

**RULES, ENACTMENTS & INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE  
HELD IN ROOM #318  
PUTNAM COUNTY OFFICE BUILDING  
CARMEL, NEW YORK 10512**

**Members: Chairman Birmingham and Legislators Ellner & Gouldman**

**Monday**

**6:15pm**

**January 27, 2025**

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The meeting was called to order at 6:15pm by Chairman Birmingham who requested Legislator Gouldman lead in the Pledge of Allegiance. Upon roll call Legislators Ellner and Gouldman and Chairman Birmingham were present.

**Chairman's Report**

Chairman Birmingham stated a discussion about the Legislative Manual was had at the Organizational Meeting and many good points were raised by both his colleagues on the Legislature as well as members of the public. He stated since then he has met with some department heads to go over some suggested and proposed changes. He stated now that the Legislative Meetings are being livestreamed, he would like to consider adding that to the Legislative Manual as well. He stated he also plans to meet with the various boards, with the Administration's permission, to bring himself up to date.

**Item #3 – Approval/ Litigation Settlement/ Burris v. County of Putnam**

Legislator Gouldman made a motion to pre-file the necessary resolution; Seconded by Chairman Birmingham. All in favor.

**Item #4 – Other Business**

Legislator Gouldman questioned if the Legislative Manual will be on next month's agenda.

Chairman Birmingham confirmed a discussion on the Legislative Manual will be included on the February Rules Meeting agenda.

Legislator Gouldman requested that Personnel Officer Paul Eldridge and a representative from the Law Department be invited to that meeting to participate in the discussion.

Chairman Birmingham agreed.

Legislator Montgomery stated it is obvious that there are flaws in what was adopted at the Organizational Meeting and she requested a motion be made to rescind the Legislative Manual as adopted at the Organizational Meeting.

Legislator Gouldman made a motion to rescind the Legislative Manual. There was no second.

Chairman Birmingham stated he is willing to continue refining the Legislative Manual and these discussions in Committee is a great place to start. He stated he is looking forward to hearing the opinions of his colleagues and the general public on this matter.

#### **Item #5 – Adjournment**

There being no further business at 6:22pm, Chairman Birmingham made a motion to adjourn; Seconded by Legislator Gouldman. All in favor.

Respectfully submitted by Administrative Assistant Beth Robinson.