

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

**Wednesday                      November 4, 2020                      7:00 P.M.**

The meeting was called to order at 7:03 P.M. by Chairwoman Addonizio who led in the Pledge of Allegiance and 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 for informational purposes and will be mailed to the relevant parties.

**NATIONAL RUNAWAY PREVENTION MONTH**

**WHEREAS, National Runaway Prevention Month began in 2002 and is spearheaded by the National Runaway Safeline (NRS), the Federally designated National communication system for runaway and homeless youth; and**

**WHEREAS, the prevalence of runaway and homelessness among youth is staggering, with studies suggesting that every year, 4.2 million people ages 13 to 25 endure some form of homelessness; and**

**WHEREAS, runaway youth are often expelled from their home, have experienced abuse and trauma, are involved in the foster care system, are too poor to secure their own basic needs, and may be ineligible or unable to access adequate medical or mental health treatment; and**

**WHEREAS, children and youth who run away are at increased danger for falling into high-risk situations, including human trafficking; and**

**WHEREAS, effective programs supporting runaway youth and assisting youth and their families in providing safe and stable homes, succeed because of partnerships created among families, youth-based advocacy organizations, community-based human service agencies, law enforcement, schools, faith-based organizations and businesses; now therefore be it**

**RESOLVED, that the Putnam County Executive and the Putnam County Legislature do hereby proclaim November 2020 as National Runaway Prevention Month. We urge all citizens to support the effort to increase public awareness about, advocate on behalf of, and provide positive and safe alternatives to runaway and homeless youth and their families.**

**SMALL BUSINESS RECOGNITION MONTH – NOVEMBER 2020**

**WHEREAS, small business constitutes the single most important segment of our free enterprise system and our small businesspeople are the backbone of our economy; and**

**WHEREAS, a successful small business is evidence of the independence, initiative, and hard work of the owner/operator and this spirit has been, and will continue to play an important role in maintaining and improving the vitality of our community; and**

**WHEREAS, small businesspeople take a leading role in civic affairs to improve the quality of life in our communities; and**

**WHEREAS, with the assistance of the local Chambers of Commerce, small businesspeople provide a variety of services, both business and social, to the community at large; and**

**WHEREAS, small businesses have and will continue to provide employment opportunities for our residents and contribute conveniences and services, both in-person and on-line, to our communities; and**

**WHEREAS, the November-December holiday season is important to the annual success of many of our small businesses; now therefore be it**

**RESOLVED, that the Putnam County Executive and the Putnam County Legislature do hereby proclaim November 2020 as Small Business Recognition Month and urge all citizens to join them in recognizing the contributions small businesses make to county-wide development and Shop Small Business to support our local small businesses so that they can remain vital and flourish in Putnam County.**

**Item #4 – Approval of Minutes – B&F Mtg – Public Hearing – October 6, 2020  
Special Meeting – October 22, 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:**

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

**Item #6a – Approval/ Budgetary Amendment (20A063)/ Finance/ Bureau of Emergency Services/ 2019 Statewide Interoperable Communications Grant (SICG) 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:**

**Legislator Montgomery stated that there have been a lot of discussion about the radios and her constituents are concerned. She stated that a Deputy Sheriff, which is her constituent, was stabbed. She questioned how this funding relates to the \$10 million project. She questioned what it would be used for.**

**Legislator Castellano explained that it would have been a good question to ask during the Committee meeting. He explained that we are receiving these funds for the Interoperable Radio Project.**

Legislator Montgomery stated that she did not have this question then. She questioned why we have this meeting if we cannot ask questions or know what we are moving forward.

Legislator Castellano stated that she could vote against it.

Legislator Sullivan questioned why it was mentioned that a Deputy Sheriff was injured during this topic of the Interoperable Radio Project grant. He explained that there has been nothing received from the Sheriff's Department and he did not know of a relationship between these two (2) issues.

Legislator Albano believed that questions should be brought up during the Committee meetings when Department Heads are available to answer these questions. He believed that it was only on the Full Legislative agenda because concerns have already been addressed.

Legislator Castellano stated that the grant application is in the Legislative office for review.

Legislator Montgomery stated that she would ask questions whenever she wants to. She was not sure if Legislator Sullivan was aware that there was a PESH violation filed by the PBA because of the radios. She stated that because of the stabbing incident the County paid a violation. She stated that she would address a memo to the County Executive requesting what this \$590,058 will be used for.

#### **RESOLUTION #205**

#### **APPROVAL/ BUDGETARY AMENDMENT/ FINANCE/ BUREAU OF EMERGENCY SERVICES/ 2019 STATEWIDE INTEROPERABLE COMMUNICATIONS GRANT (SICG) AWARD**

WHEREAS, by Resolution #40 of 2020, budgetary amendment (20A001) was approved to account for the 2019 SICG- Formula Grant awarded through the New York State Homeland Security and Emergency Services in the amount of \$590,058; and

WHEREAS, the Commissioner of Finance has requested a budgetary amendment (20A063) to adjust the budget to the appropriate lines for this grant as part of the Interoperable Radio Project; and

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

RESOLVED, that the following budgetary amendment be made:

#### **CAPITAL FUND:**

#### **Increase Estimated Appropriations:**

53097000 53000 51601	Interoperable Radio Project	590,058
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#### **Increase Estimated Revenues:**

53097000 433971 51601	State Aid – Public Safety	590,058
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#### **Decrease Estimated Appropriations:**

53097000 53000 52008	Interoperable Radio Project	590,058
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WHEREAS, the Commissioners of Board of Elections have requested a fund transfer (20T210) to cover anticipated COVID-19 costs related to printing and supplies and the purchase of two (2) laptops for use on Election Day for remote court orders; and

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

RESOLVED, that the following fund transfer be made:

<b>Decrease:</b>		
10145000 52680 10158	Other Equipment (COVID)	8,473
<b>Increase:</b>		
10145000 54311 10158	Printing (COVID)	6,000
10145000 54410 10158	Supplies & Materials (COVID)	2,000
10145000 52130 10158	Computer Equipment (COVID)	<u>473</u>
		8,473

2020 Fiscal Impact – 0 –

2021 Fiscal Impact – 0 –

BY ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL AYES. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Item #6d – Approval/ Fund Transfer (20T216)/ Sheriff’s Department/ Patrol Overtime was next. On behalf of the members of the Audit & Administration Committee, Legislators Gouldman and Sayegh, Legislator Castellano moved the following:

Legislator Sullivan made a motion to table this item to the Protective Services Committee. He requested more information from the Sheriff, per the Legislature’s previous resolution which requires justification for the need for overtime. He stated that right now there is currently \$81,000 left in the Road Patrol overtime.

Seconded by Legislator Nacerino. By Roll Call Vote: Five Ayes. Four Nays – Legislators Castellano, Gouldman, Jonke and Montgomery. Motion to table carries.

**APPROVAL/ FUND TRANSFER/ SHERIFF’S DEPARTMENT/ PATROL OVERTIME**

WHEREAS, the Putnam County Sheriff has requested a fund transfer (20T216) to cover Overtime expenses from July due to two (2) Deputies in the Academy, two (2) Deputies on Military Leave, two (2) Deputies on 207C and staffing loss due to COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, there has been a need to increase staffing due to protests throughout the County and a cost increase due to settlement of new contract agreement; and

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

RESOLVED, that the following fund transfer be made:

<b>Decrease:</b>		
10315000 51000 10150	Jail Personnel	3,058
10315000 58002	Jail FICA	<u>234</u>
		3,292
<b>Increase:</b>		

17311000 51093	Patrol Overtime	3,058
17311000 58002	Patrol FICA	<u>234</u>
		3,292

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

Item #6e – Approval/ Fund Transfer (20T218)/ Sheriff’s Department/ Patrol Overtime was next. On behalf of the members of the Audit & Administration Committee, Legislators Gouldman and Sayegh, Legislator Castellano moved the following:

Legislator Sullivan made a motion to table this to the Protective Services Committee for the same reasons as Item #6d; seconded by Legislator Sayegh.

By Roll Call Vote: Five Ayes. Four Nays – Legislators Castellano, Gouldman, Jonke and Montgomery. Motion to table carries.

**APPROVAL/ FUND TRANSFER/ SHERIFF’S DEPARTMENT/ PATROL OVERTIME**

WHEREAS, the Putnam County Sheriff has requested a fund transfer (20T218) to cover Overtime expenses from August due to two (2) Deputies in the Academy, two (2) Deputies on Military Leave, two (2) Deputies on 207C and staffing loss due to COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, there has been a need to increase staffing due to protests throughout the County and a cost increase due to settlement of new contract agreement; and

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

RESOLVED, that the following fund transfer be made:

**Decrease:**

10315000 51000 10143	Jail Personnel	2,059
10315000 51000 10150	Jail Personnel	4,587
10315000 58002	Jail FICA	<u>508</u>
		7,154

**Increase:**

17311000 51093	Patrol Overtime	6,646
17311000 58002	Patrol FICA	<u>508</u>
		7,154

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

Item #6f – Approval/ Fund Transfer (20T220)/ Risk Management/ Excess Liability was next. On behalf of the members of the Audit & Administration Committee, Legislators Gouldman and Sayegh, Legislator Castellano moved the following:

**RESOLUTION #208**

**APPROVAL/ FUND TRANSFER/ RISK MANAGEMENT/ EXCESS LIABILITY**

WHEREAS, the Law Department Risk Manager has requested a fund transfer (20T220) to cover Excess Liability Coverage Invoices for November/December, and any other Insurance Expenses for the remainder of 2020, due to rate increase; and

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

RESOLVED, that the following fund transfer be made:

Decrease:		
10199000 54980	Contingency	15,000

Increase:		
10191500 54830	Excess Liability	15,000

2020 Fiscal Impact - \$15,000

2021 Fiscal Impact – 0 –

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

Item #6g – Approval/ Fund Transfer (20T221)/ Sheriff’s Department/ Patrol Overtime was next. On behalf of the members of the Audit & Administration Committee, Legislators Gouldman and Sayegh, Legislator Castellano moved the following:

Legislator Sullivan made a motion to table this to the Protective Services Committee for the same reasons as Item #6d and #6e; seconded by Legislator Albano.

Legislator Montgomery questioned if this item is tabled to the Protective Services Committee, would it then go to the Audit & Administration Committee.

Chairwoman Addonizio stated that there would be more discussion this month.

Legislator Montgomery explained that the money is in the Sheriff’s budget and there is no fiscal impact on these transfers.

Chairwoman Addonizio stated that there is a motion to table this item, therefore it is not debatable at this time.

By Roll Call Vote: Five Ayes. Four Nays – Legislators Castellano, Gouldman, Jonke and Montgomery. Motion to table carries.

#### **APPROVAL/ FUND TRANSFER/ SHERIFF’S DEPARTMENT/ PATROL OVERTIME**

WHEREAS, the Putnam County Sheriff has requested a fund transfer (20T221) to cover Overtime expenses from September due to two (2) Deputies in the Academy, two (2) Deputies on Military Leave, two (2) Deputies on 207C and staffing loss due to COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, there has been a need to increase staffing due to protests throughout the County and a cost increase due to settlement of new contract agreement; and

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

RESOLVED, that the following fund transfer be made:

<b>Decrease:</b>		
10315000 51000 10143	Jail Personnel	6,471
10315000 51000 10144	Jail Personnel	5,328
10315000 51000 10150	Jail Personnel	4,805
10315000 58002	Jail FICA	<u>1,270</u>
		17,874

<b>Increase:</b>		
17311000 51093	Patrol Overtime	16,604
17311000 58002	Patrol FICA	<u>1,270</u>
		17,874

2020 Fiscal Impact – 0 –

2021 Fiscal Impact – 0 –

Item #6h – Approval/ Fund Transfer (20T225)/ Board of Elections/ Overtime was next. On behalf of the members of the Audit & Administration Committee, Legislators Gouldman and Sayegh, Legislator Castellano moved the following:

RESOLUTION #209

APPROVAL/ FUND TRANSFER / BOARD OF ELECTIONS/ OVERTIME

WHEREAS, the Commissioners of Board of Elections have requested a fund transfer (20T225) to cover Staff Overtime for the 2020 General Election; and  
WHEREAS, the Audit & Administration Committee has reviewed and approved said fund transfer; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the following fund transfer be made:

<b>Decrease:</b>		
10145000 51094	Temporary	75,000
<b>Increase:</b>		
10145000 51093	Overtime	75,000

2020 Fiscal Impact – 0 –

2020 Fiscal Impact – 0 –

BY ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL AYES. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Item #6i – Approval/ SEQRA/ Negative Declaration/ Stoneleigh Avenue/ Drewville Road Intersection Reconstruction Project (PIN 8761.97) was next. On behalf of the members of the Audit & Administration Committee, Legislators Gouldman and Sayegh, Legislator Castellano moved the following:

RESOLUTION #210



**APPROVAL/ SEQRA / NEGATIVE DECLARATION/ STONELEIGH AVENUE/ DREWVILLE ROAD INTERSECTION RECONSTRUCTION PROJECT (PIN 8761.97)**

**WHEREAS, the Putnam County Legislature is considering the approval of a Putnam County Highways & Facilities project that involves the reconstruction of the intersection of Stoneleigh Avenue and Drewville Road into a single lane roundabout. The purpose of the project is to improve overall traffic conditions while reducing delays, thereby improving access for emergency vehicles to the Putnam Hospital Center located a half mile south of the intersection. As part of the reconstruction, a fill type retaining wall will be constructed on the western approach with significant grading on the eastern approach. The work will allow the road to be graded away from the intersection to provide a flatter approach as drivers enter the roundabout. New drainage and stormwater systems will also be constructed. The stormwater improvements include a new detention pond, modifications to an existing pond, dry swale, and hydrodynamic separators. The closed drainage improvements will eliminate future erosion that continues to damage the existing shoulders of the intersection. There will also be miscellaneous improvements to guiderails, signage, and landscaping; and**

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

**WHEREAS, on September 1, 2020, as part of Resolution #20-149, the County Legislature issued an Unlisted Action determination for the above referenced project, and declared its intent to serve as Lead Agency with respect to SEQRA; and**

**WHEREAS, a Full Environmental Assessment form (EAF) was prepared for the Project; and**

**WHEREAS, the EAF and associated documentation was circulated to all involved and interested agencies for the requisite 30 days with a Notice of the Putnam County Legislature’s Intent to Serve as Lead Agency and no objections were received thereto; and**

**WHEREAS, the Putnam County Legislature, acting as Lead Agency, conducted a coordinated environmental review in accordance with §617.6, and**

**WHEREAS, based upon a careful review of the action as a whole, of the EAF, and the criteria set forth in 6 NYCRR Part 617.7(c), it has been determined that the proposed Project will not result in any potential significant adverse environmental impacts; now therefore be it**

**RESOLVED, that the Putnam County Legislature, as Lead Agency, determines that the proposed Project will not have any potential significant adverse impacts and a Draft Environmental Impact Statement will not be prepared; and be it further**

**RESOLVED, that in accordance with 6 NYCRR Part 617, the Putnam County Legislature, as Lead Agency, hereby accepts and adopts the Negative Declaration prepared in connection with Stoneleigh Avenue/Drewville Road Intersection Reconstruction project, a copy of which is annexed hereto and made a part hereof; and be it further**

**RESOLVED, that this Resolution shall take effect immediately.**

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

**Item #7 – Other Business**

There was no other business submitted to the meeting.

#### **Item #8 – Recognition of Legislators**

Legislator Albano stated that we all have the right to ask questions, however, he believed to ask questions during a Full Legislative meeting we will not have an answer because the individuals that can answer these questions are not here to do so. He explained that during Committee meetings the Department Heads are available to answer these questions, and if not, we can get those answers before the final vote is taken. He believed that procedurally that was the proper way to do it.

Legislator Montgomery explained that it was not in anyone's purview to tell her how she should do her job. She explained that she will ask questions when she wants to. She stated that she will continue to ask questions as they come up, and as the Legislators know, she stated that she asks questions during the Committee meetings as well. She stated that she does what the people of her district want her to do.

Legislator Nacerino congratulated all the victors on Election Day, especially her colleagues; Legislative Chairwoman Toni Addonizio, Legislators William Gouldman and Amy Sayegh. She stated that she is proud to serve with them on the Legislature.

Legislator Sullivan stated that he would like to echo Legislator Nacerino's comments. He stated it was great to see the record number of people who came out to vote.

Legislator Jonke stated that two (2) weeks ago we lost two (2) Putnam County residents in a car accident; one (1) who was a member of our Sheriff's Department SPO Program, Deputy Michael Moore. He asked that we keep their families in our thoughts and prayers.

Legislator Montgomery also congratulated her colleagues; Chairwoman Addonizio, Legislator Gouldman and Legislator Sayegh. She stated that she enjoys serving with them in serving the people of Putnam County. She also thanked Senator Peter Harckham for all his hard work for Putnam County and she was sorry to see him go. She stated that she is looking forward to working with Senator Elect Rob Astorino. She also congratulated the other Putnam County representatives who won the election. She stated that she looked forward to a new and different year as we enter the second phase of this pandemic and economic crisis.

Legislator Sayegh stated the Moore family has been friends of her family for years and they are her constituents. She stated that it was her great honor to serve our community, and each and every person in it. She stated that it is not about partisan politics; it's about doing the right thing and standing up for what you believe in and doing your best to be a role model for the next generation. She thanked everyone for their support.

Legislator Castellano explained that we just had an interesting election yesterday. He was looking forward to this Country remaining peaceful through this process and he hopes that every vote is counted. He thanked Senator Harckham for duties to Putnam County in the past. He stated that the election is not yet finalized, so we do not know who the victor is at this moment. He wished everyone the best. He stated that Veteran's Day is next week, and he wanted to thank the Veterans. He encouraged everyone to promote their Veteran's Day Ceremony in their towns. He stated that he looked forward to being outdoors again at the local ceremony to thank all the Veterans for the great

things they have done. He stated that Thanksgiving Day is also celebrated in November. He stated as Americans we have a lot to be thankful for. We live in the greatest Country on the planet. He stated that he is looking forward to continuing greatness with this Country and the County of Putnam.

Chairwoman Addonizio thanked her constituents for their overwhelming support. She stated that it is her honor to serve the people of Putnam County.

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

Respectfully submitted by Diane Schonfeld, Clerk.