

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

Tuesday September 2, 2025 7:00 P.M.

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 P.M. by Chairwoman Sayegh who requested Legislator Russo lead in the Pledge of Allegiance. Chairwoman Sayegh led in a moment of silence for the Legislative Prayer in memory of the recent passing of our Sheriff, Kevin McConville. Upon roll call, Legislators Montgomery, Gouldman, Addonizio, Russo, Ellner, Jonke, Birmingham, Crowley and Chairwoman Sayegh were present.

PROCLAMATIONS

Chairwoman Sayegh recognized Legislator Birmingham who presented the “Hunger Action Month” proclamation to Senior Public Affairs Officer with Regional Food Bank Barry Lewis, and Representatives from Putnam CAP and Brewster Food Pantry.

RECOGNIZING SEPTEMBER 2025 AS HUNGER ACTION MONTH

WHEREAS, the Regional Food Bank and its 1,000 partners provide vital hunger relief services to our most vulnerable neighbors; and

WHEREAS, Putnam County shall work with hunger relief organizations to make New York hunger-free by supporting access to three healthy meals a day for our residents in need; and

WHEREAS, there are 8,720 people who are food insecure in Putnam County, with 1,260 children who do not have access to the food they need to thrive; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Putnam County Legislature and Putnam County Executive do hereby proclaim the month of September 2025 to be Hunger Action Month and urge all citizens of Putnam County to take cognizance of this event and participate fittingly in its observance.

Chairwoman Sayegh recognized Legislator Addonizio who presented the “National Recovery Month” proclamation to Putnam County Dual Recovery Coordinator Lauren Johnson.

NATIONAL RECOVERY MONTH – SEPTEMBER 2025

WHEREAS, behavioral health is an essential part of everyone’s overall wellness; and

WHEREAS, strategies for the prevention of mental health and substance use disorders work, treatment is effective, and people successfully recover; and

WHEREAS, preventing and actively addressing mental health and substance use disorders is essential to achieving healthy lifestyles as defined by each person. Recovery of individuals helps improve their own health, the health of their loved ones, and of the entire community; and

WHEREAS, we must normalize help seeking behaviors for everyone, and encourage the implementation of preventive measures, recognize the signs of distress, and support others in need in seeking treatment and recovery support services; and

WHEREAS, to help more people achieve and sustain long-term recovery, the Putnam County Executive and the Putnam County Legislature invite all residents of Putnam County to participate in National Recovery Month; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Putnam County Executive and the Putnam County Legislature do hereby proclaim September 2025 as *National Recovery Month* and together with the Putnam County Department of Mental Health, Friends of Recovery Putnam, and the Prevention Council of Putnam encourage all Putnam County residents to observe this month with appropriate programs, activities, and ceremonies to support this year's *Recovery Month*.

Chairwoman Sayegh recognized Legislator Jonke who presented the "Sheriff's Week" proclamation to Putnam County Acting Sheriff Brian Hess.

RECOGNIZING SHERIFF'S WEEK – SEPTEMBER 14-20, 2025

WHEREAS, the Office of Sheriff has been an integral part of the criminal justice system in New York State and in Putnam County throughout our history, having been established in the State's first constitution in 1777 and continued in every succeeding Constitution, and having been one of the original Constitutional offices upon the founding of our County; and

WHEREAS, despite changes in its function, status, and powers during its long history, the Office of Sheriff has maintained a continuous existence, preserved its distinguishing heritage, and continued to be an essential component of our criminal justice community; and

WHEREAS, the Office of Sheriff has evolved into a modern, professional, full-service law enforcement and corrections agency, manned by well-trained police officers and correctional officers using state-of-the-art technology and applying the latest and most advanced theories and practices in the fields of law enforcement and corrections; and

WHEREAS, the Office of Sheriff is unique in the community, and the duties of the Office go far beyond the traditional role of "Keeper of the Peace," and extend into many facets of public service, beyond law enforcement and corrections, to include providing security in our courts, dispatching emergency services, and handling civil process for our courts; and

WHEREAS, as a Constitutionally empowered Office directly responsible to the People, the ancient Office of Sheriff remains, even today, responsive and accountable to the public it serves; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting to celebrate the historical contributions of the Office of Sheriff and the significant role that the Sheriffs play in our modern criminal justice system; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Putnam County Executive and Putnam County Legislature do recognize the important services provided to the citizens of this County by the Putnam County Sheriff's Department, and do hereby proclaim September 14-20, 2025 to be Sheriffs' Week in Putnam County.

Chairwoman Sayegh recognized Legislator Montgomery who presented the “Recognizing the Putnam County Youth Bureau & Haldane School District on their Youth-Led 9/11 Memorials” proclamation to Youth Bureau Executive Director Janeen Cunningham and Alex Romero from Brewster High School and Maxwell Sanders from Haldane High School.

**RECOGNIZING THE PUTNAM COUNTY YOUTH BUREAU &
HALDANE SCHOOL DISTRICT ON THEIR YOUTH-LED 9/11 MEMORIALS**

WHEREAS, On September 11, 2001, the peace and security of our Nation was shattered by terrorist attacks that killed nearly 3,000 innocent people. Nineteen terrorists hijacked four commercial airplanes, crashing them into both the north and south towers of the World Trade Center in New York City, the United States Pentagon in Virginia, and in the pristine fields of Shanksville, Pennsylvania; and

WHEREAS, although the terrorists’ goal was to tear at the fabric of our nation, arising from the very ashes of that tragedy came a remarkable spirit of unity, compassion, and determination that will never be forgotten. Many brave individuals tirelessly participated in an extraordinarily difficult and dangerous rescue and recovery effort, in some cases voluntarily putting their own well-being at risk. Each year the anniversary of the attacks is a sacred day both in Putnam County and throughout the country as citizens honor the memory of all who were lost on that day; and

WHEREAS, the Putnam County Youth Bureau recognizes the importance of introducing this tradition to the younger members of our community. The Youth Bureau will host their 5th Annual Youth-Led 9/11 Memorial where youth volunteers will commemorate the 24th anniversary of the September 11, 2001 attacks on our country by reading aloud the names of all who lost their lives on that day. This year the Putnam County Youth Bureau, in partnership with Haldane School District, expands its reach by synchronizing youth-led memorials on both sides of the county in honor of our fallen heroes; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Putnam County Executive and the Putnam County Legislature hereby recognize the efforts of the Putnam County Youth Bureau and Haldane School District and encourage residents of Putnam County to participate in the Youth-Led 9/11 Memorials. The public is invited to attend the memorial at the Putnam County Bureau of Emergency Services while the memorial at Haldane School District will be limited to students, faculty, and community officials.

Item #4 – Acceptance of Minutes – Regular Mtg – August 5, 2025

The minutes were accepted as submitted.

Item #5 – Correspondence
a) County Auditor

There was no activity during this reporting period.

Item #6 – Pre-filed resolutions:

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

Item #6a - Approval – Budgetary Amendment (25A067) – DPW – ADA Improvements – County Office Building Ramp was next. Chairwoman Sayegh recognized Legislator Ellner, Chairman of the Physical Services Committee. On behalf of the members of the Committee, Legislators Crowley and Jonke, Legislator Ellner moved the following:

RESOLUTION #211

APPROVAL – BUDGETARY AMENDMENT (25A067) – DPW – ADA IMPROVEMENTS – COUNTY OFFICE BUILDING RAMP

WHEREAS, by and through the State of New York and the Office of Senator Peter Harkham, the County had the opportunity to apply for a State and Municipal (SAM) Crest Grant in the amount of \$50,000 administered by the Dormitory Authority of the State of New York (DASNY) for installation of an ADA compliant ramp at the County Office Building (COB); and

WHEREAS, there were no matching funds required, and the purpose of the grant funds was to subsidize the costs associated with the Project; and

WHEREAS, by Resolution #282 of 2023, the Putnam County Legislature approved the Planning Department's submission of its application for said SAM Crest Grant; and

WHEREAS, the Commissioner of DPW has requested a budgetary amendment (25A067) to adjust the capital budget to fund the COB ADA Compliant Ramp project funded by the SAM Crest Grant; 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 Appropriations:

55197000 53000 52519	ADA Improvements – COB Ramp	50,000
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Increase Estimated Revenues:

55197000 435971 52519	State Aid – CREST Grant	50,000
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2025 Fiscal Impact – 0 –

2026 Fiscal Impact – 0 –

BY POLL VOTE: ALL AYES. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Item #6b - Approval - Conveyance of a Certain County Property to the Village of Cold Spring Pursuant to Chapter 31 of the Putnam County Code (Quitclaim Deed) was next. On behalf of the members of the Physical Services Committee, Legislators Crowley and Jonke, Legislator Ellner moved the following:

Legislator Birmingham stated that although he thinks this is a very worthy project, his firm has a limited role advising the Village of Cold Spring under bond counsel matters. He stated that he would abstain from the vote for that reason.

Legislator Montgomery thanked the Law Department and Department of General Services for seeing this through. She stated that this resolution is critical for the Village

of Cold Spring. She explained that village sits between the Hudson River and very steep terrain making stormwater management essential in protecting homes, businesses and the Hudson River. She explained that this is just one (1) of a couple of steps that need to be taken care of in this particular area. She stated that we are enabling the Village Highway Department to properly maintain stormwater outfall, helping to prevent flooding and pollution. She believed this was a great example of a County and Village partnership by protecting the character and safety of our community.

RESOLUTION #212

APPROVAL - CONVEYANCE OF A CERTAIN COUNTY PROPERTY TO THE VILLAGE OF COLD SPRING PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 31 OF THE PUTNAM COUNTY CODE (Quitclaim Deed)

WHEREAS, by tax deed the County of Putnam acquired title to certain parcel located in the Village of Cold Spring designated as Tax Map No. 48.8-1-25 (the "Parcel"); and

WHEREAS, the Village of Cold Spring the ("Village"), through the Cold Spring Highway Superintendent, has requested that the County convey the Parcel to the "Village" so that the "Village" may use said Parcel for the purpose of maintaining a stormwater outfall structure; and

WHEREAS, Putnam County Code § 31-8 permits such a conveyance when it is for public use and in the best interests of the County; and

WHEREAS, the Putnam County Legislature has determined that conveying the Parcel to the Village of Cold Spring Highway Department for the purposes of maintaining a stormwater outfall structure will constitute a public use and be in the best interests of the County; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Parcel, designated as Tax Map No. 48.8-1-25 be conveyed to the Village of Cold Spring to be used for public use; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the County Executive is authorized to sign a quitclaim deed to the Parcel conveying it to the Village of Cold Spring after approval of the County Attorney, Commissioner of Finance and Director of Real Property Tax Services; and be it further

RESOLVED, that said quitclaim deed shall reserve to the County an interest, whereby the subject parcel shall revert to the County in the event that it is used for other than a public purpose and benefit; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the County Attorney is hereby authorized to take whatever action is necessary in order to effectuate this Resolution; 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 #6c – Approval – Putnam County's Proposed Vulnerability Assessment and Climate Adaptation Plan was next. On behalf of the members of the Physical Services Committee, Legislators Crowley and Jonke, Legislator Ellner moved the following:

Legislator Ellner explained that currently the County, with help from Legislator Montgomery, is bronze certified in the NYS DEC Climate Smart Communities

Certification Program. He stated that the next step would be silver.

Legislator Montgomery thanked Legislator Ellner. She stated that she cannot take credit for any of the work, she could take credit for being a thorn in someone's side. She thanked our Planning Department, the Climate Smart Task Force members, and the leadership of Hudson Valley Regional Council Executive Director Carla Castillo who was a wonderful resource. She explained the recent court ruling that was freezing \$16 billion in climate related grants from the federal government. She believed that it was more important than ever that we now leverage every opportunity while it is available.

Chairwoman Sayegh echoed Legislator Montgomery's comments. She stated that this was absolutely a team effort. She thanked all of our hardworking employees involved in this program.

RESOLUTION #213

APPROVAL - PUTNAM COUNTY'S PROPOSED VULNERABILITY ASSESSMENT AND CLIMATE ADAPTATION PLAN

WHEREAS, Putnam County pledged to take part in and has become bronze certified in the NYS DEC Climate Smart Communities Certification Program that includes as an action item the preparation of a Vulnerability Assessment and Climate Adaptation Plan; and

WHEREAS, free technical assistance is available to support the development of these documents (PE7 Action: Climate Vulnerability Assessment and PE7 Action: Climate Adaptation Plan) from the Hudson Valley Regional Council (HVRC) through a NYS DEC Climate Smart Communities Coordinator Services contract; and

WHEREAS, the Climate Smart Task Force, comprised of municipal officials and environmental volunteer community leaders, will collaborate with HVRC in the development of a combined Vulnerability Assessment and Climate Adaptation Plan, review drafts, and provide valuable feedback on iterations that result in final draft; and

WHEREAS, the Climate Smart task force will provide an opportunity for public input and comment on the draft report; and

WHEREAS, the Climate Smart task force will present a summary of the vulnerability results and adaptation plan to the County legislature for consideration of adoption; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the County Executive, together with the Putnam County Legislature, support the County's undertaking of the combined Vulnerability Assessment and Climate Adaptation Plan; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the County Executive, together with the Putnam County Legislature, supports, approves and authorizes the Department of Planning, Development and Public Transportation to submit these documents to the NYS DEC Office for Climate Change for consideration of points toward Climate Smart Communities certification for Putnam County; and be it further

RESOLVED, that this resolution shall take effect immediately.

BY POLL VOTE: ALL AYES. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Item #6d - Approval – Grant Application – State and Municipal (SAM) Facilities Grant Program – Putnam County Veterans Memorial Park Accessible – Inclusive Playground

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

RESOLUTION #214

APPROVAL - GRANT APPLICATION - STATE AND MUNICIPAL (SAM) FACILITIES GRANT PROGRAM - PUTNAM COUNTY VETERANS MEMORIAL PARK ACCESSIBLE - INCLUSIVE PLAYGROUND

WHEREAS, Section 5-2(E) of the Putnam County Code provides that an applicant of any grant application that does not require local Putnam County ("the County") matching funds shall notify the Putnam County Legislature ("the Legislature") of the submission of a grant application and, further, if the Legislature objects to such grant application, the applicant shall not apply for said grant; and

WHEREAS, by and through the State of New York and the Office of Senator Peter Harckham, the County has the opportunity to apply for a State and Municipal ("SAM") Crest Grant in the amount of \$100,000 administered by the Dormitory Authority of the State of New York ("DASNY") to retrofit the Putnam County Veterans Memorial Park playground into an accessible, inclusive playground; and

WHEREAS, the purpose of the grant funds is to subsidize the costs associated with the Project; and

WHEREAS, there is no matching fund requirement by the County to accept the SAM Crest grant for the Project; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Legislature authorizes and approves the County's submission, by the Department of Planning, Development and Public Transportation, of its application for a \$100,000 grant administered through DASNY and awarded by the SAM Crest Facilities Grant Program for the Project; and be it further

RESOLVED, that this resolution shall take effect immediately.

BY POLL VOTE: ALL AYES. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT & ENERGY COMMITTEE
(Chairman Gouldman, Legislator Birmingham & Ellner)

Item #6e – Approval – Designation – County of Putnam – Tourist Promotion Agency was next. Chairwoman Sayegh recognized Legislator Gouldman, Chairman of the Economic Development & Energy Committee. On behalf of the members of the Committee, Legislators Birmingham & Ellner, Legislator Gouldman moved the following:

Legislator Montgomery explained to the public that the County receives funding from New York State for the I Love NY funding program which can only be used for promotion outside of Putnam County. She explained that while we are promoting tourism in Putnam County, some areas are overrun with tourism. She explained that she has reached out to New York State on this and would love to have the opportunity to utilize some of that money to support tourism, such as using it for garbage removal.

RESOLUTION #215

APPROVAL - DESIGNATION - COUNTY OF PUTNAM - TOURIST PROMOTION AGENCY

WHEREAS, pursuant to Sections 162 and 163 of the New York State Economic Development Law, the Putnam County Legislature may designate any not-for-profit corporation or other non-profit organizations, associations, or agencies as the Tourist Promotion Agency of the County of Putnam and authorize such agency to make application for and receive grants for the purposes specified in the New York State Tourism Promotion Act; and

WHEREAS, the County of Putnam previously designated itself as the Tourist Promotion Agency for Putnam County; and

WHEREAS, the County of Putnam has established a Department of Tourism and appointed a Director of Tourism for the purposes of promoting tourism throughout Putnam County; and

WHEREAS, as the lead agency in the promoting of Putnam County, the County of Putnam is qualified to be designated as the Tourist Promotion Agency for Putnam County; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Putnam County Legislature hereby designates the County of Putnam as the Tourist Promotion Agency for the County of Putnam; and be it further

RESOLVED, that this designation shall be effective immediately upon adoption and shall remain in effect until December 31, 2026; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Putnam County Legislature approves and authorizes the Tourist Promotion Agency to make application for and receive grants for the purpose specified in the New York State Tourism Promotion Act.

BY POLL VOTE: ALL AYES. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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

Item #6f - Approval – Budgetary Transfer (25T220) – Outside Agency – Garrison Arts Center – 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 Birmingham explained how contract agencies were very important to our County government. He explained that they provide services and activities for the people of Putnam County that would probably need to be done at a higher cost if the County provided these services. He thanked all of our contract agencies.

Legislator Jonke stated that his objection to this was that Garrison Arts Center was not an agency that received County funding in the past. He explained that there was \$75,000 placed in subcontingency in the budget last year. He explained that he saw a letter that was sent to one (1) of the outside agencies that received level funding. He explained that the letter basically told the agencies that the County Executive placed \$75,000 in subcontingency and if anyone felt they deserved an increase should go before the Legislature with their request. He believed that the \$75,000 in funding was reserved for those agencies that received level funding from 2025 to 2026. He stated that he would only be voting against this because of that reason. He did not hear anything during last year's budget process, or saw anything written, that the intent of the subcontingency money was for an outside agency that had never been funded by Putnam County before.

Legislator Birmingham stated that two (2) of us were not here last year for those discussions. However, he was in favor of this and will be voting to support it. He did not believe that we should allow ourselves as Legislators to be limited by a prior Legislature, in fact, we are allowed to change it by a majority vote. He stated that we are in September now, and he believed that instead of these funds sitting idle in the County's budget, he believed this was a worthy expenditure.

Legislator Crowley echoed Legislator Birmingham's sentiments. She stated that past practice is not always the best way to do things. She believed it was important that we are allowing new agencies to come before us, and these funds have been sitting there since last year, which she believed was not helping anyone. She believed it was important to help these small not-for-profits that are providing a lot of help to people in the community in more ways than we know.

Legislator Montgomery expressed her appreciation for taking these budget transfers into consideration. She also appreciated her earlier deliberations regarding this with Legislator Jonke and the healthy conversation they had about his concerns. She explained how there was a time when nothing was funded in her district, or very little, along with any requests that she brought forward being denied which is not being done anymore. She believed the Garrison Arts Center was serving a purpose that maybe the County cannot serve. She explained that the County has a recreation program that does not get carried over to the west side of the County. She explained how there was a year when seven (7) young individuals overdosed in her town and in reaction to that she started a program that funded a drug resource coordinator. She then advocated for six (6) years to get County funding for this organization, which was finally received last year. She explained that we must fund new organizations as our County changes and develops new needs.

Chairwoman Sayegh stated that she is very familiar with the non-profit world and the grant process. She stated that there are so many wonderful organizations here in Putnam County and she knows how important these agencies are to everyone. She stated that in looking at last year's budget, this particular agency did not receive County funding from the County Executive or in the past. She explained that they are asking for funding to replace the gas boiler. She believed that agencies provide contractual services that the County could not otherwise provide. She viewed their request as a grant process and not a request for contractual services by an outside agency. She stated that for this reason she would not support this particular transfer.

Legislator Montgomery explained two (2) memorandums that she sent, one (1) on July 22nd and the other on August 25th. She stated that the need changed and the request of \$10,000 was to expand its efforts to make programs more financially accessible through tuition assistance for older adults and ADA accessibility. She stated that it was not for a boiler. She explained how the request changed because of grant funding that was lost for this purpose.

RESOLUTION #216

APPROVAL – BUDGETARY TRANSFER (25T220) – OUTSIDE AGENCY – GARRISON ARTS CENTER – COUNTY CONTRIBUTION – SUBCONTINGENCY

WHEREAS, when the 2025 Tentative Budget was presented to the Putnam County Legislature, \$75,000 was placed in subcontingency for Outside Agencies for the Legislature to distribute in the 2025 fiscal year; and

WHEREAS, Legislator Nancy Montgomery has requested budgetary transfer (25T220) recommending that \$10,000 be allocated from subcontingency to the Garrison Arts Center; 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:

25877000 54950	County Contribution – Garrison Arts Center	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 ROLL CALL VOTE: SEVEN AYES. TWO NAYS – LEGISLATORS JONKE & CHAIRWOMAN SAYEGH. MOTION CARRIES.

Item #6g - Approval – Budgetary Transfer (25T245) – 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 Addonizio explained that CAREERS Support Solutions has been placing disabled individuals in employment programs for decades. She stated some of the things they do such as; providing workforce readiness, job placements, resume writing, and learning skills. She stated that they are empowering individuals to achieve responsible and meaningful employment in Putnam County.

RESOLUTION #217

APPROVAL – BUDGETARY TRANSFER (25T245) – OUTSIDE AGENCY – CAREERS SUPPORT SOLUTIONS – COUNTY CONTRIBUTION – SUBCONTINGENCY

WHEREAS, by Resolution #200 of 2025, the Putnam County Legislature approved a request to provide CAREERS Support Solutions with an additional \$15,000 from the funding placed in subcontingency in the 2025 budget for outside agencies; 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:

Increase Appropriations:

25648000 54950	CAREERS Support Solutions County Contribution	15,000
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Decrease Appropriations:

10199000 54996	Subcontingency – Outside Agencies	15,000
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2025 Fiscal Impact – 0 –

2026 Fiscal Impact – 0 –

BY POLL VOTE: ALL AYES. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Item #6h - Approval – Budgetary Transfer (25T249) – Veterans Service Agency – Putnam County’s Row of Honor – Flag & Pole Set Purchase was next. On behalf of the members of the Rules, Enactments & Intergovernmental Relations Committee, Legislators Ellner and Gouldman, Legislator Birmingham moved the following:

RESOLUTION #218

APPROVAL – BUDGETARY TRANSFER (25T249) – VETERANS SERVICE AGENCY – PUTNAM COUNTY’S ROW OF HONOR – FLAG & POLE SET PURCHASE

WHEREAS, the Director of Putnam County’s Veterans Service Agency has requested a budgetary transfer (25T249) to purchase 500 US Flags and 500 Fiberglass Pole Sets for the continuation of Putnam County’s Row of Honor; and

WHEREAS, the Veterans Service Agency has allocated \$4,000 towards this purchase and is requesting additional funding of \$17,950 to complete the purchase; 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:

Increase Appropriations:

10651000 54410	Supplies & Materials	18,950
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Decrease Appropriations:

10651000 54512	Loyalty Day	1,000
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Decrease Contingency:

10199000 54980	General Contingencies	17,950
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2025 Fiscal Impact – \$17,950

2026 Fiscal Impact – 0 –

BY POLL VOTE: ALL AYES. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Item #6i - Approval – Budgetary Transfer (25T250) – Outside Agency – Boscobel – 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 during the Rules Committee meeting, a representative from Boscobel explained that they are going through a reconstruction process and they, within safety parameters, will have the facility open so people can see the actual restoration process.

Legislator Jonke stated that for the same reasons he voted against the funding for the Garrison Arts Center, he would be voting against this too. He stated that this was an agency that was not previously funded in the budget. He believed the subcontingency funding should be reserved for the existing contracts that we have.

Chairwoman Sayegh stated that she differs on this and supports the request for funding. She stated that she knows they have not received funding in the past, but what she looked at was the contract for outside agencies during the budget last year. She stated that they requested funding to help with Rev 250. She stated that they have been working hand-in-hand with our Historian.

RESOLUTION #219

APPROVAL – BUDGETARY TRANSFER (25T250) – OUTSIDE AGENCY – BOSCOBEL – COUNTY CONTRIBUTION – SUBCONTINGENCY

WHEREAS, when the 2025 Tentative Budget was presented to the Putnam County Legislature, \$75,000 was placed in subcontingency for Outside Agencies for the Legislature to distribute in the 2025 fiscal year; and

WHEREAS, Legislator Nancy Montgomery has requested budgetary transfer (25T250) recommending that \$10,000 be allocated from subcontingency to Boscobel House & Gardens; 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:

Increase Estimated Appropriations:

25878000 54950	County Contribution – Boscobel	10,000
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Decrease Estimated Appropriations:

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

2026 Fiscal Impact – 0 –

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

Item #6j - Approval – Budgetary Transfer (25T251) – Outside Agency – Second Chance Foods – 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 stated that there are pockets of poverty and food insecurity in Putnam County. He stated that this \$10,000 will go to Second Chance Foods as a contract agency and will work with our County departments to not only provide food for individuals that need it, but as we learned during the Rules Committee meeting, there is a lot of administrative work as well. He stated that this will help defray some of those costs and serve a County purpose.

Legislator Addonizio stated that she was proud to support the approval of this budgetary transfer. She stated that food insecurity is a reality right here in Putnam County and many people do not realize that. She stated that during the COVID Pandemic she witnessed this growing need and had the opportunity to partner with Second Chance Foods. She stated that five (5) years later, she was proud to say, this partnership still continues, and we are still providing food every Wednesday at the Mount Carmel Baptist Church. She stated that Second Chance Foods now serves over 370 Putnam County residents.

Chairwoman Sayegh stated that during the budget process Second Chance Foods was funded, but not for the amount requested. She stated that this \$10,000 would bring them up to their requested amount of \$30,000. She stated that they provide food for people all over the County, including our Veterans Home. She stated that they provide a wonderful service and she was proud to support this request.

RESOLUTION #220

APPROVAL – BUDGETARY TRANSFER (25T251) – OUTSIDE AGENCY – SECOND CHANCE FOODS – COUNTY CONTRIBUTION – SUBCONTINGENCY

WHEREAS, when the 2025 Tentative Budget was presented to the Putnam County Legislature, \$75,000 was placed in subcontingency for Outside Agencies for the Legislature to distribute in the 2025 fiscal year; and

WHEREAS, Legislator Nancy Montgomery has requested budgetary transfer (25T251) recommending that \$10,000 be allocated from subcontingency to Second Chance Foods; 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:

Increase Estimated Appropriations:

25876000 54950	County Contribution – 2nd Chance Foods	10,000
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Decrease Estimated 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. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

AUDIT & ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE

(Chairwoman Sayegh, Legislators Birmingham & Crowley)

Item #6k - Approval – Budgetary Amendment (25A063) – Sheriff – Social Services – Grant Award – Police & Mental Health Co-Response Team – Vehicle Leasing was next. On behalf of the members of the Audit & Administration Committee, Legislators Birmingham and Crowley, Chairwoman Sayegh moved the following:

RESOLUTION #221

APPROVAL – BUDGETARY AMENDMENT (25A063) – SHERIFF – SOCIAL SERVICES – GRANT AWARD – POLICE & MENTAL HEALTH CO-RESPONSE TEAM – VEHICLE LEASING

WHEREAS, on November 2, 2023, the County received a grant award in the amount of \$400,000 for the implementation of a Police and Mental Health Co-Response Team; and

WHEREAS, the grant required no County matching funds; and

WHEREAS, said grant is 100% federally funded (CFDA 16.710) and administered by the United States Department of Justice (USDOJ) – Office of Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS), and runs from October 1, 2023, through September 30, 2025; and

WHEREAS, by Resolution 239 of 2023, the Putnam County Legislature approved budgetary amendment (23A071) pertaining to said grant award; and

WHEREAS, the Putnam County Sheriff has requested budgetary amendment (25A063) to recognize available grant funding remaining for Vehicle Leasing; 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:

GENERAL FUND:

Increase Appropriations:

13311000 54210 10211	Co-Response Team Grant	
	Vehicle Leasing	14,700

Increase Revenue:

13311000 444900 10211	Co-Response Team Grant	14,700
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2025 Fiscal Impact – 0 –

2026 Fiscal Impact – 0 –

BY POLL VOTE: ALL AYES. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Item #6L - Approval – Budgetary Amendment (25A065) – Sheriff’s Office – Reimbursement – NYS Sheriff’s Association – BCI Overtime – Drug Recognition Expert (DRE) Philadelphia Field Certification was next. On behalf of the members of the Audit & Administration Committee, Legislators Birmingham and Crowley, Chairwoman Sayegh moved the following:

Legislator Crowley believed that it was important that we now have two (2) DREs in Putnam County. She believed it was something we needed to invest in and continue to invest in.

Chairwoman Sayegh stated that a DRE is a Drug Recognition Expert. She stated that in this day and age when marijuana is a legal substance that you cannot test for, it comes down to a Drug Recognition Expert to identify people on drugs.

RESOLUTION #222

APPROVAL – BUDGETARY AMENDMENT (25A065) – SHERIFF’S OFFICE – REIMBURSEMENT – NYS SHERIFF’S ASSOCIATION – BCI OVERTIME – DRUG RECOGNITION EXPERT (DRE) PHILADELPHIA FIELD CERTIFICATION

WHEREAS, the Putnam County Sheriff’s Office has received reimbursement from the New York State Sheriff’s Association for a Putnam County Sheriff’s Bureau of Criminal Investigations (BCI) Deputy Sheriff Instructor services at the Drug Recognition Expert (DRE) Philadelphia Field Certification from May 18, 2025 through May 24, 2025; and

WHEREAS, this was a grant through the NYS Governor’s Traffic Safety Committee for fund assistance to attend DRE school; and

WHEREAS, the Putnam County Sheriff requested a budgetary amendment (25A065) to account for said grant funding requesting that it be used to increase BCI’s Overtime line; and

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

RESOLVED, that the following budgetary amendment be made:

Increase Revenues:

32311000 427701	Sheriff BCI – Unclassified	3,855.36
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Increase Expenses:

32311000	Sheriff BCI	
51093	Overtime	3,581.38
58002	Social Security	<u>273.98</u>
		3,855.36

2025 Fiscal Impact – 0 –

2026 Fiscal Impact – 0 –

BY POLL VOTE: ALL AYES. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Item #6m - Approval – Budgetary Amendment (25A068) – Sheriff’s Office – Carmel Central School District - Two Additional School Resource Officers (SRO) was next. On behalf of the members of the Audit & Administration Committee, Legislators Birmingham and Crowley, Chairwoman Sayegh moved the following:

Legislator Birmingham requested a roll call vote on this. He stated that a few years ago his firm acted as bond counsel for this school district. He stated that, out of abundance of caution, he would abstain from this vote.

Legislator Crowley stated at the Audit Committee meeting she asked Captain Shepperly several questions. She stated that he has not yet provided the line-by-line item she requested and Commissioner Carlin stated that there was a \$65,000 impact. She stated that she knows there is a need for the SROs, and she has been in contact with the Law Department. She was told that the contracts are rolled over. She hoped that in this year's budget moving forward she would like to see the breakdown of the SRO budgets. She stated that she will be supporting this budgetary and hoped that we would have backup information next time.

Legislator Addonizio stated that she fully supported the request for two (2) additional School Resource Officers. She stated that this is about protecting and ensuring the safety of our students and staff. She stated that when we support these programs we are investing in the protection and wellbeing of our children.

Legislator Ellner stated that the Carmel School District is paying 100% of the cost.

RESOLUTION #223

APPROVAL – BUDGETARY AMENDMENT (25A068) – SHERIFF'S OFFICE – CARMEL CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT - TWO ADDITIONAL SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICERS (SRO)

WHEREAS, the Carmel Central School District has requested consideration for Two (2) additional School Resource Officers (SRO) to be added to their contract in 2025; one (1) for Carmel High School and the second for George Fischer Middle School; and

WHEREAS, the Putnam County Sheriff has requested a budgetary amendment (25A068) to accommodate this request and to create these Two (2) New SRO positions; 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:

GENERAL FUND:

Increase Estimated Appropriations:

16311000 51000 (119)	Personnel Services	31,643
16311000 51000 (120)	Personnel Services	31,643
16311000 58001	Retirement	12,866
16311000 58002	FICA	4,841
16311000 58004	Workers Compensation	932
16311000 58006	Dental	1,138
16311000 58008	Health Insurance	16,955
16311000 58009	Vision	136
		<u>100,154</u>

Increase Estimated Revenues:

16311000 422609	SRO – Carmel CSD	100,154
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2025 Fiscal Impact – 0 –

2026 Fiscal Impact – 0 –

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

Item #6n - Approval - Budgetary Amendment (25A069) – Finance – Legal Aid Society – Indigent Legal Services was next. On behalf of the members of the Audit & Administration Committee, Legislators Birmingham and Crowley, Chairwoman Sayegh moved the following:

RESOLUTION #224

APPROVAL - BUDGETARY AMENDMENT (25A069) – FINANCE – LEGAL AID SOCIETY – INDIGENT LEGAL SERVICES

WHEREAS, the Interim Commissioner of Finance has requested a budgetary amendment (25A069) to account for recently completed agreement between the NYS Office of Indigent Legal Services and Putnam County; and

WHEREAS, the County acts as a pass through for these funds; and

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

RESOLVED, that the following budgetary amendment be made:

Increase Estimated Appropriations:

25117000 54950	Legal Aid Society	197,860
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Increase Estimated Revenues:

25117000 430251	State Aid – Indigent Legal Services	197,860
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2025 Fiscal Impact – 0 –

2026 Fiscal Impact – 0 –

BY POLL VOTE: ALL AYES. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Item #6o - Approval – Bond Resolution – Authorizing the Redemption of Certain Outstanding Serial Bonds was next. On behalf of the members of the Audit & Administration Committee, Legislators Birmingham and Crowley, Chairwoman Sayegh moved the following:

Chairwoman Sayegh explained that we are redeeming several bonds that will save the taxpayers a lot of money.

Legislator Ellner stated that this was brought to us by the Commissioner of Finance. He stated that the reason this is being done is that the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) has changed some of the things they refer to as Safe Harbor Rules. He stated that there are restrictions that are placed on County properties. He stated that by paying these off we will alleviate these restrictions.

Legislator Montgomery acknowledged that this resolution is financially sound. It allows the County to redeem certain outstanding bonds ahead of schedule. She stated that in

doing so it removes the IRS Safe Harbor restrictions that limit how we contract with private vendors operating facilities financed with taxpayer bonds. She stated that the goal is to give the County more flexibility to negotiate a potentially more profitable or performance-based contract with a future vendor. She stated that in some cases this is a great thing, however, she had a discomfort of what this signals. She stated that we are strategically reshaping public finance policy, not to reduce debt or to invest in the good of the public, but to allow government own property to be run more like a private business. She did not believe governments role was to become a landlord for profit, or to navigate around IRS rules just to enhance private contracting terms. She noted that despite previous requests she still has not been provided with basic financial information regarding the golf course. She believed that if we are using public funds to buy our way out of federal restrictions, the public deserves to know what we have spent so far, what we are earning, and what we expect to earn in the future. She stated that it was difficult to cast a fully confident vote in favor of a measure like this without all the transparency we have been asking for. She stated that she will reluctantly vote in favor of this redemption because she believes government should be flexible in how it structures public private partnerships. However, she wanted the record to reflect that she supports this with caution, concern, and the continuing expectation that this Legislature be given full financial disclosure before decisions of this magnitude are made.

Chairwoman Sayegh stated that this is a common model that Westchester County has done as far as the Safe Harbor Rules. She stated that they have golf courses where a private vendor who comes in and runs the facilities. She stated that this relieves the County of liability and puts that on the vendor not the taxpayer. She explained that it also pays down the debt for the County which is good for the taxpayers and the County's bond rating. She explained that both the Interim Commissioner of Finance and previous Commissioner of Finance were fully in support of this. She explained that we could get rid of the responsibility of the golf course by selling it back to New York City for \$1.00. She believed this resolution preserves the County's open space, provides recreation at the golf course for our taxpayers, and it relieves the County of liability. She stated that she would support this resolution.

RESOLUTION #225

EXTRACT OF MINUTES

Meeting of the County Legislature of the County of Putnam, New York

September 2, 2025

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**A regular meeting of the County Legislature of the County of Putnam, New York,
was held in said County on September 2, 2025, at 7:00 o'clock P.M. (Prevailing Time).**

The following Legislators were present: Addonizio, Birmingham, Crowley, Ellner, Gouldman, Jonke, Montgomery, Russo and Chairwoman Sayegh.

There were absent: None

Also present: Diane Schonfeld, Clerk of the Legislature

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Legislator Sayegh offered the following resolution and moved its adoption:

**RESOLUTION OF THE COUNTY OF PUTNAM, NEW YORK
ADOPTED SEPTEMBER 2, 2025, AUTHORIZING THE
REDEMPTION OF CERTAIN OUTSTANDING SERIAL BONDS OF
SAID COUNTY, AND RESOLVING OTHER MATTERS RELATIVE
THERETO.**

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, this Resolution has been reviewed by the Audit and Administration Committee; 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;

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. Pursuant to Article 7 of the Putnam County Charter, the County Legislature has control of the financial affairs of the County and pursuant to Article 5 of the Putnam County Code has appropriation authority. 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 duly put to a vote on roll call, which resulted as follows:

AYES: **NINE – Legislators Addonizio, Birmingham, Crowley, Ellner, Gouldman, Jonke, Montgomery, Russo and Chairwoman Sayegh.**

NOES: **NONE**

The resolution was declared adopted.

CERTIFICATE

I, Diane Schonfeld, Clerk to the County Legislature of the County of Putnam, State of New York, HEREBY CERTIFY that the Resolution No. 225-2025 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 September 2, 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 September 2, 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.

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:

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

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 #6p - Approval – Budgetary Amendment (25A070) – Bond Resolution - Authorizing the Redemption of Certain Outstanding Serial Bonds was next. On behalf of the members of the Audit & Administration Committee, Legislators Birmingham and Crowley, Chairwoman Sayegh moved the following:

RESOLUTION #226

**APPROVAL – BUDGETARY AMENDMENT (25A070) – BOND RESOLUTION -
AUTHORIZING THE REDEMPTION OF CERTAIN OUTSTANDING SERIAL BONDS**

WHEREAS, the Interim Commissioner of Finance has requested a budgetary amendment (25A070) to transfer the callable bond reserve to the debt service fund; and

WHEREAS, this reserve will be utilized in the 2026 Debt Service Budget to pay off the remaining bonds as per the adopted Bond Resolution; 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:

GENERAL FUND:

Increase Estimated Appropriations:

10990100 59057	Transfer to Debt Service Fund	4,725,000
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Increase Estimated Revenues:

10131000 427114	Use of Callable Bond Reserve	4,725,000
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DEBT SERVICE FUND:

Decrease Estimated Revenues:

V9710000 427161	Use of Fund Balance	4,725,000
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Increase Estimated Revenues:

V9710000 428601	Transfer from General Fund	4,725,000
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2025 Fiscal Impact – 0 –

2026 Fiscal Impact – 0 –

BY POLL VOTE: ALL AYES. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Item #6q - Approval – Budgetary Amendment (25A075) – DPW – Capital Project 52511 – Myrtle Avenue @ Route 6N – Garage Roof Repair was next. On behalf of the members of the Audit & Administration Committee, Legislators Birmingham and Crowley, Chairwoman Sayegh moved the following:

RESOLUTION #227

APPROVAL – BUDGETARY AMENDMENT (25A075) – DPW – 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, by Resolution #146 of 2025, the Putnam County Legislature approved a request 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, when bids were received on 8/20/25, the low bid was substantially higher than the Engineer's estimate; and

WHEREAS, the Commissioner of DPW has requested a budgetary amendment (25A075) for additional funding of \$139,315 to adjust the Capital Budget to proceed with the bid award and to fund the cost of the project scheduled to begin late summer/early fall of 2025; 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:

GENERAL FUND:

Increase Estimated Appropriations:

10990100 59020	Transfer to Capital Fund	139,315
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Increase Estimated Revenues:

10131000 427112	Use of Capital Project Reserve	139,315
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CAPITAL FUND:

Increase Estimated Appropriations:

55197000 53000 52511	Roof Repair – Rte 6N & Myrtle Ave.	139,315
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Increase Estimated Revenues:

55197000 428601 52511	Transfer from General Fund	139,315
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2025 Fiscal Impact \$139,315

2026 Fiscal Impact – 0 –

BY POLL VOTE: ALL AYES. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Item #7 – Other Business

There was no other business submitted to the meeting.

Item #8 – Recognition of Public on Agenda Items

Nicholas Kuvach, Town of Putnam Valley Resident stated wanted to speak about Item #6f – Approval – Budgetary Transfer (25T220) – Outside Agency – Garrison Arts Center – County Contribution – Subcontingency. He stated that unless he was mistaken the vote on that was close. He stated that, as a resident of this County for 35 years, he has

utilized resources available at the Garrison Arts Center. He stated that he travels halfway across the County to get there and knows of people who have traveled even further. He believed that the Garrison Arts Center was certainly worthy of this funding. He stated that with Item #8 – Recognition of Public on Agenda Items, he believed it would be nice if this was at the beginning of the meeting so that he could make the argument in support of the Garrison Arts Center before a vote is taken.

Chairwoman Sayegh clarified that a full discussion of these items takes place during the Committee meetings. She stated that if there is something on this agenda that was not discussed during a Committee meeting, we voted to allow discussion.

Brett Yarris, Hamlet of Carmel Resident stated that he wanted to address Item #6g – Approval – Budgetary Transfer (25T245) – Outside Agency – CAREERS Support Solutions – County Contribution – Subcontingency. He stated that he was happy to see a unanimous vote in favor of this. He explained his strong support for the special needs community. He also addressed Item #6m – Approval – Budgetary Amentment (25A068) – Sheriff's Office – Carmel Central School District – Two Additional School Resource Officers (SRO). He thanked the late Sheriff McConville for his involvement in this, and Acting Sheriff Brian Hess for pushing it forward and keeping it going. He stated that he has children in the Carmel School District, along with neighbors having children in George Fischer Middle School and the Carmel High School. He voiced his concern about current behavioral issues in George Fischer Middle School. He was glad to see that the Legislature approved of this request.

Karl Rohde, Director of Putnam County Veterans Service Agency addressed Item #6h – Approval – Budgetary Transfer (25T249) – Veterans Service Agency – Putnam County's Row of Honor – Flag & Pole Set Purchase. He thanked the Legislature for voting in favor of this request. He stated that they will be replacing all the flags.

Nicholas Kuvach questioned how a citizen could access a copy of the Vulnerability Assessment and Climate Adaptation Plan related to Item #6c.

Chairwoman Sayegh suggested sending an email to the Legislature with that request and we will find out if it could be forwarded.

Martha Elder, Executive Director of Second Chance Foods and Town of Kent Resident, thanked the Legislature for their support.

Jennifer Carlquist, Executive Director of Boscobel House and Gardens, shared her appreciation for the Legislature's support of Item #6i for Boscobel. She stated that we are Putnam County's most visited site, and we are pleased to serve lifelong learners from Pre-K through Senior years. She stated that the request before them pertained to Rev 250, the 200th Anniversary of the American Revolution and specifically programs for local school children. She stated that they serve 80 local schools in a 30-minute radius from Boscobel.

Sean Conway, President of the Board at the Garrison Arts Center and Town of Philipstown Resident, thanked the Legislature for supporting their budget request in Item #6f. He thanked Legislator Montgomery for her advocacy. He invited everyone to attend the Garrison Arts Center Riverside Craft Festival, Saturday and Sunday, October 4th & 5th.

Item #9 – Recognition of Legislators

Legislator Crowley stated that September 11th forever changed New York and deeply touched families here in Putnam County. She stated that September 11th ceremonies will be held throughout the County, beginning at 8:30 a.m. with events organized by the Youth Bureau, Brewster Fire Department, Patterson Fire Department, Putnam Valley Town Park, Haldane in Cold Spring, Mahopac VFW, and many more, concluding with the 7:00 p.m. event at Cornerstone Park. She stated that it has been 24 years since that tragic day, yet its impact is still deeply felt. She encouraged individuals to attend a ceremony so that we never forget.

Legislator Montgomery thanked the Legislature for their consideration and their approval of the funding for the outside agencies. She stated that although these requests were modest, she believed they would do a lot to serve our residents and strengthen our community. She also commented on the back-to-school season and shared her childhood memories of the excitement of going back to school. She also shared memories of her own children starting school, the feeling of hope for them, and the vulnerability and anxiety that came with putting them on the bus. She spoke about school shootings and believed that we owe it to the children and teachers to make sure schools are sanctuaries, not battlegrounds. She was grateful for the meaningful action of our Department of Social Services and the Sheriff's Office for their investment in mental health. She hoped that we could make the same effort in promoting gun safety for our students and community. She stated that no parent should feel vulnerable on the first day of school and no child should have to wonder if their classroom is safe.

Legislator Addonizio stated that the passing of Sheriff Kevin McConville is a profound loss for Putnam County. She stated that he was a dedicated public servant who led with strength and integrity for our community. His unwavering commitment to the safety and wellbeing of our residents leaves a lasting legacy. She extended her deepest condolences to his family and asked that we honor his memory by continuing his example of service and dedication to the people of Putnam County.

Legislator Gouldman wished all the children a wonderful school year. He reminded everyone to drive carefully. He stated that Saturday, September 20th is Putnam Valley Town Day, which is being held at the Putnam Valley Town Park, 156 Oscawana Lake Road, from 2:00 – 9:00 pm. He encouraged everyone to attend.

Legislator Jonke stated that less than two (2) weeks ago we lost our Putnam County Sheriff Kevin McConville. He stated that he was a friend to everyone and cared about everyone's safety in Putnam County. He extended condolences to his family. He hoped that Acting Putnam County Sheriff Brian Hess could carry on Sheriff McConville's tradition and the good work that he set as an example. He stated that we also lost an icon in the Town of Southeast, John Dunford, who passed away at the age of 80 years old. He worked at NYSEG for many years and was the Village of Brewster Mayor from 1977 – 1979, and former Republican Election Commissioner in Putnam County. He served on the Southeast Town Board, and one (1) term as Supervisor from 2003 – 2007. Legislator Jonke stated that last month he was critical of the County Executive for the unceremonious termination of the former Commissioner of Finance. He mentioned that he sent a 19-page document to the County Executive approximately two (2) months ago and has not yet been given the courtesy of a response. He explained that his questions

in the correspondence were addressed by the County Executive in a newspaper article. He proceeded to comment on the specific statements made by the County Executive in the article.

Chairwoman Sayegh explained that with the start of the school year, she reminded everyone that it was against the law to pass a school bus when their red lights are flashing, and the arm is out. She also reminded everyone to pull over for emergency response vehicles.

Legislator Ellner explained that a new law has taken effect pertaining to cell phone use in schools. He explained that in the Carmel School District all students will have to place their phone in a pouch which gets magnetically locked so no students will have access to their phones upon entering school until dismissal.

There being no further business, at 8:14 P.M., Chairwoman Sayegh made a motion to adjourn; seconded by Legislators Ellner and Montgomery. All in favor.

Respectfully submitted by Diane Schonfeld, Clerk.