

**SPECIAL MEETING
OF THE
PUTNAM COUNTY LEGISLATURE
CALLED BY THE CLERK AT THE REQUEST OF THE CHAIRMAN
FOR THE ADOPTION OF THE 2025 BUDGET
HELD IN THE
HISTORIC COURTHOUSE
CARMEL, NEW YORK 10512**

Tuesday October 29, 2024 7:00 p.m.

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

Chairman Jonke read a statement from Legislator Crowley stating that she was unable to attend the meeting due to a death in the family.

Chairman Jonke read a statement from Legislator Nacerino about the budget process which included a statement that she was unable to attend the Adopt the Budget meeting due to an acute eye infection.

Item #4 - Pre-filed Resolutions

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

Item #4a - Health Department – NYC DEP Grant – Adjust Revenue was next. On behalf of the Budget & Finance Committee, Chairman Jonke moved the following:

RESOLUTION #233

Health Department

	FROM:	TO:
NYC Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) Grant Revenue 12401002 422801 10050	(230,000)	(270,000)

A DIFFERENCE OF: (40,000)

Public Health Infrastructure Grant Public Health Emergency Preparedness (PHEP) Revenue 26401001 444892 10205	(258,110)	(216,851)
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A DIFFERENCE OF: 41,259

A TOTAL DIFFERENCE OF: 1,259

BY POLL VOTE: SEVEN AYES. LEGISLATORS CROWLEY & NACERINO WERE ABSENT. MOTION CARRIES.

Item #4b - Youth Bureau – Pegasus Program – Adjust to Proper Account - Move \$1,000 from Promotional Materials to Miscellaneous was next. On behalf of the Budget & Finance Committee, Chairman Jonke moved the following:

RESOLUTION #234

Youth Bureau

	FROM:	TO:
Pegasus Program Promotional Materials (Move to Proper Account) 10088000 54329	1,000	0
Miscellaneous 10088000 54989	2,000	3,000

A DIFFERENCE OF: 0

BY POLL VOTE: SEVEN AYES. LEGISLATORS CROWLEY & NACERINO WERE ABSENT. MOTION CARRIES.

Item #4c - Mental Health Administration – OASAS Abatement Funds – Correct Revenue - Reduce Revenue from \$284,153 to \$218,179 was next. On behalf of the Budget & Finance Committee, Chairman Jonke moved the following:

RESOLUTION #235

Mental Health Administration

	FROM:	TO:
OASAS Abatement Funds Correct Revenue 10431000 434983 10206	(284,153)	(218,179)

A DIFFERENCE OF: 65,974

BY POLL VOTE: SEVEN AYES. LEGISLATORS CROWLEY & NACERINO WERE ABSENT. MOTION CARRIES.

Item #4d - Mental Health Administration – Vehicle Leasing/Rental – Increase from One (1) Vehicle to Two (2) Vehicles as Requested – From \$8,000 to \$16,560 was next. On behalf of the Budget & Finance Committee, Chairman Jonke moved the following:

RESOLUTION #236

Mental Health Administration

Vehicle Leasing/Rental
(Include 2nd Car Requested)
10431000 54210

FROM:	TO:
8,000	16,560

A DIFFERENCE OF: 8,560

Adjust Revenue Accordingly.

BY POLL VOTE: SEVEN AYES. LEGISLATORS CROWLEY & NACERINO WERE ABSENT. MOTION CARRIES.

Item #4e - Office For Disabled – Computer Equipment – Not Covered by Grant – Move to DGS and Designate for Office For Disabled was next. On behalf of the Budget & Finance Committee, Chairman Jonke moved the following:

RESOLUTION #237

Office For Disabled

Computer Equipment
10198900 52130

FROM:	TO:
1,650	0

IT Computer Equipment
10168000 52130

(Move to DGS & Designate for Office for Disabled)

0	1,650
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A DIFFERENCE OF: 0

BY POLL VOTE: SEVEN AYES. LEGISLATORS CROWLEY & NACERINO WERE ABSENT. MOTION CARRIES.

Item #4f - Social Services Department Administration – Computer Equipment – Increase from \$0 to \$47,500 – Restore to Requested Amount was next. On behalf of the Budget & Finance Committee, Chairman Jonke moved the following:

RESOLUTION #238

Social Services Department – Administration

Computer Equipment
10104000 52130

FROM:	TO:
0	23,750

Computer Equipment
10120000 52130

0	23,750
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A DIFFERENCE OF: 47,500
(Restore to Requested Amount)

BY POLL VOTE: SEVEN AYES. LEGISLATORS CROWLEY & NACERINO WERE ABSENT. MOTION CARRIES.

Item #4g - Social Services Department Administration – Chargeback Contracts - Increase to Requested Two (2) Special Patrol Officers (SPO) – from \$68,632 to \$82,076 was next. On behalf of the Budget & Finance Committee, Chairman Jonke moved the following:

Legislator Gouldman stated that this is actually a wash because the revenue line is adjusted for the same amount in Item #4jj.

RESOLUTION #239

Social Services Department – Administration

	FROM:	TO:
Chargeback Contracts (Restore to requested two (2) Special Patrol Officers) 10120000 55646	68,632	82,076

A DIFFERENCE OF: 13,444

BY POLL VOTE: SEVEN AYES. LEGISLATORS CROWLEY & NACERINO WERE ABSENT. MOTION CARRIES.

Item #4h - Social Services Department – Juvenile Delinquent & PINS – Move to Proper Account - Move Miscellaneous amount of \$153,212 to Contracts was next. On behalf of the Budget & Finance Committee, Chairman Jonke moved the following:

RESOLUTION #240

Social Services Department

	FROM:	TO:
Juvenile Delinquent & PINS (Move to Proper Account) Miscellaneous 10612300 54989	153,212	0
Contracts 10612300 54646	0	153,212

A DIFFERENCE OF: 0

BY POLL VOTE: SEVEN AYES. LEGISLATORS CROWLEY & NACERINO WERE ABSENT. MOTION CARRIES.

Item #4i – Social Services Department – Putnam Workforce Partnership – Correct Revenue Accounts - WIA Adult CFDA 17.258 and WIA Dislocated Worker was next. On behalf of the Budget & Finance Committee, Chairman Jonke moved the following:

RESOLUTION #241

Social Services Department

	FROM:	TO:
Putnam Workforce Partnership WIA Adult CFDA 17.258 Correct Revenue 10629300 447912	(71,926)	(76,866)

A DIFFERENCE OF: (4,940)

WIA Dislocated Worker 17.260 Correct Revenue 10629300 447917	(164,833)	(176,154)
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A DIFFERENCE OF: (11,321)

A TOTAL DIFFERENCE OF: (16,261)

BY POLL VOTE: SEVEN AYES. LEGISLATORS CROWLEY & NACERINO WERE ABSENT. MOTION CARRIES.

Item #4j – County Clerk – Contingency Fund - 2.75% COLA Increase – Move out of Subcontingency was next. On behalf of the Budget & Finance Committee, Chairman Jonke moved the following:

RESOLUTION #242

Contingency Fund

	FROM:	TO:
Subcontingency 10199000 54990 (County Clerk 2.75% COLA)	4,391	0

A DIFFERENCE OF: (4,391)

County Clerk 10141000 51000 (101) (2.75% COLA Increase)	148,312	152,391
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FICA 10141000 58002	0	312
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A DIFFERENCE OF: 4,391

A TOTAL DIFFERENCE OF: 0

Adjust fringes and revenue accordingly.

BY POLL VOTE: SEVEN AYES. LEGISLATORS CROWLEY & NACERINO WERE ABSENT. MOTION CARRIES.

Item #4k – Sheriff - Contingency Fund – 2.75% COLA Increase – Move out of Subcontingency. On behalf of the Budget & Finance Committee, Chairman Jonke moved the following:

RESOLUTION #243

Contingency Fund

	FROM:	TO:
Subcontingency		
10199000 54991	5,043	0
(Sheriff 2.75% COLA)		

A DIFFERENCE OF: (5,043)

Sheriff		
10311000 51000 (101)	170,376	175,061
(2.75% COLA Increase)		

FICA		
10311000 58002	0	358

A DIFFERENCE OF: 5,043

A TOTAL DIFFERENCE OF: 0

Adjust fringes and revenue accordingly.

BY POLL VOTE: SEVEN AYES. LEGISLATORS CROWLEY & NACERINO WERE ABSENT. MOTION CARRIES.

Item #4L – Coroners - Contingency Fund – 2.75% COLA Increase – Move out of Subcontingency was next. On behalf of the Budget & Finance Committee, Chairman Jonke moved the following:

RESOLUTION #244

Contingency Fund

	FROM:	TO:
Subcontingency		
10199000 54992	2,280	0

(Coroners 2.75% COLA)

A DIFFERENCE OF: (2,280)

Coroner 10118500 51000 (101) (2.75% COLA Increase)	25,688	26,394
Coroner 10118500 51000 (102) (2.75% COLA Increase)	25,688	26,394
Coroner 10118500 51000 (103) (2.75% COLA Increase)	25,688	26,394
FICA 10118500 58002	0	162

A DIFFERENCE OF: 2,280

A TOTAL DIFFERENCE OF: 0

Adjust fringes and revenue accordingly.

BY POLL VOTE: SEVEN AYES. LEGISLATORS CROWLEY & NACERINO WERE ABSENT. MOTION CARRIES.

Item #4m – Legislature/Auditing - Contingency Fund – Legislators 2.75% COLA Increase – Move out of Subcontingency was next. On behalf of the Budget & Finance Committee, Chairman Jonke moved the following:

Legislator Gouldman stated that we currently have two (2) union contracts that expired; PCSEA and CSEA. He did not feel comfortable supporting this until these contracts are settled.

Legislator Montgomery made a motion to separate the vote.

Chairman Jonke questioned in what way.

Legislator Montgomery stated that we have the Legislators salary and stipend in the same vote.

Chairman Jonke explained that the stipend is attached to the Legislators salary by Charter.

Legislator Montgomery clarified that the stipend was connected to the Chairman's salary. She stated that she would like to vote on the Legislators increase and separate the Legislative Stipend for the Chairman.

Chairman Jonke questioned Legislative Counsel Firriolo if it was possible to separate those two (2).

Legislative Counsel Firriolo stated that the rule states that a request to divide the question shall be granted as long as it is feasible.

County Auditor Alfano-Sharkey stated that the Chairman's stipend is tied to the Legislators salary.

Legislative Clerk Schonfeld stated that it is 25% of the salary.

Chairman Jonke stated in reference to Legislator Gouldman's comment that the Legislature does not negotiate the contracts. It is up to the County Executive.

RESOLUTION #245

Contingency Fund

	FROM:	TO:
Subcontingency		
10199000 54997	12,467	0
(Legislators 2.75% COLA)		
A DIFFERENCE OF: (12,467)		
Legislators		
(2.75% COLA Increase)		
10101001 51000 (101)	45,518	46,770
10101001 51000 (102)	45,518	46,770
10101001 51000 (103)	45,518	46,770
10101001 51000 (104)	45,518	46,770
10101001 51000 (105)	45,518	46,770
10101001 51000 (106)	45,518	46,770
10101001 51000 (107)	45,518	46,770
10101001 51000 (108)	45,518	46,770
10101001 51000 (109)	45,518	46,770
Legislative Stipend		
10101001 51000 (190)	11,380	11,693
FICA		
10101001 58002	0	886

A DIFFERENCE OF: 12,467

A TOTAL DIFFERENCE OF: 0

Adjust fringes and revenue accordingly.

BY ROLL CALL VOTE: FIVE AYES. TWO NAYS – LEGISLATORS GOULDMAN & MONTGOMERY. LEGISLATORS CROWLEY & NACERINO WERE ABSENT. MOTION CARRIES.

Item #4n – Legislature/Auditing – Contingency Fund – Legislative Staff 2.75% COLA Increase – Move out of Subcontingency was next. On behalf of the Budget & Finance Committee, Chairman Jonke moved the following:

RESOLUTION #246

Contingency Fund

	FROM:	TO:
Subcontingency 10199000 54997 (Legislature/Auditing 2.75% COLA)	10,368	0
A DIFFERENCE OF: (10,368)		
Clerk to Legislature 10101001 51000 (110) (2.75% COLA Increase)	116,762	119,973
Deputy Clerk 10101001 51000 (111) (2.75% COLA Increase)	95,361	97,983
Administrative Assistant 10101001 51000 (113) (2.75% COLA Increase)	65,571	67,374
Administrative Assistant 10101001 51000 (114) (2.75% COLA Increase)	72,530	74,525
FICA 10101001 58002	0	737

A DIFFERENCE OF: 10,368

A TOTAL DIFFERENCE OF: 0

Adjust fringes and revenue accordingly.

BY POLL VOTE: SEVEN AYES. LEGISLATORS CROWLEY & NACERINO WERE ABSENT. MOTION CARRIES.

Item #4o – Legislature/Auditing – Contingency Fund – County Auditor & Staff 2.75% COLA Increase – Move out of Subcontingency. On behalf of the Budget & Finance Committee, Chairman Jonke moved the following:

Chairman Jonke stated when he submitted the budget, as was done by all Chairs in previous years, it was requested of the County Executive that whatever cost-of-living adjustment he was going to give management employees he should apply the same percentage to the Legislative Staff, Auditing Staff and the Legislators. He explained that it was not done and that is what is being done now.

RESOLUTION #247

Contingency Fund

	FROM:	TO:
Subcontingency 10199000 54997 (Legislature/Auditing 2.75% COLA)	9,163	0
A DIFFERENCE OF: (9,163)		
County Auditor 10132000 51000 (101) (2.75% COLA Increase)	130,305	133,888
Deputy County Auditor 10132000 51000 (103) (2.75% COLA Increase)	107,120	110,066
Audit Manager 10132000 51000 (102) (2.75% COLA Increase)	72,100	74,083
FICA 10132000 58002	0	651

A DIFFERENCE OF: 9,163

A TOTAL DIFFERENCE OF: 0

Adjust fringes and revenue accordingly.

BY POLL VOTE: SEVEN AYES. LEGISLATORS CROWLEY & NACERINO WERE ABSENT. MOTION CARRIES.

Item #4p – County Executive - Contingency Fund – 2.75% COLA Increase – Move out of Subcontingency was next. On behalf of the Budget & Finance Committee, Chairman Jonke moved the following:

Legislator Gouldman stated that this is the same scenario. There are outstanding contracts; PCSEA and CSEA. He stated that he did not support this until the contracts were negotiated.

Legislator Castellano stated that Legislator Gouldman makes a good point. He stated that the County Executive is part of the negotiations.

Chairman Jonke concurred with Legislator Gouldman.

Contingency Fund

	FROM:	TO:
Subcontingency 10199000 54993 (County Executive 2.75% COLA)	5,211	0
A DIFFERENCE OF: (5,211)		
County Executive 10123000 51000 (101) (2.75% COLA Increase)	176,022	180,863
FICA 10123000 58002	0	370

A DIFFERENCE OF: 5,211

A TOTAL DIFFERENCE OF: 0

Adjust fringes and revenue accordingly.

BY ROLL CALL VOTE: ONE AYE – LEGISLATOR MONTGOMERY. SIX NAYS – LEGISLATORS ADDONIZIO, CASTELLANO, ELLNER, GOULDMAN, SAYEGH & CHAIRMAN JONKE. LEGISLATORS CROWLEY & NACERINO WERE ABSENT. MOTION FAILS.

Item #4q – Veterans Service Agency – Temporary – Increase to Requested Amount was next. On behalf of the Budget & Finance Committee, Chairman Jonke moved the following:

RESOLUTION #248

Veterans Service Agency

	FROM:	TO:
Temporary 10651000 51094 (Restore to Requested Amount)	15,000	30,000
FICA 10651000 58002	0	1,148

A DIFFERENCE OF: 16,148

Adjust fringes and revenue accordingly.

BY POLL VOTE: SEVEN AYES. LEGISLATORS CROWLEY & NACERINO WERE ABSENT. MOTION CARRIES.

Item #4r – Veterans Home – Zero Out Natural Gas, Electric & Security Monitoring and Rental lines – Accounted for by DGS was next. On behalf of the Budget & Finance Committee, Chairman Jonke moved the following:

RESOLUTION #249

Veterans Home

	FROM:	TO:
(Accounted for by DGS)		
Natural Gas		
10651100 54630	5,000	0
Electric		
10651100 54631	4,700	0
Security Monitoring & Rental		
10651100 54637	2,500	0

A DIFFERENCE OF: (12,200)

BY POLL VOTE: SEVEN AYES. LEGISLATORS CROWLEY & NACERINO WERE ABSENT. MOTION CARRIES.

Item #4s – Sheriff’s Department Communications – Crisis Intervention Teams Grant – Federal Aid – Reduce Revenue was next.

RESOLUTION #250

Sheriff’s Department - Communications

	FROM:	TO:
Crisis Intervention Teams Grant		
Federal Aid – CFDA 16.710 CIT		
Revenue		
13311000 444900 10211	(44,500)	(37,610)

A DIFFERENCE OF: 6,890

BY POLL VOTE: SEVEN AYES. LEGISLATORS CROWLEY & NACERINO WERE ABSENT. MOTION CARRIES.

Item #4t – Sheriff’s Department Communications – Threat Assessment Mgmt Grant – Correct Revenue was next. On behalf of the Budget & Finance Committee, Chairman Jonke moved the following:

RESOLUTION #251

Sheriff’s Department - Communications

	FROM:	TO:
Threat Assessment Mgmt Grant Homeland Security SHSP Correct Revenue 13311000 440891 10218	(85,845)	(104,215)

A DIFFERENCE OF: (18,370)

BY POLL VOTE: SEVEN AYES. LEGISLATORS CROWLEY & NACERINO WERE ABSENT. MOTION CARRIES.

Item #4u – Sheriff’s Department Civil Division – Increase Temporary to Requested Amount was next. On behalf of the Budget & Finance Committee, Chairman Jonke moved the following:

RESOLUTION #252

Sheriff’s Department – Civil Division

	FROM:	TO:
Temporary (Restore to Requested Amount) 15311000 51094	22,140	24,000

A DIFFERENCE OF: 1,860

Adjust Fringes accordingly.

BY POLL VOTE: SEVEN AYES. LEGISLATORS CROWLEY & NACERINO WERE ABSENT. MOTION CARRIES.

Item #4v – Sheriff Patrol Services State – Police Traffic Services Program (Traffic Safety Grant) and Buckle Up Grant - Adjust Revenue and Overtime to Reflect Awarded Grants was next. On behalf of the Budget & Finance Committee, Chairman Jonke moved the following:

RESOLUTION #253

Sheriff Patrol Services State
(Adjust Revenue & Overtime to Reflect Awarded Grants)

	FROM:	TO:
Police Traffic Services Program		

(Traffic Safety Grant)

Police Traffic Serv CFDA20.600

Revenue

17311002 443893 10021	(12,144)	(12,760)
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Overtime

17311002 51093 10021	12,144	12,760
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Buckle Up Grant

Revenue

17311002 443899 10024	0	(4,400)
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Overtime

17311002 51093 10024	0	4,400
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A DIFFERENCE OF: 0

Adjust Fringes accordingly.

BY POLL VOTE: SEVEN AYES. LEGISLATORS CROWLEY & NACERINO WERE ABSENT. MOTION CARRIES.

Item #4w – Sheriff Security Services – Increase Temporary to Account for Special Police Officer (SPO) Hourly Rate Increase was next. On behalf of the Budget & Finance Committee, Chairman Jonke moved the following:

Legislator Montgomery questioned if this affected the chargebacks to the schools. She wondered if it involved the SPO's rate for the schools.

Chairman Jonke stated that he could not answer that.

Legislator Montgomery stated that she would get the answer to that.

RESOLUTION #254

Sheriff Security Services

	FROM:	TO:
Temporary (Account for SPO Hourly Rate Increase)		
19311000 51094	145,000	186,000

FICA

19311000 58002	21,164	24,301
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Adjust fringes accordingly.

A DIFFERENCE OF: 44,137

BY POLL VOTE: SEVEN AYES. LEGISLATORS CROWLEY & NACERINO WERE ABSENT. MOTION CARRIES.

Item #4x – District Attorney – Increase salary from \$5,000 to \$8,000 – No Proposed Stipend of \$5,000 was next. Chairman Jonke moved the following:

Legislator Gouldman explained that this person works 24/7, being on call all the time.

RESOLUTION #255

District Attorney

	FROM:	TO:
Chief Assistant DA 10116500 51000 (9103) (No Proposed Stipend of \$5,000 – Partially Adjust to Requested Amount)	5,000	8,000
FICA 10116500 58002	0	230

A DIFFERENCE OF: 3,230

Adjust fringes & revenue accordingly.

BY POLL VOTE: SEVEN AYES. LEGISLATORS CROWLEY & NACERINO WERE ABSENT. MOTION CARRIES.

Item #4y – Health Department – Nursing – Requested Reclasse to Supervising Public Health Nurse of \$7,000 and Upgrades for all Nurses \$63,560 – Move to Subcontingency was next. Chairman Jonke moved the following:

Legislator Gouldman explained that there are currently three (3) vacancies in the Nursing Department. He stated that they cannot find anyone to fill these positions. He stated that the Personnel Department believes that it is the current salary that is causing this problem. He stated that he would support this to hopefully recruit nurses and bring the salary up to the current salary in the area.

Legislator Montgomery hoped that this could be moved out of subcontingency as soon as possible and into the budget so we can hire nurses in order to avoid cutting programs.

Legislator Ellner stated that he supports this. He stated that in addition to pay disparities, he believed one (1) of the reasons we cannot hire, for a lot of our positions, is due to medical contributions being too high.

Chairman Jonke stated that Putnam County residents rely on our Health Department for the overall health and wellbeing of our population. He stated that it was a shame that this was not included in the tentative budget. He stated that these nurses are a vital part of our Health Department. He believed there would be comments made about the money

the Legislature is putting into the budget tonight that we are voting on. He explained that he believed these items should have been included in the tentative budget.

RESOLUTION #256

Health Department – Nursing

	FROM:	TO:
Requested Reclass to Supervising Public Health Nurse \$7,000 and Upgrades for all Nurses \$63,560		
Move to Subcontingency		
10199000 54987	0	70,560

A DIFFERENCE OF: 70,560

BY POLL VOTE: SEVEN AYES. LEGISLATORS CROWLEY & NACERINO WERE ABSENT. MOTION CARRIES.

Item #4z – Mental Health – OASAS Abatement – Youth Director – Split with Youth Bureau & DSS – Increase from \$6,192 to \$11,192 was next. Chairman Jonke moved the following:

RESOLUTION #257

Mental Health – OASAS Abatement

	FROM:	TO:
Youth Director (731010904)		
Split with Youth Bureau & DSS		
(covered by Opioid Abatement Funds)		
10431000 51000 10206	6,192	11,192
FICA		
10431000 58002 10206	0	383

A DIFFERENCE OF: 5,383

Adjust fringes & revenue accordingly.

BY POLL VOTE: SEVEN AYES. LEGISLATORS CROWLEY & NACERINO WERE ABSENT. MOTION CARRIES.

Item #4aa – Mental Health – OASAS Abatement – Reclass to Director of CAC – Split with CAC & DSS Administration – Increase from \$11,729 to \$16,729 was next. Chairman Jonke moved the following:

RESOLUTION #258

Mental Health – OASAS Abatement

	FROM:	TO:
Reclass to Director of CAC (601303103)		

Split with CAC & DSS Adm (Covered by OASAS Abatement Funds) 10431000 51000 10206	11,729	16,729
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FICA 10431000 58002 10206	0	383
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A DIFFERENCE OF: 5,383

Adjust fringes & revenue accordingly.

BY POLL VOTE: SEVEN AYES. LEGISLATORS CROWLEY & NACERINO WERE ABSENT. MOTION CARRIES.

Item #4bb – Mental Health – OASAS Abatement – Fiscal Manager – Split with Mental Health & DSS Administration – Increase from \$7,540 to \$12,717 was next. Chairman Jonke moved the following:

RESOLUTION #259

Mental Health – OASAS Abatement

	FROM:	TO:
Fiscal Manager (601020924) Salary Adjustment Split with Mental Health & DSS Adm (Covered by OASAS Abatement Funds) 10431000 51000 10206	7,540	12,717

FICA 10431000 58002 10206	0	396
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A DIFFERENCE OF: 5,573

Adjust fringes & revenue accordingly.

BY POLL VOTE: SEVEN AYES. LEGISLATORS CROWLEY & NACERINO WERE ABSENT. MOTION CARRIES.

Item #4cc – Mental Health – OASAS Abatement – Revenue – 100% Funded for Changes to Youth Director, Director of CAC and Fiscal Manager was next. Chairman Jonke moved the following:

RESOLUTION #260

Mental Health – OASAS Abatement

	FROM:	TO:
Revenue 100% Funded for Changes to Youth Director, Director of CAC and		

Fiscal Manager 10431000 434983 10206	(218,179)	(234,578)
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A DIFFERENCE OF: (16,399)

BY POLL VOTE: SEVEN AYES. LEGISLATORS CROWLEY & NACERINO WERE ABSENT. MOTION CARRIES.

Item #4dd – Bureau of Emergency Services – Public Information Officer Stipend – Move to Subcontingency was next.

RESOLUTION #261

Bureau of Emergency Services

	FROM:	TO:
Public Information Officer Stipend 10398900 51000 (123010907)	2,500	0
Subcontingency 10199000 54987	0	2,500

A DIFFERENCE OF: 0

Adjust fringes & revenue accordingly.

BY POLL VOTE: SEVEN AYES. LEGISLATORS CROWLEY & NACERINO WERE ABSENT. MOTION CARRIES.

Item #4ee – Bureau of Emergency Services – Confidential Secretary – Salary Adjustment - Increase from \$2,500 to \$7,500 was next. Chairman Jonke moved the following:

Legislator Gouldman explained that a few years ago we had an account clerk with this position. He stated that the account clerk position was eliminated. Ultimately, we will still be saving money by not having that position, therefore, he would be supporting this.

RESOLUTION #262

Bureau of Emergency Services

	FROM:	TO:
Confidential Secretary 10398900 51000 (909)	2,500	7,500
FICA 10398900 58002	0	383

A DIFFERENCE OF: 5,383

BY POLL VOTE: SEVEN AYES. LEGISLATORS CROWLEY & NACERINO WERE ABSENT. MOTION CARRIES.

Item #4ff – Sheriff’s Department Bureau of Criminal Investigation – Deputy Sheriff Criminal Investigator – Restore Requested Position was next. Chairman Jonke moved the following:

Legislator Gouldman explained that there was a situation in Putnam Valley and Northern Westchester County today which led to an investigation. He stated that he would support this.

Legislator Montgomery stated that she would be supporting this. She believed that we needed to give the Sheriff the tools that he needs. She explained that positions were eliminated in the past during a previous Sheriff’s rein that we are now putting back in.

Legislator Sayegh stated that the Sheriff presented a compelling argument and discussed the facts and figures and need for this position. She stated that there is an increase in caseload for these investigators. She stated that she supported this position.

Chairman Jonke stated that Sheriff McConville has shone himself to be a fiscally responsible Sheriff. He stated that he got control of the overtime issues we had in the Sheriff’s Office. He stated that when he comes forward with a request like this, it is for the safety of our residents in Putnam County. He explained that we know what is going on around us and he believed that sooner or later it would encroach into Putnam County. He stated that if we need more personnel to protect our citizens, we need to support that. He explained that the Deputy County Executive could not give a clear explanation of why this was not included in the tentative budget. He stated that Legislator Montgomery made a comment that we cut personnel. He stated that he has been here for eight (8) years and stated that we never cut personnel in the Sheriff’s Office. He believed the previous Sheriff was not fiscally responsible which may be the reason he did not get everything he asked for.

RESOLUTION #263

Sheriff’s Department – BCI

	FROM:	TO:
Deputy Sheriff Criminal Investigator 32311000 51000 (118) (Restore Requested Position)	0	127,783
Adjust fringes & revenue accordingly.	0	59,517

A DIFFERENCE OF: 187,300

BY ROLL CALL VOTE: SEVEN AYES. LEGISLATORS CROWLEY & NACERINO WERE ABSENT. MOTION CARRIES.

Item #4gg – Sheriff’s Department – Amend Salaries of Captains, Correction Captains, Lieutenants and Undersheriff keeping a Pay Differential Similar to that of Resolutions #177 & #178 of 2014 was next. Chairman Jonke moved the following:

Chairman Jonke explained that this is in keeping with a promise that was made 10 years ago by Resolution of the Legislature.

RESOLUTION #264

Sheriff's Department

(Amend Salaries keeping Pay
Differential Similar to Resolutions
#177 & #178 of 2014)

	FROM:	TO:
Road Patrol Captain 10311000 51000 (103)	145,519	154,758
Criminal Investigator Captain 10311000 51000 (114)	145,519	154,758
Operations Captain 10311000 51000 (127)	145,519	154,758
Civil Bureau Captain 10311000 51000 (128)	145,519	154,758
Undersheriff 10311000 51000 (102)	153,766	162,497
FICA 10311000 58002	0	3,495

Corrections Facilities

Correction Captain 10315000 51000 (101)	145,518	154,758
Correction Lieutenant 10315000 51000 (106)	141,353	143,295
Correction Lieutenant 10315000 51000 (109)	141,353	143,295
FICA 10315000 58002	0	1,004

A DIFFERENCE OF: 63,310

Adjust fringes & revenue accordingly.

**BY POLL VOTE: SEVEN AYES. LEGISLATORS CROWLEY & NACERINO WERE ABSENT.
MOTION CARRIES.**

Item #4hh – County Executive – Confidential Secretary – Salary Adjustment Increase from \$4,437 to \$6,192 was next. Chairman Jonke moved the following:

RESOLUTION #265

County Executive

	FROM:	TO:
Confidential Secretary 10123000 51000 (106)	4,437	6,192
FICA 10123000 58002	0	134

A DIFFERENCE OF: 1,889

Adjust fringes & revenue accordingly.

BY POLL VOTE: SEVEN AYES. LEGISLATORS CROWLEY & NACERINO WERE ABSENT. MOTION CARRIES.

Item #4ii – Law Department – Senior Deputy County Attorney – Remove \$5,000 Salary Adjustment was next. Chairman Jonke moved the following:

Legislator Montgomery made a motion to add the \$5,000 back into the budget; seconded by Legislator Gouldman.

Legislator Montgomery stated that it appears to be retaliatory. She stated that we have not done this with any other position across the board in the personnel budget. She stated that we have added more to some of the salaries. She believed it looked retaliatory because of the conflict that some of the Legislators have with the Law Department.

Chairman Jonke stated that this was a merit raise proposed by the County Attorney who did not attend any of our meetings. He stated that it is for an employee who is not full time who receives health benefits, and does not work out of the County Attorney’s office. He did not believe this person deserved a merit raise.

Legislator Sayegh clarified that this person is receiving a cost-of-living adjustment (COLA).

Chairman Jonke called for a Roll Call Vote on the amendment.

By Roll Call Vote: Two Ayes – Legislators Gouldman and Montgomery. Five Nays – Legislators Addonizio, Castellano, Ellner, Sayegh and Chairman Jonke. Legislators Crowley and Nacerino were absent. Motion Fails.

Chairman Jonke called for a discussion on the original resolution.

Legislator Sayegh stated as mentioned by Chairman Jonke, the County Attorney did not come to the meeting to advocate for staff raises, therefore, she could not justify this merit raise.

Chairman Jonke explained that the County Attorney did not even send anyone to our meeting.

Chairman Jonke called for a Roll Call Vote on the resolution.

RESOLUTION #266

Law Department

	FROM:	TO:
Senior Deputy County Attorney 10142000 51000 (919) (Remove Salary Adjustment)	5,000	0
FICA 10142000 58002	383	0

A DIFFERENCE OF: (5,383)

Adjust fringes & revenue accordingly.

BY ROLL CALL VOTE: FIVE AYES. TWO NAYS – LEGISLATORS GOULDMAN & MONTGOMERY. LEGISLATORS CROWLEY & NACERINO WERE ABSENT. MOTION CARRIES.

Item #4jj – Adjustments from Finance Commissioner – Correct Revenues and Appropriations to Various Accounts was next.

RESOLUTION #267

CORRECT APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE FOLLOWING:

Mental Health Administration

	FROM:	TO:
NYSDHSES – Threat Assessment Mgmt Licensing Software 10033000 54783 10218	200	0
Software & Accessories 10033000 54783	0	200

OSR Putnam Senior Corps

Vision 10677300 58009	242	0
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Recreation for the Elderly

Life Insurance 10762000 58007 10187	540	0
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A DIFFERENCE OF: (782)

CORRECT REVENUES FOR THE FOLLOWING:

Sheriff Security Services DSS

	FROM:	TO:
Central Serv. Internal Chargebacks 19005060 412941	(68,632)	(82,076)

Sheriff – BCI Women’s Resource Center Federal Aid – Other PS 32311000 44389 10174	(29,176)	(29,184)
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Sheriff License Plate Reader State Aid SAMS Grant 32311000 437897 10181	(1,546)	0
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Jail

SCAAP Grant – Criminal Alien CFDA 16.572 10315001 44389F 10032	(164,708)	(137,764)
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Probation

Stop DWI Fines 10331500 426151	(81,075)	(81,100)
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Mental Health Administration

Crisis Intervention Teams Grant Federal Aid – CFDA 16.710 CIT 10431000 444900 10211	(141,361)	(117,857)
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Social Security Dept Administration

Warming Shelters Admin Social Services 10120000 436101 10130	(186,832)	(186,829)
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DSS Grants

Child Advocacy Center 22070000 436233	(201,842)	(175,663)
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Crime Victims Board 22071000 446131	(388,552)	(415,530)
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Youth Program

State Aid Other 10731000 430890 10182	(10,333)	0
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A DIFFERENCE OF: 48,054

BY POLL VOTE: SEVEN AYES. LEGISLATORS CROWLEY & NACERINO WERE ABSENT.
MOTION CARRIES.

Item #4kk – Adjustments from DGS Commissioner – Properly Classify Leased Vehicles in Health Department was next. Chairman Jonke moved the following:

RESOLUTION #268

Health Department

(Properly Classify Leased Vehicles)

	FROM:	TO:
Vehicle Leasing/Rental 11401000 54210	6,700	13,400

Environmental Health

Vehicle Leasing/Rental 12401000 54210	27,000	20,100
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Early Intervention Program

Vehicle Leasing/Rental 10405900 54210	8,100	8,300
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A DIFFERENCE OF: 0

BY POLL VOTE: SEVEN AYES. LEGISLATORS CROWLEY & NACERINO WERE ABSENT.
MOTION CARRIES.

Item #4LL – County Clerk – Confidential Secretary – Salary Adjustment Increase from \$4,263 to \$6,022 – Proposed by Chairman Jonke was next. Chairman Jonke moved the following:

Chairman Jonke stated that this is to keep parity with the increase the Legislature gave to the County Executive’s Confidential Secretary.

RESOLUTION #269

County Clerk

	FROM:	TO:
Confidential Secretary 10141000 51000 (904)	4,263	6,022

FICA 10141000 58002	0	135
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A DIFFERENCE OF: 1,894

BY POLL VOTE: SEVEN AYES. LEGISLATORS CROWLEY & NACERINO WERE ABSENT. MOTION CARRIES.

Item #4mm - Legislature – Administrative Assistant – Increase Salary \$2,500 – Proposed by Legislator Nacerino was next. Chairman Jonke moved the following:

RESOLUTION #270

Legislature

	FROM:	TO:
Administrative Assistant 10101001 51000 (913)	0	2,500
FICA 10101001 58002	0	191

A DIFFERENCE OF: 2,691

Adjust fringes and revenue accordingly.

BY POLL VOTE: SEVEN AYES. LEGISLATORS CROWLEY & NACERINO WERE ABSENT. MOTION CARRIES.

Item #4nn – Contingency Fund – \$2,500 Stipend for Second Public Information Officer – Split Position - Place in Subcontingency – Proposed by Legislator Nacerino. Chairman Jonke moved the following:

RESOLUTION #271

Contingency Fund

	FROM:	TO:
Subcontingency 10199000 54987 (for 2nd Public Information Officer (PIO) currently in Health Department)	0	2,500

A DIFFERENCE OF: 2,500

Adjust fringes & revenue accordingly.

BY POLL VOTE: SEVEN AYES. LEGISLATORS CROWLEY & NACERINO WERE ABSENT. MOTION CARRIES.

Item #4oo – Department of Public Works – Confidential Secretary – Salary Increase of \$2,500 – Proposed by Legislator Addonizio was next. Chairman Jonke moved the following:

RESOLUTION #272

Department of Public Works

	FROM:	TO:
Confidential Secretary 10149000 51000 (936)	0	2,500
FICA 10149000 58002	0	191

A DIFFERENCE OF: 2,691

Adjust fringes & revenue accordingly.

**BY POLL VOTE: SEVEN AYES. LEGISLATORS CROWLEY & NACERINO WERE ABSENT.
MOTION CARRIES.**

**Item #4pp – Libraries – Restore to Requested Amount – Increase of \$17,100 – Move from
Subcontingency – Proposed by Legislator Addonizio and Amended by Legislator
Montgomery was next. Chairman Jonke moved the following:**

RESOLUTION #273

Libraries

(Restore Funding to Requested Amount)

	FROM:	TO:
Telephone 25741000 54634	6,587	6,719
Licensing Software 25741000 54783	32,938	40,938
Literacy Volunteer 25741000 54948	10,804	11,020
Local History Genealogy 25741000 54949	2,745	2,800
County Contribution 25741000 54950	422,462	430,911
Reference Center 25741000 54997	12,406	12,654
Subcontingency Outside Agencies 10199000 54996	75,000	57,900

A DIFFERENCE OF: 0

BY POLL VOTE: SEVEN AYES. LEGISLATORS CROWLEY & NACERINO WERE ABSENT. MOTION CARRIES.

Item #4qq – Putnam Arts Council – County Contribution - Move to Subcontingency \$13,993 – Proposed by Legislator Ellner was next. Chairman Jonke moved the following:

Legislator Montgomery hoped that some of the Legislators had the opportunity to speak with the Arts Council. She explained that there were things said during the discussion on this at the Committee meeting and she believed that the Arts Council and Executive Director Joyce Picone deserved an apology. She stated that things directly said were money laundering and some impropriety, which she believed marked the reputation of the Putnam Arts Council who worked very hard during this rigorous process in regranting the funds. She believed it would be ridiculous for us not to support the Arts. She believed that right now, the Arts may be one of the only economic drivers in growth for this area. She believed that we should be looking for opportunities to better support Arts and Cultural organizations. She stated that young people are leaving the County in droves. This type of support for the Arts brings them back. She believed that comments made at the Committee meeting were wrong.

Legislator Montgomery made a motion to move the originally requested amount of \$15,000 back into the budget; seconded by Legislator Gouldman.

Legislator Montgomery believed that there was no basis for the comments made during the Committee meeting.

Chairman Jonke explained that he was fine with Legislator Ellner’s proposal to move the funding into subcontingency. He stated that he is not opposed to the Arts Council or giving them the funding, but they could come before us next year.

Legislator Montgomery believed comments have been made that are degrading to our organizations in our County, like comments that were made during the Agricultural District conversations; insinuating that they were doing something wrong. She believed that some of the Legislators made comments toward the Putnam Arts Council with no proof or evidence to base it on, instead of speaking to them directly about their process and where the money went. She did not see why we would put \$13,993 in subcontingency when they are one of the only organizations that come before us over and over again.

Chairman Jonke called for a Roll Call Vote on the motion to put \$15,000 in the budget.

By Roll Call Vote: Two Ayes – Legislators Gouldman and Montgomery. Five Nays – Legislators Addonizio, Castellano, Ellner, Sayegh and Chairman Jonke. Legislators Crowley and Nacerino were absent. Motion fails.

Chairman Jonke called for discussion on the original resolution.

Legislator Ellner stated that he had the privilege of speaking with Executive Director Joyce Picone. He stated that his comments on the way Legislator Montgomery described them were not correct. He stated that the Putnam Arts Council did nothing

wrong. He stated that he brought to their attention that they were being taken advantage of. He stated that now that they are aware of this, steps are going to be taken to protect the funds. He stated that because of the timeliness of this, the best way was to put money in subcontingency. He stated that he has faith that all of this funding will be restored at a later date. He and Legislator Sayegh spoke at length with Ms. Picone and are working things out so they will be protected. He stated that the Arts Council did nothing wrong; one (1) of the recipients did.

Legislator Sayegh stated that the Putnam Arts Council is in her Legislative District. She stated that she has been working with Executive Director Joyce Picone for many years. She stated that she would like to increase her funding. She stated that she respects this process and believed that the Putnam Arts Council will receive the full funding, however, she believed that we needed to look into this a little deeper. She explained that Executive Director Picone understands the situation. She and Legislator Ellner let her know that we are fully supportive of her organization and the grant process.

Legislator Montgomery stated that she did look into it deeper, and the money that was granted to the organization in question has receipts attached to it and a contract. She stated that the money the Putnam Arts Council gave to that organization was in fact used for something appropriate. She stated that what they have been accused inappropriately of in “money laundering.” She explained that the grant process was done as explained to us. She explained that the grant funding was given to this organization, they used it appropriately, and they have the receipts and contract. She believed it was wrong to instill fear of what went wrong.

Chairman Jonke stated that what is wrong was the Agricultural District had nothing to do with this and Legislator Montgomery was mischaracterizing it. He stated that nobody accused any of those applicants of doing anything wrong. We are just asking them to abide by the rules that we did not know existed until this year.

Legislator Sayegh stated that the only person accused of saying bad things about the Arts Council is Legislator Montgomery who keeps reiterating something that never happened. She stated that we are simply trying to fund them.

Legislator Ellner stated that we are only providing additional protections, so everybody is happy.

Legislator Addonizio clarified for the public that the Putnam Arts Council will be receiving \$13,993 at a later date.

Chairman Jonke called for a Roll Call Vote.

RESOLUTION #274

Putnam Arts Council

	FROM:	TO:
County Contribution 25091000 54950	13,993	0
Subcontingency 10199000 54996	0	13,993

A DIFFERENCE OF: 0

BY ROLL CALL VOTE: FIVE AYES. TWO NAYS – LEGISLATORS GOULDMAN & MONTGOMERY. LEGISLATORS CROWLEY & NACERINO WERE ABSENT. MOTION CARRIES.

Item #5 – Other Business

Item #5a - Contingency Fund – \$2,500 Stipend for Third Public Information Officer – Sheriff’s Dept. - Place in Subcontingency – Proposed by Legislator Castellano was next.

Legislator Castellano stated that we did the same for the County Executive’s Office and the Health Department earlier. He believed it would be fair for the Putnam County Sheriff’s Office to have a Public Information Officer as well. He proposed a \$2,500 stipend to be put in subcontingency. If it is needed, the Sheriff’s Office could come forward to the Legislature next year to get reimbursed.

Legislator Castellano made the motion to place a \$2,500 Stipend in Subcontingency for a Public Information Officer for the Sheriff’s Office; seconded by Legislator Addonizio.

Legislator Gouldman stated that he would support this important position. He stated that at 11:30 last night there was an incident in Somers, NY that went into Putnam County. He stated that he received three (3) local calls from Midnight until the situation was resolved at 10:00 a.m. He stated that things do not only happen between 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. or 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Chairman Jonke concurred with Legislator Castellano.

RESOLUTION #275

Contingency Fund

	FROM:	TO:
Subcontingency		
10199000 54987	0	2,500
(for 3rd Public Information Officer		
PIO - Sheriff’s Dept.)		

A DIFFERENCE OF: 2,500

Adjust fringes & revenue accordingly.

BY ROLL CALL VOTE: SEVEN AYES. LEGISLATORS CROWLEY & NACERINO WERE ABSENT. MOTION CARRIES.

At 7:48 P.M., Chairman Jonke called for a recess to calculate the offset changes to the budget; seconded by Legislator Ellner. All in favor.

At 7:56 P.M., Chairman Jonke reconvened the meeting.

Item #6 – Offset Changes to Budget

Chairman Jonke made a motion to offset changes made this evening by increasing the sales tax revenue estimate by \$269,718 and by decreasing contingency fund by \$275,000. He stated that there would be no change to the tax levy or tax rate. Seconded by Legislator Ellner.

RESOLUTION #276

Offset Changes

	FROM:	TO:
Use of: Sales Tax Revenue 10131000 411100	(79,050,000)	(79,319,718)

A DIFFERENCE OF: (269,718)

General Contingency 10199000 54980	2,769,060	2,494,060
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A DIFFERENCE OF: (275,000)

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

APPROXIMATE DIFFERENCE OF: 544,718

BY ROLL CALL VOTE: SEVEN AYES. LEGISLATORS CROWLEY & NACERINO WERE ABSENT. MOTION CARRIES.

Item #7 - Approval Budget Adoption

Item #7a - Approval of the 2025 Budget Resolutions. Chairman Jonke moved the following; seconded by Legislator Castellano.

RESOLUTION #277

APPROVAL OF THE 2025 BUDGET RESOLUTIONS

RESOLVED, that the Putnam County Legislature hereby approves the 2025 budget resolutions as pre-filed by the Budget & Finance Committee and amended by the Legislature on October 29, 2024; and be it further

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

BY ROLL CALL VOTE: SEVEN AYES. LEGISLATORS CROWLEY & NACERINO WERE ABSENT. MOTION CARRIES.

Item #7b – Resolution Adopting the Budget for the Fiscal Year 2025 Commencing January 1, 2025 making Appropriations for the Operation of the County Government and Establishing Rates of Compensation for Officers and Employees for the Fiscal Year 2025 was next. Chairman Jonke moved the following; seconded by Legislator Sayegh.

Chairman Jonke thanked Legislative and Auditing staff and Commissioner of Finance for their hard work. He thanked the Legislators for their time and effort put into this budget. He believed that this process had been made unnecessarily difficult. He explained that he felt terrible for some of the outside agencies who received level funding and were told to come in and make a presentation to the Legislature to fight over \$75,000 that was put into subcontingency. He stated that he received correspondence that said there was not enough communication between the Legislature and the County Executive. He stated that the Administration did make available during Committee meetings the Deputy County Executive. Unfortunately, he was unable to answer important questions that were given to him. He stated that the role of the County Executive is to create the budget and on October 1st hand it over to the Legislature. He stated that it is not a collaborative, that is why there are two (2) branches of government. He believed this was much more difficult than it needed to be. He stated that he was proud of the final budget. He stated we have done quite a bit this last month. He stated that we have made Putnam County healthier by providing funding for the nurses in the Health Department and we have made Putnam County safer by giving the Sheriff additional personnel.

RESOLUTION #278

A RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE BUDGET FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2025 COMMENCING JANUARY 1, 2025 MAKING APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE OPERATION OF THE COUNTY GOVERNMENT AND ESTABLISHING RATES OF COMPENSATION FOR OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2025

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, 2025.

BY ROLL CALL VOTE: SEVEN AYES. LEGISLATORS CROWLEY & NACERINO WERE ABSENT. MOTION CARRIES.

There being no further business, at 8:03 P.M., Chairman Jonke made a motion to adjourn; seconded by Legislator Sayegh. All in favor.

Respectfully submitted by Diane Schonfeld, Clerk.