

**SPECIAL MEETING  
OF THE  
PUTNAM COUNTY LEGISLATURE  
CALLED BY THE CLERK AT THE REQUEST OF THE CHAIRWOMAN  
FOR THE ADOPTION OF THE 2021 BUDGET  
HELD VIA AUDIO WEBINAR PURSUANT TO TEMPORARY EMERGENCY ORDERS**

Thursday                                  October 29, 2020                                  7:00 p.m.

The meeting was called to order at 7:04 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.

**Item #4 - Pre-filed Resolutions**

**BUDGET & FINANCE COMMITTEE  
(All Members)**

**Item #4a – Parks & Recreation – Electric Tilly’s Table – Decrease from \$11,400 to \$10,000. Chairwoman Addonizio made a motion to move the following:**

**RESOLUTION #177**

**Parks & Recreation**

	<b>FROM:</b>	<b>TO:</b>
Electric – Tilly’s Table 10084000 54631 10137	11,400	10,000

**A DIFFERENCE OF: (1,400)**

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

**Item #4b - Health Department – Public Water Project – Office Supplies – Lab Analysis – To Correct Budget Lines. Chairwoman Addonizio made a motion to move the following:**

**RESOLUTION #178**

**Health Department**

	<b>FROM:</b>	<b>TO:</b>
Office Supplies 12401003 54310 10056 To Correct Budget Line	0	200
Lab Analysis 12401003 54445 10056 To Correct Budget Line	38,200	38,000

**A DIFFERENCE OF: 0**

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

**Item #4c - Health Department – Health Education State – Postage – Food – To Correct Budget Lines. Chairwoman Addonizio made a motion to move the following:**

**RESOLUTION #179**

**Health Department**

	<b>FROM:</b>	<b>TO:</b>
<b>Postage</b>		
<b>21401000 54314</b>	<b>200</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>To Correct Budget Line</b>		
<b>Food</b>		
<b>21401000 54320</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>200</b>
<b>To Correct Budget Line</b>		

**A DIFFERENCE OF: 0**

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

**Item #4d - Health Department - Health Education State – Machine Maintenance – Equipment Lease – To Correct Budget Lines. Chairwoman Addonizio made a motion to move the following:**

**RESOLUTION #180**

**Health Department**

	<b>FROM:</b>	<b>TO:</b>
<b>Machine Maintenance</b>		
<b>21401000 54510</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>200</b>
<b>To Correct Budget Line</b>		
<b>Equipment Rental Lease</b>		
<b>21401000 54560</b>	<b>200</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>To Correct Budget Line</b>		

**A DIFFERENCE OF: 0**

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

**Item #4e - Health Department - Health Education State – Furniture – Computer Equipment – To Correct Budget Lines. Chairwoman Addonizio made a motion to move the following:**

**RESOLUTION #181**

**Health Department**

	<b>FROM:</b>	<b>TO:</b>
<b>Furniture</b>		
<b>21401000 52110</b>	<b>1,000</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>To Correct Budget Line</b>		
<b>Computer Equipment</b>		
<b>21401000 52130</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1,000</b>
<b>To Correct Budget Line</b>		

**A DIFFERENCE OF: 0**

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

**Item #4f - Health Department - Public Health Emergency Preparedness Grant – Cell Phones – Education & Training – To Correct Budget Lines. Chairwoman Addonizio made a motion to move the following:**

**RESOLUTION #182**

**Health Department**

	<b>FROM:</b>	<b>TO:</b>
<b>Cell Phones</b>		
<b>26401001 54635 10066</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2,000</b>
<b>To Correct Budget Line</b>		
<b>Education &amp; Training</b>		
<b>26401001 54640 10066</b>	<b>2,000</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>To Correct Budget Line</b>		

**A DIFFERENCE OF: 0**

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

**Item #4g - Board of Elections – Election Specialist – Add Step Increase. Chairwoman Addonizio made a motion to move the following:**

**RESOLUTION #183**

**Board of Elections**

	<b>FROM:</b>	<b>TO:</b>
<b>Election Specialist</b>		
<b>10145000 51000 (110)</b>	<b>50,427</b>	<b>57,361</b>
<b>Add Step Increase</b>		

**A DIFFERENCE OF: 6,934**

**Adjust Fringes & Revenue Accordingly.**

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

**Item #4h - Sheriff's Department – Move Deputy Sheriff from Civil to Road Patrol and Adjust Holiday Pay. Chairwoman Addonizio made a motion to move the following:**

**Legislator Albano stated that a letter received from the Sheriff explained, that due to the bail reform, revenue generated is down. In 2019, revenue generated was approximately \$116,000 and so far, year to date 2020 revenue generated is approximately \$40,000. He stated that he did not anticipate a lot of activity in that department in the next few months, therefore, he did not have a problem moving someone from Civil to Road Patrol.**

**Legislator Castellano concurred. He stated that given the fact the courts have been closed because of COVID-19 since March, there has been little activity in the Civil Division as they are not enforcing local judgements as they have in the past. He believed this was a great opportunity to move somebody to Road Patrol and hopefully save money in the overtime costs. He stated that he would support this initiative.**

**Legislator Sullivan stated that if we take someone out of the Civil Division and place them in Road Patrol, he wanted clarification that we were not filling the vacancy in the Civil Division.**

**Legislator Albano stated that is not what is before us. He stated that he would not support any move back into this position.**

**Legislator Sullivan stated then that position will remain open and unfilled in the Civil Division.**

**Legislator Montgomery stated that there is no vacancy; this is an existing position in the Department of Social Services. She stated that she is always happy to see more personnel in Road Patrol and was hoping for more.**

**Legislator Sullivan clarified that the position is coming out of the Civil Division and not out of the Department of Social Services.**

**RESOLUTION #184**

**Sheriff's Department**

	<b>FROM:</b>	<b>TO:</b>
<b>Deputy Sheriff – Civil 15311000 51000 (109) Move to Road Patrol</b>	<b>102,840</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Adjust Holiday Pay 19311000 51096</b>	<b>1,500</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Deputy Sheriff – Road Patrol 17311000 51000 (150) Moved from Civil</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>102,840</b>

Adjust Holiday Pay 17311000 51096	0	1,500
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A DIFFERENCE OF: 0

Adjust Fringes & Revenue Accordingly.

BY ROLL CALL VOTE: SIX AYES. THREE NAYS – LEGISLATORS NACERINO, SAYEGH & SULLIVAN.

Item #4i - Sheriff's Department – Road Patrol/Community & Youth – Canine Stipend – To Correct Budget Line. Chairwoman Addonizio made a motion to move the following:

RESOLUTION #185

Sheriff's Department

	FROM:	TO:
Canine Stipend 17311000 51090 To correct budget line	6,001	0
Canine Stipend 16311000 51090 To correct budget line	0	6,001

A DIFFERENCE OF: 0

Adjust Fringes & Revenue Accordingly.

BY ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL AYES. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Item #4j - Sheriff's Department - Road Patrol – Deputy Sheriff LT – Restore Salary – Not Retiring. Chairwoman Addonizio made a motion to move the following:

RESOLUTION #186

Sheriff's Department

	FROM:	TO:
Deputy Sheriff LT 17311000 51000 (149) Restore Salary – Not Retiring	28,381	115,741
Contingency 10199000 54986 Subcontingency Sheriff	220,200	132,840

A DIFFERENCE OF: 0

Adjust Fringes & Revenue Accordingly.

BY ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL AYES. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Item #4k - Sheriff's Department - Road Patrol – Deputy Sheriff – Adjust EMT Stipend Per Contract. Chairwoman Addonizio made a motion to move the following:

**RESOLUTION #187**

**Sheriff's Department**

	<b>FROM:</b>	<b>TO:</b>
Deputy Sheriff 17311000 51000 (131) Adjust for EMT Stipend Per contract	85,479	87,479

A DIFFERENCE OF: 2,000

Adjust Fringes & Revenue Accordingly.

BY ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL AYES. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Item #4L - Sheriff's Department – Domestic Violence/Criminal Investigation – Deputy Criminal Investigation – Move to Different Division. Chairwoman Addonizio made a motion to move the following:

**RESOLUTION #188**

**Sheriff's Department**

	<b>FROM:</b>	<b>TO:</b>
Deputy Criminal Investigation 20311000 51000 (101) Move to Different Division	114,562	113,132
Deputy Criminal Investigation 32311000 51000 (108)	113,132	114,562

A DIFFERENCE OF: 0

Adjust Fringes & Revenue Accordingly.

BY ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL AYES. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Item #4m - Sheriff's Department – Captain and Lieutenant Raises. Chairwoman Addonizio made a motion to move the following:

Legislator Nacerino stated that, as Chair of the Personnel Committee, she sought to meet with the Administration to ensure that the Captains and Lieutenants were compensated

fairly and equitably for their hard work, enormous responsibilities and value to our community. She explained the proposed increase in salary for the Captains from the 2020 Budget is a variance of \$8,548 or 7.03% and the variance for the Lieutenants is \$10,617 or 9.17%. She explained that the management raises from 2019 through 2021 were 2%, 2.5% and 2.375% totaling 6.875%. She explained that the proposed increase for the Captains and Lieutenants reflect the years 2019 and 2020, and the additional monies for 2021. She believed that all of her colleagues wholeheartedly support the Sheriff's Department. She stated that records reflect their support and commitment to law enforcement with all they have approved in recent years. She believed it was unfortunate that acknowledging our allegiance is equated only by approving everything that comes before the Legislature. She stated that they have a job to do and so does the Legislature. She explained that the Legislature has a fiduciary responsibility to the taxpayers of Putnam County, and we vote individually as we deem fit to the best of our ability. She stated that we are walking into 2021 without a road map to guide us and cannot forecast what State or Federal funding cuts are coming our way. She stated that we have a lean budget before us with no layoffs in any department, including the Sheriff's Department. She stated that we are not defunding anything. She stated that no services have been compromised, training has not been abolished, the welfare of our residents have not been compromised and workforce has not been reduced, nor have salaries. She believed there was a difference between defunding and implementing efficiencies. She stated that the budget process is to seek out redundancies and cut where monies are not warranted. She stated that we may not always see eye to eye, but we had disagreements with the prior Sheriff who was a Republican. She stated that the situations stand on their own and politics is not the driving factor.

**RESOLUTION #189**

**Sheriff's Department**

	<b>FROM:</b>	<b>TO:</b>
<b>Captain Operations</b>		
10311000 51000 (127)	124,421	130,083
<b>Adjust FICA</b>		
10311000 58002	0	433
<b>Captain Civil</b>		
10311000 51000 (128)	124,421	130,083
<b>Adjust FICA</b>		
10311000 58002	0	433
<b>Captain Criminal Investigation</b>		
10311000 51000 (114)	124,421	130,083
<b>Adjust FICA</b>		
10311000 58002	0	433
<b>Captain Road Patrol</b>		
10311000 51000 (103)	124,421	130,083
<b>Adjust FICA</b>		
10311000 58002	0	433
<b>Lieutenant Road</b>		
17311000 51000 (149)	115,741	126,359

Adjust FICA 17311000 58002	0	812
Corrections Lieutenant 10315000 51000 (106)	118,491	126,359
Adjust FICA 10315000 58002	0	602
Corrections Captain 10315000 51000 (101)	124,421	130,083
Adjust FICA 10315000 58002	0	433
Corrections Lieutenant 10315000 51000 (109)	118,491	126,359
Adjust FICA 10315000 58002	0	602

A DIFFERENCE OF: 58,845

Adjust Fringes & Revenue Accordingly.

BY ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL AYES. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Item #4n - Health Department – Nursing – Reflect Premium Increase Received after Budget Process. Chairwoman Addonizio made a motion to move the following:

**RESOLUTION #190**

**Health Department**

	FROM:	TO:
Insurance 11401000 54800	20,000	25,000
Reflect Premium Increase Received after Budget Process		

A DIFFERENCE OF: 5,000

BY ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL AYES. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Item #4o - Insurance Expense – Excess Liability - Reflect Premium Increase Received after Budget Process. Chairwoman Addonizio made a motion to move the following:

**RESOLUTION #191**

**Insurance Expense**

	FROM:	TO:
Excess Liability 10191500 54830	750,000	795,000



Reflect Premium Increase  
Received after Budget Process

A DIFFERENCE OF: 45,000

BY ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL AYES. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Item #4p - Putnam County Coroners – Change Per Diem Compensation to Annual Compensation. Chairwoman Addonizio made a motion to move the following:

Legislator Albano believed that this would not make a big difference because there are changes going on in the Coroner's office. He explained that he did like the salaries being on a per diem basis and the idea that someone could be compensated based on the work they did. He stated that he would be voting no.

Legislator Montgomery stated that she was not in favor of this. She did not believe it was fair for all three (3) Coroners to be paid the same salary. She explained that we have not yet seen changes in the Coroner's office and we do not know what those changes will bring. She explained that because there will be a different Coroner does not mean anything will change. She explained that she has heard that one (1) Coroner is covering all the calls.

Legislator Albano stated that in the past there was one (1) Coroner doing the bulk of the work. He stated that there is a second Coroner who does a lot of work also. He believed the office was moving in the right direction.

Legislator Sayegh stated that the Coroners are elected officials and they get paid a salary based on their election to office. She stated that their salary should not be based on per call. She stated that any Town Board member or Legislator does not get paid per meeting they attend.

Legislator Nacerino concurred with Legislator Sayegh. She stated that from the beginning the Coroners were set salaries as elected officials. She stated that what dictated the change to per diem was a gross inequity in those stepping up and doing their job. She believed that since this will no longer be an issue, we will go back to a straight salary; having an equal distribution of the workload across the board.

RESOLUTION #192

Putnam County Coroners

WHEREAS, per Resolution #279 of 2014, the Putnam County Legislature approved and authorized compensation paid to the Putnam County Coroners to be on a per diem basis in order to fully compensate the Coroners on the varied time each is available to perform the needed duties; and

WHEREAS, the per diem basis compensation for the Coroners went into effect upon the expiration of each Coroner's term after January 1, 2015; and

WHEREAS, the Putnam County Legislature has determined that the per diem model has not worked as planned; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Putnam County Legislature hereby approves and authorizes that compensation paid to the Putnam County Coroners be done on an annual basis; and be it further

RESOLVED, that Resolution #279 of 2014 is hereby rescinded.

BY ROLL CALL VOTE: SEVEN AYES. TWO NAYS – LEGISLATORS ALBANO & MONTGOMERY. MOTION CARRIES.

Item #4q - Sheriff's Department - Administration – Clothing Allowance – Remove based on Title Reclass to Fiscal Manager. Chairwoman Addonizio made a motion to move the following:

RESOLUTION #193

Sheriff's Department

	FROM:	TO:
Clothing Allowance 10311000 51099	350	0
Removed based on Title Reclass to Fiscal Manager		

A DIFFERENCE OF: (350)

BY ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL AYES. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Item #4r - Sheriff's Department - Road Patrol – Miscellaneous Supplies – To Correct Budget Lines. Chairwoman Addonizio made a motion to move the following:

Legislator Montgomery clarified for the public that this pertains to lifesaving vests for the Sheriff's Department.

RESOLUTION #194

Sheriff's Department

	FROM:	TO:
Miscellaneous Supplies 17311000 54300 10158 To Correct Budget Line	10,500	0
Miscellaneous Supplies 17311000 54300 To Correct Budget Line	0	10,500

A DIFFERENCE OF: 0

BY ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL AYES. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

**Item #4s - Parks & Recreation – Maintenance & Repairs – Move Park Maintenance to Subcontingency. Chairwoman Addonizio made a motion to move the following:**

**RESOLUTION #195**

**Parks & Recreation**

	<b>FROM:</b>	<b>TO:</b>
<b>Maintenance &amp; Repairs</b>		
<b>10711000 54710</b>	<b>10,000</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Move Park Maintenance</b>		
<b>To Subcontingency</b>		
<b>Subcontingency</b>		
<b>10199000 54985</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>10,000</b>

**A DIFFERENCE OF: 0**

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

**Item #4t - Transportation – Part Bus System – Allocate 80/20 Split between Federal & State Revenue. Chairwoman Addonizio made a motion to move the following:**

**RESOLUTION #196**

**Transportation – Part Bus System**

	<b>FROM:</b>	<b>TO:</b>
<b>State Aid Other Transportation</b>		
<b>95630000 435891 90001</b>	<b>287,000</b>	<b>57,400</b>
<b>Federal Aid Other Public Trans</b>		
<b>95630000 445891 90001</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>229,600</b>

**Allocate the 80/20 Split between Federal & State Revenue.**

**A DIFFERENCE OF: 0**

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

**Item #4u - Audit Department – Independent Audit – Adjust Contract Line for Outside Auditors According to Revision to RFP. Chairwoman Addonizio made a motion to move the following:**

Legislator Castellano stated that the Outside Auditors have done outstanding work over the years and he was grateful that they lowered their contract amount which is a savings to the taxpayers of Putnam County.

**RESOLUTION #197**

**Audit Department**

	<b>FROM:</b>	<b>TO:</b>
<b>Independent Audit 10132000 54111</b>	<b>87,700</b>	<b>85,000</b>
<b>Adjust Contract Line for Outside Auditors According to Revision to RFP</b>		

**A DIFFERENCE OF: (2,700)**

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

**Item #4v - Proposal by Legislator Jonke at B&F Meeting - Sheriff's Department – Increase Road Overtime. Chairwoman Addonizio recognized Legislator Jonke.**

**Legislator Jonke explained that when reviewing the Road Patrol overtime amount from the year 2020, it was realized that there was a 12.5% increase in salaries due to the settlement of the PBA contract. He felt that in order to keep the Road Patrol overtime at an even level, we needed to increase the overtime amount by 12.5% which equated to \$65,000. He stated that we are taking the \$65,000 out of Jail overtime and placing it in Road Patrol overtime, so there will be a zero-fiscal impact.**

**Legislator Albano explained that in a letter received from the County Executive, she stated that she had a discussion with the Sheriff regarding the Bonadio company; one (1) of the groups we could consider to perform an internal analysis of the policies and procedures in the Sheriff's Department. He stated that the Sheriff has a very difficult job coordinating and scheduling overtime. He stated that the overtime in the Sheriff's Department has been a major issue, the whole 10 years he has served as Legislator, even with the past Sheriff. He stated that it is never his intention to defund the police in any way; but to fund them properly. He stated that the proposal has identified Jail overtime that is not necessary in the amount of \$65,000.**

***Legislator Albano made a motion to amend the resolution to move the \$65,000 from Jail overtime into subcontingency with the intention that it will be available if needed; seconded by Legislator Nacerino.***

**Legislator Nacerino concurred with Legislator Albano. She stated that the money will be in subcontingency and there will be accountability. She stated that we have been trying to wrap our arms around overtime for a long time. She stated that there were no concerted efforts to do so to the best of her knowledge and she was happy that the Bonadio Group will be consulting on this very issue. She explained that the majority of the officers' base pay exceeds \$100,000 in addition to overtime amounts ranging from**

approximately \$20,000 to \$60,000. She stated that no one seems to ask the question of what pension and healthcare legacy costs will look like and it will be our children and grandchildren that will continue to pay these costs. She questioned if it was not encumbered by this Legislature to seek how we can reduce, improve or restructure to save money; or do we just continue down an unsustainable path?

Legislator Montgomery stated that this is the second time she heard discussion about a consulting group, and she did not see any Request For Proposal (RFP) going out. She questioned if we hired the Bonadio group. She believed the funding needed to stay in the line it is allocated for and not placed in subcontingency. She believed that the solution was to hire more deputies.

Legislator Sayegh concurred with Legislator Montgomery that the money needs to be in the line it was allocated for. She stated that we need to find ways to save overtime funds and not to just shift it around from one (1) department to another.

Legislator Jonke stated that last year we agreed and funded \$520,000 for the Road Patrol overtime. He stated that, in fairness, because the cost of an hour's worth of overtime went up by 12.5%, in order to get the same amount of overtime in 2021 we needed to make an adjustment to the overtime amount. He stated that he arrived at this amount in a sense of fairness. He did not support Legislator Albano's proposal.

Legislator Albano believed that the County Executive had the authority to hire the Bonadio group without needing the Legislature's approval. He believed that it was a good idea to see if there is a more efficient way because our goal should be to lower overtime. He stated that in speaking of legacy costs, a few years ago the County inherited an extra \$8 million in pension debt. He stated that it is unfair that the current taxpayers pay for things from many years ago that were not planned. He stated that the goal is to lower overtime if it is feasible. He stated that the money will be in subcontingency if needed, but hopefully we will be able to stick with the lower amount.

Legislator Castellano wanted to echo the words of Legislator Jonke. He stated that we certainly had a long drawn out contract with the PBA. He stated that the 12.5% increase in their salary should be reflected in the Road Patrol overtime budget. He stated that he would be voting against moving this to subcontingency.

Legislator Sullivan stated that the Bonadio consulting group has helped the County on previous matters, particularly with Medicaid, helping the County save hundreds of thousands of dollars. He stated that they have also worked with the Rockland County Sheriff's Department and saved them in excess of \$1 million. He believed it was important to have an independent consulting firm to help the Sheriff understand what is driving the costs up and if there are any ways things could be done better. He stated that he does not want to say we should just hire more people. He stated that he is not in the Sheriff's Department and does not know what their requirements are on a daily basis. He believed it was important to bring in a group that is independent and can provide us with an analysis that will help both the Sheriff and the Legislature understand the staffing requirements that are necessary.

Legislator Montgomery stated that this is all new for her tonight when talking about consulting groups. She stated that maybe she did not understand what the County's Procurement Policy was. She assumed that we would need to go out to bid for

something like this. She stated that she was speaking about public process for procuring services. She questioned if anyone has spoken to the Sheriff about this.

Legislator Sullivan stated that the Sheriff has been aware of this for weeks. He stated that the County Procurement Policy does not require an RFP if it is under \$50,000 for professional services.

Legislator Montgomery stated that she spoke to the Sheriff today and he was not aware of the Bondadio group performing this.

Chairwoman Addonizio clarified the amendment to place the funds in subcontingency. She stated that no one is asking for funds to be removed from the budget. She stated that subcontingency safeguards the funds.

Legislator Montgomery explained that the funds for Automated License Plate Readers (ALPR) stayed in subcontingency for a year.

Legislator Nacerino stated that every department has had increases with their contractual raises, longevity, health benefits and pension costs that impact their budgets. She stated that there has not been one (1) other department that needed to increase anything as a result of this; working within the parameters of their own budget to accommodate these increases. She did not see why this could not be applied to the Sheriff's Department as well. She stated that it is his responsibility to plan and produce the budget and he did not plan it accordingly. She believed the money in the Jail line could have easily been recognized and moved to Road Patrol overtime; but it was not. She stated that she would like to see the money in subcontingency. She stated that it speaks to accountability.

Chairwoman Addonizio called for a Roll Call Vote on the motion to amend. Five Ayes – Legislators Albano, Nacerino, Sayegh, Sullivan and Chairwoman Addonizio. Four Nays – Legislators Castellano, Gouldman, Jonke and Montgomery. Motion carries.

Chairwoman Addonizio called for a Roll Call Vote on the amended resolution.

**RESOLUTION #198**

**Sheriff's Department**

	<b>FROM:</b>	<b>TO:</b>
<b>Jail Overtime</b>		
<b>10315000 51093</b>	<b>424,000</b>	<b>359,000</b>
<b>Subcontingency</b>		
<b>10199000 54986</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>65,000</b>

**A DIFFERENCE OF: 0**

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

**Item #4w - Proposal by Legislator Jonke at B&F Meeting – Sheriff’s Department – Marine Patrol Overtime (Tabled from B&F meeting). Chairwoman Addonizio recognized Legislator Jonke.**

**Legislator Jonke stated that he met with members of the Sheriff’s Department, the Undersheriff and one (1) of the Captains. He stated that they came up with a method to fund the Marine Patrol overtime, taking it from other accounts for a zero-fiscal impact. He stated it would restore the Marine Patrol to the Hudson River and Lake Mahopac.**

**Legislator Montgomery thanked Legislator Jonke for his work on restoring this. She stated that it was very important to her District. She spoke to the Coastguard Commander and Chief of Emergency Management several times this week. She stated that they have some great concerns about eliminating Putnam’s Marine Patrol. She stated that she was surprised to read in the County Executive’s Press Release which stated that it was not even in Putnam County’s jurisdiction. She stated that she could show where the jurisdiction is along the Hudson River. She stated during COVID-19 recreational traffic has increased with kayakers and boaters. She believed it was the gateway for drug trafficking and crime in our District.**

**Legislator Sullivan stated that she had a conversation with his Town Supervisor Kenneth Schmitt regarding the situation on Lake Mahopac. He stated that he was more than happy to oblige, and that the Carmel Police Department would be picking up any slack there may be with patrolling Lake Mahopac. He stated that Supervisor Schmitt also mentioned that Captain Tompkins from the Sheriff’s Department, called Supervisor Schmitt and explained that Legislator Sullivan stated that there were instances when both the Carmel Police Department and the Putnam County Marine Patrol were on the lake at the same time. He stated that Supervisor Schmitt said that this was correct, and he has seen several cases where there is a duplication of services. Legislator Sullivan stated that Supervisor Schmitt was going to allocate funds in the Town of Carmel budget to cover any reduction of services experienced from pulling off the Putnam County Marine Patrol from Lake Mahopac.**

***Legislator Sayegh made a motion to amend this resolution by taking the amounts coming out of the lines and placing it in subcontingency, not Marine Patrol overtime; seconded by Legislator Albano.***

**Legislator Montgomery stated that the Marine Patrol would not be funded and discontinuing our partnership with the Coastguard and State Police. She questioned if we could get a letter from the Carmel Town Supervisor which states the conversations that took place with Legislators Sullivan and Sayegh.**

**Legislator Sullivan stated to Legislator Montgomery that he does not ask her for letters from people who she says have told her things.**

**Legislator Albano stated that this is part of his District too. He stated that the Carmel Police do a fantastic job policing Lake Mahopac. He stated that they are prepared to step up and have done it for many years. It is not something new that they will have to adjust tremendously to. He explained that the Sheriff's Department has assisted in patrolling Lake Mahopac for only a few years. He explained that it would have been interesting to see the occurrences over the last year at Lake Mahopac and the Hudson River, as it would give more validity on why we need to patrol these areas.**

**Legislator Nacerino stated that she supported placing the money in subcontingency. She believed it was clearly a redundancy of services. She stated that the Putnam County Sheriff's Department did not originally patrol the waters. She believed there was adequate supervision on Lake Mahopac and the Hudson River from various agencies. She did not believe that safety would be compromised. She stated that the money expended for the Marine Patrol is solely paid out of overtime funds. She stated that it is not a matter of defunding; but a matter of looking for efficiencies.**

**Legislator Castellano stated that he was concerned about taking funding out of the Sheriff's Bicycle Patrol overtime line. He stated that he receives many calls from constituents regarding graffiti and issues on the bike path. He stated that he does not understand why the Sheriff would take \$15,000 out of this line. He believed that we should keep the full \$25,000 budgeted amount in this line. He believed it would be helpful to have the Sheriff's Department patrol the bike path to alert us to issues occurring there. He stated that for this reason he would be voting no to the amendment.**

**Legislator Jonke concurred with Legislator Castellano as far as the bike path overtime money. He stated that he was also looking for reports on the activity that takes place on Lake Mahopac and the Hudson River. He stated that Captain Tompkins informed him that just having a police presence will keep things in check. He stated that if there are boaters that see the Sheriff's Department, or any law enforcement on the body of water, they are more likely to tone their behavior down and less likely to have an incident occur. He stated that this keeps the lake and river safer.**

**Legislator Montgomery believed that we received documentation from Captain Tompkins regarding the Marine Patrol. She questioned why we would propose something without that documentation. She stated that we have had the Marine Patrol for over 20 years and became a necessity after 9/11. She did not understand why we were jeopardizing public safety at a time when we are seeing an increase in incidents and people on the river. She advocated for the Marine Patrol for her District. She questioned if anyone had reached out to the Coastguard or the State Police on the Hudson River.**

**Legislator Sullivan agreed with Legislator Montgomery that we did receive the 150-page documentation from Captain Tompkins. He stated that what it showed was that most of the activity on the Hudson River were ceremonial, helping out West Point and assisting other agencies in other ceremonial type activities. He stated that as far as Lake**



**Mahopac, there were no incidents. He believed that there was nothing in the data that would warrant having a Marine Patrol.**

**Legislator Albano stated that we are moving the funding to subcontingency. He explained if he sees anything being forwarded to the Legislature which justifies having the Marine Patrol, then maybe we could explore that option next year; the money will be in subcontingency.**

**Legislator Jonke stated that we received a voluminous report from Captain Tompkins which he believed was mostly time sheets, reporting the time they were patrolling and they were not really incident reports.**

**Legislator Sullivan stated that he did supply incident reports, however, that just shows the few incidents that occur on those bodies of water.**

**Legislator Nacerino stated that there is a police presence on those waters; State Police and the Coastguard.**

**Legislator Montgomery stated that she has spoken to the Coastguard and he is astounded that we are making this move.**

**Chairwoman Addonizio wanted to clarify that the patrolling of Lake Oscawana is still in the budget at \$25,000.**

**Chairwoman Addonizio called for a Roll Call Vote on the motion to amend the resolution. Five Ayes – Legislators Albano, Nacerino, Sayegh, Sullivan and Chairwoman Addonizio. Four Nays – Legislators Castellano, Gouldman, Jonke and Montgomery. Motion carries.**

**Legislator Sayegh stated that based on the discussions and documentation received from the Sheriff's Department, these waters are not solely patrolled or the responsibility of the Sheriff's Department. She explained that Lake Mahopac remains fully patrolled by the Carmel Police Department without any additional overtime incurred by the Sheriff's Department.**

**Legislator Montgomery stated Captain Tompkins' letter did indicate that the data collected was not a clear picture and the Coastguard is not always present. She did not know how this would fair for the County as we partner with other law enforcement and emergency management organizations. She stated that we are relying on the State Police and the Coastguard and she questioned where the municipal agreements with those agencies were before we actually do away with this.**

**Legislator Albano did not understand why we would have a municipal agreement. He stated that the is clearly a State waterway at the edge of our County.**

**Legislator Montgomery explained that the Hudson River is in Putnam County.**

Legislator Nacerino stated that we believe it is a redundancy of services.

Chairwoman Addonizio called for a Roll Call Vote on the resolution as amended by Legislator Sayegh.

**RESOLUTION #199**

**Sheriff's Department**

	<b>FROM:</b>	<b>TO:</b>
<b>Marine Patrol Uniforms</b> 17003000 54385	<b>2,000</b>	<b>500</b>
<b>Jail Food Services</b> <b>Food</b> 10010000 54320	<b>200,000</b>	<b>195,000</b>
<b>Jail Building Maintenance</b> 10011000 54510	<b>140,000</b>	<b>130,000</b>
<b>Sheriff Patrol Weight Enforcement</b> <b>Overtime</b> 17002000 51093	<b>15,000</b>	<b>5,000</b>
<b>Sheriff Patrol Bicycle</b> <b>Overtime</b> 17004000 51093	<b>25,000</b>	<b>10,000</b>
<b>Uniforms</b> 17004000 54385	<b>2,000</b>	<b>500</b>
<b>Subcontingency</b> 10199000 54986	<b>0</b>	<b>43,000</b>

**A DIFFERENCE OF: 0**

**Adjust Fringes & Revenue Accordingly.**

**BY ROLL CALL VOTE: FIVE AYES. FOUR NAYS – LEGISLATORS CASTELLANO, GOULDMAN, JONKE & MONTGOMERY. MOTION CARRIES.**

**Item #5 – Other Business**

**Item #5a – Sheriff’s Department – Remove Two (2) Vacant Jail Positions & Decrease Civil Temporary by \$2,725 – to Create Civil Sergeant Position (proposal by Legislator Jonke). Chairwoman Addonizio recognized Legislator Jonke.**

**Legislator Jonke stated that he requested the Sheriff’s Department to provide the Legislature with a letter of necessity, explaining the need for this Civil Sergeant position. He stated that the letter explains the need and the methodology for funding the position.**

**Legislator Jonke made a motion to add this to the agenda; seconded by Legislator Castellano.**

**By Roll Call Vote: Four Ayes – Legislators Castellano, Gouldman, Jonke and Montgomery. Five Nays – Legislators Albano, Nacerino, Sayegh, Sullivan and Chairwoman Addonizio. Motion fails.**

**Sheriff’s Department**

	<b>FROM:</b>	<b>TO:</b>
<b>Jail Personnel 10315000 51000 (103)</b>	<b>55,166</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Jail Personnel 10315000 51000 (160)</b>	<b>55,166</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Sheriff - Civil Temporary 15311000 51094</b>	<b>9,475</b>	<b>6,750</b>
<b>Sheriff – Civil Sergeant 15311000 51000 (102)</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>113,057</b>

**A DIFFERENCE OF: 0**

**Adjust Fringes & Revenue Accordingly.**

**Item #5b – Legislature – Increase Personnel Lines / Legislators & Chair Stipend (proposal by Legislator Sullivan). Chairwoman Addonizio recognized Legislator Sullivan.**

**Legislator Sullivan stated that he would like to amend the Legislators salaries and adjust for COLA that management, Elected Officials and the unions received.**

**Legislator Sullivan made a motion to add this to the agenda; seconded by Legislators Nacerino and Sayegh.**

**By Roll Call Vote: Seven Ayes – Legislators Albano, Gouldman, Jonke, Nacerino, Sayegh, Sullivan and Chairwoman Addonizio. Two Nays – Legislators Castellano and Montgomery. Motion carries.**

**Legislator Montgomery clarified that the Legislators were requesting the 2.4% raise. She stated that she is not in favor of this. She stated that we just cut services in her District, basically defunding police. She was concerned about the status of public safety in her District and here we are giving ourselves raises.**

**Chairwoman Addonizio called for a Roll Call Vote on the resolution.**

**RESOLUTION #200**

**Legislature**

	<b>FROM:</b>	<b>TO:</b>
<b>Legislator’s Personnel Lines</b>		
<b>10101001 51000 (101 – 109)</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>8,730</b>
<b>Chair Stipend</b>		
<b>10101001 51000 (190)</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>242</b>
<b>FICA</b>		
<b>10101001 58002</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>686</b>

**A DIFFERENCE OF: 9,658**

**Adjust Fringes & Revenue Accordingly.**

**BY ROLL CALL VOTE: FIVE AYES. FOUR NAYS – LEGISLATORS CASTELLANO, GOULDMAN, MONTGOMERY & CHAIRWOMAN ADDONIZIO. MOTION CARRIES.**

**Item #5c – Legislature – Increase Contract Line – Legislative Counsel (proposal by Legislator Sullivan). Chairwoman Addonizio recognized Legislator Sullivan.**

**Legislator Sullivan stated that this was to correct an oversight for our Legislative Counsel’s annual compensation to increase it by \$5,000 in accordance with prior year increases per the Request For Proposal (RFP).**

**Legislator Sullivan made a motion to add this item to the agenda; seconded by Legislator Jonke.**

**By Roll Call Vote: Eight Ayes – Legislators Albano, Castellano, Gouldman, Jonke, Nacerino, Sayegh, Sullivan and Chairwoman Addonizio. One Nay – Legislator Montgomery. Motion carries.**

Legislator Sullivan stated that even with this increase, Legislative Counsel Firriolo's compensation is below the amount of the former Legislative Counsel's salary when he left in 2017. He stated that this will get him almost back to that point. He stated that because of the lower compensation that we have been paying him, it has saved the County over tens of thousands of dollars over the last three (3) years. He thanked Legislative Counsel Firriolo for the great work he has done for the Legislature.

Legislator Nacerino echoed Legislator Sullivan's comments. She believed this was well deserved and the Legislature was lucky to have someone of his caliber. She thanked him for all he has done.

Legislator Montgomery stated that this was not in the public notice.

Chairwoman Addonizio stated that it was a Request For Proposal (RFP), a public notice was not needed.

Legislator Montgomery stated that this was a 6.6% raise during a time of economic crisis with the pandemic.

Legislator Albano stated that an increase of \$5,000 was outlined in the proposal for each year.

Chairwoman Addonizio called for a Roll Call Vote on the proposed resolution.

**RESOLUTION #201**

**Legislature**

	<b>FROM:</b>	<b>TO:</b>
<b>Contracts</b>		
10101001 54646	75,000	80,000

**A DIFFERENCE OF: 5,000**

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

**Item #5d – Sheriff's Department – Reduce Road Patrol Vehicles by \$25,000 per NYS Contract Price (proposal by Legislator Sullivan). Chairwoman Addonizio recognized Legislator Sullivan.**

**Legislator Sullivan stated that there was \$250,000 budgeted for Road Patrol Vehicles. He stated that after speaking with Purchasing Director Alex Mazzotta, the cost of purchasing**

six (6) road patrol vehicles should be approximately \$225,000. He is suggesting that we adjust this to the proper amount.

Legislator Sullivan made a motion to add this item on the agenda; seconded by Legislator Jonke.

By Roll Call Vote: Six Ayes – Legislators Albano, Jonke, Nacerino, Sayegh, Sullivan and Chairwoman Addonizio. Three Nays – Legislators Castellano, Gouldman and Montgomery. Motion carries.

Legislator Montgomery stated that she remembered the discussions in Committee and the topic of purchasing them from Rockland County’s bid. She questioned what would happen if the bid did not cover everything they need. She stated that we do not have any of the information before us such as; the lighting package, essential equipment and markings on the vehicle. She stated that this cut may not allow them to purchase the number of vehicles needed because the price may change.

Chairwoman Addonizio questioned Legislator Sullivan if the vehicles were fully outfitted.

Legislator Sullivan stated that he did not work up the pricing. He stated that it was a document he received from Purchasing Director Mazzotta. He stated that if something happens and the price of the vehicles increase, the Sheriff’s Department can always come back to the Legislature.

Legislator Montgomery questioned if Legislator Sullivan spoke to the Sheriff on this.

Legislator Sullivan stated that he spoke to the Purchasing Director because he is the person who orders the vehicles.

Legislator Nacerino believed we were following best practice when we have supporting documentation for any purchase being made. She stated that this is an accurate quote and if for some reason it falls short, they could always come back to the Legislature. She stated that Legislator Sullivan’s proposal is \$4,000 higher than the quote.

Chairwoman Addonizio called for a Roll Call Vote on the resolution.

By Roll Call Vote: Four Ayes – Legislators Albano, Nacerino, Sayegh and Sullivan. Five Nays – Legislators Castellano, Gouldman, Jonke, Montgomery and Chairwoman Addonizio. Motion fails.

**Sheriff’s Department**

	FROM:	TO:
Road Patrol Vehicles		
173110000 52650	250,000	225,000
Reduce to NYS Contract Price		

**A DIFFERENCE OF: (25,000)**

**At 8:32 P.M., Chairwoman Addonizio made a motion to recess as they go over the figures with the Auditor; seconded by Legislators Jonke and Nacerino. All in favor.**

**At 8:38 P.M., Chairwoman Addonizio reconvened the meeting and requested a Roll Call to make sure all Legislators were present.**

**By Roll Call: All Legislators were present.**

**Item #6 – Offset Changes to Budget was next.**

**Chairwoman Addonizio made a motion to move the following; seconded by Legislator Nacerino.**

**Legislator Montgomery believed it could come from somewhere else and not the fund balance, like raises.**

**RESOLUTION #202**

**Offset Changes**

	<b>FROM:</b>	<b>TO:</b>
<b>Use of Fund Balance</b>		
<b>10131000 427161</b>	<b>3,000,000</b>	<b>3,127,987</b>

**Or such adjusted amount as required to offset changes to the Tentative Budget by the County Legislature, including County Executive's Vetoes not overridden by the County Legislature and including final adjustment for Health Insurance rates, to comply with the Tax Cap requirements of the State of New York. It being the intent of the Legislature to comply with Real Property Tax Law and Levy of \$45,561,412.00.**

**APPROXIMATE DIFFERENCE OF: 127,987**

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

**Item #7a – Approval of the Budget Resolutions was next. Chairwoman Addonizio made a motion to move the following; seconded by Legislator Jonke.**

**Legislator Nacerino stated that there has been a lot of talk about the management raises like they are the millionaires of the County. She stated that they are hardworking men and women who give 100% each day. They are not protected under a collective**

bargaining unit, receive no overtime, no step increases and no longevity stipends. She stated that many Department Heads did not work from home during the height of the pandemic, as most did, but conversely reported to work even in a perilous climate. She stated that there were also many instances where subordinates actually earned more than the managers that supervised them. She stated that this was one of the reasons we chose to raise the Sheriff Captains and Lieutenants salaries so that would not be the case. She stated that she supported an increase for managers. It is well deserved, and they have earned it just as our contractual employees have earned it as well. She stated that unions were not asked to open their contracts or take a freeze, so should the 140 people who fall under the management title freeze their salaries? She explained that these 140 people are unwavering in their commitment to do their job in serving the people of Putnam County, including our Sheriff Captains and Lieutenants; is anyone suggesting that we rescind that motion? Legislator Nacerino proceeded to name all the management positions and Elected Officials. She stated that their obligations do not cease at the end of a workday or a Friday afternoon.

Legislator Sullivan believed this was a fiscally prudent and responsible \$164 million budget that the Administration and Legislature has put together for 2021, keeping expenses and costs in check, given that 70% of the County's expenses are mandated by New York State. He stated that we have still been able to take care of our seniors, veterans, libraries and outside agencies. He stated that no one's budget was reduced, defunded and there were no layoffs or furloughs in this tough economic time dealing with the COVID-19 pandemic. He stated that we were able to keep it below the tax cap without cutting any essential services. He stated that the Legislature supports law enforcement and the Bureau of Emergency Services in Putnam County. He stated that the police are the first responders to a broad range of public safety issues and serious crime. He stated that crimes will not end if we abolish or defund the police. He stated that we will not defund or abolish the police here in Putnam County. He stated that the Sheriff Department's budget for 2021 is \$30.8 million, an increase of \$763,000 from the 2020 budget. He stated that if anyone talks about defunding the police; it is a complete lie. He stated that the Sheriff Department's budget is 19% of the entire County budget. He stated that in 2019, \$2.8 million was spent in overtime incurred by the Sheriff Deputies in the Corrections office. He stated that 48 of the top 100 paid County employees are Deputy Sheriffs. He stated that for anyone to say that we are defunding and not taking care of our fleet is inaccurate. He stated that the Sheriff needs to do something with the Jail. He stated that the dangerous cashless bail legislation approved in Albany is a complete disgrace and is causing many hardships by allowing these people out that should be in jail. He stated that the Jail is down to approximately 40 people, yet the Jail budget has increased from approximately \$500,000 from last year to over \$11 million. He stated that something needs to be done with the Jail and it is the Sheriff's job to come to us with ideas and solutions to get that under control. He stated that the surrounding counties are looking for ways to reduce the cost of their Jails. He thanked the Administration for all their hard work on the budget.



Legislator Montgomery thanked everyone who participated in the budget process. She stated that there are still some things in this budget that she does not have answers to. She discussed the cost of living increase for the Director of Transportation which is based on his salary plus a grant stipend he received for his work on the Southeast Danbury rail line. He stated that his salary plus the stipend was shown as his base salary. She questioned if the stipend would be removed in the 2022 budget, along with the 2.4% increase that was added to it. She stated that we are giving our attorney a 6.6% increase because in 2017 when he was hired it was not on par with the other salaries. She suggested that the next time we hire someone we ask them the question if they were going to be asking for a 6.6% increase in three (3) years, because that is basically what we are doing. She stated that public safety was defunded in her District and giving Legislator raises does not sit well with her. She stated that it is difficult for her to vote for this budget when we are giving ourselves raises when she knows that there are full time employees in the County who do not what we make in our part time salaries. She believed the focus should be on the families that have been impacted by COVID-19 and this budget does not do that. It focuses on major increases of executive salaries. She did not believe that raises, on top of our guaranteed wages, is a wise use of money at this time. She believed that making up a shortfall by defunding public safety was not the answer or by raising the rent on our only mental health facility. She believed that we needed to focus on the community and the tremendous change in life and additional hardships caused by this virus. She stated that she would be voting no on this budget.

Legislator Albano stated that we have honored all of our union contracts and the raises have totaled well over \$1 million. He explained that he did not see a problem with giving management a raise. He stated that there were many years with no raises.

Legislator Sayegh thanked the Department Heads for doing their part in coming up with innovated ways to save taxpayer funds. She stated that they all worked very hard and diligently on their budgets. She stated that she was proud of this budget and she believed that we were taking care of our most valuable resource; our employees who serve the County. She stated that we have good management skills, good conservative budgeting practices, and great leadership that help us identify ways where we can save even more money for the taxpayers. She thanked all of our employees and everyone who had a hand in creating this, under the tax cap budget.

Chairwoman Addonizio stated that we have been faced with extreme circumstances here in Putnam County, and yet in our 2021 budget no one has been defunded, and there have been no layoffs. She stated that the 2021 budget contains less than a 1% increase in spending over the 2020 adopted budget, all while meeting mandates set forth by Federal and State government of 70%. She stated that we fully support law enforcement and first responders here in Putnam County and we value our Sheriff's Department. She stated that there have been some false statements made regarding defunding our Sheriff's Department. She stated that we are not defunding the police. She stated that there is an increase in the 2021 budget for the Sheriff and Corrections Departments, allocating \$30.8 million, which equals 19% of Putnam County's entire budget. She stated that some

people were also under the impression that we were not funding training in the Sheriff's Department. She stated that this would be discretionary training set forth by the Sheriff and he has not asked for an increase in his education line. She stated that there is \$146,338 in the Sheriff's Education and Training line. She stated that there are also misleading statements regarding monetary cuts to our Health Department, Social Services and Legal Aid. She assured everyone that there were not cuts to any of these departments. She stated that the Health Department has done an outstanding job in the face of COVID-19 and we recognize the battle of addictions and increasing mental health issues in Putnam County. She stated that we also never forget our veterans and seniors. Unfortunately, New York State has cut our much-needed Veterans Peer to Peer Program. She stated that we consistently support our outside agencies, including the SPCA, Humane Society, Cornell Cooperative Extension, Libraries, Museums and Tourism, which all add to the quality of life for our residents. She stated that there was discussion over the years to consolidate the 911 Dispatch and our consolidation will decrease redundancies while moving along on the same operations as our neighboring counties. She stated that the consolidation will provide increased efficiencies and public safety. She stated that all stakeholders, including the Sheriff, are in favor of this consolidation. She stated that this is a fiscally conservative budget and she believes it is in the best interest of our taxpayers. She thanked Auditing and the Legislative staff, along with Department Heads and her fellow Legislators for all their hard work during this budget process.

Legislator Nacerino too commended everyone for their hard work in producing this budget. She stated that the Transportation Manager was approved on January 7<sup>th</sup>, by this Legislature, for the \$15,000 stipend. She stated that the work he is doing is beyond the scope of Transportation Manager within the confines of Putnam County. She stated that the stipend is for a Project Manager and is fully reimbursable by NYMTIC. He is working diligently, day and night. She stated that he also has a master's degree in planning and is highly qualified to take on this role. She stated that we have seen many times salaries are being paid by grant funding. She stated that this is not the exception. She stated that we look forward to the Southeast Danbury Rail Link feasibility planning and study. She stated that this is an important project and the Transportation Manager is the perfect candidate to see this to fruition.

#### **RESOLUTION #203**

#### **APPROVAL OF THE 2021 BUDGET RESOLUTIONS**

**RESOLVED**, that the Putnam County Legislature hereby approves the 2021 budget resolutions as pre-filed by the Budget & Finance Committee and amended by the Legislature on October 29, 2020; and be it further

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

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

**Item #7b - Approval/Resolution Adopting the Budget for Fiscal Year 2021 Commencing January 1, 2021 Making Appropriations for the Operation of the County Government and Establishing Rates of Compensation for Officers and Employees for the Fiscal Year 2021 was next. Chairwoman Addonizio made a motion to move the following; seconded by Legislator Sayegh.**

**RESOLUTION #204**

**A RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE BUDGET FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2021 COMMENCING JANUARY 1, 2021 MAKING APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE OPERATION OF THE COUNTY GOVERNMENT AND ESTABLISHING RATES OF COMPENSATION FOR OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2021**

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

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

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

**RESOLVED, that this act takes effect on January 1, 2021.**

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

**There being no further business, at 9:13 P.M., Chairwoman Addonizio made a motion to adjourn in memory of Michael Moore from the Putnam County Sheriff's Department where he worked in the Special Patrol Division; seconded by Legislator Jonke. All in favor.**

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