addonizio made a motion to adjourn; seconded by Legislator Albano. All in favor.

Respectfully submitted by Diane Schonfeld, Clerk.