

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

**Tuesday                      August 5, 2025                      7:00 P.M.**

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

**PROCLAMATION**

Chairwoman Sayegh recognized Legislator Crowley who presented the “Overdose Awareness Day” proclamation to Assistant Director, Prevention Council of Putnam Naura Slivinsky.

**OVERDOSE AWARENESS DAY**

WHEREAS, Putnam County does affirm and acknowledge the harm and hardship caused by drug overdose; and

WHEREAS, we recognize the purpose of International Overdose Awareness Day as remembering loved ones lost to overdose and ending the stigma of drug-related deaths; and

WHEREAS, we resolve to play our part in reducing the toll of overdose in our community, which claimed the lives of 2 Putnam County Residents last year together with countless more affected forever; and

WHEREAS, we affirm that the people affected by overdose are our sons and daughters, our mothers and fathers, our brothers and sisters, and deserving of our love, compassion and support; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Putnam County Executive and the Putnam County Legislature do hereby proclaim August 31, 2025, as International Overdose Awareness Day in Putnam County.

Item #4 – Acceptance of Minutes – Regular Mtg – May 6, 2025  
Special Mtg – May 19, 2025  
Regular Mtg – June 3, 2025  
Public Hearing – July 1, 2025  
Regular Mtg – July 1, 2025

The minutes were accepted as submitted.

Item #5 – Correspondence

a) County Auditor – duly noted.

There was no activity during this reporting period.

Item #6 – Pre-filed resolutions:

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

Item #6a - Approval – Fund Transfer (25T177) – District Attorney – Temporary was next. Chairwoman Sayegh recognized Legislator Jonke, Chairman of the Personnel Committee. On behalf of the members of the Committee, Legislators Addonizio and Gouldman, Legislator Jonke moved the following:

**RESOLUTION #191**

**APPROVAL – FUND TRANSFER (25T177) – DISTRICT ATTORNEY – TEMPORARY**

WHEREAS, the District Attorney has requested a fund transfer (25T177) to hire a temporary support staff member for the front office to keep up with the workload of a full-time Senior Office Assistant out on medical leave; and

WHEREAS, the Personnel 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:**

10116500 51000 (132)	Senior Office Assistant (Legal)	10,000
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**Increase:**

10116500 51094	Temporary	10,000
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2025 Fiscal Impact – 0 –

2026 Fiscal Impact – 0 –

**BY POLL VOTE: ALL AYES. LEGISLATORS ADDONIZIO, ELLNER & RUSSO WERE ABSENT. MOTION CARRIES.**

Item #6b - Approval – Fund Transfer (25T179) – Health Department – New Position – Pre-School Program Manager – Putnam County Early Learning Center was next. On behalf of the members of the Personnel Committee, Legislators Addonizio and Gouldman, Legislator Jonke moved the following:

Legislator Birmingham stated that out of abundance of caution he would abstain from this vote as the program involves a few school district clients that his firm represents.

Legislator Crowley proceeded to read a memorandum received from Public Health Director Rian Rodriguez on August 1, 2025, which pertained to update on the Early Learning Center Initiative.

Legislator Jonke explained that although he is in favor of the program, he has been outspoken about its location. He hoped that our Public Health Director Rodriguez would take it back to the Administration to continue to look for an alternate site. He explained

that with the recent collapse, he did not like that it was not structurally sound, despite what the engineers were saying. He believed that the children deserved better than that. He believed that we needed the preschool program, but he encouraged the Administration to look for an alternative site.

Legislator Montgomery believed that an investment in an Early Learning Center and a Preschool Program Manager for the Early Learning Center is the best investment we could make to keep moving our County forward.

Chairwoman Sayegh believed that all the Legislators supported the Early Learning Center. She explained that the Preschool Program Manager was needed for the start of the school year in September. She stated that the funding is coming from the Preschool Itinerant Services line so there is zero fiscal impact at this time.

#### **RESOLUTION #192**

#### **APPROVAL – FUND TRANSFER (25T179) – HEALTH DEPARTMENT – NEW POSITION – PRE-SCHOOL PROGRAM MANAGER – PUTNAM COUNTY EARLY LEARNING CENTER**

WHEREAS, the Public Health Director has requested a fund transfer (25T179) to fund a new “Pre-School Program Manager” who will work at the Putnam County Early Learning Center; and

WHEREAS, per Personnel Officer Eldridge, this position will be designated as a PuMA position with an annual salary of \$90,000; and

WHEREAS, it is requested that the funds for this position be available proportionally beginning August 1, 2025 through December 31, 2025; and

WHEREAS, the five-month proration amount to fund this position in 2025 is \$37,586 with respective fringes of \$25,004 for a total request of \$62,590; and

WHEREAS, the Personnel 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:**

<b>10296000 54414</b>	<b>Preschool Itinerant Services</b>	<b>62,590</b>
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#### **Increase:**

<b>10296001 51000 (298610101)</b>	<b>Pers. – Pre-School Program Mgr</b>	
	<b>PC - Early Learning Center (ELC)</b>	
	(109 days of \$90,000)	<b>37,586</b>
<b>10296001 58001</b>	<b>PC – ELC - Retirement</b>	<b>3,331</b>
<b>10296001 58002</b>	<b>PC – ELC – FICA</b>	<b>2,869</b>
<b>10296001 58003</b>	<b>PC – ELC – Disability</b>	<b>64</b>
<b>10296001 58004</b>	<b>PC – ELC – Worker’s Comp</b>	<b>79</b>
<b>10296001 58006</b>	<b>PC – ELC – Dental</b>	<b>689</b>
<b>10296001 58007</b>	<b>PC – ELC – Life Insurance</b>	<b>312</b>
<b>10296001 58008</b>	<b>PC – ELC – Health Insurance</b>	<b>16,667</b>
<b>10296001 58009</b>	<b>PC – ELC – Vision</b>	<b>93</b>
<b>10296001 58011</b>	<b>PC – ELC – Flex</b>	<b>900</b>
		<b>62,590</b>

**2025 Fiscal Impact – 0 –**

**BY ROLL CALL VOTE: FIVE AYES. ONE ABSTENTION – LEGISLATOR BIRMINGHAM. LEGISLATORS ADDONIZIO, ELLNER & RUSSO WERE ABSENT. MOTION CARRIES.**

**Item #6c - Approval – Confirmation – Re-Appointment of Director of Real Property Tax Services was next. On behalf of the members of the Personnel Committee, Legislators Addonizio and Gouldman, Legislator Jonke moved the following:**

**Legislator Jonke stated that it was an honor to confirm her appointment for another six (6) years.**

**Chairwoman Sayegh stated that she was pleased to support this appointment.**

**RESOLUTION #193**

**APPROVAL – CONFIRMATION – RE-APPOINTMENT OF DIRECTOR OF REAL PROPERTY TAX SERVICES**

**WHEREAS, pursuant to the New York State Real Property Tax Law, Section 1530 and the Putnam County Charter, Section 4.03, there shall be a Director of Real Property Tax Services that shall be appointed by the County Executive subject to the confirmation by the County Legislature; and**

**WHEREAS, County Executive Kevin Byrne has re-appointed Patricial McLoughlin to fill the position of Director of Real Property Tax Services for the County of Putnam pursuant to Sections 3.03 and 4.03 of the Putnam County Charter; and**

**WHEREAS, Patricia McLoughlin possesses the requisite knowledge, experience and qualifications to serve as Director of Real Property Tax Services for the County of Putnam; and**

**WHEREAS, the Personnel Committee of the Putnam County Legislature considered and approved this appointment; now therefore be it**

**RESOLVED, that the Putnam County Legislature hereby confirms the re-appointment of Patricia McLoughlin as the Director of Real Property Tax Services for the County of Putnam, pursuant to Section 4.03 of the Putnam County Charter for a six (6) year term as provided by Section 1530 of the New York State Real Property Tax Law commencing on October 1, 2025 and continuing through September 30, 2031; and be it further**

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

**BY POLL VOTE: ALL AYES. LEGISLATORS ADDONIZIO, ELLNER & RUSSO WERE ABSENT. MOTION CARRIES.**

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

**Item #6d - Approval Budgetary Amendment (25A060) – Sheriff's Office – NYS FY22 Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Award through NYS Division of Criminal Justice Services (DCJS) 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 Jonke thanked the Sheriff's Office for their hard work in securing these funds.

Legislator Crowley thanked the Sheriff's Office for working diligently and for continuing to secure grants.

**RESOLUTION #194**

**APPROVAL BUDGETARY AMENDMENT (25A060) – SHERIFF'S OFFICE – NYS FY22  
EDWARD BYRNE MEMORIAL JUSTICE ASSISTANCE GRANT (JAG) AWARD THROUGH  
NYS DIVISION OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE SERVICES (DCJS)**

WHEREAS, the Putnam County Sheriff's Office is the recipient of a grant award through the NYS FY22 Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Program in the amount of \$97,869.00; and

WHEREAS, this funding is provided by the Division of Criminal Justice Services (DCJS) with federal funds through the Bureau of Justice Assistance; and

WHEREAS, funding is to be used to purchase various law enforcement equipment with a federal award lapse date of 09/30/26; 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:**

<b>10311000 10003</b>	<b>Sheriff Admin – Byrne Justice Grant</b>	
<b>443890</b>	<b>Other Public Safety</b>	<b>97,869</b>

**Increase Expenses:**

<b>10311000 10003</b>	<b>Sheriff Admin – Byrne Justice Grant</b>	
<b>52680</b>	<b>Other Equipment</b>	<b>15,650</b>
<b>52130</b>	<b>Computer Equipment</b>	<b>56,360</b>
<b>54710</b>	<b>Building Maintenance &amp; Repair</b>	<b>4,560</b>
<b>54783</b>	<b>Licensing</b>	<b>9,300</b>
<b>52640</b>	<b>AV Equipment</b>	<b>8,500</b>
<b>52110</b>	<b>Furniture</b>	<b>322</b>
<b>54300</b>	<b>Miscellaneous Supplies</b>	<b><u>3,177</u></b>
		<b>97,869</b>

**2025 Fiscal Impact – 0 –**

**2026 Fiscal Impact – 0 –**

**BY POLL VOTE: ALL AYES. LEGISLATORS ADDONIZIO, ELLNER & RUSSO WERE ABSENT. MOTION CARRIES.**

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

Item #6e - Approval – Budgetary Amendment (25A062) – Social Services – NYS Office of Addiction Services and Supports (OASAS) – Adjusted State Aid Levels was next. On behalf of the members of the Health, Social, Educational & Environmental Committee, Legislators Addonizio, Ellner and Russo, Chairwoman moved the following:

**RESOLUTION #195**

**APPROVAL – BUDGETARY AMENDMENT (25A062) – SOCIAL SERVICES – NYS OFFICE OF ADDICTION SERVICES AND SUPPORTS (OASAS) – ADJUSTED STATE AID LEVELS**

WHEREAS, the Commissioner of Social Services has requested a budgetary amendment (25A062) to amend the 2025 Mental Health budget to reflect adjusted State Aid levels to be passed through to provider agencies in accordance with the most recent State Aid authorization from the NYS Office of Addiction Services and Supports (OASAS) dated 06/10/25; 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 Estimated Revenues:**

10028000 434887	Mental Health-Alcoholism Services Council State Aid COLA	3,034
10030000 434884	OASAS Contracted Serv. State Local Asst	11,668
10431000 434981 10151	Mental Health-LGU State Aid OASAS Jail Based Services	2,983
10431000 434981 10234	Mental Health-LGU OASAS Naltrexone & Buprenorphin	<u>5,010</u>
		22,695

**Increase Appropriations:**

10028000 54647	Mental Health-Alcoholism Serv. Council Subcontractors	3,034
10030000 54647	OASAS Contracted Serv. Subcontractors	11,668
10431000 55646 10151	Mental Health-LGU Chargeback Contracts Jail Based Services	2,983
10431000 55646 10234	Mental Health-LGU OASAS Naltrexone & Buprenorphin	<u>5,010</u>
		22,695

2025 Fiscal Impact – 0 –

2026 Fiscal Impact – 0 –

**BY POLL VOTE: ALL AYES. LEGISLATORS ADDONIZIO, ELLNER & RUSSO WERE ABSENT. MOTION CARRIES.**

Item #6f - Approval - Budgetary Transfer (25T190) – Health Department – New Early Learning Center – Education & Transportation 3 to 5 was next. On behalf of the members of the Health, Social, Educational & Environmental Committee, Legislators Ellner and Russo, Legislator Addonizio moved the following:

Legislator Birmingham stated that he would abstain from this vote. He stated that with respect to the transportation aspect he believed that some of the entities involved are in the school districts who are clients that his firm represents.

**RESOLUTION #196**

**APPROVAL - BUDGETARY TRANSFER (25T190) – HEALTH DEPARTMENT – NEW EARLY LEARNING CENTER – EDUCATION & TRANSPORTATION 3 TO 5**

WHEREAS, the Public Health Director has requested a budgetary transfer (25T190) to respective revenue for children receiving services in the new Early Learning Center program; and

WHEREAS, the Health, Social, Educational & Environmental 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 Estimated Revenues:**

10296001 432773	Early Learning Center – Ed & Transp 3 to 5	78,540
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**Decrease Estimated Revenues:**

10296000 432773	Preschool – Education & Transportation	78,540
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2025 Fiscal Impact – 0 –

2026 Fiscal Impact – 0 –

**BY ROLL CALL VOTE: FIVE AYES. ONE ABSTENTION – LEGISLATOR BIRMINGHAM. LEGISLATORS ADDONIZIO, ELLNER & RUSSO WERE ABSENT. MOTION CARRIES.**

Item #6g - Approval – Fund Transfer (25T191) – Health Department – New Early Learning Center – Purchase Items to Initiate Start Up was next. On behalf of the members of the Health, Social, Educational & Environmental Committee, Legislators Ellner and Russo, Legislator Addonizio moved the following:

Legislator Birmingham stated that he could vote on this item because it pertains to equipment and furnishings that will be used exclusively in the County office and used by County employees and residents.

Legislator Jonke stated that he supports the program, but as mentioned earlier, he was not happy with its location. He believed that we should have Early Learning Centers on both sides of the County. He stated that he was hoping the Administration would look for alternative sites.

**RESOLUTION #197**

**APPROVAL – FUND TRANSFER (25T191) – HEALTH DEPARTMENT – NEW EARLY LEARNING CENTER – PURCHASE ITEMS TO INITIATE START UP**

WHEREAS, the Public Health Director has requested a fund transfer (25T191) to purchase all items necessary to initiate the startup of the New Early Learning Center; 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:**

10296000 54441	Preschool Itinerant Services	219,250
10296000 54678	Preschool Leased Transportation	<u>51,000</u>
		270,250

**Increase:**

10296001 52110	ELC – Furniture	28,000
10296001 52120	ELC – Office Equipment	2,300
10296001 52130	ELC – Computer Equipment	1,500
10296001 52170	ELC – Kitchen Equipment	900
10296001 52180	ELC – Other Equipment	3,400
10296001 54310	ELC – Office Supplies	10,000
10296001 54311	ELC – Printing & Forms	300
10296001 54313	ELC – Books & Supplements	1,000
10296001 54410	ELC – Supplies & Materials	6,500
10296001 54441	ELC – Itinerant Services	132,000
10296001 54510	ELC – Machine Maintenance	1,000
10296001 54634	ELC – Telephone	250
10296001 54635	ELC – Cell Phones	900
10296001 54636	ELC – Internet	100
10296001 54646	ELC – Contracts	30,000
10296001 54670	ELC – Travel Non-Employee	1,000
10296001 54678	ELC – Leased Transportation	50,000
10296001 54783	ELC – Licensing & Accessories	100
10296001 54989	ELC – Miscellaneous	<u>1,000</u>
		270,250

2025 Fiscal Impact – 0 –

2026 Fiscal Impact – 0 –

BY POLL VOTE: ALL AYES. LEGISLATORS ADDONIZIO, ELLNER & RUSSO WERE ABSENT. MOTION CARRIES.

**PHYSICAL SERVICES COMMITTEE**

(Chairman Ellner, Legislators Crowley & Jonke)

Item #6h - Approval Budgetary Amendment (25A058) – DPW – Highway & Street Equipment was next. Chairwoman Sayegh recognized Legislator Crowley, member of the Physical Services Committee. On behalf of the members of the Committee, Legislators Ellner and Jonke, Legislator Crowley moved the following:

RESOLUTION #198



**APPROVAL BUDGETARY AMENDMENT (25A058) – DPW – HIGHWAY & STREET EQUIPMENT**

**WHEREAS, the Commissioner of DPW has requested a budgetary amendment (25A058) for the purchase of a Tomahawk 8” Road Planer Asphalt Grinder; and**

**WHEREAS, this purchase is better reflected in the County Road Fund through the operating budget rather than Capital Fund as this item is underneath the County’s Capital Asset threshold of \$5,000; 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 Appropriations:**

<b>55197000 59010 52515</b>	<b>Transfer Out – County Road Fund</b>	<b>2,281</b>
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**Decrease Appropriations:**

<b>55197000 52660 52515</b>	<b>Capital Exp. – Highway &amp; Street Equipment</b>	<b>2,281</b>
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**COUNTY ROAD FUND:**

**Increase Appropriations:**

<b>10511000 52160</b>	<b>Highway &amp; Street Equipment</b>	<b>2,281</b>
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**Increase Estimated Revenues:**

<b>02021310 428501</b>	<b>Transfer In – Capital Fund</b>	<b>2,281</b>
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**2025 Fiscal Impact – 0 –**

**2026 Fiscal Impact – 0 –**

**BY POLL VOTE: ALL AYES. LEGISLATORS ADDONIZIO, ELLNER & RUSSO WERE ABSENT. MOTION CARRIES.**

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

**Item #6i - Approval – Budgetary Transfer (25T189) – Outside Agency – Putnam Recreation Programs & Habilitation (PRPH) – County Contribution – Subcontingency 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:**

**Legislator Jonke stated that he brought this funding request forward. He explained how PRPH is a vital agency that performs a function that the County does not. He stated that it provides support for special needs children and adults in Putnam County. He thanked everyone who supported this request.**

Legislator Montgomery stated that she was happy to support this. She explained how essential these programs were for individuals with special needs. She believed there were not enough of these agencies anywhere and she believed that more of these programs were needed.

Chairwoman Sayegh stated that she worked side by side with PRPH with her not-for-profit and she has seen firsthand the great work they do in providing help for individuals with special needs. She stated that she was happy to support this.

#### **RESOLUTION #199**

#### **APPROVAL – BUDGETARY TRANSFER (25T189) – OUTSIDE AGENCY – PUTNAM RECREATION PROGRAMS & HABILITATION (PRPH) – COUNTY CONTRIBUTION - SUBCONTINGENCY**

WHEREAS, when the 2025 Tentative Budget was presented to the Putnam County Legislature, the County Executive placed \$75,000 in subcontingency for Outside Agencies for the Legislature to distribute in the 2025 fiscal year, rather than allocating the funds based on his meetings with the organizations; and

WHEREAS, Legislator Paul Jonke has requested budgetary transfer (25T189) recommending that \$10,000 be allocated from subcontingency to Putnam Recreation Programs & Habilitation (PRPH); and

WHEREAS, the Rules, Enactments & Intergovernmental Relations 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:**

25647000 54950	County Contribution – PRPH	10,000
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##### **Decrease Appropriations:**

10199000 54996	Subcontingency – Outside Agencies	10,000
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2025 Fiscal Impact – 0 –

2026 Fiscal Impact – 0 –

**BY POLL VOTE: ALL AYES. LEGISLATORS ADDONIZIO, ELLNER & RUSSO WERE ABSENT. MOTION CARRIES.**

Item #6j - Approval – Request Funding – Outside Agency - Careers Support Solutions – County Contribution – Subcontingency was next. On behalf of the members of the Rules, Enactments & Intergovernmental Relations Committee, Legislators Ellner and Gouldman, Legislator Birmingham moved the following:

Legislator Birmingham explained that this request is for the County Executive to send a budgetary transfer of \$15,000 out of the subcontingency line CAREERS Support Solutions. He explained that CAREERS is currently a contracted agency receiving

funding from the County and has expressed their need for additional funding. He stated that this request was brought forward by Legislator Ellner.

Legislator Montgomery expressed that she was happy to support an agency like this who provides training and helps individuals with special needs to find and keep jobs.

#### **RESOLUTION #200**

#### **APPROVAL – REQUEST FUNDING – OUTSIDE AGENCY - CAREERS SUPPORT SOLUTIONS - COUNTY CONTRIBUTION - SUBCONTINGENCY**

**WHEREAS, in 2024 when creating the 2025 Tentative Budget, the County Executive met with all of the Outside Agencies who requested funding; and**

**WHEREAS, when the 2025 Tentative Budget was presented to the Putnam County Legislature, the County Executive placed \$75,000 in subcontingency for the Outside Agencies for the Legislature to distribute in the 2025 fiscal year, rather than allocating the funds based on his meetings with the organizations; and**

**WHEREAS, CAREERS Support Solutions (CAREERS) requested funding from the County for the first time in 2023 in the amount of \$30,000 and was granted \$15,000 in both 2023 and 2024; and**

**WHEREAS, Executive Director Tina Cornish-Lauria of CAREERS appeared at the February 19, 2025 Rules, Enactments & Intergovernmental Relations Committee meeting to discuss the role CAREERS serves in the County and to request an additional \$15,000 in funding; and**

**WHEREAS, CAREERS has been operating in Putnam County for 36 years, working with clients with disabilities, most of whom are Putnam County residents with mental impairment; and**

**WHEREAS, the County funding is used toward helping residents with physical and mental disabilities with job skills, placing them in jobs, finding paid internships for students, providing job assistance, and other means of support; and**

**WHEREAS, the amount now being requested by CAREERS breaks down to approximately \$12.50 per client per month; and**

**WHEREAS, without the additional funding, CAREERS would be able to help fewer Putnam County residents; and**

**WHEREAS, the Legislature was tasked with distributing the \$75,000 placed in subcontingency by the County Executive without the benefit of the informational meetings the Administration had in preparation for the 2025 budget and, as a result, Outside Agencies such as CAREERS are facing critical hardships due to the lack of funding; and**

**WHEREAS, the current funds held in subcontingency are meant to support organizations in exactly these circumstances; now therefore be it**

**RESOLVED, the Rules, Enactments & Intergovernmental Relations Committee, after due consideration, finds that CAREERS provides an invaluable service to some of the most vulnerable population of the County, all of whom would suffer greatly if CAREERS could no longer maintain its staff or services provided due to budgetary constraints; and be it further**

**RESOLVED, the Putnam County Legislature hereby requests that the Putnam County Executive initiate a budgetary transfer of \$15,000 from the funds held in subcontingency to provide the additional funding requested by CAREERS.**

**BY POLL VOTE: ALL AYES. LEGISLATORS ADDONIZIO, ELLNER & RUSSO WERE ABSENT. MOTION CARRIES.**

**Legislator Birmingham stated that the next three (3) items pertain to the Legislative Manual. He believed that Item #6m – Adoption of Legislative Manual should be voted on first and then Items #6k and #6L to show that we are adding those two (2) new rules to an existing manual. He was concerned that if we approve the manual first then adopt the 2024 manual it might obviate the two (2) other rules.**

**Legislator Birmingham made a motion to go out of order and vote on Item #6m – Adoption of Legislative Manual first; seconded by Legislator Crowley. All in favor.**

**Legislator Birmingham stated that this manual is verbatim of the 2024 manual without the changes made this year.**

*By Poll Vote: All Ayes. Legislators Addonizio, Ellner and Russo were absent. Motion Carries.*

**(This vote was later rescinded. See discussion below in Item #6k)**

**Item #6k - Approval – Amendment of Legislative Manual – Public Comment During Legislative Sessions and Committee Meetings Prior to Taking a Vote was next.**

**Legislator Birmingham stated that Legislator Crowley was instrumental in bringing forth this new rule.**

**Legislator Gouldman thanked Legislator Crowley for bringing this forward.**

**Legislator Crowley thanked her colleagues for the work that went into this. She believed that it was important to keep transparency and open communication with the constituents that we represent.**

**Chairwoman Sayegh stated that she supported the new rule. She explained that it would allow public comment at Full Meetings prior to other business items that have not been discussed in Committee.**

**Legislative Clerk Schonfeld questioned the first vote on Item #6m – Adoption of the Legislative Manual. She stated that Item #6m included the changes made in Items #6k and #6L. This was the reason they were on the agenda to be voted on first before the adoption of the manual.**

**Legislator Birmingham stated then Items #6k and #6L were irrelevant. He stated that we could remove Items #6k and #6L from the agenda.**

**Senior Deputy County Attorney Conrad Pasquale explained that the way Legislator Birmingham worded the motion on Item #6m, irrespective of the backup, only the 2024 version of the manual was adopted which does not include Items #6k and #6L. He stated that this means we should continue with Items #6k and #6L.**

*After further discussion on the process of approving a Legislative Manual, Legislator Montgomery made a motion to rescind the approval of Item #6m – Adoption of the Legislative Manual; seconded by Legislator Jonke. All in favor.*

**On behalf of the members of the Rules, Enactments & Intergovernmental Relations Committee, Legislators Ellner and Gouldman, Legislator Birmingham moved the following:**

**RESOLUTION #201**

**APPROVAL - AMENDMENT OF LEGISLATIVE MANUAL - PUBLIC COMMENT DURING LEGISLATIVE SESSIONS AND COMMITTEE MEETINGS PRIOR TO TAKING A VOTE**

**WHEREAS, the Putnam County Legislature values transparency and public participation in the legislative process; and**

**WHEREAS, it is essential that the public has an opportunity to voice their opinions and concerns on issues that directly impact them; and**

**WHEREAS, the allowance of public comment before votes are taken in legislative sessions and committee meetings promotes open dialogue and better-informed decision-making by legislators; and**

**WHEREAS, the Putnam County Legislature seeks to ensure that all voices are heard, and that the democratic process remains inclusive and responsive to the needs of the community; and**

**WHEREAS, in order to promote the thorough formulation, review and discussion of policies, resolutions, local laws, charter amendments and budgetary measures, the Putnam County Legislature operates on the committee system in order to provide a forum for cautious and purposeful analysis of such initiatives; and**

**WHEREAS, such legislative committee meetings have provided an open forum for members of the respective legislative committees, other legislators, and the public at large to provide advice, testimony, and input; and**

**WHEREAS, it is recognized that such deliberation through the committee process is necessary and essential for the proper enactment of resolutions, local laws, charter amendments and budgetary measures; and**

**WHEREAS, it is also recognized that occasionally due to the urgent nature of certain legislative items and in limited circumstances, it is necessary for the County Legislature to consider time-sensitive resolutions that have not been reviewed by an appropriate committee; and**

**WHEREAS, and that, in such limited circumstances, it is important to the deliberative process to receive public comment during a full legislative meeting prior to taking a vote for the approval or disapproval of such specific item of urgency; now therefore be it**

**RESOLVED, that the Putnam County Legislature hereby directs that the Legislative Manual be amended by adding the following rule:**

**RULE 32 – PUBLIC COMMENT DURING REGULAR OR SPECIAL FULL LEGISLATIVE MEETINGS AND COMMITTEE MEETINGS PRIOR TO TAKING A VOTE**

- A. All committee meetings shall include a designated period for public comment prior to any votes being taken on agenda items. This public comment period shall be structured in a manner that is consistent, fair, and efficient, with a time limit for**

individual comments to ensure that all individuals wishing to speak are given an opportunity to do so.

- B. If a draft resolution or local law has not gone through the committee process but is being requested to be considered at a regular or special full legislative meeting as either a pre-filed request pursuant to Rule 5(A)(9) or as new business pursuant to Rule 5(A)(10), and following a procedural vote as to whether such resolution should be placed before the County Legislature for consideration, there shall be a designated period for public comment on the substance of such resolution prior to any votes being taken on such resolution. This public comment period shall be structured in a manner that is consistent, fair, and efficient, with a time limit for individual comments to ensure that all individuals wishing to speak are given an opportunity to do so.
- C. To the extent possible, the Chair of each full legislative meeting or committee meeting shall notify the public in advance of the meeting agenda and the designated time for public comment, providing reasonable access for the public to attend and participate in the meeting; and
- D. Any member of the public who wishes to speak during the recognition of the public on agenda items shall be given a fair opportunity to present their views, consistent with the Rules of Order and Procedure of the County Legislature.

And be it further

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

**BY POLL VOTE: ALL AYES. LEGISLATORS ADDONIZIO, ELLNER & RUSSO WERE ABSENT. MOTION CARRIES.**

Item #6L - Approval – Amendment of Legislative Manual - Confirmation of Appointments of County Executive was next. On behalf of the members of the Rules, Enactments & Intergovernmental Relations Committee, Legislators Ellner and Gouldman, Legislator Birmingham moved the following:

**RESOLUTION #202**

**APPROVAL – AMENDMENT OF LEGISLATIVE MANUAL - CONFIRMATION OF APPOINTMENTS OF COUNTY EXECUTIVE**

**Rule 33 – Confirmation of Appointments of the County Executive**

Upon the filing by the County Executive with the Clerk of the County Legislature of a written appointment of the head of a County department or administrative unit pursuant to Charter Section 3.03, and in order for the County Legislature to perform its confirmation responsibilities pursuant to Charter Section 2.08, the Chair of the Legislature shall refer such appointment to one of the Standing Committees of the County Legislature to review said appointment and to conduct a Committee meeting in connection with such appointment.

- a) Following such referral, and prior to the date of said Standing Committee meeting, the appointee shall provide the following to such Standing Committee in connection with such Committee review:
  - a written professional resume;
  - three (3) written references from persons engaged in the professional area of expertise to which the appointee is being considered to be maintained under confidential cover, not to be released to the public, pursuant to Public Officers Law §89(2)(b)(i);
  - a signed document stating whether such appointee has any interest\* in any contract\* with the County. (\*as such terms are defined in Article 18 of the New York State General Municipal Law).
- b) The Standing Committee to which such appointment has been referred shall conduct a committee meeting to interview said appointee.
- c) At the conclusion of said Standing Committee meeting, said Standing Committee shall adopt a resolution to be prefiled at a subsequent meeting of the County Legislature stating one of the following three (3) results: 1- approve appointment, 2- disapprove appointment or 3- no recommendation.

**BY POLL VOTE: ALL AYES. LEGISLATORS ADDONIZIO, ELLNER & RUSSO WERE ABSENT. MOTION CARRIES.**

**Item #6m - Approval – Adoption of Legislative Manual was next. On behalf of the members of the Rules, Enactments & Intergovernmental Relations Committee, Legislators Ellner and Gouldman, Legislator Birmingham moved the following:**

#### **RESOLUTION #203**

#### **ADOPTION OF LEGISLATIVE MANUAL**

**WHEREAS, Section 2, Sub-division B(1)(f) of the Legislative Manual requires that the Legislature adopt annually its Legislative Manual, including any amendments incorporated therein; now therefore be it**

**RESOLVED, that the Putnam County Legislature adopts the annexed Legislative Manual for the year 2025.**

**BY POLL VOTE: ALL AYES. LEGISLATORS ADDONIZIO, ELLNER & RUSSO WERE ABSENT. MOTION CARRIES.**

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

**Item #6n - Approval – Budgetary Amendment (25A061) – Sheriff's Office – Insurance Recovery was next. On behalf of the members of the Audit & Administration Committee, Legislators Birmingham and Crowley, Chairwoman Sayegh moved the following:**

#### **RESOLUTION #204**

**APPROVAL – BUDGETARY AMENDMENT (25A061) – SHERIFF’S OFFICE – INSURANCE RECOVERY**

WHEREAS, the Putnam County Sheriff has requested a budgetary amendment (25A061) to recognize reimbursement from New York Municipal Insurance Reciprocal for damages to a 2023 Chevy Tahoe in the Sheriff’s Narcotics unit for an accident that occurred on December 19, 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:

<b>Increase Revenue:</b>		
<b>14311000 426801</b>	<b>Sheriff Narcotics – Insurance Recoveries</b>	<b>1,608.80</b>
<b>Increase Expenses:</b>		
<b>14311000 54370</b>	<b>Sheriff Narcotics – Automotive</b>	<b>1,608.80</b>
<b>2025 Fiscal Impact – 0 –</b>		
<b>2026 Fiscal Impact – 0 –</b>		

**BY POLL VOTE: ALL AYES. LEGISLATORS ADDONIZIO, ELLNER & RUSSO WERE ABSENT. MOTION CARRIES.**

Item #6o - Approval – Budgetary Amendment (25A064) – Youth Bureau – Correct Budget Lines was next. On behalf of the members of the Audit & Administration Committee, Legislators Birmingham and Crowley, Chairwoman Sayegh moved the following:

**RESOLUTION #205**

**APPROVAL – BUDGETARY AMENDMENT (25A064) – YOUTH BUREAU – CORRECT BUDGET LINES**

WHEREAS, the Director of the Youth Bureau has requested a budgetary amendment (25A064) to correct budget lines to match the Youth Bureau’s revenues to the appropriate program expense; and

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

RESOLVED, that the following budgetary amendment be made:

<b>Decrease Revenues:</b>		
<b>10731000 438201</b>	<b>Youth Admin – St Aid Youth</b>	<b>50,938</b>
<b>Increase Revenues:</b>		
<b>10731000</b>	<b>Youth Admin</b>	
438202	Coordinated Youth CYFS	20,228
438203 10114	OCFS – Mentoring	10,000
438651	PC School Based Program	2,070
43889A	Strengthening Families	1,500
10087000 438201	Youth Court – St Aid Youth	15,060
10088000 438762	Youth Pegasus – St Aid Pegasus	<u>2,080</u>



2025 Fiscal Impact – 0 –  
2026 Fiscal Impact – 0 –

**BY POLL VOTE: ALL AYES. LEGISLATORS ADDONIZIO, ELLNER & RUSSO WERE ABSENT. MOTION CARRIES.**

**Item #6p – Approval – Authorization - Legislators to Attend September New York State Association of Counties Conference was next. On behalf of the members of the Audit & Administration Committee, Legislators Birmingham and Crowley, Chairwoman Sayegh moved the following:**

**RESOLUTION #206**

**APPROVAL - AUTHORIZATION - LEGISLATORS TO ATTEND SEPTEMBER NEW YORK STATE ASSOCIATION OF COUNTIES CONFERENCE**

**WHEREAS, six (6) Legislators have requested permission to attend the New York State Association of Counties Conference to be held in Niagara Falls, New York in September 2025 for registration and lodging total expenditure of approximately \$916 per person; and**

**RESOLVED, that the Putnam County Legislature authorizes six (6) Legislators to attend the New York State Association of Counties Conference to be held in Niagara Falls, New York in September 2025.**

**BY POLL VOTE: ALL AYES. LEGISLATORS ADDONIZIO, ELLNER & RUSSO WERE ABSENT. MOTION CARRIES.**

**Item #6q - Approval – Bond Resolution – Authorizing the Redemption of Certain Outstanding Serial Bonds was next.**

**Chairwoman Sayegh made a motion to table this item back to the Audit & Administration Committee. She wanted the current Interim Commissioner of Finance William Carlin to weigh in on this; seconded by Legislator Jonke. All in favor.**

**EXTRACT OF MINUTES**

**Meeting of the County Legislature of**

**the County of Putnam, New York**

**August 5, 2025**

**\* \* \***

A regular meeting of the County Legislature of the County of Putnam, New York, was held at the Historic County Courthouse, Gleneida Avenue, Carmel, New York, on August 5, 2025, at 7:00 o'clock P.M. (Prevailing Time).

The following Legislators were present:

There were absent:

Also present: Diane Schonfeld, Clerk of the County Legislature

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\_\_\_\_\_ offered the following resolution and moved its adoption:

**RESOLUTION OF THE COUNTY OF PUTNAM, NEW YORK  
ADOPTED AUGUST 5, 2025, AUTHORIZING THE REDEMPTION  
OF CERTAIN OUTSTANDING SERIAL BONDS OF SAID  
COUNTY, AND RESOLVING OTHER MATTERS RELATIVE  
THERE TO.**

WHEREAS, the County of Putnam, New York (the "County") has heretofore duly issued \$11,060,000 aggregate principal amount of Public Improvement Refunding Serial Bonds - 2015, such bonds dated April 15, 2015 and maturing in annual installments in each of the years 2015 to 2031, both inclusive (the "Outstanding Bonds"), as more fully described therein; and

WHEREAS, the Outstanding Bonds were authorized pursuant to a refunding bond resolution dated February 4, 2015 and were issued to refund all or a portion of the principal balance of the \$16,208,000 Public Improvement (Serial) Bonds, 2007 (the "2007 Refunding Bonds"), as more fully described therein; and

WHEREAS, the 2007 Refunding Bonds were authorized pursuant to various bond resolutions dated August, 6, 2005, July 5, 2006, December 2, 2003 and December 5, 2006 (collectively, the "Bond Resolutions") to finance parking lot paving, construction of a new

central County Courthouse, highway infrastructure and road construction and acquisition of MacGregor Golf Course; and

WHEREAS, the Outstanding Bonds were authorized, issued, sold and delivered subject to the right of the County to redeem the Outstanding Bonds maturing on or after January 15, 2027, as a whole or in part in principal amounts of \$5,000 or integral multiples thereof, on January 15, 2026, or on any date thereafter at par, plus accrued interest to the date of redemption; and

WHEREAS, the County Legislature of the County hereby finds and determines that it is in the best interest of the County to use lawfully available funds of the County to redeem prior to maturity the Outstanding Bonds on the date and in the manner hereinafter provided and in accordance with the requirements prescribed therefor and a notice of redemption of such Outstanding Bonds shall be given as provided in the Bond Resolutions; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNTY LEGISLATURE OF THE COUNTY OF PUTNAM, NEW YORK, AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. The County Legislature of the County hereby authorizes the redemption of the Outstanding Bonds on January 15, 2026 or such other date as may be determined by the Commissioner of Finance pursuant to Section 2 of this Resolution.

Section 2. Attached to this Resolution as Exhibit "A" and made a part hereof for all purposes, is a copy of the draft Notice of Redemption for the Outstanding Bonds in substantially final form with such changes and additions approved by the Commissioner of Finance, the chief fiscal officer of the County. The Commissioner of Finance, the County's municipal advisor, the County's bond counsel are hereby authorized to take all actions necessary to call for the redemption of such Outstanding Bonds, including finalizing the Notice of Redemption and sending all notices of such redemption required by the documents authorizing the issuance of the Outstanding Bonds. The Commissioner of Finance is further authorized to determine the timing of the redemption of the Outstanding Bonds and the delivery of the notice once all requirements of this Resolution for such redemption have been satisfied; provided that such notice in all events is to be given by the time and in the manner required in the Bond Resolutions and other documents authorizing the issuance of the Outstanding Bonds.

Section 3. The Commissioner of Finance is hereby authorized to transfer available funds of the County, as necessary, to redeem the Outstanding Bonds prior to maturity. The County is hereby authorized and directed to cause notice of such call for redemption to be given in the name of the County in the manner and within the time provided in the Outstanding Bonds and in Section 53 of the Local Finance Law. Notice of such call for redemption shall be given by mailing such notice to the registered holder not more than sixty (60) days nor less than thirty (30) days prior to such date. Notice of redemption having been given as aforesaid, the Outstanding Bonds so called for redemption shall, on the date for redemption set forth in such call for redemption, become due and payable, together with interest to such redemption date, and interest shall cease to be paid thereon after such redemption date.

Section 4. The Commissioner of Finance and all other officers, employees and agents of the County, and each of them, shall be and they are hereby expressly authorized, empowered and directed from time to time and at any time to do and perform all such acts and things, including giving any notices as may be required by the County's continuing disclosure obligations, if any, with respect to the Outstanding Bonds and all other instruments, whether or not herein mentioned, as may be necessary or desirable in order

to carry out the terms and provisions of this Resolution or the Bond Resolutions authorizing the Outstanding Bonds.

**Section 5.** If any provision of this Resolution or the application thereof to any circumstance shall be held to be invalid, the remainder of this Resolution and the application thereof to other circumstances shall nevertheless be valid, and this governing body hereby declares that this Resolution would have been enacted without such invalid provision.

**Section 6.** This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon its approval of the County Executive and the Clerk of the County Legislature.

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The adoption of the foregoing resolution was seconded by \_\_\_\_\_ and duly put to a vote on roll call, which resulted as follows:

**AYES:**

**NOES:**

The resolution was declared adopted.

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#### **CERTIFICATE**

I, Diane Schonfeld, Clerk to the County Legislature of the County of Putnam, State of New York, HEREBY CERTIFY that the Resolution No. \_\_\_\_-2025 contained in the foregoing annexed extract from the minutes of a meeting of the County Legislature of said County of Putnam duly called and held on August 5, 2025, has been compared by me with the original minutes as officially recorded in my office in the Minute Book of said County Legislature and is a true, complete and correct copy thereof and of the whole of said original Resolution, which was duly adopted by the County Legislature of the County of Putnam on [\_\_\_\_ \_], 2025 and approved by the County Executive on [\_\_\_\_ \_], 2025.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereto set my hand and have hereunto affixed the corporate seal of said County of Putnam this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2025.

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Diane Schonfeld  
Clerk of the County Legislature

**EXHIBIT "A"**

**NOTICE OF REDEMPTION**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the County of Putnam, New York (the "County") has called for redemption on [January 15, 2026] (the "Redemption Date") all of the outstanding aggregate principal amount of the \$11,060,000 Public Improvement Refunding Serial Bonds – 2015, dated April 15, 2015 maturing on January 15 in the years 2027 through 2031 (the "Outstanding Bonds"), at par plus accrued interest to the Redemption Date

The Outstanding Bonds are as follows:

<b><u>Maturity Date</u></b>	<b><u>Principal Amount</u></b>	<b><u>Interest Rate</u></b>	<b><u>CUSIP Number</u></b>
<b>2027</b>	<b>\$ 870,000</b>	<b>5.000%</b>	<b>746639WL3</b>
<b>2028</b>	<b>915,000</b>	<b>5.000</b>	<b>746639WM1</b>
<b>2029</b>	<b>955,000</b>	<b>2.750</b>	<b>746639WN9</b>
<b>2030</b>	<b>980,000</b>	<b>2.875</b>	<b>746639WP4</b>
<b>2031</b>	<b>1,005,000</b>	<b>3.000</b>	<b>746639WQ2</b>

NOTICE IS HEREBY FURTHER GIVEN that the Outstanding Bonds maturing after the Redemption Date shall be presented and surrendered for payment as aforesaid on the Redemption Date at the Office of the Clerk of the County of Putnam, the fiscal agent of the County for the Outstanding Bonds.

NOTICE IS HEREBY FURTHER GIVEN that interest on the Outstanding Bonds shall cease to be paid after the Redemption Date.

Under the provisions of the Jobs and Growth Relief Reconciliation Act of 2003, paying agents making payments of interest or principal on municipal securities may be obligated to withhold a 28% tax from remittance to individuals who have failed to furnish the paying agent with a valid taxpayer identification number. Owners of the Outstanding Bonds who wish to avoid the imposition of the tax should submit certified taxpayer identification numbers when presenting the Outstanding Bonds for payment.

The County shall be responsible for the selection or use of the CUSIP identification numbers printed herein or on the Outstanding Bonds nor is any representation made as to the correctness of any CUSIP identification number shown herein or printed on the Outstanding Bonds. Said CUSIP identification numbers are included solely for the convenience of the holders.

Dated: \_\_\_\_\_, 2025

COUNTY OF PUTNAM, NEW YORK

#### **Item #7 – Other Business**

Chairwoman made a motion to add Item #7a on the agenda; seconded by Legislator Jonke. All in favor.

Item #7a – Approval – Standard Work Day and Reporting Resolution was next. Chairwoman Sayegh made a motion to approve the following; seconded by Legislator Birmingham. All in favor.

#### **RESOLUTION #207**

#### **APPROVAL - STANDARD WORK DAY AND REPORTING RESOLUTION**

WHEREAS, the New York State and Local Employees' Retirement System requires the County to file the Standard Work Days for elected and appointed employees based on time and attendance records or the records of activities maintained and submitted by these officials to the Clerk of the Legislature, and

WHEREAS, a copy of this report was contained in the following:

- Resolution #195 of 2010 and Resolution #286 of 2010 (one employee only).
- Resolution #190 of 2011.
- Resolution #338 of 2011 correcting Resolution #190 of 2011.
- Resolution #155 of 2012.
- Resolution #218 of 2012 correcting Resolution #155 of 2012.
- Resolution #143 of 2013.
- Resolution #168 of 2014.
- Resolution #226 of 2014 correcting Resolution #143 of 2013.
- Resolution #150 of 2015.
- Resolution #148 of 2016.

- Resolution #156 of 2017.
- Resolution #244 of 2017 reflecting change made on Resolution #226 of 2014 which corrected Resolution #143 of 2013 (one employee only).
- Resolution #170 of 2018.
- Resolution #141 of 2019.
- Resolution #266 of 2019 correcting Resolution #141 of 2019.
- Resolution #115 of 2020.
- Resolution #176 of 2020 correcting Resolution #115 of 2020.
- Resolution #125 of 2021.
- Resolution #209 of 2021 correcting Resolution #125 of 2021.
- Resolution #131 of 2022.
- Resolution #266 of 2022 New ROA submitted.
- Resolution #155 of 2023.
- Resolution #165 of 2024.

And

WHEREAS, it is now time to file the report for 2025; now therefore be it

**RESOLVED** that the County of Putnam hereby established the following as standard work days for the listed elected officials in schedule “A” and will report the following days worked to the New York State and Local Employees’ Retirement system based upon time and attendance records or on the record of activities maintained and submitted by these officials to the Clerk of this body.

**BY POLL VOTE: ALL AYES. LEGISLATORS ADDONIZIO, ELLNER & RUSSO WERE ABSENT. MOTION CARRIES.**

#### **Item #8 – Recognition of the Public on Agenda Items**

Brett Yarris, from the Hamlet of Carmel spoke about Item #6i – Approval – Budgetary Transfer (25T189) – Outside Agency – Putnam Recreation Programs & Habilitation (PRPH) – County Contribution – Subcontingency and Item #6j – Approval – Request for Funding – Outside Agency – Careers Support Solutions – County Contribution – Subcontingency. He thanked the Legislature for approving both of these items that involve outside agencies that help individuals with special needs and disabilities. He also stated that the Early Learning Center is an amazing accomplishment. He explained that there are outside agencies that simply do not have the funding or ability to help solve this crisis by providing adult services for the special needs community. He also spoke about Item #6k – Approval – Amendment of Legislative Manual – Public Comment During Legislative Sessions and Committee Meetings Prior to Taking a Vote. He thanked Legislative Crowley for bringing this forward. He believed that the adjustments made strengthened the resolution. He was glad to see that the public will have a voice.

Scott Seaman, Town of Southeast Resident and member of the Brewster Board of Education, spoke about the Early Learning Center. He thanked the Legislature for approving this item which provides a great benefit for the children by keeping them in the area. He also explained how CAREERS Support Solutions is a great organization which provides individuals with disabilities career life skills during High School.

#### **Item #9 – Recognition of Legislators**

**Legislator Montgomery wished the best of luck to all students heading off to school.**

**Legislator Crowley reminded everyone that August 7<sup>th</sup> is Purple Heart Day, which is observed annually, and there will be a ceremony at 1:00 P.M. at VFW in Mahopac. She encouraged individuals to attend.**

**Legislator Jonke thanked former Commissioner of Finance Michael Lewis for the service he provided to Putnam County. He explained that he was terminated from his position on Friday, August 1, 2025. He explained that he served as First Deputy Commissioner of Finance to former Commissioner of Finance William Carlin before he was appointed to position of Commissioner of Finance. He stated that his termination was sudden and after the 2026 Budget process had begun. He believed that Michael Lewis was transparent whenever addressing questions from the Legislators. He stated that while it is the prerogative of the County Executive to hire and fire these positions, he did not understand this. He once again thanked Michael Lewis for his service. He explained that approximately 3½ weeks ago he sent a 19-page memorandum to the County Executive regarding a request to remove the County Attorney from his position. He stated that he was informed yesterday that when Chairwoman Sayegh inquired about when a response would be received, she was told by the County Executive that he did not read the memorandum. He believed this is what the County Executive thinks of this Legislature; by not reading or responding to the memorandum, an equal branch of government. He believed that his memorandum was deserving of a response, and he was hoping that he would receive one.**

**Chairwoman Sayegh thanked former Commissioner Lewis for his time and dedication here in Putnam County. She believed that he was transparent in his work, and he was very professional, knowledgeable, and responsive to all the Legislators. She stated that he is a fine professional, and she wished him well. She stated that she was glad that Commissioner Carlin was willing to come back to help the County through the budget process.**

**There being no further business, at 7:45 P.M., Chairwoman Sayegh made a motion to adjourn; seconded by Legislator Birmingham. All in favor.**

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