

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

**Tuesday                      June 3, 2025                      7:00 P.M.**

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

**PROCLAMATION**

Chairwoman Sayegh recognized Legislator Ellner who presented the “World Elder Abuse Awareness Day” proclamation to Director of the Office for Senior Resources Marlene Barrett.

**JUNE 15, 2025 AS WORLD ELDER ABUSE AWARENESS DAY**

WHEREAS, Older adults deserve to be treated with respect and dignity to enable them to serve as leaders, mentors, volunteers and vital participating members of our communities; and

WHEREAS, in 2006, the International Network for the Prevention of Elder Abuse, in support of the United Nations International Plan of Action, proclaimed a day to recognize the significance of elder abuse as a public health and human rights issue; and

WHEREAS, The National Center on Elder Abuse and the County of Putnam recognize the importance of taking action to raise awareness, prevent and address elder abuse, and its recognition will promote a better understanding of abuse and neglect of older adults by:

- Understanding that ageism and social isolation are major causes of elder abuse.
- Ensuring that proper social structures exist so people can retain community and societal connections, reducing the likelihood of abuse.
- Preventing abuse of older adults through maintaining and improving social supports, like senior centers, human services, and transportation, allowing older adults to continue to live as independently as possible and contribute to the life and vibrancy of our community.
- Engaging and empowering movement to put an end to abuse.

RESOLVED, that the Putnam County Executive and the Putnam County Legislature do hereby proclaim June 15, 2025 as World Elder Abuse Awareness Day. We encourage everyone to recognize and celebrate older adults and their ongoing contributions to the success and vitality of our community.

**Item #4 – Acceptance of Minutes – Special Mtg – State of the County – March 6, 2025**

The minutes were accepted as submitted.

**Item #5 - Correspondence**

**a) County Auditor**

Chairwoman Sayegh explained there was a denial of a request for a refund of taxes provided by the Director of Real Property which also pertains to Item #6cc on the agenda.

**Item #6 – Pre-filed resolutions:**

**PERSONNEL COMMITTEE**  
**(Chairman Jonke, Legislators Addonizio & Gouldman)**

Item #6a - Approval – Budgetary Amendment (25A038) – Finance – Vacancy Control Factor 2025 was next. Chairwoman Sayegh recognized Legislator Jonke, Chairman of the Personnel Committee. On behalf of the members of the Committee, Legislators Addonizio and Gouldman, Chairman Jonke moved the following:

**RESOLUTION #136**

**APPROVAL – BUDGETARY AMENDMENT (25A038) – FINANCE – VACANCY CONTROL FACTOR 2025**

**WHEREAS**, the Commissioner of Finance has requested a budgetary amendment (25A038) to provide for the Vacancy Control Factor for 2025; and

**WHEREAS**, the Personnel 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:

**Decrease Estimated Appropriations:**

10141000 51000	Personnel Services	21,016
10141000 58002	FICA	1,608
10141000 51000	Personnel Services	14,998
10141000 58002	FICA	1,147
10141100 51000	Personnel Services	17,291
10141100 58002	FICA	1,323
10142000 51000	Personnel Services	33,778
10142000 58002	FICA	2,584
10143000 51000	Personnel Services	23,724
10143000 58002	FICA	1,815
10168000 51000	Personnel Services	10,272
10168000 58002	FICA	786
10168000 51000	Personnel Services	29,655
10168000 58002	FICA	2,269
10314000 51000	Personnel Services	21,526
10314000 58002	FICA	1,647
10314000 51000	Personnel Services	12,454
10314000 58002	FICA	953
10314000 51000	Personnel Services	28,587
10314000 58002	FICA	2,187

10314000 51000	Personnel Services	10,846
10314000 58002	FICA	830
10314000 51000	Personnel Services	4,527
10314000 58002	FICA	346
10314000 51000	Personnel Services	17,182
10314000 58002	FICA	1,314
10677400 51000	Personnel Services	16,118
10677400 58002	FICA	1,233
10711000 51000	Personnel Services	16,746
10711000 58002	FICA	<u>1,238</u>
		300,000

**Decrease Estimated Revenue:**

10131000 427705	Vacancy Control Factor	300,000
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2025 Fiscal Impact – 0 –

2026 Fiscal Impact – 0 –

**BY POLL VOTE: ALL AYES. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Item #6b - Approval – Budgetary Amendment (25A039) – Social Services – Pay Differential – Cover Social Services Supervisor Position was next. On behalf of the members of the Personnel Committee, Legislators Addonizio and Gouldman, Chairman Jonke moved the following:

**RESOLUTION #137**

**APPROVAL – BUDGETARY AMENDMENT (25A039) – SOCIAL SERVICES – PAY DIFFERENTIAL – COVER SOCIAL SERVICES SUPERVISOR POSITION**

WHEREAS, the Commissioner of Social Services has requested a Pay Differential to backfill the Social Services Supervisor position within the Medicaid Unit while incumbent is on leave; and

WHEREAS, a current Social Services Specialist I position stepped into this role fulfilling the duties of a higher level on 2/20/25 and will remain until incumbent returns to the office, said leave approximately 2/20/25 – 12/31/25; and

WHEREAS, this request will compensate the employee for their effort in supervision and execution of tasks and responsibilities to that of the Social Services Supervisor; and

WHEREAS, compensation equates to \$3.3189 per hour (Grade 15, Step 2, 3 Longevities); and

WHEREAS, to support the increase, funds are being utilized from a vacant Senior Typist position within the Medicaid Unit; and

WHEREAS, the Commissioner of Finance has prepared budgetary amendment (25A039) to account for this request; and

WHEREAS, the Personnel 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:

**GENERAL FUND:**

**Increase Appropriations:**

<b>10104000 51091</b>	<b>Pay Differential</b>	<b>5,228</b>
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**Decrease Appropriations:**

<b>10104000 51000 (105)</b>	<b>Pers. Services – Senior Typist</b>	<b>5,228</b>
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**2025 Fiscal Impact – 0 –**

**2026 Fiscal Impact – 0 –**

**BY POLL VOTE: ALL AYES. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**Item #6c - Approval – Budgetary Amendment (25A040) – Social Services –  
Reclassification – Senior Computer Operational Specialist to Coordinator of Information  
Technology was next. On behalf of the members of the Personnel Committee,  
Legislators Addonizio and Gouldman, Chairman Jonke moved the following:**

**RESOLUTION #138**

**APPROVAL – BUDGETARY AMENDMENT (25A040) – SOCIAL SERVICES –  
RECLASSIFICATION – SENIOR COMPUTER OPERATIONAL SPECIALIST TO  
COORDINATOR OF INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY**

**WHEREAS, the Commissioner of Social Services submitted a classification form  
to the Personnel Department requesting a reclassification of the current Senior  
Computer Operational Specialist position (Grade 17, Step 4, 1 Longevity) to Coordinator  
of Information Technology position (Grade 19, Step 3, 1 Longevity); and**

**WHEREAS, based upon the work duties performed, the Personnel Department  
reclassified the position to Coordinator of Information Technology; and**

**WHEREAS, the Commissioner of Social Services has requested a budgetary  
amendment (25A040) to account for this reclassification effective January 1, 2025; and**

**WHEREAS, the Personnel 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 Estimated Revenues:**

<b>10601000 436101</b>	<b>Social Services Program Admin</b>	<b>1,119</b>
<b>10601000 446101</b>	<b>Admin Social Services</b>	<b><u>2,239</u></b>
		<b>3,358</b>

**Increase Appropriations:**

<b>10116000 51000 (101)</b>	<b>Pers Serv Admin</b>	
	<b>Coordinator of Information Technology</b>	<b>4,477</b>

**Decrease:**

<b>10199000 54980</b>	<b>General Contingencies</b>	<b>1,119</b>
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**2025 Fiscal Impact - \$1,119**

**2026 Fiscal Impact - \$2,308**

**BY POLL VOTE: ALL AYES. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**Item #6d - Ratification of PuMA Collective Bargaining Agreement – Modification was next. On behalf of the members of the Personnel Committee, Legislators Addonizio and Gouldman, Chairman Jonke moved the following:**

**RESOLUTION #139**

**RATIFICATION OF PUMA COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT - MODIFICATION**

**WHEREAS, the negotiating teams for the Putnam Management Association (“PuMA”) and the County of Putnam (“the County”) conferred at various times in 2025 to discuss certain amended contract language and terms and conditions of employment; and**

**WHEREAS, PuMA and the County previously entered into a Memorandum of Agreement (“MOA”) concerning the terms and conditions of the employment of its members for the years January 1, 2024 through December 31, 2027, such agreement having been approved and ratified by Resolution #27 of 2024; and**

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

**WHEREAS, a MOA was executed by Putnam County Executive Kevin M. Byrne and Amanda Hanaburgh, in which all of the terms and conditions of employment of its members were outlined; and**

**WHEREAS, the membership of PuMA met on April 22, 2025 to vote to ratify the MOA; and**

**WHEREAS, the Personnel Committee also met and discussed the terms of the MOA on May 13, 2025; 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 PuMA; now therefore be it**

**RESOLVED, the Putnam County Legislature hereby approves and ratifies the Memorandum of Agreement, dated March 25, 2025 which was entered into with Putnam Management Association for the period of January 1, 2024 through and including December 31, 2028.**

**BY POLL VOTE: ALL AYES. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**Item #6e - Approval – Budgetary Transfer (25T079) – Personnel – Additional Funding – Ratification of PuMA Collective Bargaining Agreement was next. On behalf of the members of the Personnel Committee, Legislators Addonizio and Gouldman, Chairman Jonke moved the following:**

**RESOLUTION #140**

**APPROVAL – BUDGETARY TRANSFER (25T079) – PERSONNEL – ADDITIONAL FUNDING – RATIFICATION OF PUMA COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT**

**WHEREAS, the Personnel Officer has requested a budgetary transfer (25T079) to provide additional funding for the 2025 salary and benefit costs pursuant to the ratified**

contract settlement between Putnam County and the Putnam Management Association (PuMA); 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:

**GENERAL FUND:**

**Increase Appropriations:**

10102000 51000	Personnel Services	288.00
10102000 58002	Social Security	22.00
10120000 51000	Personnel Services	318.00
10120000 58002	Social Security	24.00
22071000 51000	Personnel Services	213.00
22071000 58002	Social Security	16.00
10033000 51000	Personnel Services	483.00
10033000 58002	Social Security	37.00
10108000 51000	Personnel Services	213.00
10108000 58002	Social Security	16.00
10116500 51000	Personnel Services	95.00
10116500 58002	Social Security	7.00
10120000 51000	Personnel Services	451.00
10120000 58002	Social Security	35.00
10142000 51000	Personnel Services	171.00
10142000 58002	Social Security	13.00
10143000 51000	Personnel Services	556.00
10143000 58002	Social Security	43.00
10144000 51000	Personnel Services	435.00
10144000 58002	Social Security	34.00
10168000 51000	Personnel Services	474.00
10168000 58002	Social Security	37.00
10311000 51000	Personnel Services	251.00
10311000 58002	Social Security	19.00
10401000 51000	Personnel Services	337.00
10401000 58002	Social Security	26.00
10661000 51000	Personnel Services	393.00
10661000 58002	Social Security	30.00
10677900 51000	Personnel Services	156.00
10677900 58002	Social Security	12.00
10762000 51000	Personnel Services	171.00
10762000 58002	Social Security	13.00
		<u>5,389.00</u>

**Decrease Appropriations:**

10199000 54980	Contingency	5,389.00
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2025 Fiscal Impact - \$5,389

2026 Fiscal Impact – To Be Determined

**BY POLL VOTE: ALL AYES. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**PROTECTIVE SERVICES COMMITTEE**  
**(Chairman Jonke, Legislators Addonizio & Birmingham)**

Item #6f - Authorization for Intermunicipal Agreement with Westchester County to Permit the Reciprocal Programming of Radio Communication Systems was next. Chairwoman Sayegh recognized Legislator Jonke, Chairman of the Protective Services Committee. On behalf of the members of the Committee, Legislators Addonizio and Birmingham, Legislator Jonke moved the following:

Legislator Birmingham stated that he would be recusing himself from this as one (1) of the contracting parties is a client of the firm in which he is a partner. He stated that he would be abstaining on this vote.

Legislator Addonizio stated that this agreement with Westchester County represents an important step forward in regional collaboration. She stated that by entering into this agreement, we are enhancing interoperability, public safety and mutual aid between our counties.

**RESOLUTION #141**

**AUTHORIZATION FOR INTERMUNICIPAL AGREEMENT WITH WESTCHESTER COUNTY TO PERMIT THE RECIPROCAL PROGRAMING OF RADIO COMMUNICATION SYSTEMS**

WHEREAS, Westchester County, New York operates a trunked radio communication system for Westchester County departments, as well as for first responders throughout Westchester; and

WHEREAS, Putnam County, by and through its Bureau of Emergency Services, operates a trunked radio communication system for Putnam County departments, as well as for first responders throughout Putnam; and

WHEREAS, the counties desire to enter into an agreement that would permit the reciprocal programming of each other's radio communication systems into each other's end user radios, whether mobile, portable or fixed station radios and whether County-owned or owned by local Fire and EMS agencies within their respective counties; and

WHEREAS, County of Putnam acknowledges that entering into this agreement will assist in improving interoperability, public safety/public service communication, and mutual aid between the counties; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the County of Putnam be and hereby is authorized to enter into an Inter-municipal agreement with Westchester, in order to effectuate the reciprocal programming of each County's radio communication systems; and be it further

RESOLVED, that such Inter-municipal Agreement shall be substantially similar in form and content to the draft items accompanying this Resolution; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the County Executive is authorized to execute said Inter-municipal Agreement with Westchester County; and be it further

RESOLVED, that this Resolution shall take effect immediately.

**BY POLL VOTE: EIGHT AYES. ONE ABSTENTION – LEGISLATOR BIRMINGHAM. MOTION CARRIES.**

**Item #6g – Approval – Confirmation – Re-Appointments – Putnam County Emergency Services Safety Advisory Board was next. On behalf of the members of the Protective Services Committee, Legislators Addonizio and Birmingham, Legislator Jonke moved the following:**

**Legislator Addonizio thanked all our volunteers.**

**Chairwoman Sayegh explained that there are many wonderful volunteers that serve on boards in Putnam County.**

**RESOLUTION #142**

**APPROVAL – CONFIRMATION – RE-APPOINTMENTS – PUTNAM COUNTY EMERGENCY SERVICES SAFETY ADVISORY BOARD**

**WHEREAS, Section 25-38 of the Putnam County Code provides for the appointment of members of the Putnam County Emergency Services Safety Advisory Board by the County Executive subject to confirmation by the Putnam County Legislature; and**

**WHEREAS, the County Executive has re-appointed the following:**

**Catherine Lewis, Emergency Medical Services Council Representative, for a three (3) year term; said term to expire December 31, 2027.**

**Nat Prentice, Putnam County Community Representative, for a three (3) year term, said term to expire December 31, 2027.**

**WHEREAS, the Protective Services Committee of the Putnam County Legislature has reviewed and approved said re-appointments; now therefore be it**

**RESOLVED, that pursuant to Section 25-38(B) of the Putnam County Code, the Putnam County Legislature hereby confirms the above appointments to the Putnam County Emergency Services Advisory Board made by the County Executive; and be it further**

**RESOLVED, that these re-appointments comply with any requirements to file an Oath of Office pursuant to the New York State Public Officers Law.**

**BY POLL VOTE: ALL AYES. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**RULES, ENACTMENTS & INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE  
(Chairman Birmingham, Legislators Ellner & Gouldman)**

**Item #6h - Approval – Consumer Affairs – Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers Local Union 363 was next. Chairwoman Sayegh recognized Legislator Birmingham, Chairman of the Rules, Enactments & Intergovernmental Relations Committee. On behalf of the members of the Committee, Legislators Ellner and Gouldman, Legislator Birmingham moved the following:**

**RESOLUTION #143**



**APPROVAL - CONSUMER AFFAIRS - MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING (MOU) WITH INTERNATIONAL BROTHERHOOD OF ELECTRICAL WORKERS LOCAL UNION 363**

**WHEREAS, the County desires to provide its residents with the level of safety that comes from licensing qualified tradesmen in a competitive environment; and**

**WHEREAS, the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers Local Union 363 ("IBEW") is an association that works to support electrical workers and ensure the safety of those they serve through education, legislation, information, and community involvement; and**

**WHEREAS, the members of IBEW Local Union 363 receive extensive training in their apprenticeship and the continued training as journeymen; and**

**WHEREAS, the members of IBEW Local Union 363 take additional education classes per union requirements to keep the members as an educated and viable workforce; and**

**WHEREAS, the County believes this extensive training satisfies Putnam's Electrical License requirements for journeymen when accompanied by additional training focused on the Putnam County Electrical Licensing Law; and**

**WHEREAS, the Parties wish to enter into a memorandum of understanding to allow qualified members of the IBEW to apply for and receive licensing under the Code of Putnam County for the benefit of all residents of Putnam County; now therefore be it**

**RESOLVED, that the County Attorney is authorized to draft the appropriate memorandum of understanding to provide for reciprocity of electrical licensing between the County and the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers Local Union 363, and the County Executive is authorized to execute same; and be it further**

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

**BY POLL VOTE: ALL AYES. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**Item #6i - Approval – Weights & Measures – Fee Schedule/Schedules of Maximum Fees Permitted for Inspection was next. On behalf of the members of the Rules, Enactments & Intergovernmental Relations Committee, Legislators Ellner and Gouldman, Legislator Birmingham moved the following:**

**RESOLUTION #144**

**APPROVAL - WEIGHTS AND MEASURES - FEE SCHEDULE/SCHEDULES OF MAXIMUM FEES PERMITTED FOR INSPECTION**

**WHEREAS, that section 220.3 (a) of Title 1 NYCRR of the Agriculture and Markets Law has recently been amended; and**

**WHEREAS, that under Article 16 of the Agriculture and Markets Law, these modifications permit the municipal Director of Weights and Measures in municipalities of less than two (2) million inhabitants to increase maximum fees for certain services; and**

**WHEREAS, that these fees have not been changed since 1990; and**

**WHEREAS, the Rules and Enactments Committee of the Putnam County Legislature recommends the adoption of the amended fee schedule; now therefore be it**

**RESOLVED**, that effective June 1, 2026, the fees charged by the Department of Weights and Measures shall be raised and set at the maximum amount listed below; and be it further

**RESOLVED**, that the Department of Weights and Measures shall prepare and send a notice to all those providing services impacted by these fees outlining the changes.

**\*The following fee schedule sets forth the maximum amounts that may be collected for each inspection, or reinspection after repair, and each testing, or retesting after repair, of all weights and measures, weighing and measuring devices and systems and related accessories within the jurisdiction of the municipal director of weights and measures:**

**(1) Scales.**

(i) Up to and including 15 kg (33 lb) capacity .....	\$20
(ii) Over 15 kg and including 300 kg (661 lb) capacity .....	40
(iii) Over 300 kg and including 1,500 kg (3,307 lb) capacity .....	100
(iv) Over 1,500 kg and including 7,000 kg (15,432 lb) capacity .....	140
(v) Over 7,000 kg and including 23,000 kg (50,706 lb) capacity .....	\$160
(vi) Over 23,000 kg capacity .....	\$200
(vii) Tank, batch and crane scales.....	\$200

**(2) Weights--field standard (Class F).**

(i) Up to and including 3 kg (7 lb) .....	\$8
(ii) Over 3 kg and including 30 kg (66 lb) .....	\$16
(iii) Over 30 kg and including 300 kg (661 lb) .....	\$32
(iv) Over 300 kg and including 1,200 kg (2,646 lb) .....	\$60

**(3) Linear field measures.**

(i) Up to 1 m (39 in).....	\$4
(ii) Over 1 m and including 16 m (52 ft) .....	\$8
(iii) Over 16 m and including 31 m (102 ft).....	\$12
(iv) Over 31 m .....	\$20
(v) Fabric measuring devices.....	\$20
(vi) Wire and cordage measuring devices.....	\$40

**(4) Liquid measures and devices.**

- (i) Liquid measures 20 L (5 gal) or less..... \$8**
- (ii) Liquid pump (hand-operated) 20 L (5 gal) or less..... \$20**

**(5) Petroleum dispensing and measuring devices.**

- (i) Single dispensing pump ..... \$20**
- (ii) Dual dispensing pump ..... \$40**
- (iii) Blend dispensing pump ..... \$40**
- (iv) Grease and oil pump ..... \$8**

**(6) Vehicles.**

- (i) Metering systems 300 L/min (79 gpm) or less ..... \$100**
- (ii) Metering systems over 300 L/min..... \$120**
- (iii) Compartment calibration:**
  - (a) Up to and including 3,000 L (793 gal) capacity ..... \$40**
  - (b) Over 3,000 L and including 6,000 L (1,585 gal) capacity ..... \$80**
  - (c) Over 6,000 L and including 12,000 L (3,170 gal) capacity ..... \$120**
  - (d) Over 12,000 L capacity ..... \$240**

**(7) Stationary petroleum metering systems.**

- (i) Up to and including 400 L/min (106 gpm) ..... \$100**
- (ii) Over 400 L/min including 2,000 L/min (528 gpm) ..... \$120**
- (iii) Over 2,000 L/min and including 4,000 L/min (1,057 gpm) ..... \$140**
- (iv) Over 4,000 L/min ..... \$160**

**(8) Bulk milk tanks.**

- (i) Up to 3,000 L (793 gal) capacity ..... \$40**
- (ii) Over 3,000 L and including 6,000 L (1,585 gal) capacity ..... \$80**
- (iii) Over 6,000 L and including 12,000 L (3,170 gal) ..... \$120**

- (iv) Over 12,000 L capacity ..... \$240
- (9) Timing devices.
- (i) All commercially used devices where time is a basis for charge ..... \$4
- except for:
- (ii) Devices owned or operated by governmental agencies ..... No charge
- (10) Taxi meters ..... \$40
- (11) Electrical Vehicle Charging Meters ..... \$100

**BY POLL VOTE: ALL AYES. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

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

Item #6j - Approval – Budgetary Amendment (25A035) – DPW – State of Emergency Storm Damage 7/9/23 was next. Chairwoman Sayegh recognized Legislator Ellner, Chairman of the Physical Services Committee. On behalf of the members of the Committee, Legislators Crowley & Jonke, Legislator Ellner moved the following:

**RESOLUTION #145**

**APPROVAL – BUDGETARY AMENDMENT (25A035) – DPW – STATE OF EMERGENCY STORM DAMAGE 7/9/23**

WHEREAS, pursuant to Resolutions #160 and #244 of 2023, an amount of \$1 million and \$500,000 respectively was transferred from the General Fund's Reserve to the Capital Fund to respond and cover initial costs associated with emergency measures to repair and reopen various County Roads that endured flood damage from the storm event which occurred throughout Putnam County on July 9, 2023; and

WHEREAS, since that time, FEMA Representatives inspected repair projects located on North Lake Blvd. in Mahopac, Harmony Hill Road in Patterson, and Oscawana Lake Road in Putnam Valley and deemed eligible for reimbursement; and

WHEREAS, both the Commissioners of DPW and Emergency Services have confirmed that all FEMA projects are now officially closed out; and

WHEREAS, the Commissioner of Finance has requested a budgetary amendment (25A035) to close out this Capital Project and replenish the General Fund's Reserve; and

WHEREAS, of the \$1.5 million, \$927,322 will be transferred back to the General Fund for future contingent appropriations; 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:**

55197000 439601 52309	State Aid – State of Emergency 7/9/23	72,946
55197000 449601 52309	Federal Aid – State of Emergency 7/9/23	457,750

**Increase Appropriations:**

55197000 59030 52309	Transfer Out – General Fund	927,322
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**Decrease Appropriations:**

55197000 53000 52309	CAP Expenditures – State of Emergency 7/9/23	396,626
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**GENERAL FUND:**

**Increase Estimated Revenues:**

10131000 428501	Transfer In – Capital Fund	927,322
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**Increase Appropriations:**

10199000 54980	General Contingencies	927,322
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2025 Fiscal Impact – (927,322)

2026 Fiscal Impact – 0 –

**BY POLL VOTE: ALL AYES. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**Item #6k - Approval – Budgetary Amendment (25A042) – DPW – Additional Funding - Capital Project 52511 – Myrtle Avenue @ Route 6N - Garage Roof Repair was next. On behalf of the members of the Physical Services Committee, Legislators Crowley & Jonke, Legislator Ellner moved the following:**

**RESOLUTION #146**

**APPROVAL – BUDGETARY AMENDMENT (25A042) – DPW – ADDITIONAL FUNDING - CAPITAL PROJECT 52511 – MYRTLE AVENUE @ ROUTE 6N - GARAGE ROOF REPAIR**

**WHEREAS, the Capital Project Committee approved \$350,000 for a 2025 Capital Project 52511 – Myrtle Avenue @ Route 6N Garage Roof Replacement; and**

**WHEREAS, the Commissioner of DPW has requested a budgetary amendment (25A042) for additional funding of \$200,000 to advertise this project for bid so that the roof, currently in poor condition, can be replaced with some immediacy; and**

**WHEREAS, in the detailed development of project plans and specifications with our contracted consultant, unforeseen issues, which will need to be rectified, were identified including an expanded roof membrane demolition, asbestos remediation, and garage door structural modifications; 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:**

55197000 428601 52511	Transfer In – General Fund	200,000
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**Increase Appropriations:**

55197000 53000 52511	Capital Exp. – Myrtle Ave @ Rte 6N Garage Roof Repair	200,000
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**GENERAL FUND:**

**Decrease Appropriations:**

10199000 54980	General Contingencies	200,000
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**Increase Appropriations:**

10199000 59020	Transfer Out – Capital Fund	200,000
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2025 Fiscal Impact – \$200,000

2026 Fiscal Impact – 0 –

**BY POLL VOTE: ALL AYES. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Item #6L - Approval – Budgetary Amendment (25A043) – DPW – Additional Funding – Capital Project 52510 – Youth Bureau Reallocation – Tilly Foster Farm was next. On behalf of the members of the Physical Services Committee, Legislators Crowley & Jonke, Legislator Ellner moved the following:

**RESOLUTION #147**

**APPROVAL – BUDGETARY AMENDMENT (25A043) – DPW – ADDITIONAL FUNDING – CAPITAL PROJECT 52510 – YOUTH BUREAU REALLOCATION – TILLY FOSTER FARM**

WHEREAS, the Capital Project Committee approved \$125,000 for a 2025 Capital Project 52510 – Youth Bureau Reallocation; and

WHEREAS, the Commissioner of DPW has requested a budgetary amendment (25A043) for additional funding of \$190,000 to proceed with this project and realize our desired completion date of August 31, 2025; and

WHEREAS, during the demolition phase of the existing building, unanticipated issues, including structural deficiencies and the presence of asbestos and lead were discovered and will need to be remedied in order to successfully continue to move this project forward; 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:**

55197000 428601 52510	Transfer In – General Fund	190,000
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**Increase Appropriations:**

55197000 53000 52510	Capital Exp.- Youth Bureau Reallocation	190,000
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**GENERAL FUND:**

**Decrease Appropriations:**

<b>10199000 54980</b>	<b>General Contingencies</b>	<b>190,000</b>
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**Increase Appropriations:**

<b>10990100 59020</b>	<b>Transfer Out – Capital Fund</b>	<b>190,000</b>
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**2025 Fiscal Impact - \$190,000**

**2026 Fiscal Impact – 0 –**

**BY POLL VOTE: ALL AYES. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**Item #6m - Approval – Budgetary Amendment (25A044) – DPW – Additional Funding – Wastewater Treatment Plant was next. On behalf of the members of the Physical Services Committee, Legislators Crowley & Jonke, Legislator Ellner moved the following:**

**RESOLUTION #148**

**APPROVAL – BUDGETARY AMENDMENT (25A044) – DPW – ADDITIONAL FUNDING – WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT**

**WHEREAS, in January 2025, the Wastewater Treatment Plant (WWTP) operator notified the County that they would be terminating their contract as of April 1, 2025 for financial reasons; and**

**WHEREAS, the County released an RFP to solicit proposals from potential new WWTP operators, which no one responded to; and**

**WHEREAS, after ongoing discussions, the current operator agreed to stay until June 1, 2025, along with other area WWTP operators, to seek a resolution/replacement; and**

**WHEREAS, while discussions have been positive, market conditions indicate that the operation of our WWTP will increase from \$1,425.00 per month to \$4,000.00 per month moving forward based on informal proposals received thus far; and**

**WHEREAS, for the remaining eight (8) months of the year, there is an anticipated shortfall of \$20,600.00; and**

**WHEREAS, this increased cost will be shared with the NYCDEP through our O&M Agreement at a split of 54.4% DEP \$11,206.40 and 45.6% County \$9,393.60; and**

**WHEREAS, said agreement is structured as a reimbursement and therefore the County must pay the entirety of the operator's contract cost before we are reimbursed; and**

**WHEREAS, additionally two (2) Aeration Blowers are in need of immediate replacement at a cost of \$29,946.98 for hardware, configuration, installation, and setup, with costs being shared with NYCDEP; and**

**WHEREAS, NYCDEP will reimburse the County 75% of the cost; and**

**WHEREAS, the Commissioner of DPW has requested a budgetary amendment (25A044) in the amount of \$68,000 to fund ongoing O&M costs, future repairs, and other related O&M expenses; 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:**

**GENERAL FUND:**

**Increase Appropriations:**

<b>10085000 54632</b>	<b>Wastewater Sewer Charges</b>	<b>68,000</b>
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**Decrease Appropriations:**

<b>10199000 54980</b>	<b>General Contingencies</b>	<b>68,000</b>
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**2025 Fiscal Impact - \$68,000**

**2026 Fiscal Impact – 0 –**

**BY POLL VOTE: ALL AYES. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**Item #6n - Approval – Budgetary Amendment (25A045) – Soil & Water Conservation District – Performance Measures – Part C Funds was next. On behalf of the members of the Physical Services Committee, Legislators Crowley & Jonke, Legislator Ellner moved the following:**

**RESOLUTION #149**

**APPROVAL – BUDGETARY AMENDMENT (25A045) – SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT – PERFORMANCE MEASURES – PART C FUNDS**

**WHEREAS, the Soil & Water Conservation Board voted to utilize Performance Measures funding in the amount of \$10,079 held in the Soil & Water Conservation District Trust Fund Account “Part C” for a Summer Intern; and**

**WHEREAS, the intern will work for 13 weeks, 40 hours per week, starting May 26, 2025; and**

**WHEREAS, the internship is part of the Soil & Water program’s (2b) Performance Measure for Outreach and Education; and**

**WHEREAS, the intern will be working on a range of projects including MS4/GIS mapping compliance, field inspections, GPS applications and producing informational brochures; 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:**

**GENERAL FUND:**

**Increase Appropriations:**

<b>10874500 51094</b>	<b>S&amp;W Temporary</b>	<b>9,360</b>
<b>10874500 58002</b>	<b>S&amp;W Social Security</b>	<b><u>719</u></b>
		<b>10,079</b>

**Increase Estimated Revenues:**

<b>10874500 439105</b>	<b>S&amp;W Performance Measures – Part C</b>	<b>10,079</b>
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**2025 Fiscal Impact – 0 –**

**2026 Fiscal Impact – 0 –**



**BY POLL VOTE: ALL AYES. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**Item #6o - Approval – Budgetary Amendment (25A048) – DPW – CHIPS 2025-2026 was next. On behalf of the members of the Physical Services Committee, Legislators Crowley & Jonke, Legislator Ellner moved the following:**

**RESOLUTION #150**

**APPROVAL – BUDGETARY AMENDMENT (25A048) – DPW – CHIPS 2025-2026**

**WHEREAS, approved \$1,200,000.00 in funding for CHIPS in the County’s 2025 budget; and**

**WHEREAS, the Commissioner of DPW was recently notified that the County’s actual 2025-2026 CHIPS allotment from New York State is \$2,031,356.00 which is \$831,356.00 more than originally authorized during our budget process; and**

**WHEREAS, the Commissioner of DPW has requested a budgetary amendment (25A048) to amend the 2025 CHIPS County Capital Project budget to equal the adopted NYS Budget; 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 Appropriations:**

<b>55112000 53000 52513</b>	<b>CHIPS State FY2025-2026</b>	<b>831,356</b>
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**Increase Estimated Revenues:**

<b>55112000 435011 52513</b>	<b>State Aid – CHIPS FY2025-2026</b>	<b>831,356</b>
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**2025 Fiscal Impact – 0 –**

**2026 Fiscal Impact – 0 –**

**BY POLL VOTE: ALL AYES. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**Item #6p - Approval – Department of Public Works – Use of Capital Facility Reserve – Amend (19CP06) – (Hire Professional Architectural and/or Engineering Services) was next. On behalf of the members of the Physical Services Committee, Legislators Crowley & Jonke, Legislator Ellner moved the following:**

**RESOLUTION #151**

**APPROVAL – DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS – USE OF CAPITAL FACILITY RESERVE – AMEND (19CP06) – (Hire Professional Architectural and/or Engineering Services)**

**WHEREAS, by Resolution #97 of 2019, the Putnam County Legislature approve the use of the Capital Facility Reserve fund for Project #19CP06 – Hire Professional Architectural and/or Engineering Services, at a cost not to exceed \$100,000; and**

**WHEREAS, by Resolutions #107 of 2022, #97 of 2023, and #221 of 2024, the Putnam County Legislature approved amendments to Project #19CP06, adding additional funding of \$130,000; and**

**WHEREAS, the use of outside consultants continues to be necessary; and  
WHEREAS, the Commissioner of DPW has proposed an additional amount of \$160,000 from the Capital Facility Reserve fund to allow the department to continue to move projects forward through the use of outside consultants; 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 \$160,000 from the Capital Facility Reserve fund budget line 55197000 53000 51509 as follows:**

**19CP06 – Hire Professional Architectural and/or Engineering Services**

**\$ 100,000 – Approved by Resolution #97 of 2019  
30,000 – Approved by Resolution #107 of 2022  
50,000 – Approved by Resolution #97 of 2023  
50,000 – Approved by Resolution #221 of 2024  
160,000 – Additional Funding  
\$ 390,000 – Total Project cost not to exceed**

**BY POLL VOTE: ALL AYES. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**Item #6q - Approval – Department of Public Works – Use of Capital Facility Reserve – (25CP03) (Board of Elections Security Gate) was next. On behalf of the members of the Physical Services Committee, Legislators Crowley & Jonke, Legislator Ellner moved the following:**

**RESOLUTION #152**

**APPROVAL – DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS – USE OF CAPITAL FACILITY RESERVE – (25CP03) (Board of Elections Security Gate)**

**WHEREAS, the Commissioner of Public Works has proposed the use of \$56,000 from the Capital Facility Reserve to fund Project #25CP03 – Board of Elections Security Gate; and**

**WHEREAS, recommendations for improvements to the perimeter security at the Board of Elections property and facility were suggested by Cybersecurity & Infrastructure Security Agency after conducting a security assessment in August of 2024; and**

**WHEREAS, as the current manual gate is in disrepair, the Board of Elections is seeking to install electronic, automatic gates to secure the facility, deter site access after hours, secure the Sheriff's on-site facility and on-site ballot box, provide more efficient access during emergencies for the Sheriff's Office, and control site access times; and**

**WHEREAS, currently during snowstorms, the gates must be left open after business hours to allow DPW access to the site to plow throughout the storm, leaving the site unsecured and prone; and**

**WHEREAS, an electronic gate would open for the plow and then automatically close once the plow left, ensuring site security; and**

**WHEREAS, the Commissioner of DPW has proposed an amount of \$56,000 from the Capital Facility Reserve fund for said project, which includes a 10% contingency should any unforeseen issues arise during the contracted work; 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 \$56,000 from the Capital Facility Reserve fund budget line 55197000 53000 51509 as follows:**

**25CP03 – Board of Elections Security Gate**

**Project cost not to exceed \$56,000**

**BY POLL VOTE: ALL AYES. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**Item #6r - Approval – Department of Public Works – Use of Capital Facility Reserve – (25CP04) (Chapel Improvements) was next. On behalf of the members of the Physical Services Committee, Legislators Crowley & Jonke, Legislator Ellner moved the following:**

**RESOLUTION #153**

**APPROVAL – DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS – USE OF CAPITAL FACILITY RESERVE – (25CP04) (Chapel Improvements)**

**WHEREAS, the Commissioner of Public Works has proposed the use of \$150,000 from the Capital Facility Reserve to fund Project #25CP04 – Chapel Improvements; and**

**WHEREAS, the Chapel located at Putnam County Veterans' Memorial Upper Park serves as a respite to our Veterans' events during times of inclement weather and provides residents and visitors with a historic, unique and charming venue to hold public gatherings; and**

**WHEREAS, proposed improvements to the Chapel will broaden the usability of the space to allow more groups to enjoy it throughout the year and to prepare it for the REV 250 festivities in 2026; and**

**WHEREAS, all work is proposed to be performed in-house and will involve renovations including energy-efficient window coverings, insulation, electrical upgrades, HVAC and interior finishes; 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 \$150,000 from the Capital Facility Reserve fund budget line 55197000 53000 51509 as follows:**

**25CP04 – Chapel Improvements**

**Project cost not to exceed \$150,000**

**BY POLL VOTE: ALL AYES. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**Item #6s - Approval – Enter into an Inter-Municipal Shared Services Agreement with the Towns of Kent, Carmel, Patterson, Philipstown, Putnam Valley, Southeast and Villages of Brewster, Cold Spring and Nelsonville, for the Sharing of Highway-Related Resources**

was next. On behalf of the members of the Physical Services Committee, Legislators Crowley & Jonke, Legislator Ellner moved the following:

Legislator Birmingham stated that he would be abstaining from this as two (2) of the villages and one (1) of the towns are clients of the firm in which he is a partner.

#### **RESOLUTION #154**

#### **APPROVAL - ENTER INTO AN INTER-MUNICIPAL SHARED SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH THE TOWNS OF KENT, CARMEL, PATTERSON, PHILIPSTOWN, PUTNAM VALLEY, SOUTHEAST AND VILLAGES OF BREWSTER, COLD SPRING AND NELSONVILLE, FOR THE SHARING OF HIGHWAY-RELATED RESOURCES**

WHEREAS, the County Executive, together with the Putnam County Legislature, agree it is in the best interests of the local taxpayers of Putnam County (the "County") to establish a cooperative means between the County and the Towns and Villages denoted herein as (Municipalities) for sharing highway-related resources, from time-to-time and as deemed necessary and proper, in the undertaking of public works and other municipal improvement projects, including emergency situations; and

WHEREAS, the County and Municipalities each acknowledge that flexibility in operating local governments and their public works programs and other municipal improvement projects, including emergency situations, is necessary and there exists the critical need to utilize every means or device available to provide services in the most cost-effective manner and at the least possible cost to ensure efficiency and maximum benefits to the local taxpayers; and

WHEREAS, it is hereby determined that by the County and Municipalities renting or leasing, borrowing, exchanging, or lending highway-related resources from/to the other, the County and Municipalities can respectively avoid the need to purchase certain highway machinery, tools and equipment, as well as avoid the need to purchase or keep a large inventory of certain extra materials and supplies, and is appropriate, cost effective and in the best interests of the local taxpayers; and

WHEREAS, the County and Municipalities each have highway-related resources on hand which may not be immediately needed and may be available from time-to-time to the other and the County and Municipalities are desirous of sharing highway-related resources, including, without limitation, their respective machinery; equipment; materials; supplies; tools; necessary, trained, skilled and licensed personnel and equipment operators, subject, where applicable, to the provisions of civil service law; snow and ice removal services and materials; use of parking and other facilities; and other highway-related services as may, from time-to-time, be necessary and proper to effectuate and progress public works and other municipal improvement projects, including emergency situations (collectively referred to as "Shared Services"); and

WHEREAS, it is expected that the exchange of Shared Services, in whatever form, will be generally of short duration, unanticipated and/or in response to emergency situations, reciprocal and roughly equal over a period, and will result in efficient and cost-effective work performance to the County and Municipalities and is in the best interests of the local taxpayers; and

WHEREAS, the County currently owns and operates equipment, trucks and materials. which the Municipalities desire to access and utilize; and

WHEREAS, the Municipalities currently own and operate equipment, trucks and materials which the County desires to access and utilize; and

**WHEREAS, the County and Municipalities each have certain highway and non-highway equipment which may be available from time to time for use by the other in order to provide the foregoing Shared Services; now therefore be it**

**RESOLVED, the County Attorney is authorized to draft the appropriate Inter-Municipal Shared Services Agreement to provide Shared Services between the County and the Municipalities, including, without limitation: equipment, trucks, materials, and personnel as becomes necessary for the implementation of the Inter-Municipal Shared Services Agreement.**

**RESOLVED, that the County Executive is authorized to execute such an Inter-Municipal Shared Services Agreement with the Municipalities to provide for the Shared Services as aforesaid; and be it further**

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

**BY ROLL CALL VOTE: EIGHT AYES. ONE ABSTENTION – LEGISLATOR BIRMINGHAM. MOTION CARRIES.**

**Item #6t – Approval – DPW - Agreement with State of New York for Snow & Ice Removal was next. On behalf of the members of the Physical Services Committee, Legislators Crowley & Jonke, Legislator Ellner moved the following:**

**RESOLUTION #155**

**APPROVAL – DPW - AGREEMENT WITH STATE OF NEW YORK FOR SNOW & ICE REMOVAL**

**WHEREAS, the County of Putnam (“COUNTY”) and the Commissioner of Transportation of the State of New York (“Commissioner”) have previously entered into annual agreements under which the COUNTY is responsible for the clearing of such State highways of snow and ice as designated by the COMMISSIONER, to the extent that the COMMISSIONER shall deem necessary to provide reasonable passage and movement of vehicles over such highways; and**

**WHEREAS, the term of the existing agreement expired on June 30, 2024; and**

**WHEREAS, the COUNTY has re-negotiated the terms of said agreement as it relates to the compensation due and owing to the COUNTY for estimated expenditures for each average season, as well as additional funds associated with the additional snow and ice operations that may be necessary where the winter severity index is greater than 1.00; and**

**WHEREAS, the term of this new agreement between the COUNTY and the COMMISSIONER shall be for five (5) years, commencing July 1, 2024; now therefore be it**

**RESOLVED, that the County Executive is authorized to sign the annexed “Snow and Ice Control on Indexed Lump Sum Basis” Agreement; and be it further**

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

**BY POLL VOTE: ALL AYES. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**Item #6u - Approval - Submission of Application for Farmland Protection County Planning Grant through the New York State Department of Agriculture and Markets to Update the 2004 Putnam County Agricultural & Farmland Protection Plan was next. On behalf of the**

members of the Physical Services Committee, Legislators Crowley & Jonke, Legislator Ellner moved the following:

**RESOLUTION #156**

**APPROVAL - SUBMISSION OF APPLICATION FOR FARMLAND PROTECTION COUNTY PLANNING GRANT THROUGH THE NEW YORK STATE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND MARKETS TO UPDATE THE 2004 PUTNAM COUNTY AGRICULTURAL & FARMLAND PROTECTION PLAN**

WHEREAS, Farmland Protection County planning grants are available to counties focusing on promoting the economic success of farm operations; and

WHEREAS, in addition to creating specific agricultural protection plans, funds may be used to update local planning documents, including but not limited to the agricultural section of comprehensive plans, land use regulations, and zoning ordinances to ensure that these documents contain clear language and policies that are supportive of the local agriculture industry; and

WHEREAS, Counties are eligible for grants up to \$50,000 or 50% of the cost (whichever is less) for developing a county agriculture and farmland protection plan; and

WHEREAS, the county share of funding must be provided in at least 20% cash (no more than 80% in in-kind services); and

WHEREAS, any county that has established an agricultural and farmland protection board and has not had an agricultural and farmland protection plan approved by the Commissioner in the last ten years is eligible for funding; and

WHEREAS, Section 5-1(D)(1) of the Putnam County Code requires the Legislature to approve all grant applications prior to their submission; and

WHEREAS, the County, by and through the Putnam County Department of Planning, Development and Public Transportation (the "Department"), is desirous of competitively seeking Farmland Protection County planning grant funds through NYS Department of Agriculture & Markets, and, in furtherance therefor, will submit a grant application; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the County Executive, together with the Legislature, supports the County's grant application for Farmland Protection County Planning funds for updating the County's agricultural plan; and be it further

RESOLVED, that this Resolution shall take effect immediately.

**BY POLL VOTE: ALL AYES. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**HEALTH, SOCIAL, EDUCATIONAL & ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITTEE**  
(Chairwoman Addonizio, Legislators Ellner & Russo)

Item #6v - Approval – Budgetary Amendment (25A041) – Social Services – Mobile Crisis was next. Chairwoman Sayegh recognized Legislator Addonizio, Chairwoman of the Health, Social, Educational & Environmental Committee. On behalf of the members of the Committee, Legislators Ellner and Russo, Legislator Addonizio moved the following:

Legislator Addonizio stated that if any individual that has concerns about someone who is experiencing a behavioral health crisis, such as suicide or substance abuse, they can reach out to the Crisis Team. She stated that a team of Mental Health professionals will

travel to the individual to provide crisis intervention and follow up support. She stated that she was happy to see this move forward this evening.

**RESOLUTION #157**

**APPROVAL – BUDGETARY AMENDMENT (25A041) – SOCIAL SERVICES – MOBILE CRISIS**

WHEREAS, the Commissioner of Social Services has requested a budgetary amendment (25A041) to amend the 2025 Mental Health budget to reflect an extension of 2023 State Aid levels regarding funding code 164 Suicide Prevention & Crisis Services to be passed through to provider agencies in accordance with field office and central office approval for undistributed funds; 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:

**GENERAL FUND:**

**Increase Appropriations:**

10051460 54647	Sub Contractors – Mobile Crisis	150,000
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**Increase Estimated Revenues:**

10051460 434981	MH State Aid – Mobile Crisis	150,000
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2025 Fiscal Impact – 0 –

2026 Fiscal Impact – 0 –

**BY POLL VOTE: ALL AYES. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Item #6w - Approval – Grant Application – Office for Senior Resources – Field Hall Foundation – Home Safety and Environmental Support Program was next. On behalf of the members of the Health, Social, Educational & Environmental Committee, Legislators Ellner and Russo, Legislator Addonizio moved the following:

Chairwoman Sayegh thanked the Field Hall Foundation for all their support of senior citizens in Putnam County.

**RESOLUTION # 158**

**APPROVAL – GRANT APPLICATION – OFFICE FOR SENIOR RESOURCES – FIELD HALL FOUNDATION – HOME SAFETY AND ENVIRONMENTAL SUPPORT PROGRAM**

WHEREAS, the Director of the Office For Senior Resources (OSR) would like to apply for the Fall 2025 – Small Grant under the Field Hall Foundation for approximately \$15,000; and

WHEREAS, the funds would be used for a Home Safety and Environmental Support Program to deliver safety-focused home modifications and supportive services

that enable older adults in Putnam County to live independently and safely in their homes for as long as possible; and

WHEREAS, the total cost of the proposed program is \$15,000 with 100% of the funds dedicated to serving older adults; and

WHEREAS, with the Foundation's support, it is anticipated to directly serve approximately 30 older adults during the grant period, based on an average project cost of \$500.00; and

WHEREAS, there are no County matching funds required; and

WHEREAS, the Health, Social, Educational & Environmental Committee has considered and approved of this grant application; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Putnam County Legislature approves and authorizes the Office For Senior Resources to apply for the Fall 2025 – Small Grant under the Field Hall Foundation.

**BY POLL VOTE: ALL AYES. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Item #6x - Approval – Grant – Office For Senior Resources – Social Adult Daycare Services (SADS) Program was next. On behalf of the members of the Health, Social, Educational & Environmental Committee, Legislators Ellner and Russo, Legislator Addonizio moved the following:

**RESOLUTION #159**

**APPROVAL – GRANT – OFFICE FOR SENIOR RESOURCES – SOCIAL ADULT DAYCARE SERVICES (SADS) PROGRAM**

WHEREAS, the Director of the Office For Senior Resources (OSR) has requested approval for a new five-year cycle contract with the State of New York Contract for Grants provided through the NYS Office For Aging (NYSOFA); and

WHEREAS, the contract term is 2/02/2025 through 01/31/2030 with a yearly amount of \$105,007.00 for a total of \$525,035.00 over the five-year period; and

WHEREAS, this grant requires a County match of 25%; and

WHEREAS, the grant monies received will be used for the operations and expenditures of the OSR Social Adult Daycare Services (SADS) Program; and

WHEREAS, this program provides a variety of long-term care services to functionally impaired individuals, whether due to physical or cognitive impairments, in a congregate community, and pursuant to a person-centered service plan; and

WHEREAS, the goal of the SADS program is to prevent or delay institutional care, improve the quality of life functionally and/or cognitively impaired adults, and provide respite for informal caregivers; and

WHEREAS, the Health, Social, Educational & Environmental Committee has considered and approved of this grant; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Putnam County Legislature approves and authorizes the new five-year cycle contract with the State of New York Contract for Grants provided through the NYS Office For Aging (NYSOFA) for the operations and expenditures of the Office for Senior Resources Social Adult Daycare Services (SADS) Program.

**BY POLL VOTE: ALL AYES. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**



**Item #6y - Approval – Confirmation – Appointment – East of Hudson Sporting Advisory Committee (EOHSAC) of the Watershed Protection and Partnership Council was next. On behalf of the members of the Health, Social, Educational & Environmental Committee, Legislators Ellner and Russo, Legislator Addonizio moved the following:**

**Legislator Addonizio stated that she was proud to confirm the appointment of Chris Ruthven to the EOHSAC. She stated that the County has been without an advisor since the retirement of former representative Vicent Tamagna. She stated that Chris Ruthven has been employed with Putnam County since 1998 and currently serves as Deputy Commissioner of Parks. She stated that Chris will bring a wealth of knowledge and experience to this Committee.**

**RESOLUTION #160**

**APPROVAL – CONFIRMATION – APPOINTMENT – EAST OF HUDSON SPORTING ADVISORY COMMITTEE (EOHSAC) OF THE WATERSHED PROTECTION AND PARTNERSHIP COUNCIL**

**RESOLVED, that the Putnam County Legislature confirms the appointment by the County Executive of Christopher Ruthven to the East of Hudson Sporting Advisory Committee (EOHSAC) of the Watershed Protection and Partnership Council; and be it further**

**RESOLVED, that this appointment comply with any requirements to file an Oath of Office pursuant to the New York State Public Officers Law.**

**BY POLL VOTE: ALL AYES. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**AUDIT & ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE  
(Chairwoman Sayegh, Legislators Birmingham & Crowley)**

**Item #6z - Approval – Budgetary Amendment (25A031b) – District Attorney – Criminal Justice Discovery Reform Grant (DCJS) Award – Merit Bonuses ADAs/Management was next. On behalf of the Audit & Administration Committee, Legislators Birmingham and Crowley, Chairwoman Sayegh moved the following:**

**RESOLUTION #161**

**APPROVAL – BUDGETARY AMENDMENT (25A031b) – DISTRICT ATTORNEY – CRIMINAL JUSTICE DISCOVERY REFORM GRANT (DCJS) AWARD – MERIT BONUSES ADAs/MANAGEMENT**

**WHEREAS, on November 18, 2024, the Putnam County District Attorney received notification from the New York Stated Division of Criminal Justice Services (DCJS) of a grant award, for a maximum amount of 266,192; and**

**WHEREAS, funding is contingent upon submission by the County, and subsequent DCJS approval of a Discovery Reform Funding Plan; and**

**WHEREAS, the grant funding is to support local law enforcement agencies with expenses related to the implementation of discovery and pretrial reforms that took effect January 1, 2020; and**

WHEREAS, all funding provided is intended to support estimated costs incurred during the SFY 2024-25; and

WHEREAS, the District Attorney submitted a budgetary amendment (25A031) to account for said grant award; and

WHEREAS, the Personnel Committee and the Audit & Administration Committee had reviewed and approved said budgetary amendment; and

WHEREAS, during the May 6, 2025 Full Legislative Meeting, the Legislature divided the question and approved budgetary amendment (25A031a) which was provided by the Commissioner of Finance and only pertained to the Partnership Initiative Criminal Justice Discovery Reform Grant portion and General Contingencies; and

WHEREAS, during the May 6, 2025 Full Legislative Meeting the Legislature, after dividing the question, tabled budgetary amendment (25A031b) provided by the Commissioner of Finance which pertained to the District Attorney's Merit Bonuses for the ADAs/Management to the Audit & Administration Committee for further information; and

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

RESOLVED, that the following budgetary amendment be made:

**Increase Appropriations:**

10116500 51000 (130)	Pers Serv – DA Merit Bonus DCJS Grant	10,000
10116500 51000 (103)	Pers Serv – DA Merit Bonus DCJS Grant	10,000
10116500 51000 (134)	Pers Serv – DA Merit Bonus DCJS Grant	8,500
10116500 51000 (125)	Pers Serv – DA Merit Bonus DCJS Grant	7,500
10116500 51000 (104)	Pers Serv – DA Merit Bonus DCJS Grant	5,000
10116500 51000 (126)	Pers Serv – DA Merit Bonus DCJS Grant	5,000
10116500 51000 (108)	Pers Serv – DA Merit Bonus DCJS Grant	5,000
10116500 51000 (111)	Pers Serv – DA Merit Bonus DCJS Grant	4,000
10116500 51000 (129)	Pers Serv – DA Merit Bonus DCJS Grant	5,000
10116500 58002	Social Security	<u>4,590</u>
		64,590

**Decrease Appropriations:**

101999000 54980	General Contingencies	3,663
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**Increase Estimated Revenues:**

10116500 430890 10171	Stated Aid – Criminal Justice Discovery Reform Grant FY 24-25	60,927
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2025 Fiscal Impact – \$3,663

2026 Fiscal Impact – 0 –

**BY POLL VOTE: ALL AYES. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Item #6aa - Approval – Budgetary Amendment (25A046) – Social Services – Family Centered Case Management Grant – Reclassification & New Position was next. On behalf of the Audit & Administration Committee, Legislators Birmingham and Crowley, Chairwoman Sayegh moved the following:

**RESOLUTION #162**

**APPROVAL – BUDGETARY AMENDMENT (25A046) – SOCIAL SERVICES – FAMILY  
CENTERED CASE MANAGEMENT GRANT – RECLASSIFICATION & NEW POSITION**

WHEREAS, the Commissioner of Social Services has requested a budgetary amendment (25A046) to amend the 2025 DSS Budget to include the Family-Centered Case Management Services allocation (24-LCM-07) received from the Office of Temporary and Disability Assistance (OTDA) in the amount of \$165,385; and

WHEREAS, the current program period is July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2025; and

WHEREAS, this allocation is for the purpose of hiring appropriately credentialed / experienced staff to provide case management services for families who are having difficulty stabilizing their households and transitioning towards greater financial security in accordance with Putnam's plan approved by the NYS OTDA; and

WHEREAS, said grant funding will support the Reclassification of a Senior Office Assistant position to Principal Office Assistant and creation of a New Senior Caseworker position; and

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

**RESOLVED**, that the following budgetary amendment be made:

**Decrease Estimated Appropriations:**

10101000 51000 07111	Pers. Serv. – Senior Office Asst.	31,024
10101000 51000 07111	Pers. Serv. – Senior Office Asst.	<u>18,615</u>
		49,639

**Increase Estimated Appropriations:**

10101000 51000 07115	Pers. Serv. – Principal Office Asst.	31,024
10107000 51000 07115	Pers. Serv. – Principal Office Asst.	18,615
10101000 51000 10233 07115	Pers. Serv. – Principal Office Asst.	12,410
10101000 58001 10233 07115	Retirement	1,087
10101000 58002 10233 07115	FICA	949
10101000 58004 10233 07115	Workers Compensation	141
10101000 58006 10233 07115	Dental	407
10101000 58009 10233 07115	Vision	48
10101000 51000 10233 07116	Pers. Serv. – Senior Caseworker	84,655
10101000 58001 10233 07116	Retirement	15,121
10101000 58002 10233 07116	FICA	6,476
10101000 58004 10233 07116	Workers Compensation	964
10101000 58006 10233 07116	Dental	2,034
10101000 58008 10233 07116	Health Insurance	24,788
10101000 58009 10233 07116	Vision	242
10101000 52110 10223	Furniture & Fixtures	3,000
10101000 52130 10223	Computer Equipment	7,000
10101000 54310 10223	Office Supplies	1,500
10101000 54210 10223	Vehicle Leasing/Rental	<u>4,563</u>
		215,024

**Increase Estimated Revenue:**

10101000 436101 10223	Family-Centered Case Mgmt Grant	165,385
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**2026 Fiscal Impact – 0 –**

**BY POLL VOTE: ALL AYES. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**Item #6bb - Approval – Budgetary Amendment (25A047) – Sheriff’s Office – Utilize Federally Seized Asset Forfeiture Funds – Purchase Equipment was next. On behalf of the Audit & Administration Committee, Legislators Birmingham and Crowley, Chairwoman Sayegh moved the following:**

**Legislator Jonke thanked the Sheriff for bringing this forward. He stated that the Sheriff is utilizing seized asset funds, so it is not taxpayer monies. He stated that he is buying equipment that will make our law enforcement personnel safer when they come upon a scene where there is a crisis. He stated that the original amount the Sheriff requested was a little lower and we encouraged him to increase the funding for additional equipment which will benefit our law enforcement.**

**Legislator Crowley also thanked the Sheriff. She hoped that the SRT team was growing and she looked forward to the progress.**

**Legislator Russo thanked the Sheriff’s Office for using these seized funds instead of the taxpayer’s money.**

**RESOLUTION #163**

**APPROVAL – BUDGETARY AMENDMENT (25A047) – SHERIFF’S OFFICE – UTILIZE FEDERALLY SEIZED ASSET FORFEITURE FUNDS – PURCHASE EQUIPMENT**

**WHEREAS, the Putnam County Sheriff has requested a budgetary amendment (25A047) to use Federally Seized Asset Forfeiture Funds to purchase equipment; and**

**WHEREAS, the Protective Services Committee discussed said equipment purchase and the Audit & Administration Committee has reviewed and approved said budgetary amendment; now therefore be it**

**RESOLVED, that the following budgetary amendment be made:**

**GENERAL FUND:**

**Increase Appropriations:**

<b>17311000 52680 10102</b>	<b>SRT – Other Equipment</b>	<b>531,563</b>
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**Increase Estimated Revenues:**

<b>17311000 427151 10102</b>	<b>SRT – Proceeds of Seized Assets</b>	<b>531,563</b>
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**2025 Fiscal Impact – 0 –**

**2026 Fiscal Impact – 0 –**

**BY POLL VOTE: ALL AYES. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**Item #6cc - Request Refund of Taxes – Kevin & Genevieve Farrell – Town of Southeast – Tax Map #47.-3-102 (Denied) was next. On behalf of the Audit & Administration**

**Committee, Legislators Birmingham and Crowley, Chairwoman Sayegh moved the following:**

**Legislator Jonke explained that we were approving a denial.**

**Legislator Montgomery explained that the individuals had an agreed amount of a tax assessment and applied for a refund or credit of real property tax. She stated that the Director of Real Property confirmed the error, however it could not be corrected going back beyond three (3) years per NYS Law.**

**Legislator Jonke stated that there was a stipulated settlement to the reduction of the assessment in 2019. He stated that the assessor did not act on the stipulated reduction, and it took the taxpayer years to discover that the reduction had never gone through. He stated that unfortunately State Law only allows for a refund within the last three (3) years. He explained that the law was a protection for municipalities so if there ever was a refund they could not go back 20 or 30 years.**

#### **RESOLUTION #164**

#### **REQUEST REFUND OF TAXES – KEVIN & GENEVIEVE FARRELL – TOWN OF SOUTHEAST – TAX MAP #47.-3-102 (DENIED)**

**WHEREAS, a property owner indicated that their 2020 County/Town Tax Bill assessment showed the amount that they grieved, instead of the reduced amount that the property owner and the assessor had agreed upon; and**

**WHEREAS, the Town of Southeast Assessor confirmed said error, and directed the property owner to fill out an RP-556 Application for Refund or Credit of Real Property Taxes form; and**

**WHEREAS, the Director of Real Property has reviewed said application form, however, due to RP Law 556, an error cannot be corrected going back over three (3) years and therefore the Director of Real Property has denied said request; and**

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

**RESOLVED, that the Putnam County Legislature approves the denial for a refund of taxes for Kevin & Genevieve Farrell in the Town of Southeast for Tax Map #47.-3-102.**

**BY POLL VOTE: ALL AYES. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

#### **Item #7 - Other Business**

**Chairwoman Sayegh made a motion to add other business Item #7a to the agenda; seconded by Legislators Crowley and Jonke. All in favor.**

**Item #7a – Approval – SEQR – Agricultural District was next. Chairwoman Sayegh moved the following;**

**Legislator Ellner made a motion to accept revised Item #7a attachment submitted to the meeting; seconded by Chairwoman Sayegh. All in favor.**

Chairwoman Sayegh explained that the revised version has the correct acreage amount on the property.

**RESOLUTION #165**

**APPROVAL – SEQR - AGRICULTURAL DISTRICT**

WHEREAS, the Department of Agriculture and Markets as Lead Agency for the Agricultural Districts Program has conducted a programmatic review of the environmental effects of Agricultural Districts and has concluded that there is little likelihood of significant adverse environmental impact resulting from the formation or modification of such districts; and

WHEREAS, it is the responsibility of the County to review the site-specific proposals under consideration to determine if unique circumstances exist which increase the likelihood of environmental significance; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Agriculture and Markets recommends that the County Legislative body serve as the Lead Agency to ensure compliance with the requirement of the State Environmental Quality Review Act as it is the only other agency required to undertake an action except for the Department of Agriculture and Markets; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Putnam County Legislature declares itself to be the lead agency to ensure compliance with the requirements of the State Environmental Quality Review Act; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Putnam County Legislature, as Lead Agency, hereby determines that the site-specific parcels contained in the proposed Agriculture District modifications will not have a significant adverse effect on the environment and that a Draft Environmental Impact Statement will not be prepared; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Putnam County Legislature, as lead agency, hereby accepts and adopts the Negative Declaration prepared in connection with the proposed Agriculture District modifications, a copy of which is annexed hereto and made a part hereof.

**BY POLL VOTE: ALL AYES. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Item #7b - Approval – Amendment – Inclusion of Parcels in Putnam County Agricultural District – Ridge Ranch was next.

Chairwoman Sayegh explained that it was believed that the acreage amount listed on Resolution #110 of 2025 was incorrect and this proposed resolution was drafted to correct that resolution. However, it was determined after this agenda was posted that Resolution #110 of 2025 was correct. She stated that this proposed resolution was not needed.

**APPROVAL – AMENDMENT - INCLUSION OF PARCELS IN PUTNAM COUNTY AGRICULTURAL DISTRICT – RIDGE RANCH**

WHEREAS, by Resolution #110 of 2025, the Putnam County Legislature approved a resolution including certain parcels for inclusion in the Agricultural District in the County of Putnam; and

WHEREAS, that resolution contains a ministerial error listing the incorrect acreage of the parcels to be included; and

WHEREAS, the corrected acreage for Ridge Ranch (Daniel Honovich) for inclusion of the following parcels is as follows:

**Town of Patterson:**

Ridge Ranch (Daniel Honovich) - Tax Map #15.-1-46 (68.04 acres) Tax Map #15.-1-49 (43.41 acres) Tax Map #15.1-48 (.45 acres) Total Acreage: 111.9

NOW THEREFORE, the Putnam County Legislature resolves as follows:

RESOLVED, that the Putnam County Legislature hereby amends Resolution #110 of 2025 to include in the Putnam County Agricultural District the following Tax Map identified parcels:

**Town of Patterson:**

Ridge Ranch (Daniel Honovich) - Tax Map #15.-1-46 (68.04 acres) Tax Map #15.-1-49 (43.41 acres) Tax Map #15.1-48 (.45 acres) Total Acreage: 111.9

For a total of 111.9.52 acres

And be it further

RESOLVED, that this amendment shall be effective *nunc pro tunc* from the date of the original resolution.

Item #7c – Supporting the Adoption of Senate Bill S.1183 & Assembly Bill A.74 by the New York State Legislature to Establish a Real Property Tax Exemption for Veterans who have a One Hundred Percent Service-Connected Disability was next.

Legislator Ellner made a motion to add other business Item #7c to the agenda; seconded by Legislator Birmingham. All in favor.

Legislator Ellner moved the following resolution. He stated that it is in support of a NYS Assembly and Senate bill for a real property tax exemption for veterans who have a 100% service-connected disability. He believed our veterans deserve, particularly those who have become disabled, our respect and excellent treatment. He believed this was one (1) way we could help.

Legislator Crowley stated that this is wonderful, however, she did not believe it was appropriate to do it as other business. She believed that it should be brought through the Committee process for transparency and to allow public discussion.

Legislator Addonizio stated that she supported this bill. She stated that there are so many veterans who are struggling, especially those with a 100% service-connected disability. She explained that many people are not aware that it is hard for them to receive services.

Legislator Montgomery clarified if this is a 100% exemption or similar to what emergency services or fire departments have.

**Legislator Ellner stated that he did not recall what the percentage was.**

**Legislator Montgomery stated that this is just to support the bill. She stated that if the bill passes, which she was in favor of, she believed that the County, towns and school districts and taxing entities in New York State would have to set the exemption rate.**

**Legislator Jonke stated that veteran's exemptions do not apply to special districts. He stated that the water and fire districts would not be impacted. He stated that he is in favor of sending this to Albany. He stated that if we were ever to consider this exemption if it passes, we should probably do a fiscal analysis of how many exemptions we are talking about and what kind of impact it would have on our overall levy. He stated that what they typically do with veteran exemptions is that they set limits to them. He stated that right now if you have 100% disability as a veteran you get a 50% exemption, but it is limited. He explained that if you have a house that exceeds the limit it might only be a 30% exemption. He stated that it is very complicated.**

**Legislator Montgomery stated that maybe we could get to work on performing that assessment so we could be ready to implement it when it's time. She explained that many times when the State passes these types of bills it takes towns and counties years to implement them. She stated that she would like to see the veterans get what they deserve.**

**Legislator Addonizio read part of the "summary of provisions" in the bill stating that there will be a new subdivision added to the real property tax law to allow for a county, city, town, village or school district to implement a resolution of law to provide a full tax exemption to certain disabled veterans.**

**Legislator Montgomery stated that it is similar to what we did for the fire departments. She stated that she actually went to school board meetings to advocate for them.**

**Legislator Crowley believed this was wonderful. She questioned if this would supersede what we have.**

**Legislator Jonke explained that this would probably amend the existing section of the law.**

**Chairwoman Sayegh stated that she agrees with this in concept and would like to see a full analysis of it. She stated that we are talking about people who have fought for our country and are veterans with 100% disability. She stated that she is in favor of helping them in any way, shape, or form.**

**Legislator Jonke thanked Legislator Ellner for bringing this forward.**

## **RESOLUTION #166**

**SUPPORTING THE ADOPTION OF SENATE BILL S.1183 & ASSEMBLY BILL A.74 BY THE NEW YORK STATE LEGISLATURE TO ESTABLISH A REAL PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTION FOR VETERANS WHO HAVE A ONE HUNDRED PERCENT SERVICE-CONNECTED DISABILITY**



**WHEREAS, Veterans in Putnam County and throughout New York State struggle every day to make ends meet largely due in part to high property taxes; and**

**WHEREAS, disabilities suffered while serving can leave Veterans unable to work and provide for their families, having sacrificed their health, emotionally, mentally and physically to protect our Country; and**

**WHEREAS, these Veterans have earned this tax relief to reduce their financial strain, and they deserve to be able to live a comfortable life without any further challenges; and**

**WHEREAS, the Putnam County Legislature finds that the bills that have been introduced in both the Senate and Assembly will help eliminate some of the financial burden from the Veterans; now therefore be it**

**RESOLVED, that the Putnam County Legislature hereby supports and urges the adoption of Senate Bill S.1183 and Assembly Bill A.74 amending the real property tax law in relation to establishing a real property tax exemption for veterans who have a one hundred percent service connected disability; and be it further**

**RESOLVED, that the Clerk of the Legislature is hereby directed to forward copies of this Resolution to Governor Kathy Hochul, Senate Majority Leader Andrea Stewart-Cousins, Assembly Speaker Carl E. Heastie, Senator Peter Harckham, Senator Rob Rolison, Assemblywoman Dana Levenberg, Assemblyman Matthew Slater, and the New York State Association of Counties.**

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

#### **Item #8 – Recognition of public on agenda items**

**Cassandra Roth, Resident of Pawling, asked for clarification on agenda Item #7b - Approval – Amendment – Inclusion of Parcels in Putnam County Agricultural District – Ridge Ranch which was not added to the agenda.**

**Legislator Ellner explained that there was believed to be a discrepancy of two (2) acres.**

**Legislative Clerk Schonfeld explained that after the agenda posted the revision, it was determined that the original Resolution #110 of 2025 was correct and no changes needed to be made.**

**Cassandra Roth questioned the timeline regarding Item #7a – Approval – SEQR – Agricultural District, regarding when it will go to the State and who sends it.**

**Legislative Clerk Schonfeld explained that after the resolution is processed it will be sent to the County Executive for approval and the Legislative Office will send it to Albany.**

**Brett Yarris, Resident in the Hamlet of Carmel, thanked Legislator Ellner for bringing forward Item #7c – Supporting the Adoption of Senate Bill S.1183 & Assembly Bill A.74 by the New York State Legislature to Establish a Real Property Tax Exemption for Veterans who have a One Hundred Percent Service-Connected Disability. He stated that there has been discussion about public speaking. He questioned, from a Rules perspective, would this item have qualified as a situation that because it was brought to the Full meeting without going to Committee first the public would have the opportunity to discuss this.**

**Chairwoman Sayegh stated that the procedure will be discussed at a Rules Committee meeting.**

**Item #9 – Recognition of Legislators**

**Legislator Ellner explained that he had the privilege to be a volunteer for the Hudson Valley Honor Flight. He stated that they take veterans on a private chartered flight from either Westchester or Stewart Airports to Washington, DC at no cost to the veteran. He stated that veterans are given priority based on age and the conflict in which they fought. He stated there were approximately 60 veterans with typically one (1) volunteer per veteran. He stated that there were six (6) veterans from Putnam County. He stated that the volunteers pay their own way. He stated that it was a wonderful and very emotional experience. He encouraged people to volunteer.**

**Legislator Crowley thanked Legislator Ellner for participating. She explained that she too had the opportunity to volunteer a few years ago.**

**Legislator Montgomery wished all the graduates, from pre-school to individuals getting their doctorate, congratulations and she hoped that they will go out into the world and do great things. She wished everyone a Happy Father's Day.**

**There being no further business, at 7:49 P.M., Chairwoman Sayegh made a motion to adjourn; seconded by Legislators Crowley and Russo. All in favor.**

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