

**REGULAR MEETING
OF THE
PUTNAM COUNTY LEGISLATURE
HELD IN THE
HISTORIC COURTHOUSE
CARMEL, NEW YORK 10512**

Tuesday December 3, 2024 7:00 P.M.

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

PROCLAMATION

Chairman Jonke stated that the proclamation honoring the 100th Anniversary of the New York Association of Counties (NYSAC) will be mailed.

100TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE NEW YORK STATE ASSOCIATION OF COUNTIES

WHEREAS, The New York State Association of Counties (NYSAC) was founded 100 years ago to serve as a unified voice and advocate for the 57 counties of New York State, including the five boroughs of New York City; and

WHEREAS, NYSAC has consistently worked to enhance the effectiveness of county governments through robust advocacy, comprehensive education, and meticulous research, all aimed at addressing the unique challenges faced by county officials and their constituents; and

WHEREAS, Over the past century, NYSAC has played an instrumental role in promoting the interests of county governments at the state and federal levels, ensuring that the voices of local governments are heard and their needs addressed; and

WHEREAS, NYSAC has provided invaluable resources and training to county officials, empowering them with the knowledge and tools necessary to deliver efficient and effective services to the residents of New York State; and

WHEREAS, Through its commitment to research, NYSAC has fostered innovative solutions and best practices that have strengthened county operations and improved the quality of life for millions of New Yorkers; and

WHEREAS, NYSAC has built a legacy of collaboration and partnership among county governments, fostering a spirit of unity and mutual support that has been crucial to addressing common challenges and advancing shared goals; and

WHEREAS, The centennial anniversary of NYSAC is a momentous occasion to celebrate the association's enduring dedication to public service and its profound impact on the governance and well-being of New York State's counties; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, Putnam County does hereby proclaim the year 2025 as the Centennial Year of the New York State Association of Counties and extend heartfelt congratulations and gratitude to NYSAC for 100 years of exemplary service and leadership.

**Item #4 – Acceptance of Minutes – B&F Mtg – Budget Presentation – October 3, 2024
B&F Mtg – Budget Public Hearing – October 3, 2024
Budget Public Hearing – October 24, 2024
Special Mtg – October 29, 2024**

The minutes were accepted as submitted.

Item #5 – Correspondence
a) County Auditor was duly noted.

There was no activity during this reporting period.

Item #6 – Pre-filed resolutions:

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE
(Chairman Jonke, Legislators Castellano & Nacerino)

Item #6a – Approval – Ratification of Putnam County Sheriff’s Employment Association, Inc. (PCSEA) Collective Bargaining Agreement was next. On behalf of the members of the Personnel Committee, Legislators Castellano and Nacerino, Chairman Jonke moved the following:

Legislator Crowley stated that she was happy to see this contract move forward, and the members are getting what they need. She thanked Sheriff McConville, the PCSEA Board, and the County Executive for coming to an agreement with them.

RESOLUTION #314

RATIFICATION OF PUTNAM COUNTY SHERIFF’S EMPLOYMENT ASSOCIATION, INC. (PCSEA) COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT

WHEREAS, the negotiating teams for the Putnam County Sheriff’s Employment Association, Inc. (“the PCSEA”) and the County of Putnam, Putnam County Sheriff (“the County”) met on May 10, 2024, May 20, 2024, June 6, 2024, June 17, 2024, August 26, 2024 and September 16, 2024 to discuss amended contract language and terms and conditions of employment; and

WHEREAS, the PCSEA and the County have come to an Agreement concerning the terms and conditions of the employment of its members for the years January 1, 2024 through December 31, 2028; and

WHEREAS, a Memorandum of Agreement (“MOA”, see attached as Schedule “A”) was executed by Putnam County Executive Kevin M. Byrne, Putnam County Sheriff Kevin McConville and representatives of the PCSEA in which all of the terms and conditions of employment of its members were outlined; and

WHEREAS, the membership of the PCSEA met on October 10, 2024 to vote to ratify the MOA; and

WHEREAS, the Personnel Committee also met and discussed the terms of the MOA on November 12, 2024; and

WHEREAS, the Legislature is in agreement with the Administration and the negotiating teams that the MOA is in the best interests of both the County and the membership of the PCSEA; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, the Putnam County Legislature hereby approves and ratifies the Memorandum of Agreement, dated October 3, 2024 which was entered into with the PCSEA for the period of January 1, 2024 through and including December 31, 2028.

BY POLL VOTE: ALL AYES. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Item #6b – Approval – Budgetary Transfer (24T404) – Finance – Putnam County Sheriff’s Employees Association, Inc. (PCSEA) Contract Settlement was next. On behalf of the members of the Personnel Committee, Legislators Castellano and Nacerino, Chairman Jonke moved the following:

RESOLUTION #315

APPROVAL – BUDGETARY TRANSFER (24T404) – FINANCE – PUTNAM COUNTY SHERIFF’S EMPLOYEES ASSOCIATION, INC. (PCSEA) CONTRACT SETTLEMENT

WHEREAS, the Commissioner of Finance has requested a budgetary transfer (24T404) to provide funding for the 2024 and 2025 salary and benefit cost pursuant to the ratified contract settlement between Putnam County and the Putnam County Sheriff's Employees Association, Inc. (PCSEA); and

WHEREAS, the Personnel Committee and the Audit & Administration Committee have reviewed and approved said budgetary transfer; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the following budgetary transfer be made:

Increase Appropriations:

10010000 51000	Personnel Services	6,162
10010000 58002	Social Security	471
10315000 51000	Personnel Services	133,615
10315000 58002	Social Security	10,222
15311000 51000	Personnel Services	3,388
15311000 58002	Social Security	259
17311000 51000	Personnel Services	1,804
17311000 58002	Social Security	138
32311000 51000	Personnel Services	5,388
32311000 58002	Social Security	412
		<u>161,859</u>

Decrease Appropriations:

10199000 54980	Contingency	161,859
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2024 Fiscal Impact - \$161,859

2025 Fiscal Impact - \$166,311

BY POLL VOTE: ALL AYES. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Item #6c – Approval – Financial Disclosure List for the Year 2025 Filing Recommended by the Putnam County Personnel Officer Pursuant to Code Section 55-7 was next. On behalf of the members of the Personnel Committee, Legislators Castellano and Nacerino, Chairman Jonke moved the following:

RESOLUTION #316

**APPROVAL - FINANCIAL DISCLOSURE LIST FOR THE YEAR 2025 FILING
RECOMMENDED BY THE PUTNAM COUNTY PERSONNEL OFFICER PURSUANT TO
CODE SECTION 55-7**

WHEREAS, Section 55-7 of the Code of Putnam County requires that the Legislature annually by resolution determine which officers and employees of Putnam County are required to comply with the disclosure requirements of Chapter 55 of the County's Code; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 55-7 of the Putnam County Code, the County Personnel Officer has submitted his recommendations for officers and employees subject to the County's Financial Disclosure Reporting requirements indicating which officers and employees must file the Policy Form and which officers and employees must file the Advisory Form; and

WHEREAS, the Putnam County Legislature has reviewed and recommends the adoption of said recommendation of the Personnel Officer; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Putnam County Legislature hereby determines that those officers and employees of Putnam County delineated on the annexed list recommended by the Putnam County Officer of Personnel are required to comply with the disclosure requirements contained in Chapter 55 of the Code of Putnam County by filing the designated disclosure form as contained in the recommendation.

BY POLL VOTE: ALL AYES. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

**PHYSICAL SERVICES COMMITTEE
(Chairman Ellner, Legislators Castellano & Crowley)**

Item #6d – Approval – Fund Transfer (24T372) – DPW – Overtime was next. Chairman Jonke recognized Legislator Ellner, Chairman of the Physical Services Committee. On behalf of the members of the Committee, Legislators Castellano and Crowley, Legislator Ellner moved the following:

RESOLUTION #317

APPROVAL – FUND TRANSFER (24T372) – DPW – OVERTIME

WHEREAS, the Commissioner of DPW has requested a fund transfer (24T372) to cover Road Machinery Overtime through the end of 2024; and

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

RESOLVED, that the following fund transfer be made:

Decrease:

10513000 51000 10104	Personnel	4,900
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Increase:

10513000 51093	Overtime	4,900
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2024 Fiscal Impact – 0 –
2025 Fiscal Impact – 0 –

BY POLL VOTE: ALL AYES. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Item #6e - Approval - Budgetary Amendment (24A102) – Planning – NYSERDA Clean Energy Communities Program Award was next (Tabled from 11/6/24 Full Mtg to the Physical Services Committee Mtg on 11/12/24). **On behalf of the members of the Physical Services Committee, Legislators Castellano and Crowley, Legislator Ellner moved the following:**

Legislator Ellner explained that we were originally going to utilize these funds toward energy efficient windows and insulation, however, we were denied that request. He stated that we have been approved to put solar panels on the roof of the Planning building.

RESOLUTION #318

APPROVAL - BUDGETARY AMENDMENT (24A102) – PLANNING – NYSERDA CLEAN ENERGY COMMUNITIES PROGRAM AWARD

WHEREAS, by Resolution #196 of 2024, the Putnam County Legislature approved the County’s applications to NYSERDA and SWIMS in connection with the costs associated with window replacements, electric landscaping equipment and the lifeguard training program; and

WHEREAS, Putnam County has been awarded \$125,000 in Clean Energy Communities funding from the NYS Energy Research & Development Authority (NYSERDA); and

WHEREAS, the initial proposal to use these funds toward energy efficient window upgrades at the Donald B. Smith campus was rejected by NYSERDA; and

WHEREAS, funds were approved to install solar panels on the roof of the transit facility; and

WHEREAS, the Commissioner of Planning has requested a budgetary amendment (24A102) to account for these funds; and

WHEREAS, the Physical Services Committee and the Audit & Administration Committee have reviewed and approved said budgetary amendment; now therefore be it **RESOLVED**, that the following budgetary amendment be made:

Increase Revenues:

55997000 52009	Cap Projects Other Transp – NYSERDA Clean Energy Grant	
439890	State Aid – Other H & C	125,000

Increase Expenses:

55997000 52009	Cap Projects Other Transp – NYSERDA Clean Energy Grant	
53000	Capital Expenditures	125,000

2024 Fiscal Impact – 0 –
2025 Fiscal Impact – 0 –

BY POLL VOTE: ALL AYES. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Item #6f – Approval – Budgetary Amendment (24A114) – Planning – 5307/5340 & 5339 Danbury, CT-NY Small Urbanized Area (SUZA) – Metropolitan Transportation Authority (MTA) was next. On behalf of the members of the Physical Services Committee, Legislators Castellano and Crowley, Legislator Ellner moved the following:

RESOLUTION #319

APPROVAL – BUDGETARY AMENDMENT (24A114) – PLANNING – 5307/5340 & 5339 DANBURY, CT-NY SMALL URBANIZED AREA (SUZA) – METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY (MTA)

WHEREAS, Putnam County and the Metropolitan Transportation Authority (MTA) have reached an agreement on the fair and rational sub-regional allocation of the Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 2024 Sections 5307/5340 and 5339 funds apportioned to the New York side of Danbury, CT-NY Small Urbanized Area (SUZA); and

WHEREAS, the Commissioner of Planning has requested a budgetary amendment (24A114) to account for this final FFY 2024 allocation; and

WHEREAS, said budgetary amendment accounts for the 10% State and 10% local matching funds; and

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

RESOLVED, that the following budgetary amendment be made:

CAPITAL FUND:

Increase Estimated Revenues:

55997000 428601 52413	Interfund Transfer – General (Local 10%)	55,008
55997000 435970 52413	State Aid – Transit 5307/5339 FFY24	55,008
55997000 445970 52413	Federal Aid – Transit 5307/5339 FFY24	440,061

Increase Appropriations:

55997000 53000 52413	Capital – Transit Section 5307 FFY23	518,812
55997000 53000 52413	Capital – Transit Section 5339 FFY23	31,265

GENERAL FUND:

Increase Appropriations:

10990100 59020	Transfer Out – General	55,008
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Decrease Appropriations:

10199000 54980	Contingency	55,008
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2024 Fiscal Impact - \$55,008

2025 Fiscal Impact – 0 –

BY POLL VOTE: ALL AYES. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Item #6g – Approval – Lead Agency – SEQRA Determination – Snake Hill Road over Philipse Brook Culvert Replacement was next. On behalf of the members of the Physical Services Committee, Legislators Castellano and Crowley, Legislator Ellner moved the following:

RESOLUTION #320

APPROVAL - LEAD AGENCY - SEQRA DETERMINATION - SNAKE HILL ROAD OVER PHILIPSE BROOK CULVERT REPLACEMENT

WHEREAS, the Putnam County Legislature is considering the approval of a Putnam County Department of Public Works project that involves the replacement of the Snake Hill Road culvert over Philipse Brook (the “Project”). Anticipated project work will involve the replacement of the existing culvert with a new structure. The current structure is showing signs of hydraulic inadequacy, scour exposure and deteriorating and broken headwalls and wingwalls. All proposed project activities will occur within areas previously disturbed during the original road/culvert construction; and

WHEREAS, the purpose of the Project is to ensure a safe and convenient crossing over Philipse Brook by eliminating structural deficiencies and meeting current design standards; and

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

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

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

WHEREAS, a short Environmental Assessment form (EAF) has been prepared for the Project, along with supporting documentation, which is attached hereto and made a part hereof; and

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

RESOLVED, that the Putnam County Legislature will conduct a coordinated SEQRA environmental review for the Proposed Action in connection with the Project; and be it further

RESOLVED, that this Resolution shall take effect immediately.

BY POLL VOTE: ALL AYES. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Item #6h – Approval – Lead Agency – SEQRA Determination – Peekskill Hollow Road over Wiccopee Brook Culvert Replacement was next. On behalf of the members of the Physical Services Committee, Legislators Castellano and Crowley, Legislator Ellner moved the following:

RESOLUTION #321

APPROVAL - LEAD AGENCY - SEQRA DETERMINATION - PEEKSKILL HOLLOW ROAD OVER WICCOPEE BROOK CULVERT REPLACEMENT

WHEREAS, the Putnam County Legislature is considering the approval of a Putnam County Department of Public Works project that involves the replacement of the Peekskill Hollow Road culvert over Wiccopee Brook (the "Project"). Anticipated project work will involve the replacement of the existing culvert with a new structure. This structure will consist of a new concrete span structure, in addition, new headwalls and wingwalls will be installed. This replacement will restore the structural condition and improve the hydraulic capacity of the culvert. All proposed project activities will occur within areas previously disturbed during the original road/culvert construction; and

WHEREAS, the purpose of the Project is to ensure a safe and convenient crossing over Wiccopee Brook by eliminating structural deficiencies and removing the weight limit restriction; and

WHEREAS, the Proposed Action is subject to review under the State Environmental Quality Review Act ("SEQRA") and the Regulations promulgated thereunder ("SEQRA 6 NYCRR Part 617"); and

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

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

WHEREAS, a short Environmental Assessment form (EAF) has been prepared for the Project, along with supporting documentation, which is attached hereto and made a part hereof; and

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

RESOLVED, that the Putnam County Legislature will conduct a coordinated SEQRA environmental review for the Proposed Action in connection with the Project; and be it further

RESOLVED, that this Resolution shall take effect immediately.

BY POLL VOTE: ALL AYES. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Item #6i – Approval – Putnam County Legislature’s Intent to Act as Lead Agency under SEQRA RE: Lease Approval and Monroe Balancing Test for a Wireless Communications Facility was next. On behalf of the members of the Physical Services Committee, Legislators Castellano and Crowley, Legislator Ellner moved the following:

RESOLUTION #322

APPROVAL - PUTNAM COUNTY LEGISLATURE’S INTENT TO ACT AS LEAD AGENCY UNDER SEQRA RE: LEASE APPROVAL AND MONROE BALANCING TEST FOR A WIRELESS COMMUNICATIONS FACILITY

WHEREAS, the County of Putnam (the "County") is the owner of the property located at 161-165 Hill Street, Mahopac, New York ("Property"); and

WHEREAS, the County desires to use a portion of the Property for the installation of a wireless communications support structure; and

WHEREAS, Homeland Towers, LLC ("Homeland") desires to use a portion of the Property to install the support structure and compound area necessary to accommodate the wireless coverage needs of various County Emergency Service Departments, in addition to the providing capacity for the collocation of private public utility wireless

communication facilities in order to close significant gaps in reliable wireless service that exist in the vicinity of the Property within the County; and

WHEREAS, the County and Homeland desire to enter into a public private partnership by entering into a lease agreement (“Agreement”), for the purpose of constructing a 160-foot tower designed to resemble a tree (the “Facility”), with County emergency service antennas located thereon and which shall provide for the collocation of commercial wireless communication facilities including antennas and related equipment on the Facility all of which shall be situated on or within a 2,730 (apx.) square foot lease parcel; and

WHEREAS, the County Legislature intends to also review the proposal to determine whether the Facility should be exempt from local zoning requirements; and

WHEREAS, the approval of the Agreement and the determination whether the Facility should be exempt from local zoning requirements shall be deemed the “Project”; and

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

WHEREAS, other involved agencies (the “Involved Agencies”) have been identified in connection with the proposed action; and

WHEREAS, a full Environmental Assessment form (EAF) has been prepared for the Project; and

WHEREAS, the Putnam County Legislature (the “Legislature”), after a review of Part 617, finds that the proposed action is an “Unlisted” action, as defined in 6 NYCRR Part 617.2; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the requirements of 6 NYCRR Part 617.6(b)(3) a coordinated review of this action will be conducted; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Legislature hereby declares its Intent to serve as the Lead Agency under the procedures and requirements of SEQRA, and will circulate a Lead Agency Notice along with the EAF and associated documentation to all Involved Agencies and will follow protocol in accordance with and as required by all relevant rules and regulations.

BY POLL VOTE: ALL AYES. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Item #6j – Approval – Ratification of Application for State Fiscal Year 2024 Grant Funds Available Through the New York State Department of Transportation’s Public Transportation Modernization and Enhancement Program was next. On behalf of the members of the Physical Services Committee, Legislators Castellano and Crowley, Legislator Ellner moved the following:

RESOLUTION #323

APPROVAL - RATIFICATION OF APPLICATION FOR STATE FISCAL YEAR 2024 GRANT FUNDS AVAILABLE THROUGH THE NEW YORK STATE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION’S PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION MODERNIZATION AND ENHANCEMENT PROGRAM (MEP)

WHEREAS, the New York State Department of Transportation (NYSDOT) has apportioned Putnam County \$206,562 in funding to upgrade, modernize and enhance

public transportation services through NYSDOT's State Fiscal Year (SFY) 2024 Modernization and Enhancement Program (MEP); and

WHEREAS, the MEP grant funding is one hundred (100%) percent State funding; and

WHEREAS, the MEP grant funding requires an application to apply the funding to an eligible project, and the deadline for application submission is December 10, 2024; and

WHEREAS, Section 5-1(D)(1) of the Putnam County Code requires the Legislature approve all grant applications prior to their submission and that in the event time is of the essence requiring submission before Legislature approval is obtained for such application submission, consideration of the application shall occur at the next Full Legislature Meeting; and

WHEREAS, the County, by and through the Putnam County Department of Planning, Development and Public Transportation (the "Department"), is desirous to utilize the awarded funding for modernizing the public transit system by purchasing cashless fare software technology and submit a grant application by the December 10, 2024 deadline set forth by NYSDOT; and

WHEREAS, the Legislature, by and through the Physical Services Committee, approves the County's application for MEP grant funding to NYSDOT by the December 10, 2024 deadline; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the County Executive, together with the County Legislature, supports the County's application for NYSDOT's MEP grant funding in connection with the costs associated with cashless fare software for the public transit system to be formally submitted to NYSDOT on/before December 10, 2024, is hereby accepted, approved and ratified by the County Legislature.

BY POLL VOTE: ALL AYES. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Item #6k – Approval – Department of Public Works – Use of Capital Facility Reserve – (24CP06) (District Attorney's Office Renovations) was next. On behalf of the members of the Physical Services Committee, Legislators Castellano and Crowley, Legislator Ellner moved the following:

RESOLUTION #324

APPROVAL – DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS – USE OF CAPITAL FACILITY RESERVE – (24CP06) (District Attorney's Office Renovations)

WHEREAS, the Commissioner of DPW has proposed the use of \$20,000 from the Capital Facility Reserve to fund Project #24CP06 – District Attorney's Office Renovations; and

WHEREAS, the District Attorney's Office has a new position forthcoming in 2025 and there is a need for an additional office to accommodate this new hire; and

WHEREAS, the proposal is to convert the conference room into two (2) rooms; one (1) being the new office and one (1) the conference room; and

WHEREAS, the renovations may include, but not limited to, doors, lighting, blinds, furniture, ceiling tiles, HVAC, AV/IT, electrical, flooring, and wall removal/installation; and

WHEREAS, the Physical Services Committee has reviewed and approved this request; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Putnam County Legislature approves and authorizes the expenditure of \$20,000 from the Capital Facility Reserve fund budget line 55197000 53000 51509 as follows:

24CP06 – District Attorney’s Office Renovations

Project cost not to exceed \$20,000

BY POLL VOTE: ALL AYES. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Item #6L – Approval – Putnam County Veterans Memorial Park Revised Fee Schedule – Department of Public Works was next. On behalf of the members of the Physical Services Committee, Legislators Castellano and Crowley, Legislator Ellner moved the following:

RESOLUTION #325

APPROVAL – PUTNAM COUNTY VETERANS MEMORIAL PARK REVISED FEE SCHEDULE – DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

WHEREAS, by Resolution #143 of 2017, the Putnam County Legislature approved an amendment to Resolution #27 of 2009; the fee schedule for usage of the Putnam County Veterans Memorial Park; and

WHEREAS, the park fees have remained unchanged since 2017; and

WHEREAS, the County recognizes the contributions made by Putnam County employees and first responders and feels such contributions warrant a change in the fee schedule to reflect same; and

WHEREAS, the new proposed fee schedule has been reviewed and approved by the Deputy Commissioner of Parks and the Putnam County Veterans Memorial Park Advisory Board; and

WHEREAS, the Physical Services Committee has reviewed and approved said fee schedule; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Putnam County Legislature approves the attached revised Putnam County Park Fees schedule.

BY POLL VOTE: ALL AYES. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Item #6m – Approval – Memorialization Concerning the Impacts of Efforts to Electrify Highway Department Vehicles by Adoption of the Advanced Clean Truck Rule was next. On behalf of the members of the Physical Services Committee, Legislators Castellano and Crowley, Legislator Ellner moved the following:

Legislator Montgomery stated that the original Clean Truck Rule was developed to address a crisis in New York State and other states throughout the country joined in adopting the advanced clean truck standards in 2021. She stated that she could understand passing this resolution if we had at least made some effort to implement policies to avert an air quality crisis caused by diesel truck pollution. She believed that our efforts would be better spent finding a solution to protect public health and the climate. She stated that the state has an active truck voucher program that is designed

to cover most, if not all, of the incremental costs of purchasing an EV truck over a diesel or gas truck. She believed it would be important to work with NYSERDA to find out how the truck voucher program, and other incentives could help Putnam County move forward in this. She stated that calling for a pause and calling for highway vehicles to be exempt from this Advanced Clean Truck (ACT) Rule would lead to the continuation of unacceptably high emissions rates. She explained that this is not in alignment with the goals in the Climate Smart Community resolution we passed in Putnam County. She stated that for her it was personal. She stated that delaying and failing to implement policies costs lives. She stated that we have been dragging our feet since it passed in 2021. She believed that we needed to start implementing the measures set forth in this ACT to protect the health of our communities.

Legislator Ellner clarified that this would affect large trucks and there are some practical issues. He explained that when there is a snowstorm, a truck could be off the road for hours when the vehicle needs to be charged. He stated that we have seen fires caused by electric vehicles. He stated that these are very large batteries and in many cases these vehicles cost more than \$500,000. He stated that this will also affect our insurance rates. He stated that it is also believed that there could be a shortage of these electric vehicles. He explained that although the legislation was nicely intended, he believed that it was making things more expensive and more difficult for highway departments. He stated that he would be supporting this memorialized resolution.

Legislator Nacerino stated that she would also be supporting this. She believed that there were significant reasons why we should think this through and put a halt to the ACT Rule at the present time. She explained that we do not have the infrastructure and there are many potential dangers such as vehicle fires. She quoted the paragraph which read, "the rush to introduce electric vehicles in New York can be counter productive to the environment as the bulk of the power generation used to charge new vehicle batteries is produced by fossil fuels and is the reason to move more slowly to sync with the pace of the transition to a zero-emission electric grid by 2040." She believed there were a lot of things to consider before we move forward with electric trucks.

Legislator Sayegh explained that sees this as a common sense issue, not a partisan issue. Especially for all the points mentioned by Legislators Nacerino and Ellner. She explained that our vehicle fleet would increase to accommodate the electric vehicles. She stated that we do not have the infrastructure and do not have a magic wand to build it overnight.

Legislator Addonizio stated Maine, North Carolina and Connecticut, among other states, have recently stepped back from adopting the ACT regulation citing many concerns over the availability of heavy-duty vehicle charging stations. She explained that this is a very big problem, along with the high costs associated with zero emission trucks. She stated that the NYS Comptroller released an audit on the state's progress in July of 2024 with meeting Climate Act goals. She stated that there were several deficiencies including the need to increase communications to stakeholders and provide more accurate cost estimates. She believed this was premature and stated that she would be supporting this resolution.

RESOLUTION #326

APPROVAL – MEMORIALIZATION CONCERNING THE IMPACTS OF EFFORTS TO ELECTRIFY HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT VEHICLES BY ADOPTION OF THE ADVANCED CLEAN TRUCK RULE

WHEREAS, in 2019, the Climate Leadership and Community Protection Act (CLCPA) was signed into law to require New York to reduce economy-wide greenhouse gas emissions 40 percent by 2030 and no less than 85 percent by 2050 from 1990 levels; and

WHEREAS, the CLCPA directs the development of performance-based standards for sources of greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions including for the transportation sector by reducing GHG emissions from motor vehicles; and

WHEREAS, New York State adopted California’s Advanced Clean Trucks (ACT) Rule in December 2021 that requires applicable medium and heavy-duty (M/HD) vehicle manufacturers to sell a percentage of their total sales in New York as zero-emission vehicles (ZEVs) starting in model year 2025 with increasing ZEV sales through model year 2035; and

WHEREAS, the cost of transitioning the state and local highway departments’ utility and construction vehicles, snowplows and equipment to run on battery power as mandated by ACT and other state strategies is at this juncture incalculable, but expected to exceed the ability to be financed without substantial sources of new revenues directed strictly for the retrofit or procurement of such ZEVs and equipment; and

WHEREAS, as commercial production of M/HD large-scale, electric construction vehicles is today a nascent industry, the ability of local highway departments to plan for this transition, with its concomitant mandates that fuel and electricity charging sources be carbon-free, is of tremendous concern considering that the transportation system at all levels of New York government is significantly underfunded; and

WHEREAS, while ACT regulations do not require M/HD fleets, owners, operators, or dealerships to purchase ZEVs, the sales mandates on vehicle manufacturers are expected to lead to shortages in supply of not only complying electric vehicles but of traditional gasoline and diesel vehicles as well; and

WHEREAS, alarmingly, some M/HD vehicle dealerships have notified highway departments that, due to manufacturers’ need to plan for the sales mandates adopted by New York and some other states, many orders for trucks are being delayed or cancelled; and

WHEREAS, notably, Maine, North Carolina and Connecticut among other states recently stepped back from adopting ACT regulations citing concerns over the availability of heavy-duty vehicle charging stations and the high cost of zero-emission trucks; and

WHEREAS, in July 2024, the New York state Comptroller released an audit on the State’s progress in meeting Climate Act goals and noted several deficiencies including the need to increase communication with stakeholders and provide more accurate cost estimates. The audit goes on to add that the lack of cost estimates jeopardizes the chances of success in meeting climate goals. The comptroller urges the state to clarify for key stakeholders, especially energy ratepayers, the extent to which ratepayers will be responsible for Climate Act implementation costs; and

WHEREAS, New York’s climate goals must be implemented in a way that is affordable while assuring adequate supplies of these specialized vehicles and functional highway construction equipment that meet state specifications, estimated to increase the cost of a new truck by about one-third; and

WHEREAS, the rush to introduce electric vehicles in New York can be counter productive to the environment as the bulk of the power generation used to charge new

vehicle batteries is produced by fossil fuels, and is the reason to move more slowly to sync with the pace of the transition to a zero-emission electric grid by 2040; and

WHEREAS, recognizing these potential impacts on the ability of local governments to continue to deliver necessary transportation services and facilities to the traveling public it is vital that state elected representatives and agencies assist county highway departments in developing strategies, funding sources, and realistic timelines for achieving these aggressive GHG emissions reduction goals in the face of market and fiscal barriers to the transition; and

WHEREAS, all levels of government need to work together throughout the regulatory process to assure strategies and mandates put in place to meet the CLCPA goals for the transportation sector are realistic and achievable and will benefit the environment; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that Putnam County of New York State calls on Governor Hochul, the NYS Department of Transportation (NYSDOT) and NYS Department of Environmental Conservation (NYSDEC), NYSERDA, Public Service Commission, Putnam County's Representatives in the New York State Senate and Assembly to commit to providing support for addressing these concerns in the regulatory and implementation process and to dedicate the funding necessary to fully cover the counties' costs of complying with the state mandates under the CLCPA; and be it further

RESOLVED, that Governor Hochul consider a pause or suspension of the implementation of ACT until there is strong evidence that the state has in place the necessary direct financial assistance and incentives and charging infrastructure necessary, and can definitively determine that vehicle manufacturers are prepared to effectively supply the New York market without disruption to the critical work needed to maintain the state's vast and aging infrastructure; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the state recognize that highway construction, maintenance vehicles, and equipment are critical to governments' mission to maintain a safe and functional transportation system by designating these municipally owned vehicle and equipment as a category among "transit buses, motor coaches, and emergency vehicles," and thus exempt from ACT regulation; and be it further

RESOLVED, that Putnam County shall forward copies of this resolution to Governor Kathy Hochul, Putnam County Representatives in the New York State Senate and Assembly, the Commissioners of NYSDOT, NYSDEC, NYSERDA, and PSC.

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

**RULES, ENACTMENTS & INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE
(Chairwoman Addonizio, Legislators Ellner & Nacerino)**

Item #6n – Approval – Re-Appointments – Plumbing & Mechanical Trades Board was next. Chairman Jonke recognized Legislator Addonizio, Chairwoman of the Rules, Enactments & Intergovernmental Relations Committee. On behalf of the members of the Committee, Legislators Ellner and Nacerino, Legislator Addonizio moved the following:

Legislator Addonizio thanked the volunteers for their willingness to serve on this board.

RESOLUTION #327

APPROVAL – RE-APPOINTMENTS – PLUMBING & MECHANICAL TRADES BOARD

RESOLVED, that the following be re-appointed to the Putnam County Plumbing & Mechanical Trades Board pursuant to Section 190-6(D) of the Putnam County Code:

Henry Boyd, Town of Kent, Section 190-6(D)(8), as Well Driller, for a three (3) year term, said term to expire December 31, 2027.

Homer Losee, Town of Patterson, Section 190-6(D)(1), as Master Plumber, for a three (3) year term, said term to expire December 31, 2027.

Christopher Lyons, Town of Southeast, Section 190-6(D)D6), as Licensed HVAC Mechanical Tradesperson, for a three (3) year term, said term to expire December 31, 2027.

BY POLL VOTE: ALL AYES. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Item #6o - Approval – Sheriff’s Department – ARPA Funding School Safety Reallocation – AXON Officer Safety Technology Project and Youth Bureau Relocation Project was next. On behalf of the members of the Rules, Enactments & Intergovernmental Relations Committee, Legislators Ellner and Nacerino, Legislator Addonizio moved the following:

RESOLUTION #328

APPROVAL - SHERIFF’S DEPARTMENT – ARPA FUNDING SCHOOL SAFETY REALLOCATION – AXON OFFICER SAFETY TECHNOLOGY PROJECT AND YOUTH BUREAU RELOCATION PROJECT

WHEREAS, Putnam County allocated its American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds pursuant to Resolution # 135 of 2022, with a focus on infrastructure, related to school safety, mental health, substance abuse, food insecurity, clean water, roads, bridges and buildings; and

WHEREAS, a budgetary amendment was made pursuant to Resolution #135 of 2022 wherein \$2,000,000 was appropriated for School Safety- Infrastructure Upgrades through Putnam County Sheriff’s Office; and

WHEREAS, the Sheriff’s Office has requested that \$1,000,000 of the funds originally allocated now be reallocated to pursue additional projects; and

WHEREAS, the Administration has proposed that \$800,000 be reallocated to the AXON Officer Safety Technology Project; and

WHEREAS, the remaining \$200,000 of the funds may be reallocated to another County project, the relocation of the Youth Bureau Project; and

WHEREAS, the County consultant has indicated that the AXON Officer Safety Technology Project and the Youth Bureau Relocation Project are both allowable uses of ARPA funds; and

WHEREAS, the Commissioner of Finance, and the County Auditor have reviewed and recommended said reallocation; and

WHEREAS, the County Executive has reviewed and recommended said reallocation; and

WHEREAS, the Rules, Enactments and Intergovernmental Relations Committee has reviewed and approved of this request; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that \$1,000,000 of ARPA funds from the Sheriff’s Office School Safety -Infrastructure Upgrades be reallocated to the Sheriff’s AXON Officer Safety Technology Project (\$800,000) and the Youth Bureau Relocation Project (\$200,000).

BY POLL VOTE: ALL AYES. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Item #6p – Approval – Budgetary Amendment (24A119) – Sheriff’s Department – Reallocation of School Safety ARPA Funding – AXON Officer Safety Technology Project was next. On behalf of the members of the Rules, Enactments & Intergovernmental Relations Committee, Legislators Ellner and Nacerino, Legislator Addonizio moved the following:

RESOLUTION #329

APPROVAL – BUDGETARY AMENDMENT (24A119) – SHERIFF’S DEPARTMENT – REALLOCATION OF SCHOOL SAFETY ARPA FUNDING – AXON OFFICER SAFETY TECHNOLOGY PROJECT

WHEREAS, a budgetary amendment was made pursuant to Resolution #135 of 2022 wherein \$2 million dollars was appropriated for School Safety-Infrastructure Upgrades through the Putnam County Sheriff’s Office; and

WHEREAS, the Administration has worked closely with the Sheriff’s Department to ensure compliance with applicable rules and regulations set forth by the US Treasury; and

WHEREAS, this has included efforts from our internal ARPA Committee, as well as review and assistance from the County’s outside ARPA consultant; and

WHEREAS, as a result of these reviews, the Administration has proposed that \$800,000 be reallocated to the AXON Officer Safety Technology Project; and

WHEREAS, as the County approaches the 12/31/24 deadline set forth by the US Treasury to commit funds, it is the Administration’s and Sheriff’s belief that reallocating \$800,000 towards this project is the best way to utilize the ARPA funds; and

WHEREAS, the Rules, Enactments & Intergovernmental Relations Committee and the Audit & Administration Committee have reviewed and approved said request; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that \$800,000 of ARPA funds from the Sheriff’s Office School Safety – Infrastructure Upgrades be reallocated to the AXON Officer Safety Technology Project; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the following budgetary amendment (24A119) be made:

CAPITAL FUND:

Increase Appropriations:

53097000 53000 52416	Capital – (ARPA) AXON Officer Safety Technology Project	800,000
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Increase Estimated Revenues:

53097000 428651 52416	Transfer In – Debt Service Fund	800,000
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Decrease Appropriations:

53097000 53000 52223	Capital – (ARPA) PCSO School Safety	800,000
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Decrease Estimated Revenues:		
53097000 428601 52223	Transfer In – General	800,000

DEBT SERVICE:

Increase Appropriations:		
V9710000 59020 52416	Transfer Out – Capital (ARPA)	800,000

Increase Estimated Revenues:		
V9710000 449898 52416	Federal Aid – ARPA CFDA 21.027	800,000

GENERAL FUND:

Decrease Appropriations:		
10990100 59020 52223	Transfer Out – Capital (ARPA) PCSO School Safety	800,000

Decrease Estimated Revenues:		
10131000 449898 52223	Federal Aid – ARPA CFDA 21.027	800,000

**2024 Fiscal Impact – 0 –
2025 Fiscal Impact – 0 –**

BY POLL VOTE: ALL AYES. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Item #6q – Approval – Budgetary Amendment (24A120) - Sheriff’s Department – Reallocation of School Safety ARPA Funding – Putnam County Youth Bureau Relocation Project was next. On behalf of the members of the Rules, Enactments & Intergovernmental Relations Committee, Legislators Ellner and Nacerino, Legislator Addonizio moved the following:

RESOLUTION #330

APPROVAL – BUDGETARY AMENDMENT (24A120) - SHERIFF’S DEPARTMENT – REALLOCATION OF SCHOOL SAFETY ARPA FUNDING – PUTNAM COUNTY YOUTH BUREAU RELOCATION PROJECT

WHEREAS, a budgetary amendment was made pursuant to Resolution #135 of 2022 wherein \$2 million dollars was appropriated for School Safety-Infrastructure Upgrades through the Putnam County Sheriff's Office; and

WHEREAS, the Administration has worked closely with the Sheriff’s Department to ensure compliance with applicable rules and regulations set forth by the US Treasury; and

WHEREAS, this has included efforts from our internal ARPA Committee, as well as review and assistance from the County’s outside ARPA consultant; and

WHEREAS, as a result of these reviews, the Administration has proposed that \$200,000 be reallocated to the Putnam County Youth Bureau Relocation Project; and

WHEREAS, this project was presented as part of the 2025 Capital Plan (#2025-011) which involves the renovation of Building 7 at Tilly Foster Farm and subsequent relocation of the Putnam County Youth Bureau from the Donald B. Smith Campus to the Farm; and

WHEREAS, as the County approaches the 12/31/24 deadline set forth by the US Treasury to commit funds, it is the Administration's and Sheriff's belief that reallocating \$200,000 towards this project is the best way to utilize the ARPA funds; and

WHEREAS, the Rules, Enactments & Intergovernmental Relations Committee and the Audit & Administration Committee have reviewed and approved said request; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that \$200,000 of ARPA funds from the Sheriff's Office School Safety – Infrastructure Upgrades be reallocated to the Putnam County Youth Bureau Relocation Project; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the following budgetary amendment (24A120) be made:

CAPITAL FUND:

Increase Appropriations:

57997000 53000 52421	Capital – (ARPA) Youth Bureau Relocation Project	200,000
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Increase Estimated Revenues:

57997000 428601 52421	Transfer In – General	200,000
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Decrease Appropriations:

53097000 53000 52223	Capital – (ARPA) PCSO School Safety	200,000
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Decrease Estimated Revenues:

53097000 428601 52223	Transfer In – General	200,000
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GENERAL FUND:

Increase Appropriations:

10990100 59020 52421	Transfer Out – Capital (ARPA) Youth Bureau Relocation Project	200,000
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Increase Estimated Revenues:

10131000 449898 52421	Federal Aid – ARPA CFDA 21.027	200,000
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Decrease Appropriations:

10990100 59020 52223	Transfer Out – Capital (ARPA) PCSO School Safety	200,000
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Decrease Estimated Revenues:

10131000 449898 52223	Federal Aid – ARPA CFDA 21.027	200,000
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2024 Fiscal Impact – 0 –

2025 Fiscal Impact – 0 –

BY POLL VOTE: ALL AYES. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Item #6r – Approval – Town of Patterson – American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Funding Reallocation & Sales Tax Funding Reallocation was next. On behalf of the members of

the Rules, Enactments & Intergovernmental Relations Committee, Legislators Ellner and Nacerino, Legislator Addonizio moved the following:

RESOLUTION #331

APPROVAL - TOWN OF PATTERSON AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT (ARPA) FUNDING REALLOCATION & SALES TAX FUNDING REALLOCATION

WHEREAS, the Town of Patterson was allocated a total of \$1,181,656.00 of American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) and sales tax funding pursuant to Resolutions # 133 & # 134 of 2022; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Patterson has requested that the use of the funds originally approved for the Putnam Lake Dam pursuant to Resolutions #133 and #134 of 2022 be modified to provide that \$234,940 be reallocated to the EMS Building project; and

WHEREAS, the Commissioner of Finance and the County Auditor have confirmed that the EMS Building project is an existing, pre-approved project.

WHEREAS, the County Executive has reviewed and recommended said reallocation; and

WHEREAS, the Rules, Enactments and Intergovernmental Relations Committee has reviewed and approved of this request; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Putnam County Legislature approves and authorizes the Town of Patterson funding of \$234,940 originally allocated pursuant to Resolution # 133 and #134 of 2022 hereby authorized to be expended on the EMS Building.

BY POLL VOTE: ALL AYES. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Item #6s – Approval – Putnam CAP/WestCOP American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Funding Reallocation was next. On behalf of the members of the Rules, Enactments & Intergovernmental Relations Committee, Legislators Ellner and Nacerino, Legislator Addonizio moved the following:

RESOLUTION #332

APPROVAL - PUTNAM CAP/WESTCOP AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT (ARPA) FUNDING REALLOCATION

WHEREAS, Putnam CAP/WestCOP (“Putnam CAP”) was allocated a \$130,000 of American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funding pursuant to Resolution # 135 of 2022; and

WHEREAS, Putnam CAP has requested that the use of the funds originally approved for a mobile food pantry pursuant to Resolution #135 of 2022 be reallocated to another project that will benefit the County; and

WHEREAS, the Administration and the ARPA Committee have requested that the funds be reallocated to administrative expenses associated with ARPA accounting and compliance; and

WHEREAS, the Commissioner of Finance and the County Auditor have confirmed that the use of these funds for administrative expenses is an existing, pre-approved use of ARPA funds.

WHEREAS, the County Executive has reviewed and recommended said reallocation; and

WHEREAS, the Rules, Enactments and Intergovernmental Relations Committee has reviewed and approved of this request; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Putnam County Legislature approves and authorizes that the \$130,000 of funding originally allocated to a mobile food pantry to be operated by Putnam CAP pursuant to Resolution # 135 of 2022 is hereby authorized to be expended on administrative expenses.

BY POLL VOTE: ALL AYES. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Item #6t – Approval – Budgetary Amendment (24A110) – Finance – Independent Auditors – PKF O’Connor Davies LLP – American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) was next. On behalf of the members of the Rules, Enactments & Intergovernmental Relations Committee, Legislators Ellner and Nacerino, Legislator Addonizio moved the following:

RESOLUTION #333

APPROVAL – BUDGETARY AMENDMENT (24A110) – FINANCE – INDEPENDENT AUDITORS – PKF O’CONNOR DAVIES LLP – AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT (ARPA)

WHEREAS, on January 10, 2024, the County amended their engagement with PKF O’Connor Davies LLP to assist the County with grant compliance and subrecipient monitoring in connection with the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA); and

WHEREAS, the County’s ARPA consultant and her team have provided the County and its subrecipients with effective management and oversight with continuous meetings with both the Administration and our local Towns and Villages; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the U.S. Treasury’s 2022 Final Rule, recipients may elect up to 10% of their ARPA allocation to administer these projects; and

WHEREAS, by Resolution #138 of 2024, the Putnam County Legislature approved the recommendation of the Commissioner of Finance to cover an additional \$70,000 to adhere to the current U.S. Treasury Guidelines of obligating the County and subrecipient projects through the end of 2024; and

WHEREAS, the Commissioner of Finance is recommending another budgetary amendment (24A110) to cover an additional \$138,293 to adhere to the current U.S. Treasury Guidelines of obligating the County and subrecipient projects through the end of 2024; and

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

RESOLVED, that the following budgetary amendment:

CAPITAL FUND:

Increase Appropriations:

58989000 53000 52228	Capital – ARPA Administrative Costs	138,293
53097000 53000 52404	Capital – ARPA PCSO Gate Improvements	20,412

Increase Estimated Revenues:

58989000 428601 52228	Transfer In – General	138,293
53097000 428601 52404	Transfer In – General	20,412

Decrease Appropriations:

58989000 53000 52226	Capital – ARPA CAP Mobile Food Pantry	130,000
58989000 53000 52227	Capital – ARPA Second Chance Foods	1,856
53097000 53000 52405	Capital – ARPA PCSO Life Safety	26,849

Decrease Estimated Revenues:

58989000 428601 52226	Transfer In – General	130,000
58989000 428601 52227	Transfer In – General	1,856
53097000 428601 52405	Transfer In – General	26,849

GENERAL FUND:

Increase Appropriations:

10990100 59020 52228	Transfer Out – Capital – ARPA Administrative Costs	138,293
10990100 59020 52404	Transfer Out – Capital – ARPA PCSO Gate Improvements	20,412

Increase Estimated Revenues:

10131000 449898 52228	Federal Aid – ARPA CFDA 21.027	138,293
10131000 449898 52404	Federal Aid – ARPA CFDA 21.027	20,412

Decrease Appropriations:

10990100 59020 52226	Transfer Out – Capital – ARPA CAP Mobile Food Pantry	130,000
10990100 59020 52227	Transfer Out – Capital – ARPA Second Chance Foods	1,856
10990100 59020 52405	Transfer Out – Capital – ARPA PCSO Life Safety	26,849

Decrease Estimated Revenues:

10131000 449898 52226	Federal Aid – ARPA CFDA 21.027	130,000
10131000 449898 52227	Federal Aid – ARPA CFDA 21.027	1,856
10131000 449898 52405	Federal Aid – ARPA CFDA 21.027	26,849

2024 Fiscal Impact – 0 –

2025 Fiscal Impact – 0 –

BY POLL VOTE: ALL AYES. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Item #6u – Approval – Budgetary Amendment (24A111) – Commissioner of Finance – County ARPA Projects Reallocation – Amend Resolution #135 of 2022 was next. On behalf of the members of the Rules, Enactments & Intergovernmental Relations Committee, Legislators Ellner and Nacerino, Legislator Addonizio moved the following:

RESOLUTION # 334

APPROVAL - BUDGETARY AMENDMENT (24A111)/ COMMISSIONER OF FINANCE - COUNTY ARPA PROJECTS REALLOCATION – AMEND RESOLUTION #135 OF 2022

WHEREAS, the County was allocated \$19.1 million through ARPA, to be used to provide certain government services; and

WHEREAS the County allocated a portion of these funds to certain projects pursuant to Resolution #135 of 2022; and

WHEREAS ARPA requires funds to be encumbered by December 31, 2024; and

WHEREAS, in order to ensure compliance with the encumbrance deadline, and to best serve the needs of the County, the Commissioner of Finance has requested a budgetary amendment to reallocate certain of the funds; and

WHEREAS, the requested reallocations shall be put into a project category called “General Infrastructure/Design Services” for paving projects; and

WHEREAS, the Commissioner of Finance, and the County Auditor have reviewed and recommended said reallocation; and

WHEREAS, the County Executive has reviewed and recommended said reallocation; and

WHEREAS, the Rules, Enactments and Intergovernmental Relations Committee has reviewed and approved of this request; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the following budgetary amendment (24A111) be made:

CAPITAL FUND:

Increase Appropriations:

55197000 53000 52420	Capital – ARPA General Infrastructure & Design Services	481,568
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Increase Estimated Revenues:

55197000 428601 52420	Transfer In – ARPA General Infrastructure & Design Services	481,568
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Decrease Appropriations:

55197000 53000 52202	Capital – ARPA – Highway Infrastructure	7,200
55197000 53000 52229	Capital – ARPA – Feasibility Studies	202,668

Decrease Estimated Revenues:

55197000 428601 52202	Transfer In – General ARPA Highway Infrastructure	7,200
55197000 428601 52229	Transfer In – General ARPA Feasibility Studies	202,668

GENERAL FUND:

Increase Appropriations:

10990100 59020 52420	Transfer Out – Capital – ARPA General Infrastructure & Design Serv.	481,568
10990100 59020 51912	Transfer Out – Capital – ARPA Drewville Rd PIN 8757.65	182,535

Increase Estimated Revenues:

10131000 449898 52420	Federal Aid – ARPA CFDA 21.027	481,568
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10131000 449898 51912 Federal Aid – ARPA CFDA 21.027 182,535

Decrease Appropriations:

10990100 59020 52202 Transfer Out – Capital - ARPA Highway Infrastructure 7,200

10990100 59020 52229 Transfer Out – Capital – ARPA Feasibility Studies 202,668

10990100 59020 51912 Transfer Out – Capital – ARPA Drewville Rd PIN 8757.65 271,700

Decrease Estimated Revenues:

10131000 449898 52202 Federal Aid – ARPA CFDA 21.027 7,200

10131000 449898 52229 Federal Aid – ARPA CFDA 21.027 202,668

10131000 449898 52405 Federal Aid – ARPA CFDA 21.027 271,700

2024 Fiscal Impact – 0 –

2025 Fiscal Impact – 0 –

And be it further

RESOLVED, that future ARPA funds reallocations from Putnam County ARPA projects be put into the General Infrastructure/Design Services category, to be used on ARPA-compliant (as confirmed by the County’s ARPA consultant), approved Capital Program projects.

BY POLL VOTE: ALL AYES. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Item #6v – Approval – Putnam County Golf Course Renovation Project ARPA Funding Reallocation was next. On behalf of the members of the Rules, Enactments & Intergovernmental Relations Committee, Legislators Ellner and Nacerino, Legislator Addonizio moved the following:

Legislator Ellner stated that the funding will be used to pave roads.

RESOLUTION #335

APPROVAL – PUTNAM COUNTY GOLF COURSE RENOVATION PROJECT ARPA FUNDING REALLOCATION

WHEREAS, the County was allocated \$19.1 million through ARPA, to be used to provide certain government services; and

WHEREAS, a budgetary amendment was made allocating a total of \$400,000 of American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funding pursuant to Resolutions # 37 of 2022 to carry out Capital Improvements to the MacGregor Grille at the Putnam County Golf Course; and

WHEREAS, it has since been determined by the County’s ARPA consultant that these costs are not eligible ARPA expenses and/or likely will not comply with ARPA rules and guidelines set forth by the U.S. Treasury; and

WHEREAS, in order to comply with ARPA rules and in an effort to preserve the ARPA funds granted to it by the U.S. Treasury, the County wishes to reallocate the ARPA funds to the “General Infrastructure/Design Services” project category to fund ARPA eligible paving projects; and

WHEREAS, the County must then fund the Golf Course Renovation Project with \$400,000 from the General Fund; and

WHEREAS, the Commissioner of Finance, and the County Auditor have reviewed and recommended said reallocation; and

WHEREAS, the County Executive has reviewed and recommended said reallocation; and

WHEREAS, the *Rules, Enactments and Intergovernmental Relations Committee* has reviewed and approved of this request; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the ARPA funding of \$400,000 originally allocated to the Putnam County Golf Course Renovation Project pursuant to Resolution # 37 of 2022 is hereby authorized to be placed into a project category called “General Infrastructure/Design Services” with the intent for the funds to be expended on ARPA-eligible County Capital paving project(s); and be it further

RESOLVED, that \$400,000 from the General Fund shall be used to fund the Golf Course Renovations Project expenses.

BY POLL VOTE: ALL AYES. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Item #6w – Approval – Budgetary Amendment (24A116) – ARPA Golf Course Renovation Project Reallocation to General Infrastructure/Design Services was next. On behalf of the members of the Rules, Enactments & Intergovernmental Relations Committee, Legislators Ellner and Nacerino, Legislator Addonizio moved the following:

RESOLUTION #336

APPROVAL – BUDGETARY AMENDMENT (24A116) – ARPA GOLF COURSE RENOVATION PROJECT REALLOCATION TO GENERAL INFRASTRUCTURE/DESIGN SERVICES

WHEREAS, by Resolution #335 of 2024, the Putnam County Legislature approved and authorized the reallocation of \$400,000 originally allocated for the Putnam County Golf Course Renovation Project (Improvements to the MacGregor Grille) to be placed into a project category called “General Infrastructure/Design Services” with the intent for the funds to be expended on ARPA eligible County Capital paving projects; and

WHEREAS, the Commissioner of Finance has requested a budgetary amendment (24A116) to account for this reallocation; and

WHEREAS, the Rules, Enactments & Intergovernmental Relations Committee and the Audit & Administration Committee have reviewed and approved said budgetary amendment; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the following budgetary amendment be made:

CAPITAL FUND:

Increase Appropriations:

55197000 53000 52420	Capital Expenditures – General Infrastructure & Design Services (ARPA)	400,000
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Decrease Appropriations:

57110000 53000 52212	Capital Exp. – PC Golf Renovations	36,879
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Increase Estimated Revenues:

55197000 428601 52420 Transfer In – Capital (General Infrastructure & Design Services) (ARPA) 400,000

Decrease Estimated Revenues:

57110000 428601 52212 Transfer In – Capital (PC Golf Renovations) 36,879

GENERAL FUND:

Increase Appropriations:

10990100 59020 52240 Transfer Out – General Fund (General Infrastructure & Design Services) 400,000

Increase Estimated Revenues:

10131000 449898 52420 Federal Aid – ARPA CFDA 21.027 (General Infrastructure & Design Services) 400,000

10131000 427112 Use of Capital Reserve 400,000

Decrease Estimated Revenues:

10131000 449898 52212 Federal Aid – ARPA CFDA 21.027 (PC Golf Renovations) 400,000

2024 Fiscal Impact - \$400,000

2025 Fiscal Impact – 0 -

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

Item #6x – Approval – Fund Transfer (24T417) – County Attorney – Judgment & Claims was next. On behalf of the members of the Rules, Enactments & Intergovernmental Relations Committee, Legislators Ellner and Nacerino, Legislator Addonizio moved the following:

RESOLUTION #337

APPROVAL – FUND TRANSFER (24T417) – COUNTY ATTORNEY – JUDGMENT & CLAIMS

WHEREAS, the County Attorney has requested a fund transfer (24T417) to cover NYMIR Invoices through year end 2024; and

WHEREAS, the Rules, Enactments & Intergovernmental Relations Committee and the Audit & Administration Committee have reviewed and approved said fund transfer; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the following fund transfer be made:

Decrease:

10199000 54980 General Contingency 30,000

Increase:

10193000 54933 Judgment & Claims 30,000

2024 Fiscal Impact - \$30,000

2025 Fiscal Impact – 0 -

BY POLL VOTE: ALL AYES. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Item #6y – Approval – Fund Transfer (24T424) – County Attorney – Legal Services was next. On behalf of the members of the Rules, Enactments & Intergovernmental Relations Committee, Legislators Ellner and Nacerino, Legislator Addonizio moved the following:

RESOLUTION #338

APPROVAL – FUND TRANSFER (24T424) – COUNTY ATTORNEY – LEGAL SERVICES

WHEREAS, the County Attorney has requested a fund transfer (24T424) to cover outstanding legal services invoices not yet received for the remainder of 2024; and

WHEREAS, the Rules, Enactments & Intergovernmental Relations Committee and the Audit & Administration Committee have reviewed and approved said fund transfer; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the following fund transfer be made:

Decrease:

10199000 54980	Contingency	50,000
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Increase:

10142000 54125	Legal Services	50,000
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2024 Fiscal Impact - \$50,000

2025 Fiscal Impact – 0 –

BY POLL VOTE: ALL AYES. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Item #6z – Approval – New County Mission Statement was next. On behalf of the members of the Rules, Enactments & Intergovernmental Relations Committee, Legislators Ellner and Nacerino, Legislator Addonizio moved the following:

RESOLUTION #339

APPROVAL – NEW COUNTY MISSION STATEMENT

WHEREAS, on March 6, 2024, the County Executive formed the Executive Review Committee, an advisory committee pursuant to Section 3.02(e) of the Putnam County Charter to review the fundamental framework by which the County government operates, including a review and update of the County’s Mission Statement; and

WHEREAS, the Executive Review Committee members presented an updated Mission Statement draft to the County Executive; and

WHEREAS, the County Executive has adopted the updated Mission Statement as submitted by the Executive Review Committee; and

WHEREAS, the Rules, Enactment & Intergovernmental Relations Committee has reviewed and approved the new County Mission Statement; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the County Mission Statement be amended to read as follows:

Mission Statement:

Putnam County Government provides for the health, safety and well-being of the public while upholding the laws of the United States, New York State, and the County. Our dedicated workforce is critical to meeting community needs and we strive to deliver a fiscally responsible, accountable, and accessible government that serves everyone with transparency. By working in partnership with all levels of government and others, we are committed to providing services that will achieve the best possible outcomes for our residents.

Our Vision:

The County seeks to encourage community engagement, responsible economic growth, and a high-quality of life for all residents through innovative and collaborative efforts. We aspire to be a vibrant and healthy community that values and nurtures Putnam County's natural beauty, rich history, cultural heritage, and most importantly, our people. Together, we seek to build a future that honors our past, embraces our present, and inspires generations to come.

BY POLL VOTE: ALL AYES. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Item #6aa – Approval – Contract – Legislative Counsel was next. On behalf of the members of the Rules, Enactments & Intergovernmental Relations Committee, Legislators Ellner and Nacerino, Legislator Addonizio moved the following:

Legislator Addonizio explained that at the Rules Committee meeting Legislator Montgomery questioned why a Request for Proposal (RFP) did not go out. Legislator Addonizio stated that an RFP went out in 2021, and the only response was from Legislative Counsel Firriolo. She explained that the contract was for three (3) years with three (3) one (1) year extensions.

Legislator Montgomery believed that we still had the opportunity to go out for an RFP. She suggested at the meeting that we be fiscally responsible and do that.

Legislator Castellano thanked Legislative Counsel Firriolo for his service and stated that he has done a fantastic job. He recalled the first time that the Legislature interviewed him, along with five (5) or six (6) attorneys that came before the Legislature in 2017. He stated that there were great candidates that came before the Legislature, and he believed that Legislative Counsel Firriolo was head and shoulders above them. He believed it was a very fair contract which we entered into in 2021, and he stated that it has been a pleasure working with Legislative Counsel Firriolo.

Legislator Nacerino echoed Legislator Castellano's comments. She was the Chairwoman of the Legislature when during the interview process for Legislative Counsel. She agreed that Legislative Counsel Firriolo was head and shoulders above everyone else. He is a man of great integrity, a wealth of knowledge and experience. He is one of the most intelligent people she has ever met and we were so fortunate to have someone of his caliber, moral compass and integrity to serve for the Putnam County Legislature.

Legislator Sayegh echoed those comments as well. She was happy to approve the contract for Legislative Counsel Firriolo. She stated that he has been fair and responsive to any of her requests. He is knowledgeable and thorough in his response and findings and is fair to everyone on this Legislature. He attends nearly every Legislative Full meeting and Committee meeting. She stated that there is no one who is more ethical, fair, or knowledgeable and we are lucky to have his expertise and counsel. She stated that she was pleased to approve his contract extension.

Legislator Addonizio stated that Legislative Counsel Firriolo's expertise is invaluable. She stated that he is professional and dedicated, and always ready to answer questions. She was proud to approve his contract renewal this evening.

Chairman Jonke thanked Legislative Counsel Firriolo. He stated that as the Chairman of the Legislature for the last two (2) years, his expertise and guidance has made his job a lot easier. He is fair and well researched when providing an opinion and he cannot thank him enough. He explained that in 2017 when the Legislature conducted the interviews, he had never met him before, and he has been glad that we hired him. He explained that it was fiscally responsible to extend his contract.

RESOLUTION #340

APPROVAL - CONTRACT - LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL

WHEREAS, on July 21, 2021, Putnam County issued a Request for Proposal for legislative counsel for the Putnam County Legislature; and

WHEREAS, after review of the one proposal submitted in response to the Request for Proposal the Legislature recommended contracting with Boutin & Altieri, P.L.L.C. for personal services, encompassed in the terms as specified in the Request for Proposal; and

WHEREAS, the term of the agreement was for three (3) years commencing January 1, 2022 and shall terminate December 31, 2024; and

WHEREAS, under the terms of the Agreement, upon mutual agreement by the parties hereto in writing, this Agreement may be renewed for three (3) consecutive one (1) year periods, to be renewed one (1) year at a time; and

WHEREAS, per the contract addendum in April 2024 Legislative Counsel services continued to be provided by Firriolo Law Office, P.L.L.C.; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Putnam County Legislature designates Firriolo Law Office, P.L.L.C. for outside services encompassing the terms as specified in the Request for Proposal 6-2021, and as amended in the addenda to the Agreement; and

WHEREAS, as stated in the Agreement, the annual fees shall increase based upon the consumer price index for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U), taken from the then-current annual index for "all items" or the category encompassing legal services, whichever is greater; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the contract term shall be extended for an additional one (1) year to run from January 1, 2025 through December 31, 2025.

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

PROTECTIVE SERVICES COMMITTEE

(Chairwoman Nacerino, Legislators Addonizio & Sayegh)

Item #6bb – Approval – Budgetary Amendment (24A113) – Sheriff’s Department – Overtime Reimbursement – Crisis Intervention Team (CIT) Training & Drug Recognition Expert (DRE) Annual Conference was next. Chairman Jonke recognized Legislator Nacerino, Chairwoman of the Protective Services Committee. On behalf of the members of the Committee, Legislators Addonizio and Sayegh, Legislator Nacerino moved the following:

RESOLUTION #341

APPROVAL – BUDGETARY AMENDMENT (24A113) – SHERIFF’S DEPARTMENT – OVERTIME REIMBURSEMENT – CRISIS INTERVENTION TEAM (CIT) TRAINING & DRUG RECOGNITION EXPERT (DRE) ANNUAL CONFERENCE

WHEREAS, the Putnam County Sheriff’s Department has received grant funding through the NYS Governor’s Traffic Safety Committee for funding assistance for a Deputy who attended the DRE Annual Conference, August 15th through 18th in Washington, DC; and

WHEREAS, the Putnam County Sheriff’s Department also received reimbursement from Coordinated Care Services, Inc. for 15 members who attended and completed CIT Training; and

WHEREAS, the Putnam County Sheriff has requested a budgetary amendment (24A113) to cover overtime expense; and

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

RESOLVED, that the following budgetary amendment be made:

Increase Revenues:

17311000 427701	Sheriff Patrol – Unclassified	22,500.00
14311000 427701	Sheriff Narcotics – Unclassified	<u>2,101.12</u>
		24,601.12

Increase Expenses:

17311000 51093	Sheriff Patrol – Overtime	20,902.50
17311000 58002	Sheriff Patrol – FICA	1,597.50
14311000 51093	Sheriff Narcotics – Overtime	1,951.95
14311000 58002	Sheriff Narcotics – FICA	<u>149.17</u>
		24,601.12

2024 Fiscal Impact – 0 –

2025 Fiscal Impact – 0 –

BY POLL VOTE: ALL AYES. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Item #6cc – Approval – Budgetary Transfer (24T406) – Finance – Legal Aid 18b was next. On behalf of the members of the Protective Services Committee, Legislators Addonizio and Sayegh, Legislator Nacerino moved the following:

RESOLUTION #342

APPROVAL – BUDGETARY TRANSFER (24T406) – FINANCE – LEGAL AID 18B

WHEREAS, the Commissioner of Finance has requested a budgetary transfer (24T406) adjust appropriations through the end of the year 2024 based on the fourth quarter 2024 estimated 18b claims for misdemeanors, felonies, criminal and family court appeals; and

WHEREAS, the Protective Services Committee and the Audit & Administration Committee have reviewed and approved said budgetary transfer; now therefore be it **RESOLVED**, that the following budgetary transfer be made:

Increase Appropriations:

25117100 54125	Legal Aid 18b – Legal Services	125,000
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Decrease Appropriations:

10199000 54980	Contingency	125,000
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2024 Fiscal Impact - \$125,000

2025 Fiscal Impact – 0 –

BY POLL VOTE: ALL AYES. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Item #6dd – Approval – Grant Application – Bureau of Emergency Services – 2024-25 Hazardous Materials Emergency Preparedness (HMEP) Grant Program was next. On behalf of the members of the Protective Services Committee, Legislators Addonizio and Sayegh, Legislator Nacerino made a motion to REMOVE this item from the agenda.

Legislator Nacerino explained that her motion to remove this from the agenda was based on a memorandum received from Bureau of Emergency Services Commissioner Lipton on November 25, 2024. He stated that he encountered challenges in coordinating with all three (3) counties involved. As a result, they were unable to secure the necessary signoffs in a timely manner, and the application was not submitted by the deadline.

Legislator Ellner seconded the motion to remove this item from the agenda. All in favor.

APPROVAL – GRANT APPLICATION – BUREAU OF EMERGENCY SERVICES – 2024-25 HAZARDOUS MATERIALS EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS (HMEP) GRANT PROGRAM

WHEREAS, the Bureau of Emergency Services has requested permission to apply for grant funding for the 2024-25 Local Planning & Training Grant under the New York Stated Homeland Security and Emergency Services “Hazardous Materials Emergency Preparedness (HMEP) Grant Program; and

WHEREAS, 18 HazMat regions and the City of New York are eligible to apply for funding; and

WHEREAS, the FY2024-25 HMEP performance period is expected to run from October 1, 2024 – September 30, 2025, with no extensions to the period of performance allowed; and

WHEREAS, each County is being offered \$16,000 under this grant program; and

WHEREAS, applications for this grant are due October 17, 2024; and

WHEREAS, this grant requires a 20% match by the County which will be met with in-kind services; and

WHEREAS, the Protective Services Committee has reviewed and approved of this request; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Bureau of Emergency Services is authorized to apply for a 2024-25 grant in the amount of \$16,000 from the New York State Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Services under its 2024-25 Hazardous Materials Emergency Preparedness (HMEP) Grant program.

**HEALTH, SOCIAL, EDUCATIONAL & ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITTEE
(Chairwoman Sayegh, Legislators Crowley & Gouldman)**

Item #6ee – Approval – Budgetary Amendment (24A112) – Health Department – Preschool 3 to 5 Program was next. Chairman Jonke recognized Legislator Sayegh, Chairwoman of the Health, Social, Educational & Environmental Committee. On behalf of the members of the Committee, Legislators Crowley and Gouldman, Legislator Sayegh moved the following:

RESOLUTION #343

APPROVAL – BUDGETARY AMENDMENT (24A112) – HEALTH DEPARTMENT – PRESCHOOL 3 TO 5 PROGRAM

WHEREAS, the Commissioner of Health has requested a budgetary amendment (24A112) to meet the increased cost of providing services for children enrolled in the Health Department’s Preschool 3 to 5 Program; and

WHEREAS, the Health, Social, Educational & Environmental Committee and the Audit & Administration Committee have reviewed and approved said budgetary amendment; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the following budgetary amendment be made:

Increase Revenues:

10296000	Health – Preschool 3 to 5 Program	
444516	Preschool – Medicaid 3 to 5	70,000

Increase Expenses:

10296000	Health – Preschool 3 to 5 Program	
54414	Care at Private Institution	70,000

2024 Fiscal Impact – 0 –

2025 Fiscal Impact – 0 –

BY POLL VOTE: ALL AYES. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Item #6ff – Approval – Budgetary Amendment (24A115) – Health Department – Local Health Department (LHD) Performance Incentive Program Award was next. On behalf of the members of the Health, Social, Educational & Environmental Committee, Legislators Crowley and Gouldman, Legislator Sayegh moved the following:

RESOLUTION #344

APPROVAL – BUDGETARY AMENDMENT (24A115) – HEALTH DEPARTMENT – LOCAL HEALTH DEPARTMENT (LHD) PERFORMANCE INCENTIVE PROGRAM AWARD

WHEREAS, the Putnam County Health Department has been awarded \$20,099 through the NYS Department of Health’s Local Health Department (LHD) Performance Incentive Program for 2024; and

WHEREAS, the Commissioner of Health has requested a budgetary amendment (24A115) to account for this award; and

WHEREAS, the Health, Social, Educational & Environmental Committee and the Audit & Administration Committee have reviewed and approved said budgetary amendment; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the following budgetary amendment be made:

Increase Revenues:

10401000 10118	Health Administration – State Aid Other	
434890	Performance Initiative	20,099

Increase Expenses:

10401000 10118	Health Administration	
52110	Furniture & Furnishings	6,100
54310	Office Supplies	150
54311	Printing & Forms	149
12401000 10118	Environmental Health Services	
52110	Furniture & Furnishings	1,200
54210	Vehicle Leasing/Rental	8,000
54370	Automotive	<u>4,500</u>
		20,099

2024 Fiscal Impact – 0 –

2025 Fiscal Impact – 0 –

BY POLL VOTE: ALL AYES. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Item #6gg – Approval – Fund Transfer (24T387) – Health Department – Preschool Care at Private Institution – Rate Increases was next. On behalf of the members of the Health, Social, Educational & Environmental Committee, Legislators Crowley and Gouldman, Legislator Sayegh moved the following:

RESOLUTION #345

APPROVAL – FUND TRANSFER (24T387) – HEALTH DEPARTMENT – PRESCHOOL CARE AT PRIVATE INSTITUTION – RATE INCREASES

WHEREAS, the Commissioner of Health has requested a fund transfer (24T387) due to rate increases effective 7/1/24; and

WHEREAS, the Health, Social, Educational & Environmental Committee and the Audit & Administration Committee have reviewed and approved said fund transfer; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the following fund transfer be made:

Decrease:		
104059000 54414	Early Int. – Care at Private Inst.	55,000
104059000 54678	Early Int. – Leased Transportation	45,000
102960000 54678	Preschool – Leased Transportation	<u>90,000</u>
		190,000

Increase:		
102960000 54414	Preschool – Care at Private Inst.	190,000

2024 Fiscal Impact – 0 –

2025 Fiscal Impact – 0 –

BY POLL VOTE: ALL AYES. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Item #6hh – Approval – Fund Transfer (24T391) – Health Department – Nursing Overtime was next. On behalf of the members of the Health, Social, Educational & Environmental Committee, Legislators Crowley and Gouldman, Legislator Sayegh moved the following:

RESOLUTION #346

APPROVAL – FUND TRANSFER (24T391) – HEALTH DEPARTMENT – NURSING OVERTIME

WHEREAS, the Commissioner of Health has requested a fund transfer (24T391) to cover the Nursing Overtime line through year end 2024 due to three (3) vacant Nursing positions; and

WHEREAS, the Health, Social, Educational & Environmental Committee and the Audit & Administration Committee have reviewed and approved said fund transfer; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the following fund transfer be made:

Decrease:		
11401000 51094	Nursing – Temporary	2,000
11401000 51000 (120)	Nursing – Vacant Public Health Nurse	<u>12,000</u>
		14,000

Increase:		
11401000 51093	Nursing – Overtime	14,000

2024 Fiscal Impact – 0 –

2025 Fiscal Impact – 0 –

BY POLL VOTE: ALL AYES. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Item #6ii – Approval – Grant Application – County Historian Partnership with Greater Hudson Heritage Network Grant Proposal was next. On behalf of the members of the

Health, Social, Educational & Environmental Committee, Legislators Crowley and Gouldman, Legislator Sayegh moved the following:

RESOLUTION #347

APPROVAL – GRANT APPLICATION – COUNTY HISTORIAN PARTNERSHIP WITH GREATER HUDSON HERITAGE NETWORK GRANT PROPOSAL

WHEREAS, the Putnam County Historian's Office has requested permission to partner with Greater Hudson Heritage Network's (GHHN) grant proposal to be submitted to the 2024 Save America's Treasures Collections Grant Program; and

WHEREAS, this competitive grant, established to protect threatened cultural treasures, is from the Historic Preservation Fund administered by the National Parks Service in partnership with the National Endowment for the Arts, the National Endowment for the Humanities, and the Institute for Museum and Library Services; and

WHEREAS, the purpose of said partnership would be to potentially help fund conservation efforts for the statue of Sybil Ludington located on the shore of Lake Gleneida in Carmel, which is owned by the County of Putnam; and

WHEREAS, this historically and artistically significant statue is in need of repair, restoration, and/or conservation efforts; and

WHEREAS, this grant would not require any county matching funds but would require in-kind services; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Putnam County Legislature and the Putnam County Executive authorize the County Historian to partner with the GHHN grant proposal to be submitted to the 2024 Save America's Treasures Collections Grant Program to fund conservation efforts for the statue of Sybil Ludington.

BY POLL VOTE: ALL AYES. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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

Item #6jj – Approval – Budgetary Amendment (24A117) – DPW – Risk Manager – Guide Rail Damage – Insurance Recoveries was next. Chairman Jonke recognized Legislator Castellano, Chairman of the Audit & Administration Committee. On behalf of the members of the Committee, Legislators Ellner and Gouldman, Legislator Castellano moved the following:

RESOLUTION #348

APPROVAL – BUDGETARY AMENDMENT (24A117) – DPW – RISK MANAGER – GUIDE RAIL DAMAGE – INSURANCE RECOVERIES

WHEREAS, the Risk Manager has requested a budgetary amendment (24A117) to recognize reimbursement of \$8,256.31 from Travelers Insurance for damages to a guide rail at Church Road & Kramers Pond; and

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

RESOLVED, that the following budgetary amendment be made:

Increase Revenues:
 10511000 426801 DPW Rd/Bridges – Insurance Recoveries 8,256.31

Increase Expenses:
 10511000 54410 DPW Rd/Bridges – Supplies & Materials 3,200.35
 10511000 54647 DPW Rd/Bridges – Sub-Contractors 5,055.96
 8,256.31

2024 Fiscal Impact – 0 –
 2025 Fiscal Impact – 0 –

BY POLL VOTE: ALL AYES. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Item #6kk – Approval – Budgetary Amendment (24A118) – Finance – Putnam Golf – Contractual Payments was next. On behalf of the members of the Audit & Administration Committee, Legislators Ellner and Gouldman, Legislator Castellano moved the following:

RESOLUTION #349

APPROVAL – BUDGETARY AMENDMENT (24A118) – FINANCE – PUTNAM GOLF – CONTRACTUAL PAYMENTS

WHEREAS, the Commissioner of Finance has requested a budgetary amendment (24A118) to adjust the 2024 budget to provide for contractual payments to Putnam Golf properties; and

WHEREAS, \$450,000 is required to provide operational funding through year end based on the increased activity at Putnam Golf in 2024; and

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

RESOLVED, that the following budgetary amendment be made:

Increase Estimated Appropriations:
 10085000 54646 Contracts 450,000

Increase Estimated Revenues:
 10131000 424011 Interest & Earnings 450,000

2024 Fiscal Impact – 0 –
 2025 Fiscal Impact – 0 –

BY POLL VOTE: ALL AYES. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Item #6LL – Approval – Fund Transfer (24T418) – Purchasing – DGS - Temporary was next. On behalf of the members of the Audit & Administration Committee, Legislators Ellner and Gouldman, Legislator Castellano moved the following:

RESOLUTION #350

APPROVAL – FUND TRANSFER (24T418) – PURCHASING – DGS - TEMPORARY

WHEREAS, the Commissioner of the Department of General Services (DGS) has requested a fund transfer (24T418) to utilize funding from vacant Capital Asset & Procurement Coordinator position to cover Temporary line for remainder of 2024; and

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

RESOLVED, that the following fund transfer be made:

Decrease:

10134500 51000 (103)	Pers. – Capital Asset & Procurement Coordinator	3,000
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Increase:

10161000 51094	Temporary	3,000
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2024 Fiscal Impact – 0 –

2025 Fiscal Impact – 0 –

BY POLL VOTE: ALL AYES. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Item #6mm – Approval – Corrective Action Plan – Putnam County’s Recreation & Golf Course Collections – NYS Audit 2024 was next. On behalf of the members of the Audit & Administration Committee, Legislators Ellner and Gouldman, Legislator Castellano moved the following:

RESOLUTION #351

APPROVAL - CORRECTIVE ACTION PLAN - PUTNAM COUNTY’S RECREATION & GOLF COURSE COLLECTIONS – NYS AUDIT 2024

WHEREAS, the New York State Comptroller's Office, Division of Local Government & School Accountability has forwarded to the County an Audit Report that was completed after reviewing whether the Putnam County Parks and Recreation Department and Putnam County Golf Course recorded, deposited, remitted, and reported collections accurately and in a timely manner and whether the collections were supported; and

WHEREAS, the Office of the State Comptroller concluded with the report by making several recommendations to address any deficiencies in the county’s prior and current policies and procedures; and

WHEREAS, the Putnam County Executive, through the Commissioner of Finance, has issued a Corrective Action Plan, *attached hereto*, addressing the various Audit Recommendations with an Implementation Plan of Action; and

WHEREAS, this Corrective Action Plan has been reviewed and approved by the Audit & Administration Committee of the Putnam County Legislature, now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Putnam County Legislature accepts the Corrective Action Plan prepared by the County Executive, through the Commissioner of Finance, and authorizes it to be sent to the New York State Comptroller's Office, Division of Local Government and School of Accountability; and be it further

RESOLVED, that this Resolution take effect immediately.

BY POLL VOTE: ALL AYES. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Item #6nn – Approval – Cash Collection Policy – NYS Audit 2024 was next. On behalf of the members of the Audit & Administration Committee, Legislators Ellner and Gouldman, Legislator Castellano moved the following:

RESOLUTION #352

APPROVAL - COUNTY CASH COLLECTIONS POLICY – NYS AUDIT 2024

WHEREAS, the Putnam County Legislature has adopted various policies and procedures regarding fiscal matters within the county; and

WHEREAS, upon review of the New York State Audit Report by the county, the Putnam County Legislature agrees that the county should adopt a written collections policy to help ensure adequate controls are in place and documentation is consistently maintained to support collections and cash handling throughout the county; and

WHEREAS, the Finance Department has drafted such a policy, addressing internal control directives regarding cash collections, which is attached hereto; and

WHEREAS, the Audit & Administration Committee has reviewed and approved the Cash Collections Policy as submitted to the Legislature; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Putnam County Legislature hereby adopts the Putnam County Cash Collections Policy prepared by the Putnam County Finance Department in the form *attached hereto*, provided that the Finance Department or Law Department may from time to time amend said policy as necessary, so long as said changes do not materially alter the policies and procedures contained therein; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Finance Department shall work with county departments to review this policy to ensure controls align with other departmental policies, and to ensure each department is maintaining documentation to support collections; and be it further

RESOLVED, except to the extent inapplicable due to requirements, procedures, or laws specific to each department, the failure to adhere to the terms of the policy may result in disciplinary action; and be it further

RESOLVED, that any policies or procedures inconsistent with this policy are hereby superseded; and be it further

RESOLVED, that this Resolution take effect immediately.

BY POLL VOTE: ALL AYES. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Item #7 – Other Business

There was no other business submitted to the meeting.

Item #8 – Recognition of Public on Agenda Items

There were no members of the public that wished to be recognized.

Item #9 – Recognition of Legislators

Legislator Ellner wished everyone a Happy Holidays.

Chairman Jonke explained that he was not present at the November Full Legislative meeting and wanted to recognize some people that were important to Putnam County that recently passed. Personal friend, Joe Chickolany who was 98 years old and was a former Town of Southeast Supervisor and World War II Veteran. Willis Stephens, Sr. was 99 years old. He was a neighbor, our former NYS Assemblyman who was a gentleman and wonderful human being. Eileen Barrett, was a local realtor who he worked with years ago at Houlihan Lawrence Real Estate. She was a member of the Emergency Services Safety Advisory Board. He stated that he wanted to mention these three (3) wonderful individuals who did wonderful things for our County. He stated that some of them did that a long time ago, but it should not be forgotten. He wished everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

There being no further business, at 7:39 P.M., Chairman Jonke made a motion to adjourn; seconded by Legislator Crowley. All in favor.

Respectfully submitted by Diane Schonfeld, Clerk.