

THE PUTNAM COUNTY LEGISLATURE

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

Tuesday

August 4, 2026

7:00 P.M.

1. Pledge of Allegiance
2. Legislative Prayer
3. Roll Call

PROCLAMATIONS

Overdose Awareness Day

4. Acceptance of Minutes – November 5, 2025
December 3, 2025

5. Correspondence
 - a) County Auditor

6. Pre-filed resolutions:

RULES, ENACTMENTS & INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE (Chairwoman Sayegh, Legislators Birmingham & Gouldman)

- 6a. Approval - Town of Kent Sales Tax Funding Reallocation
- 6b. Approval - Local Law To Amend The Code of The County Of Putnam By Adding Subsection E To Chapter 222, Entitled "Transparency Act"

- 6c. **Approval – Amending Legislative Manual To Establish a Legislative Document Printing Reduction Policy**
- 6d. **Approval – Local Law Adopting The Optional Real Property Tax Exemption For Surviving Spouses Of Police Officers Killed In The Line Of Duty For County Tax Purposes Only**

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

(Chairwoman Addonizio, Legislators Russo & Sayegh)

- 6e. **Approval – Fund Transfer (26T170) Acting Commissioner of Finance – Title Change and Reclass from Account Clerk to Senior Account Clerk**

PHYSICAL SERVICES COMMITTEE

(Chairman Gouldman, Legislators Regan & Sayegh)

- 6f. **Approval- Department of Public Works – Use of Capital Facility Reserve – (26CP02) (County Park and Fire Training Center - Communications, Security and Access Control)**
- 6g. **Approval - Budgetary Amendment (26A060)/ Department of Public Works – Use of Capital Facility Reserve – (26CP02) (County Park and Fire Training Center - Communications, Security and Access Control)**
- 6h. **Approval - Budgetary Amendment (26A061) – Commissioner of Department of Public Works (DPW) – Amend 2026 Consolidated Local Street and Highway Improvement Program (CHIPS)**
- 6i. **Approval - Budgetary Transfer (26T146) – Acting Commissioner Finance – To Fully Fund the Metropolitan Transportation Authority (MTA) Railroad Station Maintenance Costs**
- 6j. **Approval - Budgetary Transfer (26T153) – Commissioner of Department of Public Works (DPW) – Reallocate funding from Capital Project (52516) to Purchase EI/Pre-K Buses to the Donald B. Smith Campus Building 3 Project (52409)**
- 6k. **Approval - Acceptance of Amendment B For 2025-2026 Snow And Ice Agreement With New York State**
- 6l. **Approval - Opposing Senate Bill S.4571-B and Assembly Bill A.6577-B Establishing The Floating Solar Incentive and Education Program**

PROTECTIVE SERVICES COMMITTEE
(Chairman Regan, Legislators Addonizio & Montgomery)

- 6m. Approval – Budgetary Amendment (26A055) – Sheriff– Funding from NYS Sheriffs Association Inc., to cover the cost of Drug Recognition Expert Training**
- 6n. Approval - Budgetary Amendment (26A056) – Acting Commissioner Finance – Reclassify revenue to correct funding streams**
- 6o. Approval - Budgetary Amendment (26A057) – Risk Manager – Sheriff - Recognize Funds Received From State Farm Mutual Automobile Insurance Company – Sheriff’s Department Vehicle**
- 6p. Approval - Budgetary Amendment (26A059) – Sheriff – Funds received from the US Capital Police - Security Provided for the Lawler Town Hall event at Mahopac High School**
- 6q. Approval - Budgetary Amendment (26A062) – Sheriff – Reimbursement related to Drug Recognition Expert Recertification from NYS Sheriffs Association – Oriskany, NY**
- 6r. Approval - Budgetary Amendment (26A063) – Sheriff – Federal Seized Asset Funds to Replace Two Aging Motorcycles**
- 6s. Approval - Budgetary Amendment (26A064) – Acting Commissioner of Finance – Legal Aid - Pass Through Award from NYS Division of Criminal Justice for Aid to Defense Recover Reform**
- 6t. Approval – Budgetary Amendment (26A065) – Finance - Sheriff – Correctional Facility Vehicle Purchase - Dormitory Authority of the State of New York (DASNY)**
- 6u. Approval – No Match – Grant Application – Sheriff’s Office - FY2026 Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS) Community Policing Development: Microgrants**
- 6v. Approval – No Match – Grant Application – Sheriff’s Office - the New York State Division of Criminal Justice Services Law Enforcement Technology Grant Program**
- 6w. Approval –Grant Application - Bureau of Emergency Services - FY2025 Emergency Management Performance Grant (EMPG) Program**

- 6x. Approval – No Match – Grant Application - Bureau Of Emergency Services - FY2025 State Homeland Security Program (SHSP) Grant**

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

- 6y. Approval - Budgetary Amendment (26A066) – Health Department – Resuming School Flu Clinics in the fall of 2026 and Additional Vaccines**

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT & ENERGY COMMITTEE
(Chairwoman Russo, Legislators Crowley & D'Angelo)

- 6z. Approval - Designation – County of Putnam – Tourist Promotion Agency**

7. Other Business

- 7a. Approval – Release of \$150,000 from Subcontingency for Countywide Food Security Initiative**

- 7b. Approval – Budgetary Transfer (26T183) – Legislature – Funds from Subcontingency to Support Second Chance Foods and Cornell Cooperative Extension**

- 7c. Approval – Awarding Accounting Firm: RFP #02-2026 P.C. Soil & Water Conservation District Funds Special Audit**

- 7d. Approval – Budgetary Transfer (26T###) – Winning Proposer of RFP #02-2026 – Soil & Water Special Audit**

- 7e. Approval – Standard Workday and Reporting Resolution**

- 7f. Approval – Amending Non-PuMA Retiree Health Insurance**

8. Recognition of Public on Agenda Items

9. Recognition of Legislators

- 10. Adjournment**

Reclamation

Overdose Awareness Day 2026

WHEREAS, Putnam County does affirm and acknowledge the hurt and hardship caused by the experience of fatal and non-fatal overdose; and

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

WHEREAS, we resolve to play our part in reducing the toll of overdose in our community, which claimed the lives of 7 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, 2026, as International Overdose Awareness Day in Putnam County, and along with the Putnam County Department of Health, Department of Social Services & Mental Health, the Coroner's Office, and all prevention, treatment, recovery and harm reduction providers in Putnam County; all residents are encouraged to carry Naloxone, a medication that can reverse opioid overdose and is available for free to all Putnam County Residents.

Kevin Byrne, Putnam County Executive

Daniel G. Birmingham Chair, Putnam County Legislature

Aug. 4, 2026
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**REGULAR MEETING
OF THE
PUTNAM COUNTY LEGISLATURE
HELD IN THE
HISTORIC COURTHOUSE
CARMEL, NEW YORK 10512**

Wednesday November 5, 2025 7:00 P.M.

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

PROCLAMATIONS

Chairwoman Sayegh recognized Legislator Montgomery who presented the “National Runaway Prevention Month” proclamation to Kimberly Realbuto, Deputy Youth Director and Erin LeMon of Green Chimneys.

National Runaway Prevention Month

WHEREAS, November has been designated as National Runaway Prevention Month to raise awareness of the issues facing runaway and homeless youth, and to educate the public about solutions and the role they can play in ending youth homelessness; and

WHEREAS, the prevalence of runaway and homelessness among youth is staggering, with studies suggesting that every year, 4.2 million people ages 13 to 25 endure some form of homelessness; and

WHEREAS, children and youth who run away are at increased danger for falling into high-risk situations, including human trafficking; and

WHEREAS, effective programs supporting runaway youth and assisting youth and their families in providing safe and stable homes, succeed because of partnerships created among families, youth-based advocacy organizations, community-based human service agencies, law enforcement, schools, faith-based organizations and businesses; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Putnam County Executive and the Putnam County Legislature do hereby proclaim November 2025 as National Runaway Prevention Month. We urge all citizens to support the effort to increase public awareness about, advocate on behalf of, and provide positive and safe alternatives to runaway and homeless youth and their families.

Chairwoman Sayegh recognized Legislator Crowley who presented the “Small Business Recognition Month” proclamation to representatives from the Putnam County Business Council and local Chambers of Commerce.

Small Business Recognition Month – November 2025

WHEREAS, small business constitutes the single most important segment of our

free enterprise system and our small businesspeople are the backbone of our economy; and

WHEREAS, a successful small business is evidence of the independence, initiative, and hard work of the owner/operator and this spirit has been, and will continue to play an important role in maintaining and improving the vitality of our community; and

WHEREAS, small businesspeople take a leading role in civic affairs to improve the quality of life in our communities; and

WHEREAS, with the assistance of the Putnam County Business Council and the local Chambers of Commerce, small businesspeople provide a variety of services, both business and social, to the community at large; and

WHEREAS, small businesses have and will continue to provide employment opportunities for our residents and contribute conveniences and services, both in-person and on-line, to our communities; and

WHEREAS, the November-December holiday season is important to the annual success of many of our small businesses; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Putnam County Executive and the Putnam County Legislature do hereby proclaim November 2025 as Small Business Recognition Month and urge all citizens to join them in recognizing the contributions small businesses make to county-wide development and Shop Small Business to support our local small businesses so that they can remain vital and flourish in Putnam County.

Chairwoman Sayegh recognized Legislator Jonke who presented the "Supporting Operation Green Light" proclamation to Director of the Veterans Service Agency Karl Rohde, Joseph P. Dwyer Vet 2 Vet Program Executive Director Megan Castellano, and Joseph P. Dwyer Vet 2 Vet Program Coordinator Todd Dorris.

Supporting Operation Green Light

WHEREAS, the residents of Putnam County have great respect, admiration, and the utmost gratitude for all the men and women who have selflessly served their country and this community in the Armed Forces; and

WHEREAS, the contributions and sacrifices of the men and women that served in the Armed Forces have been vital in maintaining the freedoms and way of life enjoyed by our citizens; and

WHEREAS, Putnam County seeks to honor these individuals who have paid the high price of freedom by placing themselves in harm's way for the good of all; and

WHEREAS, Veterans continue to serve their community through local organizations, church groups, and civil service; and

WHEREAS, Putnam County appreciates the sacrifices our United State Military Personnel made while defending freedom and believes specific recognition be accorded them in appreciation of their service and to demonstrate the honor and support they have earned; now be it

RESOLVED, as we approach Veterans Day in 2025, the Putnam County Legislature and County Executive hereby proclaim that Putnam County recognizes Operation Green Light and encourages its citizens and businesses to honoring those whose immeasurable sacrifice helped preserve our freedom by displaying a green light in a window of their place of business or residence.

Item #4 – Acceptance of Minutes – Special Full Meeting – August 20, 2025
Special Full Meeting – August 25, 2025

Budget & Finance Meeting – October 1, 2025
Public Hearing on 2026 Tentative Budget – October 1, 2025

Item #5 – Correspondence
a) County Auditor

Item #7 - Other Business:

Chairwoman Sayegh made a motion to waive to go out of order and address the Other Business #7a Fund Transfer (25T390) – Legislature and the County Executive – Address Food Insecurity within Putnam County; Seconded by Legislator Jonke. All in favor.

Item #7a – Approval – Fund Transfer (25T390) – Legislature and the County Executive – Address Food Insecurity within Putnam County was next.

Legislator Ellner stated his support for the County providing funding to address food insecurity during this time of government shutdown. He stated rather than naming three (3) specific organizations within the fund transfer he would rather give discretion to Commissioner of the Department of Social Services (DSS) Sara Servadio.

Chairwoman Sayegh requested input from Commissioner Servadio.

Commissioner Servadio stated Putnam County services about 3,000 individuals, about 2,200 households, on SNAP (Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program) benefits monthly. She stated the cost to the County is about \$600,000 per month and there has been no clear direction from the State about what is going to happen. She stated they have gotten support from the community and local organizations and have begun conversations about the best way to get food to people who are not currently getting their SNAP benefits. She stated it is important to hear from the agencies here this evening. She stated the biggest concern is getting the right food to the right people.

Faith Anne Butcher, Chief Impact Officer of United Way of Westchester and Putnam, stated United Way runs the 211 helpline and they are seeing an increase in calls for food insecurity. She stated even when the federal government reopens it will still be a few weeks before funds are released. She stated local organizations including Putnam CAP, Hudson Valley Food Pantry, Second Chance Foods, and Cornell Cooperative Extension are working together to address this issue. She stated United Way has typically run the emergency food and shelter program, which tracks the assistance provided by the local food pantries. She stated because the United Way has an existing contract with Putnam County for the 211 helpline, it was thought that they could release funds before the County would be able to.

Chairwoman Sayegh stated the biggest concern is that assistance is streamlined to SNAP recipients who are currently not receiving their benefit.

Commissioner Servadio stated she cannot disclose the names of SNAP recipients to the providers. She stated they have been working with Second Chance Foods to pick up and drop off food to residents. She stated by working together, they will ensure the SNAP recipients are getting the food they need.

Chief Impact Officer Butcher stated they can utilize funding to purchase gift cards to local supermarkets as well, which would give recipients a choice of what food to get. She stated a link could be established where recipients could apply for a gift card and a list would be sent to DSS for approval since United Way would have no way to verify if a SNAP card was still valid.

Executive Director of Putnam County Cornell Cooperative Extension Stefanie Hubert stated their full meals program has assisted a great amount of people outside of the food pantries. She stated they have connections with local farmers where they can secure fresh produce, meat, and eggs which they could direct to the SNAP recipients. She stated this program puts money back into the community while providing nutrient dense food to recipients. She stated she is happy to lend her support however she can.

Marisa O'Leary, Director of Putnam CAP provided an overview of the services provided to low-income residents of Putnam through Putnam CAP. She stated they have a food pantry and soup kitchen and all individuals that receive services must provide documentation and be qualified to do so. She stated when they register or recertify, they are screened to see what other services they are receiving. She stated they serve about 400 families each month through the food pantry program and about 50% of their clients are SNAP recipients. She stated this funding would be used to supplement what is needed to purchase food products or gift cards for distribution.

Legislator Crowley stated the reach of these local organizations is farther than may be realized. She stated her appreciation for the work done by all of these agencies to care for our residents, especially the most vulnerable.

Chairwoman Sayegh stated Martha Elder, the Executive Director of Second Chance Foods was unable to attend this evening and she read a letter Executive Director Elder sent in which spoke to her appreciation for the Legislature's consideration of providing this funding.

Legislator Jonke stated funding for food insecurity was put into the 2026 budget at the suggestion of Legislator Birmingham. He stated after adopting the budget, it occurred to him that this matter is happening right now and can be addressed now. He questioned if the federal government will retroactively replenish the benefits that were not provided once the shutdown ends and if \$150,000 is enough at this time.

Commissioner Servadio stated that is what they are saying. She stated DSS has SNAP benefits from \$25 per month up to \$1,400 per month per household. She stated they have begun contacting the households to see what benefit might be remaining from the prior months and to assess what type of assistance they might need immediately. She stated they had a generous donation of grocery store gift cards this week and they have all been dispersed. She stated it is difficult to know exactly how much funding might be needed because there are so many factors in each situation.

Legislator Jonke thanked all the local organizations who came to speak this evening and stated the Legislature is here to provide support to care for residents who need it the most.

Legislator Montgomery questioned if food pantries should be specifically noted in the resolution as well. She stated she understands individuals who utilize food pantries may

not necessarily be SNAP recipients, however the SNAP registration process is difficult and many people fall through the cracks.

Commissioner Servadio stated she is certainly not interested in taking funding away from the food pantries. She stated it is important to supplement the food pantries while also providing gift cards to allow individuals to do their own shopping.

Legislator Montgomery questioned how United Way, Putnam CAP, and Putnam County Cornell Cooperative Extension get the food to those who need it.

Chief Impact Officer Butcher stated because United Way has a contract with the County, the process is streamlined and the funding from the County can be dispersed more rapidly than if it were going from the County directly to these other organizations.

Legislator Gouldman requested clarification that these funds will be distributed throughout Putnam County.

Commissioner Servadio stated yes, they have it broken down by community.

Legislator Montgomery stated there is a representative from a food pantry in attendance that she would like to hear from.

Kirsti (Kiko) Lattu, Coordinator of the Philipstown Food Pantry stated over the past year they have seen a 30% increase in clients, and that was before the SNAP benefit stopped. She stated they have been directing SNAP recipients to the proper offices where they can get assistance and offered to continue doing so, requesting more information to provide to clients.

Legislator Montgomery questioned if additional personnel will be needed.

Commissioner Servadio stated they are prepared to pull employees from other sections under the DSS umbrella to assist. She stated she has discussed an overtime budget with Commissioner of Finance Bill Carlin.

Legislator Montgomery stated it is important not to put too much stress onto the employees as well.

Commissioner Servadio thanked the Legislature for their support and the opportunity to have this conversation. She stated everything is being tracked so they know what each recipient has gotten during this time.

Legislator Montgomery stated it is wonderful to see the community stepping up to help one another.

Chairwoman Sayegh questioned if it would be in the best interest to establish an emergency budget line that DSS could access to assist people during this time.

Commissioner Carlin stated it might be better to wait a little while to see what plays out. He stated they are currently working with the Office for Senior Resources (OSR). He stated it might be better to deal with things directly rather than to set up a budget line at this point.

Legislator Ellner questioned if there is any flexibility needed to get this funding distributed to the organizations as soon as possible.

Commissioner Servadio stated once this goes through there will be about six (6) weeks left in the year and she believes this funding will assist greatly during that time period.

Commissioner Carlin stated a proposal for funding to OSR will be forthcoming as well.

Chairwoman Sayegh thanked everyone for coming this evening.

RESOLUTION #304

**APPROVAL – FUND TRANSFER (25T390) – LEGISLATURE AND THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE
– ADDRESS FOOD INSECURITY WITHIN PUTNAM COUNTY**

WHEREAS, the Legislature and the County Executive requested fund transfer (25T390) to establish appropriations to assist Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) eligible residents, due to the anticipated freeze in funding on November 1, 2025, directly related to the ongoing federal shutdown; and

WHEREAS, the fund transfer in the amount of \$150,000 will be applied to the 2025 budget lines of the existing contracted services the County has with several local and regional agencies to effectively allocate resources during the month of November and possibly beyond as the County navigates through the consequences of the federal shutdown; and

WHEREAS, the Full Meeting of the Legislature has reviewed and approved said fund transfer; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the following fund transfer be made:

GENERAL FUND

Increase Appropriations:

25880000 54950	United Way – County Contribution	75,000
25875000 54950	Cornell Cooperative Ext.-County Contribution	25,000
25645000 54950	Putnam Community Action – County Contribution	<u>50,000</u>
		150,000

Decrease Appropriations:

10199000 54980	General Contingencies	150,000
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2025 Fiscal Impact – \$150,000

2026 Fiscal Impact – 0 –

BY POLL VOTE: SEVEN AYES. LEGISLATORS ADDONIZIO & BIRMINGHAM WERE ABSENT. MOTION CARRIES.

Item #6 – Pre-filed resolutions:

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

Item #6a – Approval – Budgetary Amendment (25A092) – Health Department – Revenue from Tobacco/Vaping Fines was next.

RESOLUTION #305

APPROVAL – BUDGETARY AMENDMENT (25A092) – HEALTH DEPARTMENT – REVENUE FROM TOBACCO/VAPING

WHEREAS, the Commissioner of Health has requested a budgetary amendment (24A092) to recognize revenue received from Tobacco/Vaping fines that exceeds the 2025 Budget; and

WHEREAS, these funds will be used to further support education and prevention activities related to the use of tobacco and vaping products; 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:

102401000 10220	Health EHS – Adolescent Tobacco Use Prevention Act	
416032	ATUPA – Reserve	8,075

Increase Expenses:

102401000 10220	Health EHS – Adolescent Tobacco Use Prevention Act	
54329	Promotional	4,037
54989	Miscellaneous	4,038
		8,075

2025 Fiscal Impact – 0 –

2026 Fiscal Impact – 0 –

BY POLL VOTE: SEVEN AYES. LEGISLATORS ADDONIZIO & BIRMINGHAM WERE ABSENT. MOTION CARRIES.

Item #6b – Approval – Budgetary Amendment (25A094) – Finance – Legal Aid 18b was next.

RESOLUTION #306

APPROVAL – BUDGETARY AMENDMENT (25A094) – FINANCE – LEGAL AID 18B

WHEREAS, the Commissioner of Finance has requested a budgetary amendment (25A094) to fund Mandated Legal Services to Indigent persons pursuant to County Law; 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:

25117100 54125	Legal Services - Legal Aid 18b	200,000
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Increase Estimated Revenues:

25117100 430251	State Aid - ILSF Indigent Legal Services	100,000
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Decrease Estimated Appropriations:

10199000 54980	Contingency	100,000
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2025 Fiscal Impact - \$100,000

2026 Fiscal Impact - 0 -

BY POLL VOTE: SEVEN AYES. LEGISLATORS ADDONIZIO & BIRMINGHAM WERE ABSENT. MOTION CARRIES.

Item #6c - Approval - Budgetary Amendment (25A097) - Department of General Services - Leased Vehicle Expenses was next.

RESOLUTION #307

APPROVAL - BUDGETARY AMENDMENT (25A097) - DEPARTMENT OF GENERAL SERVICES - LEASED VEHICLE EXPENSES

WHEREAS, the Commissioner of Department of General Services has requested a budgetary amendment (25A097) to account for payment received for lease equity, and to cover leased vehicle expenses in the following county departments: Consumer Affairs, DSS Services, DSS- Administration, OSR-General, Probation and Department of Public Works (DPW); 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:

10661000 54210	Vehicle Leasing- Consumer Affairs	3,379
10102000 54210	Vehicle Leasing- DSS Services	7,149
10120000 54210	Vehicle Leasing- DSS Admin.	1,628
10677500 54210	Vehicle Leasing- OSR- General	218
10314000 54210	Vehicle Leasing- Probation	4,700
10149000 54210	Vehicle Leasing- DPW	3,187
		20,261

Increase Estimated Revenues:

10134500 426551	Minor Sales	20,261
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2025 Fiscal Impact - 0 -

2026 Fiscal Impact - 0 -

BY POLL VOTE: SEVEN AYES. LEGISLATORS ADDONIZIO & BIRMINGHAM WERE

ABSENT. MOTION CARRIES.

Item #6d – Approval – Budgetary Amendment (25A098) – Bureau of Emergency Services – SFY2025 Next Generation 911 (NG911) Grant was next.

RESOLUTION #308

APPROVAL – BUDGETARY AMENDMENT (25A098) – BUREAU OF EMERGENCY SERVICES – SFY2025 NEXT GENERATION 911 (NG911)

WHEREAS, at the May 13, 2025 Protective Services Committee meeting, the Commissioner of Emergency Services informed the Committee of the SYF2025 Next Generation 911 (NG911) Grant opportunity which required no County matching funds; and

WHEREAS, on September 16, 2025, NYS Homeland Security and Emergency Services notified and announced that Putnam County has been awarded said grant in the amount of \$1,515,197; and

WHEREAS, the Commissioner of the Putnam County Bureau of Emergency Services has requested a budgetary amendment (25A098) to account for said award; and

WHEREAS, the performance period for this grant is five (5) years (September 1, 2025 – August 31, 2030); 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:

CAPITAL FUND:

Increase Estimated Appropriations:

53097000 53000 52521	Next Generation 911	1,515,197
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Increase Estimated Revenues:

53097000 433971 52521	State Aid – SFY2025 NG911 Grant	1,515,197
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2025 Fiscal Impact – 0 –

2026 Fiscal Impact – 0 –

BY POLL VOTE: SEVEN AYES. LEGISLATORS ADDONIZIO & BIRMINGHAM WERE ABSENT. MOTION CARRIES.

Item #6e – Approval – Budgetary Amendment (25A099) – Sheriff's Office – Police Traffic Safety Grant Program was next.

RESOLUTION #309

APPROVAL – BUDGETARY AMENDMENT (25A099) – SHERIFF'S OFFICE – POLICE TRAFFIC SAFETY GRANT PROGRAM

WHEREAS, on August 25, 2025, the NYS Governor's Traffic Safety Committee awarded the Putnam County Sheriff's Office \$24,000 to participate in the statewide Police Traffic Services (PTS) Grant Program; and

WHEREAS, the goal is to increase seat belt usage and reduce dangerous driving behaviors in an effort to reduce serious injuries and fatalities; and

WHEREAS, said grant term is from October 1, 2025 to September 30, 2026, and any unused fund as of December 31, 2025 will be rolled over to the 2026 budget; and

WHEREAS, the Putnam County Acting Sheriff has requested a budgetary amendment (25A099) to account for said grand award; 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:

17311002 443893 10021	Sheriff Patrol – Police Traffic Services Grant	19,500
17311002 443899 10024	Sheriff Patrol – Buckle Up Grant	<u>4,500</u>
		24,000

17311002 10021	Sheriff Patrol – Police Traffic Services Grant	
51093	Overtime	13,500
52180	Other Equipment	5,300
54640	Training & Education – PTS	700

17311002 10024	Sheriff Patrol – Buckle Up Grant	
51093	Overtime	<u>4,500</u>
		24,000

2025 Fiscal Impact – 0 –

2025 Fiscal Impact – 0 –

BY POLL VOTE: SEVEN AYES. LEGISLATORS ADDONIZIO & BIRMINGHAM WERE ABSENT. MOTION CARRIES.

Item #6f – Approval – Budgetary Amendment (25A100) – DPW – Risk Manager – Vehicle Accident Claim Reimbursement – Insurance Recoveries was next.

RESOLUTION #310

APPROVAL – BUDGETARY AMENDMENT (25A100) – DPW – RISK MANAGER – VEHICLE ACCIDENT CLAIM REIMBURSEMENT – INSURANCE RECOVERIES

WHEREAS, the Risk Manager has requested a budgetary amendment (25A100) to recognize reimbursement of \$5,185 from New York Municipal Insurance Reciprocal to cover an invoice from Auto Craft Body & Collison for storage fees on a 2024 Nissan Armada from June 2, 2025 - July 25, 2025; and

WHEREAS, the Commissioner of DPW has requested these funds to remit payment; 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:

03 10513000 426802	DPW Road Machinery–Insurance Recoveries-Auto	5,185
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Increase Expenses:

03 10513000 54370	DPW Road Machinery--Automotive	5,185
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2025 Fiscal Impact – 0 –

2026 Fiscal Impact – 0 –

BY POLL VOTE: SEVEN AYES. LEGISLATORS ADDONIZIO & BIRMINGHAM WERE ABSENT. MOTION CARRIES.

Item #6g – Approval – Budgetary Amendment (25A103) – DPW – Commissioner of Finance – Correct Budget Lines on Resolution #262 of 2025 was next.

RESOLUTION #311

APPROVAL – BUDGETARY AMENDMENT (25A103) – DPW – COMMISSIONER OF FINANCE – CORRECT BUDGET LINES ON RESOLUTION #262 OF 2025

WHEREAS, the Commissioner of Finance has requested a budgetary amendment (25A103) to correct budget lines on Resolution #262 of 2025 to provide funding for projected Overtime expenses through the end of 2025 in DPW; 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:

COUNTY ROAD FUND:

Increase Estimated Appropriations:

10511000 51093	DPW – County Road - Overtime	40,000
10511000 58002	DPW – County Road - FICA	<u>3,060</u>
		43,060

Decrease Estimated Appropriations:

02990100 59030	Transfer to General Fund	43,060
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GENERAL FUND:

Decrease Estimated Appropriations:

10511100 51093	DPW – Facilities - Overtime	40,000
10511100 58002	DPW – Facilities - FICA	<u>3,060</u>
		43,060

Decrease Estimated Revenues:

10131000 428551	Transfer from Road Fund	43,060
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2025 Fiscal Impact – 0 –

2026 Fiscal Impact – 0 –

BY POLL VOTE: SEVEN AYES. LEGISLATORS ADDONIZIO & BIRMINGHAM WERE

ABSENT. MOTION CARRIES.

Item #6h – Approval – Fund Transfer (25T319) – Social Services – Reappropriate Funds for Agreement with Sheriff's Office was next.

RESOLUTION #312

APPROVAL – FUND TRANSFER (25T319) – SOCIAL SERVICES – REAPPROPRIATE FUNDS FOR AGREEMENT WITH SHERIFF'S OFFICE

WHEREAS, the Commissioner of Social Services has requested fund transfer (25T319) to reappropriate funds to correct the budget line for their agreement with the Sheriff's Office; and

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

RESOLVED, that the following fund transfer be made:

Decrease:

10431000 54646 10115	MH Contracts	26,240
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Increase:

10431000 55646 10115	MH Chargeback Contracts	25,440
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10431000 54989 10115	MH Miscellaneous	800
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26,240

2025 Fiscal Impact – 0 –

2026 Fiscal Impact – 0 –

BY POLL VOTE: SEVEN AYES. LEGISLATORS ADDONIZIO & BIRMINGHAM WERE ABSENT. MOTION CARRIES.

Item #6i – Approval – Semi-Annual Mortgage Tax Report – April 1, 2025 through September 30, 2025 was next.

RESOLUTION #313

APPROVAL – SEMI-ANNUAL MORTGAGE TAX REPORT – APRIL 1, 2025 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 30, 2025

WHEREAS, upon receipt of approval of the Semi-Annual Report showing the amounts to be credited to each district of the County of the money collected during the period April 1, 2025 through September 30, 2025 from the New York State Department of Taxation and Finance, the Putnam County Audit and Administration Committee reviewed and hereby forwards same to the Putnam County Legislature; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that pursuant to Section 261 of the Tax Law, the Putnam County Legislature issues tax warrants for the payment to the respective districts of the amounts so credited and authorizes and directs the Commissioner of Finance to make a payment of said amounts to the respective district in accordance with the report as follows:

Town of Carmel		581,411.86
Town of Kent		224,647.02
Town of Patterson		192,505.93
Town of Philipstown		
	Village of Cold Spring	16,592.64
	Village of Nelsonville	4,727.65
	Town Outside	198,270.54
Town of Putnam Valley		223,381.72
Town of Southeast		
	Village of Brewster	9,026.25
	Town Outside	297,570.47
Total		\$1,748,134.08

BY POLL VOTE: SEVEN AYES. LEGISLATORS ADDONIZIO & BIRMINGHAM WERE ABSENT. MOTION CARRIES.

Item #8 – Recognition of Public on Agenda Items

There were no members of the public wishing to speak.

Item #9 – Recognition of Legislators

Legislator Gouldman thanked everyone who voted yesterday on Election Day. He congratulated Legislator Erin Crowley on her re-election. He stated the Legislature will have two (2) new Legislators next year and he is looking forward to the work to be done next year. He wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving and Veterans Day. He thanked the Veterans in Putnam County for their sacrifices.

Legislator Montgomery thanked everyone who ran for office and congratulated all who won their election. She stated she hopes elections can become more civil and all work is done for the benefit of the people served.

Legislator Crowley thanked her colleagues. She reminded everyone to take a moment to reflect on Veterans Day, November 11th and encouraged everyone to share it with their children.

Legislator Jonke stated Putnam County lost Judge John Sweeny a few weeks ago. He stated he has known Judge Sweeny for over 35 years and he did him the honor of swearing him in when he was first elected to the Legislature. He stated his heart goes out to the Sweeny family.

Legislator Ellner thanked Legislator Jonke for his proposal to provide meaningful tax relief to owner occupied homes.

Legislator Russo thanked everyone who ran for election and she wished everyone the best. She stated she is proud to be here representing not only her district, but Putnam County. She stated Veteran's Day is next week; Putnam Lake holds a beautiful ceremony in the morning and another is held by Patterson in the afternoon. She stated she is happy

to see it is always very well attended. She thanked Legislator Crowley for organizing a food drive this past weekend, which she was happy to help with.

Chairwoman Sayegh congratulated all who ran for office. She stated it is important to do the very best for the constituents. She stated the Knights of Columbus is holding a food drive for non-perishable items and gift cards at the end of the month.

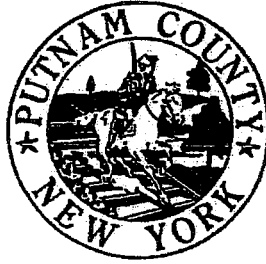
There being no further business at 7:00pm, Chairwoman Sayegh made a motion to adjourn; Seconded by Legislator Jonke. All in favor.

Respectfully submitted by Deputy Clerk, Beth Robinson.

THE PUTNAM COUNTY LEGISLATURE

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

Wednesday November 5, 2025 7:00 P.M.

1. Pledge of Allegiance
2. Legislative Prayer
3. Roll Call

PROCLAMATIONS

National Runaway Prevention Month

Small Business Recognition Month – November 2025

Supporting Operation Green Light

4. Acceptance of Minutes - Special Full Meeting August 20, 2025
Special Full Meeting August 25, 2025
Budget & Finance Meeting October 1, 2025
Public Hearing Meeting October 1, 2025
5. Correspondence
 - a) County Auditor
6. Pre-filed resolutions:

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

- 6a. Approval – Budgetary Amendment (25A092) – Health Department – Revenue from Tobacco/Vaping Fines**
- 6b. Approval – Budgetary Amendment (25A094) – Finance – Legal Aid 18b**
- 6c. Approval – Budgetary Amendment (25A097) – Department of General Services – Leased Vehicle Expenses**
- 6d. Approval – Budgetary Amendment (25A098) – Bureau of Emergency Services – SFY2025 Next Generation 911 (NG911)**
- 6e. Approval - Budgetary Amendment (25A099)/ Sheriff's Office - Police Traffic Safety Grant Program**
- 6f. Approval – Budgetary Amendment (25A100) – DPW – Risk Manager – Vehicle Accident Claim Reimbursement – Insurance Recoveries**
- 6g. Approval – Budgetary Amendment (25A103) – DPW - Commissioner of Finance Correct Budget Lines on Resolution #262 of 2025**
- 6h. Approval – Fund Transfer (25T319) – Social Services – Reappropriate Funds for Agreement with Sheriff's Office**
- 6i. Approval – Semi-Annual Mortgage Tax Report/ April 1, 2025 through September 30, 2025**
- 7. Other Business**
- 8. Recognition of Public on Agenda Items**
- 9. Recognition of Legislators**
- 10. Adjournment**

each step of the way after. She has truly been an invaluable resource for not only the Legislators but for many colleagues in the County; and

WHEREAS, Diane's unwavering professionalism and thoroughness established her as a dutiful leader while her approachable nature and warm sense of humor made working alongside her both rewarding and enjoyable; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Putnam County Legislature and Putnam County Executive hereby thank Diane Schonfeld for her dedicated service to not only the Legislature, but Putnam County as a whole. We congratulate her on her well-deserved retirement and wish her all the best!

Item #4 – Acceptance of Minutes – Regular Mtg – April 1, 2025
Special Mtg – April 24, 2025
Regular Mtg – September 2, 2025
Special Mtg – September 29, 2025

The minutes were accepted as submitted.

Item #5 – Correspondence
a) County Auditor

There was no activity.

Item #6 – Pre-filed resolutions:

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

Item #6a – Approval – Budgetary Amendment (25A096) – Finance Department – Account for American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) was next.

RESOLUTION #315

APPROVAL – BUDGETARY AMENDMENT (25A096) – FINANCE DEPARTMENT – ACCOUNT FOR AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT (ARPA)

WHEREAS, Commissioner of Finance has requested Budgetary Amendment (25A096) to account for American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Spending through September 30, 2025; and

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

RESOLVED, that the following budgetary amendment:

Increase Appropriations:

10990100 59020 50245	Transfer to Capital Fund - ARPA	149,594
10990100 59020 51622	Transfer to Capital Fund - ARPA	11,412
10990100 59020 52420	Transfer to Capital Fund - ARPA	500,078
10990100 59020 51914	Transfer to Capital Fund - ARPA	1,450,384

10990100 59020 52202	Transfer to Capital Fund - ARPA	40,378
10990100 59020 52225	Transfer to Capital Fund - ARPA	120,176
10990100 59020 52227	Transfer to Capital Fund - ARPA	15,623
10990100 59020 52405	Transfer to Capital Fund - ARPA	254,617
10990100 59020 52228	Transfer to Capital Fund - ARPA	77,907
10990100 59020 52224	Transfer to Capital Fund - ARPA	91,476
10990100 59020 51601	Transfer to Capital Fund - ARPA	85,284
10990100 59020 52214	Transfer to Capital Fund - ARPA	63,916
10990100 59020 52215	Transfer to Capital Fund - ARPA	80,092
10990100 59020 52217	Transfer to Capital Fund - ARPA	542,570
10990100 59020 52219	Transfer to Capital Fund - ARPA	542,500
		4,026,007

Increase Estimated Revenues:

10131000 449898 50245	Fed Aid – ARPA	149,594
10131000 449898 51622	Fed Aid – ARPA	11,412
10131000 449898 52420	Fed Aid – ARPA	500,078
10131000 449898 51914	Fed Aid – ARPA	1,450,384
10131000 449898 52202	Fed Aid – ARPA	40,378
10131000 449898 52225	Fed Aid – ARPA	120,176
10131000 449898 52227	Fed Aid – ARPA	15,623
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10131000 449898 52215	Fed Aid – ARPA	80,092
10131000 449898 52217	Fed Aid – ARPA	542,570
10131000 449898 52219	Fed Aid – ARPA	542,500
		4,026,007

2025 Fiscal Impact – 0 –

2026 Fiscal Impact – 0 –

BY POLL VOTE: EIGHT AYES. LEGISLATOR BIRMINGHAM WAS ABSENT. MOTION CARRIES.

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

Item #6b – Approval – Budgetary Amendment (25A110) – Putnam County Sheriff's Office- Personnel Transport Van - Utilize Federally Seized Asset Forfeiture Funds was next.

RESOLUTION #316

APPROVAL – BUDGETARY AMENDMENT (25A110) – PUTNAM COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE- PERSONNEL TRANSPORT VAN – UTILIZE FEDERALLY SEIZED ASSET FORFEITURE FUNDS

WHEREAS, Sheriff has requested Budgetary Amendment (25A110) to use Federally Seized Asset Forfeiture funds to purchase a Personnel Transport Van; and

WHEREAS, the Personnel Transport Van would be used to transport Sheriff's Department Personnel in many different scenarios when needed such as, to details, assignments, personnel staging areas, active police calls, critical incidents, Special Response Team (SRT), planned tactical deployments and serve as a warming or temporary shelter area for civilians displaced during emergencies; 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:

Increase Estimated Revenues:

17311000 427151 10102	Sheriff's Road Patrol -SRT Proceeds of Seized Assets	100,000
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Increase Estimated Appropriations:

17311000 52650 10102	Sheriff's Road Patrol -SRT Motor Vehicles	100,000
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2025 Fiscal Impact – 0 –

2026 Fiscal Impact – 0 –

BY POLL VOTE: EIGHT AYES. LEGISLATOR BIRMINGHAM WAS ABSENT. MOTION CARRIES.

Item #6c – Approval – Fund Transfer (25T358) – Putnam County Sheriff's Office-Corrections- Purchase Evac Smoke/Fire Hoods Model E900 was next.

RESOLUTION #317

APPROVAL – FUND TRANSFER (25T358) – PUTNAM COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE – CORRECTIONS – PURCHASE SIX (6) NEW EVAC SMOKE/FIRE HOODS MODEL E900

WHEREAS, Acting Sheriff has requested Fund Transfer (25T358) to fund the purchase of six (6) new Evac Smoke/Fire Hood Model E900 for Corrections; and

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

RESOLVED, that the following fund transfer:

Decrease:

10315000 54319	Jail General: Clothing Cleaners	1,359
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Increase:

10315000 52180	Jail General: Other Equipment	1,359
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2025 Fiscal Impact – 0 –

2026 Fiscal Impact – 0 –

BY POLL VOTE: EIGHT AYES. LEGISLATOR BIRMINGHAM WAS ABSENT. MOTION CARRIES.

Item #6d – Approval – Fund Transfer (25T363) – Putnam County Sheriff's Office-Corrections- Purchase Bullet Proof Vests was next.

RESOLUTION #318

APPROVAL – FUND TRANSFER (25T363) – PUTNAM COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE-CORRECTIONS – PURCHASE BULLET PROOF VESTS

WHEREAS, Acting Sheriff has requested Fund Transfer (25T363) to fund the purchase of Bullet Proof Vests for Corrections Department; and

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

RESOLVED, that the following fund transfer:

Decrease:

10009000 52180	Jail Transport: Other Equipment	500
10011000 54770	Jail Maintenance: Misc. Small Tools	700
10315000 51099	Jail Gen: Clothing Allowance	100
10315000 54311	Jail Gen: Printing & Forms	2,666
10315000 54319	Jail Gen: Clothing Cleaners	153
10315000 54330	Jail Gen: Medical Supplies	151
		4,270

Increase:

10315000 52180	Jail Gen: Other Equipment	4,270
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2025 Fiscal Impact – 0 –

2026 Fiscal Impact – 0 –

BY POLL VOTE: EIGHT AYES. LEGISLATOR BIRMINGHAM WAS ABSENT. MOTION CARRIES.

Item #6e – Approval – Fund Transfer (25T365) – Putnam County Sheriff's Office Corrections – Purchase Safety Restraint Chair was next.

RESOLUTION #319

APPROVAL FUND TRANSFER (25T365) – PUTNAM COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE-CORRECTIONS – PURCHASE SAFETY RESTRAINT CHAIR

WHEREAS, Acting Sheriff has requested Fund Transfer (25T365) to fund the of purchase a Safety Restraint Chair for Corrections; and

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

RESOLVED, that the following fund transfer:

Decrease:		
10011000 52180	Jail Maintenance: Other Equipment	2,980
10315000 54313	Jail Gen: Books & Supplements	1,502
10315000 54330	Jail Gen: Medical Supplies	72
		4,554
Increase:		
10315000 52180	Jail Gen: Other Equipment	4,554
2025 Fiscal Impact – 0 –		
2026 Fiscal Impact – 0 –		

BY POLL VOTE: EIGHT AYES. LEGISLATOR BIRMINGHAM WAS ABSENT. MOTION CARRIES.

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE
(Chairman Jonke, Legislators Addonizio & Gouldman)

Item #6f Approval – Fund Transfer (25T384) – Department of Social Services – Administrative Services Increase Overtime was next.

RESOLUTION #320

APPROVAL – FUND TRANSFER (25T384) – DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES – ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES INCREASE OVERTIME

WHEREAS, the Commissioner of Department of Social Services (DSS) has requested a Fund Transfer (25T384) to fund the overtime line in DSS – Administrative Services overtime for the remainder of 2025; and

WHEREAS, this request is a result of increased caseloads; 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:

Decrease:		
10102000 51000 10132	DSS Administrative Services Personnel Services-Caseworker	19,290
Increase:		
10102000 51093	DSS Administrative Services Overtime	19,290
2025 Fiscal Impact – 0 –		
2026 Fiscal Impact – 0 –		

BY POLL VOTE: EIGHT AYES. LEGISLATOR BIRMINGHAM WAS ABSENT. MOTION CARRIES.

Item #6g – Approval – Amendment of the Putnam County Employee Health Insurance

Contribution Rate- County Executive's Employee Health Insurance Contribution Review Committee – was next.

RESOLUTION #321

APPROVAL – AMENDMENT OF THE PUTNAM COUNTY EMPLOYEE HEALTH INSURANCE CONTRIBUTION RATE

WHEREAS, public sector recruitment and retention has been a severe challenge for government employers across New York State; and

WHEREAS, Putnam County has experienced this challenge and has evaluated several alternatives to address these concerns; and

WHEREAS, one identified area of concern relative to recruitment relates to the high cost of employee health insurance contributions, most particularly during the initial few years of employment with the County; and

WHEREAS, to address this particular concern, the County Executive established a Putnam County Employees Health Insurance Review Committee (Committee) to evaluate Putnam County's employee contribution rates relative to other Hudson Valley area County employers; and

WHEREAS, the Committee consisted of five members made up of 2 Putnam County retirees, 2 current Putnam County employees (1 union and 1 management) and 1 member of the public; and

WHEREAS, the Committee reached an overwhelming consensus regarding the following items that:

- The current highest employee contribution rate of 30% was too high. (This is the percentage that most new hires pay during their first 3 years of employment)**
- The greatest burden of high employee contribution rates falls on entry level positions (which are also the lowest paid positions in the county union agreement structures); and**

WHEREAS, the Committee presented the County Executive with several options that were considered reasonable, fiscally informed, fair and regionally competitive which also gave full consideration to the taxpayers as well as the dedicated Putnam County employees; and

WHEREAS, the County Executive based his option selection on the above cited considerations, as well; and

WHEREAS, the County administrative team initiated and engaged in negotiations with the Civil Service Employees Association (CSEA), Putnam County Sheriff's Employees Association (PCSEA), Putnam Management Association (PuMA), and the Putnam County Sheriff's Department Police Benevolent Association (PBA) unions to arrive at an agreement with each of the above unions on the maximum employee health insurance contribution rate of 17%; and

WHEREAS, four Memoranda of Agreement (MOA) were reached and signed by these county employee unions and are attached hereto; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Putnam County Legislature hereby ratifies the Employee Health Insurance Contribution Memorandum of Agreement for each of the county employee unions cited above; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the highest employee health insurance contribution rate shall not exceed 17% as it would apply to Management/Confidential employees; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the new employee contribution rates for affected employees be effective as soon as practicable after approval by the County Legislature.

**BY ROLL CALL VOTE: SEVEN AYES. ONE ABSTENTION – LEGISLATOR CROWLEY.
LEGISLATOR BIRMINGHAM WAS ABSENT. MOTION CARRIES.**

**Item #6h – Approval – A Local Law Establishing the 2026 Salary of Certain Elected Officials
Serving for Fixed Terms was next.**

RESOLUTION #322

**A LOCAL LAW ESTABLISHING THE 2026 SALARY OF CERTAIN ELECTED OFFICIALS
SERVING FOR FIXED TERMS**

BE IT ENACTED BY THE PUTNAM COUNTY LEGISLATURE AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1.

**Section 201 of the County Law and Municipal Home Rule Law Section 24 (2)(h) requires
that salary increases of fixed term officers shall be established by Local Law, subject to
permissive referendum.**

Section 2.

**The annual salary of the hereinafter designated County Officers elected for a fixed term is
hereby set at the following amounts effective January 1, 2026:**

Kevin Byrne.....	\$181,303
Putnam County Executive	
Michael Bartolotti.....	\$156,963
Putnam County Clerk	
John Bourges.....	\$48,173
Putnam County Coroner	
Wendy Erickson.....	\$48,173
Putnam County Coroner	
Michael Nesheiwat.....	\$48,173
Putnam County Coroner	
Nancy Montgomery.....	\$48,173
Putnam County Legislator	
William Gouldman.....	\$48,173
Putnam County Legislator	
Toni Addonizio.....	\$48,173
Putnam County Legislator	
Laura Russo.....	\$48,173
Putnam County Legislator	

Daniel Birmingham..... Putnam County Legislator	\$48,173
Amy Sayegh..... Putnam County Legislator	\$48,173
• Additional Stipend for Legislature Chairperson.....	\$12,044

Section 3.

THIS LOCAL LAW SHALL TAKE EFFECT FORTY-FIVE DAYS AFTER ITS PASSAGE AND IS SUBJECT TO PERMISSIVE REFERENDUM.

BY ROLL CALL VOTE: SEVEN AYES. ONE NAY – LEGISLATOR CROWLEY. LEGISLATOR BIRMINGHAM WAS ABSENT. MOTION CARRIES.

Item #6i – Approval – A Local Law Establishing The 2026 Salaries Of Certain Appointed Officers Serving For Fixed Terms was next.

RESOLUTION #323

A LOCAL LAW ESTABLISHING THE 2026 SALARIES OF CERTAIN APPOINTED OFFICERS SERVING FOR FIXED TERMS

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the County of Putnam as follows:

Section 1.

Section 201 of the County Law and Municipal Home Rule Law, Section 24 (2)(h) requires that certain salary increases of fixed term officers be established by Local Law, subject to permissive referendum.

Section 2.

The annual salaries of the hereinafter designated County Officers appointed for a fixed term are hereby set at the following amounts effective January 1, 2026:

Paul Eldridge..... Personnel Officer	\$163,358
Sara Servadio..... Commissioner, Social Services/ Mental Health/ Youth Bureau	\$170,428
Patricia McLoughlin..... Director of Real Property Tax Services	\$113,093
Rian Rodriguez..... Public Health Director	\$159,650

Kelly Primavera.....	\$112,710
Commissioner, Board of Elections	
Catherine Croft.....	\$112,710
Commissioner, Board of Elections	
Michele Alfano-Sharkey.....	\$150,000
County Auditor	

Section 3.

THIS LOCAL LAW SHALL TAKE EFFECT FORTY-FIVE DAYS AFTER ITS PASSAGE AND IS SUBJECT TO PERMISSIVE REFERENDUM.

BY POLL VOTE: EIGHT AYES. LEGISLATOR BIRMINGHAM WAS ABSENT. MOTION CARRIES.

Item #6j – Approval – Financial Disclosure List for the Year 2026 Filing Recommended by the Putnam County Personnel Officer Pursuant to Code Section 55-7 was next.

RESOLUTION #324

APPROVAL – FINANCIAL DISCLOSURE LIST FOR THE YEAR 2026 FILING RECOMMENDED BY THE PUTNAM COUNTY PERSONNEL OFFICER PURSUANT TO CODE SECTION 55-7

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

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

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

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

BY POLL VOTE: EIGHT AYES. LEGISLATOR BIRMINGHAM WAS ABSENT. MOTION CARRIES.

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

Item #6k –Approval – Budgetary Amendment (25A102) – County Historian – Purchase William S. Pelletreau’s “History of Putnam County” was next.

RESOLUTION #325

APPROVAL – BUDGETARY AMENDMENT (25A102) – COUNTY HISTORIAN – PURCHASE WILLIAM S. PELLETREAU’S “HISTORY OF PUTNAM COUNTY”

WHEREAS, the County Historian has requested a budgetary amendment (25A102) to purchase William S. Pelletreau’s “History of Putnam County” at cost, no tax for resale on the County Historian’s shopping website as a public service for the community; 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:

10751000 426551	Minor Sales and Other	250
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Increase Appropriations:

10751000 54313	Books for Supplements	250
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2025 Fiscal Impact – 0 –

2026 Fiscal Impact – 0 –

BY POLL VOTE: EIGHT AYES. LEGISLATOR BIRMINGHAM WAS ABSENT. MOTION CARRIES.

Item #6L – Approval – Budgetary Amendment (25A105) – Health Department – Early Learning Center (ELC) – Staffing for Universal Pre- Kindergarten was next.

RESOLUTION #326

APPROVAL – BUDGETARY AMENDMENT (25A105) – HEALTH DEPARTMENT – EARLY LEARNING CENTER (ELC) – STAFFING FOR UNIVERSAL PRE- KINDERGARTEN

WHEREAS, the Public Health Director has requested a budgetary amendment (25A105) to amend the 2025 Health Department’s budget for the Early Learning Center (ELC) relating to classroom staffing for Universal Pre-Kindergarten Children to be reimbursed by the Carmel School District; 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:

10296001 423101	Contributions from School Districts	50,000
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Increase Appropriations:

10296001 54646	Early Learning Center- Contracts	50,000
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2025 Fiscal Impact – 0 –

2026 Fiscal Impact – 0 –

BY POLL VOTE: EIGHT AYES. LEGISLATOR BIRMINGHAM WAS ABSENT. MOTION CARRIES.

Item #6m – Approval – Budgetary Amendment (25A106) – Health Department – Early Learning Center (ELC) – Special Education Itinerant Services Provided was next.

RESOLUTION #327

APPROVAL – BUDGETARY AMENDMENT (25A106) – HEALTH DEPARTMENT – EARLY LEARNING CENTER (ELC) – SPECIAL EDUCATION ITINERANT SERVICES PROVIDED

WHEREAS, the Public Health Director has requested a budgetary amendment (25A106) to amend the 2025 Health Department's budget for the Early Learning Center (ELC) relating to Special Education Itinerant Services (SEIT) provided; 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:

10296001 432773	ELC-Educ and Trans Hndcp Child 3 to 5	29,750
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Decrease Estimated Revenues:

10296000 432773	ELC-Educ and Trans Hndcp Child 3 to 5	29,750
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Increase Estimated Appropriations:

10296001 54414	ELC-Care at Private Institutions	50,000
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Decrease Estimated Appropriations:

10296000 54441	ELC-Itinerant Services	50,000
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2025 Fiscal Impact – 0 –

2026 Fiscal Impact – 0 –

BY POLL VOTE: EIGHT AYES. LEGISLATOR BIRMINGHAM WAS ABSENT. MOTION CARRIES.

Item #6n – Approval – Budgetary Amendment (25A112) – Department of Mental Health, Social Services, and Youth Bureau – Mental Health Budget – Opioid Settlement Trust Funds was next.

RESOLUTION #328

APPROVAL – BUDGETARY AMENDMENT (25A112) – DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH, SOCIAL SERVICES, AND YOUTH BUREAU – MENTAL HEALTH BUDGET – OPIOID SETTLEMENT TRUST FUNDS

WHEREAS, the Commissioner of Mental Health, Social Services, and Youth Bureau has requested a budgetary amendment (25A112) to amend the 2025 Mental Health budget to properly allocate agency awards pursuant to RFP-10-2025 utilizing up to \$351,223 of the Opioid Settlement Trust Funds; and

WHEREAS, the funds will be rolled over and awards will be effective January 1, 2026; 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 Appropriations:

10431000 54646 10212	Contracts – Opioid – People USA	64,850
10431000 54646 10213	Contracts – Opioid – Cove Care Center	34,200
10431000 54646 10214	Contracts – Opioid – St. Christopher’s Inn	42,000
10431000 54646 10215	Contracts – Opioid – Green Chimneys	49,900
10431000 54646 10216	Contracts – Opioid – Prevention Council	75,000
10431000 54646 10230	Contracts – Opioid – Mental Health Assoc.	85,273
		<u>351,223</u>

Increase Estimated Revenues:

10431000 427350 10212	Use of Settlement Funds – People USA	64,850
10431000 427350 10213	Use of Settlement Funds – Cove Care Center	34,200
10431000 427350 10214	Use of Settlement Funds – St. Christopher’s Inn	42,000
10431000 427350 10215	Use of Settlement Funds – Green Chimneys	49,900
10431000 427350 10216	Use of Settlement Funds – Prevention Council	75,000
10431000 427350 10230	Use of Settlement Funds – Mental Health Assoc.	85,273
		<u>351,223</u>

2025 Fiscal Impact – 0 –

2026 Fiscal Impact – 0 –

BY POLL VOTE: EIGHT AYES. LEGISLATOR BIRMINGHAM WAS ABSENT. MOTION CARRIES.

Item #6o – Approval – Budgetary Amendment (25A113) – Department of Mental Health, Social Services, and Youth Bureau – Mental Health Budget – Adjusted State Aid Levels was next.

RESOLUTION #329

APPROVAL – BUDGETARY AMENDMENT (25A113) – DEPARTMENT MENTAL HEALTH, SOCIAL SERVICES, AND YOUTH BUREAU – MENTAL HEALTH BUDGET – ADJUSTED STATE AID LEVELS

WHEREAS, the Commissioner of Mental Health, Social Services, and Youth Bureau has requested a budgetary amendment (25A113) to amend the 2025 Mental Health budget to reflect adjusted State Aid levels to be passed through to provider agencies in accordance with the recent State Aid authorizations from the NYS Office of Mental Health (OMH) dated 09/29/2025 and 10/31/2025; 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 Appropriations:

10034000 54647	Subcontractors – MH Supported Housing	13,397
10037000 54647	Subcontractors – MH INTV Case Mgmt.	7,841
10038000 54647	Subcontractors – MH COLA	21
		21,259

Increase Estimated Revenues:

10034000 434903	Subcontractors – MH Supported Housing	13,397
10037000 434946	Subcontractors – MH INTV Case Mgmt.	7,841
10038000 434944	Subcontractors – MH COLA	21
		21,259

2025 Fiscal Impact – 0 –

2026 Fiscal Impact – 0 –

BY POLL VOTE: EIGHT AYES. LEGISLATOR BIRMINGHAM WAS ABSENT. MOTION CARRIES.

Item #6p - Approval – Fund Transfer (25T398) – Health Department – Early Intervention – Itinerant Services was next.

RESOLUTION #330

APPROVAL – FUND TRANSFER (25T398) – HEALTH DEPARTMENT – EARLY INTERVENTION – ITINERANT SERVICES

WHEREAS, the Public Health Director has requested a fund transfer (25T398) to cover the increase in children from 215 in 2024 to 225 in 2025; and

WHEREAS, New York State recently increased rates by 5% per units billed; 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:
10405900 54417 Early Intervention – Evaluations 40,000

Increase:
10405900 54441 Early Intervention – Itinerant Services 40,000

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

BY POLL VOTE: EIGHT AYES. LEGISLATOR BIRMINGHAM WAS ABSENT. MOTION CARRIES.

Item #6q – Approval – Fund Transfer (25T400) – Health Department – Pre-School – Parent Travel was next.

RESOLUTION #331

APPROVAL – FUND TRANSFER (25T400) – HEALTH DEPARTMENT – PRE-SCHOOL PARENT TRAVEL

WHEREAS, the Public Health Director has requested a fund transfer (25T400) to cover the increase in Parents Driving Children to School; and

WHEREAS, in 2024 - 30 parents were driving their children to school; and

WHEREAS, in 2025 – 37 parents were driving their children to school; 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 54678 Pre-School Leased Transportation 10,000

Increase:
10296000 54670 Pre-School – Non – Employee Travel 10,000

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

BY POLL VOTE: EIGHT AYES. LEGISLATOR BIRMINGHAM WAS ABSENT. MOTION CARRIES.

Item #6r – Approval – Fund Transfer (25T401) – Health Department – Pre-School – Special Education was next.

RESOLUTION #332

APPROVAL – FUND TRANSFER (25T401) – HEALTH DEPARTMENT – PRE-SCHOOL SPECIAL EDUCATION

WHEREAS, the Public Health Director has requested a fund transfer (25T401) to cover the School Districts Billing for Pre-School Special Education; and

WHEREAS, in 2024 the number of children receiving services was 583; and

WHEREAS, in 2025 the number of children increased by 59, bringing the total of children receiving services in 2025 to 642; and

WHEREAS, the charge per child went from \$708 in 2024 to \$752 in 2025; 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	Pre-School Itinerant Services	120,000
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Increase:

10296000 54113	Pre-School – Excessive School Dist. Admin.	120,000
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2025 Fiscal Impact – 0 –

2026 Fiscal Impact – 0 –

BY POLL VOTE: EIGHT AYES. LEGISLATOR BIRMINGHAM WAS ABSENT. MOTION CARRIES.

Item #6s – Approval – Fund Transfer (25T403) – Health Department – Pre-School – Care at Private Institution was next.

RESOLUTION #333

APPROVAL – FUND TRANSFER (25T403) – HEALTH DEPARTMENT – PRE-SCHOOL – CARE AT PRIVATE INSTITUTION

WHEREAS, the Public Health Director has requested a fund transfer (25T403) to cover Pre-School Care at Private Institution; and

WHEREAS, in 2024 the original budgeted amount was \$6,000,000 and the 2024 total expenses were \$7,400,000, due to multiple rate increases and number of children at schools increased by 15 students; from 105 to 120; and

WHEREAS, in 2025 the line was budgeted at \$7,000,000 as the number of children at schools had leveled off; and

WHEREAS, the rate changes continually increase and they anticipate needing more money in this line; 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	Pre-School - Itinerant Services	100,000
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10296000 54678	Pre-School - Leased Transportation	30,000
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10405900 54414	Early Intervention – Care at Private Inst.	<u>40,000</u>
		170,000

Increase:

10296000 54414	Pre-School – Care at Private Inst.	170,000
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2025 Fiscal Impact – 0 –

2026 Fiscal Impact – 0 –

BY POLL VOTE: EIGHT AYES. LEGISLATOR BIRMINGHAM WAS ABSENT. MOTION CARRIES.

Item #6t – Approval – Fund Transfer (25T412) – Department of Social Services – Day Care was next.

RESOLUTION #334

APPROVAL – FUND TRANSFER (25T412) – DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES – DAY CARE

WHEREAS, the Commissioner of Department of Social Services, Mental Health and the Youth Bureau requested a fund transfer (25T412) to cover projected Day Care costs through 12/31/2025; 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:

10607000 54471	Day Care	90,000
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10607000 54670	Travel Non-Employee	15,000
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10610900 54433	Emergency Assist. For Families Title IVE Federally Participating	<u>80,000</u>
		185,000

Increase:

10605500 54471	Day Care	185,000
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2025 Fiscal Impact – 0 –

2026 Fiscal Impact – 0 –

BY POLL VOTE: EIGHT AYES. LEGISLATOR BIRMINGHAM WAS ABSENT. MOTION CARRIES.

Item #6u – Approval – Fund Transfer (25T413) – Department of Social Services – Day Care and Committee on Special Education was next.

RESOLUTION #335

APPROVAL – FUND TRANSFER (25T413) – DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES – DAY CARE AND COMMITTEE ON SPECIAL EDUCATION

WHEREAS, the Commissioner of Department of Social Services, Mental Health and the Youth Bureau requested a fund transfer (25T413) to cover projected Day Care and Committee on Special Education costs through 12/31/2025; 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:

10610900 54435	Emergency Assistance For Families Child Welfare/Foster Care	550,000
10610900 54495	Payments To Recipients	25,000
10610900 54436	Emergency Assist. For Families Child Welfare/Foster Care JD PNS	245,000
10611900 54415	Adoptive Subsidy Federally Non-Participating	20,000
		840,000

Increase:

10605500 54471	Day Care	575,000
10611900 54114	Committee on Spec. Educ.	265,000
		840,000

2025 Fiscal Impact – 0 –

2026 Fiscal Impact – 0 –

BY POLL VOTE: EIGHT AYES. LEGISLATOR BIRMINGHAM WAS ABSENT. MOTION CARRIES.

Item #6v – Approval – Fund Transfer (25T414) – Department of Social Services – Committee on Special Education was next.

RESOLUTION #336

APPROVAL – FUND TRANSFER (25T414) – DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES – COMMITTEE ON SPECIAL EDUCATION

WHEREAS, the Commissioner of Department of Social Services, Mental Health and the Youth Bureau requested a fund transfer (25T414) to cover projected Committee on Special Education costs through 12/31/2025; 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:

10611900 54416	Adoptive Subsidy Federally Participating	10,000
10611900 54420	Foster Care Federally Non-Participating	200,000
10612300 54414	Care At Private Institution	<u>200,000</u>
		410,000

Increase:

10611900 54114	Committee on Spec. Educ.	410,000
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2025 Fiscal Impact – 0 –

2026 Fiscal Impact – 0 –

BY POLL VOTE: EIGHT AYES. LEGISLATOR BIRMINGHAM WAS ABSENT. MOTION CARRIES.

Item #6w – Approval – Fund Transfer (25T415) – Department of Social Services – Payments to Recipients Safety Net was next.

RESOLUTION #337

APPROVAL – FUND TRANSFER (25T415) – DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES – PAYMENTS TO RECIPIENTS SAFETY NET

WHEREAS, the Commissioner of Department of Social Services, Mental Health and the Youth Bureau requested a fund transfer (25T415) to cover projected Payments To Recipients Safety Net costs through 12/31/2025; 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:

10610900 54493	Payments to Recipients	120,000
10610900 54495	Payments to Recipients - EAF (Emergency Assist. for Families)	<u>85,000</u>
		205,000

Increase:

10614000 54493	Payments to Recipients Safety Net	205,000
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2025 Fiscal Impact – 0 –

2026 Fiscal Impact – 0 –

BY POLL VOTE: EIGHT AYES. LEGISLATOR BIRMINGHAM WAS ABSENT. MOTION CARRIES.

Item #6x – Approval – Appointments – Putnam County Board of Health was next. On behalf of the members of the Health, Social, Educational & Environmental Committee, Legislators Ellner and Russo, Legislator Addonizio moved the following:

Legislator Montgomery thanked Kristen McConnell and Dr. Michael Schoolman for their years of service. She thanked all members of the Board of Health and welcomed the new appointees.

Chairwoman Sayegh thanked Dr. Schoolman for his decades of service to the Board of Health. She stated the members' willingness to volunteer is so appreciated.

RESOLUTION #338

APPROVAL – APPOINTMENTS – PUTNAM COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH

RESOLVED, that the following be Appointed to the Putnam County Board of Health:

Dr. Michael Nesheiwat, appointed to fill a vacant seat with an unexpired six (6) year term, said term to expire December 31, 2026.

Shelby Luce appointed to fill a vacant seat with an unexpired six (6) year term, said term to expire December 31, 2025.

And be it further

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

BY POLL VOTE: EIGHT AYES. LEGISLATOR BIRMINGHAM WAS ABSENT. MOTION CARRIES.

Item #6y – Approval – Lead Agency – SEQRA Determination – Putnam County Solid Waste Management Plan was next. On behalf of the members of the Health, Social, Educational & Environmental Committee, Legislators Ellner and Russo, Legislator Addonizio moved the following:

RESOLUTION #339

APPROVAL – LEAD AGENCY – SEQRA DETERMINATION – PUTNAM COUNTY SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT PLAN

WHEREAS, the Putnam County Legislature is considering the adoption of a Solid Waste Management Plan for the County of Putnam (hereinafter the “Updated Plan”), which is currently being revised and updated to cover the ten-year period from 2025 to 2034; and

WHEREAS, the Updated Plan will not involve the construction of any Material Recovery Facilities or Transfer Stations within Putnam County; and

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

WHEREAS, potential involved and/or interested agencies have been identified in connection with the proposed action; and

WHEREAS, a full Environmental Assessment Form (EAF) has been prepared for the proposed action, along with supporting documentation, which is attached hereto and made a part hereof; and

WHEREAS, the Putnam County Legislature, after review of the 6 NYCRR Part 617, finds that the proposed action is a Type I Action; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Putnam County Legislature hereby declares its intent to act as the Lead Agency under the procedures and requirements of SEQRA and will conduct a coordinated SEQRA environmental review of the proposed action; and be it further

RESOLVED, that this Resolution shall take effect immediately.

BY POLL VOTE: EIGHT AYES. LEGISLATOR BIRMINGHAM WAS ABSENT. MOTION CARRIES.

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

Item #6z – Approval – Budgetary Amendment (25A108) – Finance – Donation from Preserve Putnam County – Restoration of Sybil Ludington Statue was next.

RESOLUTION #340

APPROVAL – APPROVAL – BUDGETARY AMENDMENT (25A108) – FINANCE – DONATION FROM PRESERVE PUTNAM COUNTY -RESTORATION OF SYBIL LUDINGTON STATUE

WHEREAS, Commissioner of Finance requested a Budgetary Amendment (25A108) to adjust the capital budget to account for a donation from Preserve Putnam County to fund the restoration of the Sybil Ludington Statue; 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 52522	Sybil Statue Renovation	10,000
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Increase Estimated Revenues:

55197000 427051 52522	Outside Donations	10,000
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2025 Fiscal Impact – 0 –

2026 Fiscal Impact – 0 –

BY POLL VOTE: EIGHT AYES. LEGISLATOR BIRMINGHAM WAS ABSENT. MOTION CARRIES.

Item #6aa – Approval – Budgetary Amendment (25A111) – Finance – Putnam Golf Course Contracts was next.

RESOLUTION # 341

APPROVAL – BUDGETARY AMENDMENT (25A111) – FINANCE – PUTNAM GOLF COURSE CONTRACTS

WHEREAS, the Commissioner of Finance has requested a budgetary amendment (25A111) to fund the account for projected golf course activity through the end of the year; and

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

GENERAL FUND:

Increase Estimated Appropriations:

10085000 54646	Contracts – Putnam Golf Course	100,000
10085000 54646 10149	Contracts – Putnam Golf Course F & B	<u>250,000</u>
		350,000

Increase Estimated Revenues:

10085000 424011	Interest & Earnings	49,000
10085000 424011 10149	Interest & Earnings	30,000
10085000 420031	Income – Putnam Golf Course	51,000
10085000 420031 10149	Income – Putnam Golf Course F & B	<u>220,000</u>
		350,000

2025 Fiscal Impact – 0 –

2026 Fiscal Impact – 0 –

BY POLL VOTE: EIGHT AYES. LEGISLATOR BIRMINGHAM WAS ABSENT. MOTION CARRIES.

Item #6bb – Approval – Grant Application – Office for Senior Resources – New York State Department of Transportation FTA Section 5310 Grant Program was next.

RESOLUTION #342

APPROVAL – GRANT APPLICATION – OFFICE FOR SENIOR RESOURCES – NEW YORK STATE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FTA SECTION 5310 GRANT PROGRAM

WHEREAS, when County matching funds are required Section 5-1(D)(1) of the Putnam County Code requires the Legislature to approve all grant applications and subsequent renewals thereof prior to submission for all applications requiring County matching funds; and

WHEREAS, this Section also provides that in the case when time is of the essence and Legislature approval before submission is not possible, the Legislature shall be furnished the grant application for consideration by the next Full Legislature meeting; and

WHEREAS, the Putnam County Office for Senior Resources is seeking approval for a grant in the amount of \$736,586.00 under the New York State Department of

Transportation FTA Section 5310 Grant Program which requires a County matching fund of \$147,317.20; and

WHEREAS, this application submission is due by December 5, 2025 which may not be in a timely manner for approval of the Full Legislature; and

WHEREAS, this grant application was considered and approved by the Physical Services Committee of the Putnam County Legislature at its November 17, 2025 meeting; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Putnam County Legislature approves retroactively the application of the Office Senior Resources for a \$736,586.00 grant under the New York State Department of Transportation FTA Section 5310 Grant Program.

BY POLL VOTE: EIGHT AYES. LEGISLATOR BIRMINGHAM WAS ABSENT. MOTION CARRIES.

Item #6cc – Approval – Notice of Intent to Act as Lead Agency for SEQR Review – Donald B. Smith Campus Site Improvements was next.

RESOLUTION #343

APPROVAL – NOTICE OF INTENT TO ACT AS LEAD AGENCY FOR SEQR REVIEW – DONALD B. SMITH CAMPUS SITE IMPROVEMENTS

WHEREAS, the Putnam County Department of Public Works is proposing to construct various improvements to the site parking lot pavement, sidewalks, parking accommodations, site circulations and drainage located at 110 Old Route 6 in the Town of Carmel, Putnam County, New York; and

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

WHEREAS, potential involved and/or interested agencies have been identified in connection with the proposed action; and

WHEREAS, a short Environmental Assessment Form (EAF) has been prepared for the proposed action; and

WHEREAS, the Putnam County Legislature, after review of the 6 NYCRR Part 617, finds that the proposed action is an Unlisted Action; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Putnam County Legislature hereby declares its intent to act as the Lead Agency under the procedures and requirements of SEQRA and will conduct a coordinated SEQRA environmental review of the proposed action.

BY POLL VOTE: EIGHT AYES. LEGISLATOR BIRMINGHAM WAS ABSENT. MOTION CARRIES.

Item #6dd – Approval – Notice of Intent to Act as Lead Agency for SEQR Review – Tilly Foster Farm Conservation Easement Amendment was next.

RESOLUTION #344

APPROVAL – NOTICE OF INTENT TO ACT AS LEAD AGENCY FOR SEQR REVIEW – TILLY FOSTER FARM CONSERVATION EASEMENT AMENDMENT

WHEREAS, Putnam County and the Watershed Agricultural Council (“WAC”) wish to amend the Deed of Conservation Easement covering the Tilly Foster Farm (WAC Property #600), located on NYS Route 312 in the Town of Southeast, Putnam County, New York; and

WHEREAS, The County and WAC are proposing that the boundary lines of the existing Municipal Acceptable Development Area (MADA) be enlarged and that a new Acceptable Development Area (ADA) be created along the northern boundary of the MADA and along a certain portion of the road frontage of NYS Route 312; and

WHEREAS, the foregoing will result in the MADA being increased by 2.828 acres and the ADA area be increased by 0.628 acres; and

WHEREAS, in exchange, the County will add approximately 131 acres of presently unencumbered adjacent land to the Tilly Foster Farm, to be covered by the Deed of the Conservation Easement, which will be divided into Farm Area (FA) and Resource Protection Area (RPA), of which the RPA area will be 23.591 acres; and

WHEREAS, said property is undeveloped and contains a watercourse that flows directly into the NYC Middle Branch Reservoir; and

WHEREAS, no construction or physical alterations to the property will occur from the proposed action; and

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

WHEREAS, potential involved and/or interested agencies have been identified in connection with the proposed action; and

WHEREAS, a short Environmental Assessment Form (EAF) has been prepared for the proposed action; and

WHEREAS, the Putnam County Legislature, after review of the 6 NYCRR Part 617, finds that the proposed action is an Unlisted Action; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Putnam County Legislature hereby declares its intent to act as the Lead Agency under the procedures and requirements of SEQRA and will conduct a coordinated SEQRA environmental review of the proposed action.

BY POLL VOTE: EIGHT AYES. LEGISLATOR BIRMINGHAM WAS ABSENT. MOTION CARRIES.

Item #6ee – Approval –Support – Approve Continuing the Putnam County Parking and Transfer Program and the Intercity Bus/Mass Transportation Joint Service Agreement to Operate the Croton Falls Commuter Shuttle and Park & Ride Facilities was next. On behalf of the members of the Physical Services Committee, Legislators Crowley and Jonke Legislator Ellner moved the following:

RESOLUTION #345

SUPPORT – APPROVE CONTINUING THE PUTNAM COUNTY PARKING AND TRANSFER PROGRAM AND THE INTERCITY BUS/MASS TRANSPORTATION JOINT SERVICE AGREEMENT TO OPERATE THE CROTON FALLS COMMUTER SHUTTLE AND PARK & RIDE FACILITIES

WHEREAS, the County of Putnam and the New York State Department of Transportation entered into a Federal Aid Municipal Service Contract for the Putnam County Parking and Transfer Program encompassed by New York State Contract No. C017679 dated October 2, 2002, together with Supplemental Agreement Nos. 1, 2, 3 and 4 dated October 1, 2004, January 1, 2007, November 13, 2009, June 22, 2018 respectively, which have all now expired; and

WHEREAS, the County of Putnam and the New York State Department of Transportation entered into an Intercity Bus/Mass Transportation Joint Service Agreement in connection with the Putnam County Parking and Transfer Program, formerly Project ID Number 8822.84.12A, and Putnam County Croton Falls Commuter Shuttle, formerly Project ID Number 8822.44.12H, collectively Comptroller's Contract No. D035345 and Supplemental Agreement Nos. 1 through 5 dated August 10, 2016, November 24, 2017, June 22, 2018, and February 4, 2020 respectively, which have all now expired; and

WHEREAS, the County of Putnam and the New York State Department of Transportation entered into Supplemental Agreement No.1 to the Intercity Bus/Mass Transportation Joint Service Agreement No. C040127, formerly Project ID Number 8823.88, dated July 6, 2021, Contract No. C040392, formerly Project ID Number 8824.13, dated January 1, 2022, and subsequently Supplemental Agreement No. 1 dated January 1, 2023, which has now expired; and

WHEREAS, the County of Putnam and the New York State Department of Transportation continue their combined efforts to improve and enhance transportation services in Putnam County, such services provided by and through the Putnam Area Rapid Transit (PART) system, and includes, without limitation, expanding and/or making connections to the regional transit services network, as set forth in the Intercity Bus/Mass Transportation Joint Service Agreement No. C041573, collectively Project ID Number 8824.14, attached hereto as Schedule "A" and Schedule "B", which is fully executed and in effect January 1, 2025 through December 31, 2025; and

WHEREAS, the County of Putnam transportation system's continued operation of the Croton Falls Commuter Shuttle between Mahopac and Croton Falls will continue to improve, enhance, and expand transportation services in Putnam County in support of the aforesaid collaborative efforts between the County of Putnam and the New York State Department of Transportation; and

WHEREAS, the Putnam County Legislature, together with the County Executive, recommends and approves the continuation of the Putnam County Parking and Transfer Program and Putnam County transportation system to operate the Croton Falls Commuter Shuttle, as aforesaid; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the County of Putnam be and is hereby authorized to enter into the Intercity Bus/Mass Transportation Joint Service Supplemental Agreement No. 1 to C041573, attached hereto as Schedule "A," with the New York State Department of Transportation for the maintenance of the Park and Ride Lots in Putnam County and payment for passenger transfers between PART and other commuter transportation systems, as well as for the operation of the Croton Falls Commuter Shuttle, collectively Project ID Number 8824.14; and be it further

RESOLVED, that payments made to the County of Putnam under the Intercity Bus/Mass Transportation Joint Service Supplemental Agreement No. 1 to C041573 between the County of Putnam and the New York State Department of Transportation for the Putnam County Parking and Transfer Program shall not, except as otherwise may hereafter be agreed to between Putnam County and New York State, exceed \$287,000 in monthly or quarterly reimbursements for the period of January 1, 2026 through December

31, 2026, with a total contract amount of \$750,000; and be it further

RESOLVED, that payments made to the County of Putnam under the Intercity Bus/Mass Transportation Joint Service Agreement No. C041573 between Putnam County and New York State for the operation of the Park & Ride facilities for the period January 1, 2026 through December 31, 2026 or such period as otherwise may be agreed to between Putnam County and New York State, are not to exceed \$52,000 and be it further

RESOLVED, that payments to the County of Putnam under the Intercity Bus/Mass Transportation Joint Service Agreement No. C041573 between Putnam County and New York State for Marketing and Promotion for the period January 1, 2026 through December 31, 2026 or such period as otherwise may be agreed to between Putnam County and New York State up to \$33,000 and Connecting Services will be reimbursed up to \$3,000, and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Putnam County Legislature authorizes the County Executive, or his/her duly appointed designee, to take such actions and execute such documents as may be necessary and appropriate to effectuate the intents and purposes set forth above.

BY POLL VOTE: EIGHT AYES. LEGISLATOR BIRMINGHAM WAS ABSENT. MOTION CARRIES.

Item #6ff – Approval – Grant Application – Community Resiliency, Economic Sustainability, And Technology Program – Sybil Ludington Statue Restoration Project was next. On behalf of the members of the Physical Services Committee, Legislators Crowley and Jonke Legislator Ellner moved the following:

RESOLUTION #346

APPROVAL – GRANT APPLICATION – COMMUNITY RESILIENCY, ECONOMIC SUSTAINABILITY, AND TECHNOLOGY PROGRAM – SYBIL LUDINGTON STATUE RESTORATION PROJECT

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”) prior to 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 Community Resiliency, Economic Sustainability, and Technology Program (CREST) grant in the amount of \$50,000 administered by the Dormitory Authority of the State of New York (“DASNY”) for the restoration of the Sybil Ludington Statue; 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 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 \$50,000 grant administered through DASNY and awarded by the Community Resiliency, Economic Sustainability, and Technology (CREST) Program for the Project; and be it further

RESOLVED, that this resolution shall take effect immediately.

BY POLL VOTE: EIGHT AYES. LEGISLATOR BIRMINGHAM WAS ABSENT. MOTION CARRIES.

Item #6gg – Approval – Authorizing the Implementation, and Funding in the First Instance 100% Of the Federal-Aid and State-Aid Eligible Costs, of a Transportation Federal-Aid and/or State-Aid Transportation Project and Appropriating Funds - Culvert Replacement Program PIN 8762.97 was next. On behalf of the members of the Physical Services Committee, Legislators Crowley and Jonke Legislator Ellner moved the following:

RESOLUTION #347

AUTHORIZING THE IMPLEMENTATION, AND FUNDING IN THE FIRST INSTANCE 100% OF THE FEDERAL-AID AND STATE-AID ELIGIBLE COSTS, OF A TRANSPORTATION FEDERAL-AID AND/OR STATE-AID TRANSPORTATION PROJECT AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS - CULVERT REPLACEMENT PROGRAM PIN 8762.97

WHEREAS, a Project for the Putnam County Culvert Replacement Program in the Towns of Patterson and Carmel, PIN 8762.97 (the "Project") is eligible for funding under Title 23 U.S. Code, as amended, that calls for the apportionment of the costs such program to be borne at the ratio of 80% Federal funds and 20% non-federal funds; and

WHEREAS, the County of Putnam will design, let and construct the Project; and

WHEREAS, Putnam County desires to advance the Project by making a commitment of 100% of the federal and non-federal share of the costs of preliminary engineering, right-of-way incidentals, right-of-way acquisition, construction, construction inspection and construction supervision; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the County Legislature hereby approves the above-subject Project; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Putnam County Legislature hereby authorizes Putnam County to pay in the first instance 100% of the federal and non-federal share of the cost of preliminary engineering, right-of-way incidental, right-of-way acquisition, construction, construction inspection and construction supervision work for the Project or portions thereof; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the sum of \$2,900,000 is hereby appropriated and made available to cover the cost of participation in the above phases of the Project; and be it further

RESOLVED, that in the event the full federal and non-federal share costs of the project exceed the amount appropriated above, the Putnam County Legislature shall convene as soon as possible to appropriate said excess amount immediately upon the notification by the Putnam County Executive thereof; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Putnam County Executive be and is hereby authorized to execute all necessary Agreements, certifications or reimbursement requests for Federal Aid and/or State-Aid on behalf of Putnam County with the New York State Department of Transportation in connection with the advancement or approval of the Project and providing for the administration of the Project and the municipality's first instance funding of project costs and permanent funding of the local share of federal aid and state-aid eligible Project costs and all Project costs within appropriations therefore that are not so eligible; and be it further

RESOLVED, that in addition to the Putnam County Executive, the following

municipal titles: Commissioner of the Department of Public Works, Deputy Commissioner of the Department of Public Works, Supervisor of Planning & Design & Commissioner of Finance are also authorized to execute any necessary Agreements or certifications on behalf of the Municipality/Sponsor with NYSDOT in connection with the advancement or approval of the project identified in the State/Local Agreement; and be it further

RESOLVED, that a certified copy of this resolution be filed with the New York State Commissioner of Transportation by attaching it to any necessary Agreement in connection with the Project; and be it further

RESOLVED, this Resolution shall take effect immediately.

BY POLL VOTE: EIGHT AYES. LEGISLATOR BIRMINGHAM WAS ABSENT. MOTION CARRIES.

Item #6hh – Approval – Adoption SEQRA Negative Declaration – Approval Lease Agreement – Approval Land Use Zoning Exemption for the Facility (E911 Tower) was next. On behalf of the members of the Physical Services Committee, Legislators Crowley and Jonke Legislator Ellner moved the following:

RESOLUTION #348

APPROVAL – ADOPTION SEQRA NEGATIVE DECLARATION – APPROVAL LEASE AGREEMENT – APPROVAL LAND USE ZONING EXEMPTION FOR THE FACILITY (E911 Tower)

WHEREAS, the Town of Philipstown is the owner of the property located at 50 Fishkill Road, Cold Spring, New York (“Property”); and

WHEREAS, the County desires to use a portion of the Property for the installation of a 120-foot cellular monopole tower with the associated equipment shelter, backup generators and telecommunications equipment; and

WHEREAS, the County, working with Motorola, desires to use a portion of the Property to install the support structure and compound area necessary to accommodate the emergency telecommunications coverage needs of various County Emergency Service Departments; and

WHEREAS, the County and Motorola desire to enter into a public private partnership with the Town of Philipstown by entering into a lease agreement (“Agreement”), a copy of which is attached hereto as Schedule “A”, for the purpose of constructing the monopole tower and supporting equipment (the “Facility”), with County emergency service antennas located thereon all of which shall be situated on or within the lease parcel; and

WHEREAS, the property is subject to a conservation easement with the Open Space Institute (“OSI”), of whom the County has worked closely with to receive authorization/approval to construct the Facility thereon; and

WHEREAS, the Facility will provide and facilitate wireless telecommunication services essential for responding to accidents, natural disasters and for reporting medical emergencies and other dangers such as potential criminal activity; and

WHEREAS, the installation of a wireless communications facility and the approval of lease agreement thereof has been determined to be a SEQR Unlisted Action in accordance with the 6 NYCRR Part 617; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with the requirements of SEQRA, a full Environmental Assessment form (“EAF”), along with a natural resources inventory including wetlands

and endangered species, a Federal Aviation Administration ("FAA") aeronautical evaluation, a geotechnical evaluation, an antenna site Federal Communications Commission ("FCC") RF justification report, a Phase II environmental site assessment, and a visual resource evaluation were prepared to describe the potential environmental impacts associated with the project; and

WHEREAS, that unless otherwise objected to, the Putnam County Legislature previously declared, pursuant to Resolution #227 of 2024, their intent to serve as "lead agency" in accordance with 6 NYCRR Part 617.2; and

WHEREAS, the Putnam County Department of Planning on behalf of the Putnam County Legislature, circulated said notice to serve as lead agency along with the full EAF and above noted supporting documentation to all involved and/ or interested agencies on October 15, 2024 for the required minimum thirty (30) day period; and

WHEREAS, the Putnam County Legislature has received no objection with respect to its intent to act as lead agency with respect to the implementation of SEQRA, and therefore, assumes Lead Agency status herein with respect to this project; and

WHEREAS, based upon a careful review of the action as a whole, of the EAF, supporting documents and of the criteria set forth in 6 NYCRR Part 617.7(c), and after considering all of the public input that has been received, the Putnam County Legislature, as Lead Agency, has determined that the project will not result in any significant adverse environmental impacts; and

WHEREAS, it is recognized under New York State Law that counties are accorded certain "immunity" from local zoning regulations; and

WHEREAS, the leading New York Court of Appeals decision, Matter of County of Monroe v City of Rochester, 72 N.Y. 2d 338, 533 N.Y.S. 2d 702 ("Monroe"), establishes the "balancing of the interests" approach for determining whether a project should be accorded immunity from local zoning regulations; and

WHEREAS, Monroe permits the County to determine whether or not it is in the public interest to subject a particular project serving governmental interests to local zoning; and

WHEREAS, Monroe discusses the following nine (9) factors for consideration when balancing the interest of the public and the governmental entity:

- 1) The nature and scope of the instrumentality seeking immunity;
- 2) The encroaching governmental entity's legislative grant of authority;
- 3) The kind of function or land use involved;
- 4) The effect local land use regulation would have upon the enterprise concerned;
- 5) Alternative locations for the facility in less restrictive zoning areas;
- 6) The impact upon legitimate local interest;
- 7) Alternative methods of providing the proposed improvement;
- 8) The extent of the public interest to be served by the improvements; and
- 9) The intergovernmental participation in the project development process and an opportunity to be heard; and

WHEREAS, the County has analyzed each of the foregoing considerations to determine whether the Facility should be exempt from the local municipal zoning regulations and has determined that the Facility as proposed, should be exempt from such zoning regulations; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that after duly noticed public hearings upon the evidence adduced there as, it is found and determined that based upon a review of the foregoing considerations, the Putnam County Legislature has adopted the following findings of fact:

- 1) Pursuant to Section 3 of New York State County Law, the County is a municipal corporation of the State of New York. Among other things, the County

provides emergency and public safety protection to its residents. For example, the County operates an EMS department pursuant to Section 223-b of New York State County Law and a Sheriff's department pursuant to Article 17 of New York State County Law. Such departments rely heavily on wireless communications to protect the public health, safety and welfare. Reliable wireless communications are a critical resource that is necessary for the County to provide emergency and public safety protection. Therefore, the County is purely public in nature and is a governmental entity that provides an essential public service.

2) The Facility will be located within the municipal border of the Village of Nelsonville/Town of Philipstown ("Village" and "Town") and within the County of Putnam. Pursuant to Section 215 of the New York State County Law, the County has the authority to enter into a lease agreement with the Town. Pursuant to Section 3 of the New York State County Law, the County is a municipal corporation comprising the inhabitants within its boundaries and formed for the purpose of exercising such powers and discharging such duties of local government and administration of public affairs as may be imposed or conferred upon it by law.

3) The function or land use that is contemplated by the County under the lease agreement is a wireless communications facility (the "Facility"). The Facility will consist of a 120-foot cellular monopole tower with the associated equipment shelter, backup generators and telecommunications equipment. The County, working with Motorola, desires to use a portion of the Town-owned Property to install the support structure and compound area necessary to accommodate the emergency telecommunications coverage needs of various County Emergency Service Departments. The Facility will serve the public interest in that it allows the County public service and emergency service entities the ability to effectively communicate through the County E911 network. The Facility will also offer the general public and the County emergency service entities a wireless communications alternative particularly well suited for responding to accidents, natural disasters and for reporting medical emergencies and other dangers such as potential criminal activity.

4) Imposing local land use regulations on the proposed Facility would have the effect of unreasonably delaying an essential public need for immediate and effective emergency response and reliable wireless communications. It is the public policy of the United States "to make available so far as possible, to all people of the United State a rapid, efficient, nationwide and world-wide wire and radio communication service with adequate facilities at reasonable charges, for the purpose of national defense, for the purpose of promoting safety of life and property through the use of wire and radio communication...[.]" 47 U.S.C §151. The project will also further the goals and objectives established by Congress under the federal Telecommunications Act of 1996. The federal Telecommunications Act of 1996 is "an unusually important legislative enactment," establishing national public policy in favor of encouraging "rapid deployment of new telecommunications technologies (emphasis supplied)." *Reno v. ACLU*, 521 U.S. 844, 17 S. Ct.2329, 2337-38, 138 L.Ed.2d 874 (1997). The federal Telecommunications Act of 1996 builds upon the regulatory framework for commercial mobile (radio) services which Congress established in 1993. Indeed, since 1993, it has been the policy of the United States "to foster the growth and development of mobile services that, by their nature, operate without regard to state lines as an integral part of the national

telecommunication infrastructure.” H.R. Rep. No. 103-111, 103d Cong., 1st sess 260 (1993) (emphasis added). In 1999, Pub. L 106-81, 113 Stat. 1286 (the “911 Act”). The “911 Act” empowered the FCC to develop the regulations to make wireless 911 services available to all Americans. The express purpose of the Act, as articulated by Congress, was “to encourage and facilitate the prompt deployment throughout the United States of seamless, ubiquitous, and reliable end-to-end infrastructure for communications, including wireless communications, to meet the Nation’s public safety and other communications need” (emphasis added).

5) There are no alternative locations for the Facility in less restrictive zoning areas as such facilities are permitted in all Town zoning districts by conditional use permit. Moreover, the proposed location for the Facility at the subject Property is ideal in order to minimize aesthetic impacts to the greatest extent feasible based on the large size of the property and distance from neighboring uses, as demonstrated by the Visual Resource Evaluation. The Property already supports municipal operations and therefore, the location of the Facility on Town property will not be detrimental to the community. By siting the Facility at the proposed location, the County can ensure that there is adequate infrastructure in place for the location of emergency communication antennas. Moreover, the Facility is part of an overall County wide wireless communications network. The location of the Facility fits within the existing County wide network and remedies gaps in service that currently hamper emergency services communications.

6) The Facility will not have an adverse environmental or other impact on the public because the Facility will be sited on an existing town highway yard’s salt shed which has previous site disturbance. The Facility will benefit the public interest by providing essential services and by producing revenue for the County, while also providing critical infrastructure for County emergency wireless communications and public utility commercial wireless services and will be sited to minimize any potential adverse environmental impacts. The Facility will comply with all structural standards and will not adversely affect the health, safety or general welfare of the public. The Facility will not cause any harmful interference with the frequencies of any radio, television, telephone or other uses. The Facility will have no impact on pedestrian or vehicular traffic since the proposed use is unmanned requiring infrequent maintenance visits of approximately one per month. The Facility will not produce any smoke, gas, odor, heat, dust, noise above ambient levels, fumes, vibrations or flashing lights; the Facility will not generate solid waste, wastewater or sewage, will not require water supply or waste disposal, and will not attract insects, vermin or other vectors. Any human exposure to electromagnetic energy from the Facility even under “worst case” conditions, will be several orders of magnitude below the exposure limits established by the FCC, the American National Standards Institute, the Institute of Electronic and Electrical Engineers, the National Council on Radiation Protection and Measurements, and the New York State Department of Health. The Facility will not impact any wetlands and will not be located within any wetland buffers.

7) Due to the topography of the County, the proposed height of the Facility is necessary to provide reliable wireless communications services in the local area and support collocation thereby discouraging the proliferation of towers.

8) The Facility will protect and promote the public interest in that it will serve and benefit the entire community by providing the infrastructure necessary to offer the public a wireless telecommunications services essential for protecting public health, safety, and welfare, including the provision of enhance 911 services.

9) The zoning exemption contemplated by this resolution shall apply and extend to the commercial public utility antennas and related equipment located on or associated with the Facility consistent with the decision of the New York State Court of Appeals in the Matter of Crown Communication New York Inc., 4 N.Y.3d 159 (2005).

10) The Agreement with the Town is to utilize a portion of the Property for the installation of a 120-foot cellular monopole tower with the associated equipment shelter, backup generators and telecommunications equipment. The Town will benefit from the ability to place its communications equipment on the Facility. Moreover, the public private partnership will result in the County not being required to expend significant resources on the lease of property necessary for tower and supporting infrastructure.

11) The County Legislature has reviewed the Agreement and has conducted a public hearing. All Involved/ Interested Agencies, including the Village of Nelsonville and Town of Philipstown in which the Facility is located, have been notified of the proposal and offered the opportunity to comment; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Putnam County Legislature designates itself as "Lead Agency" in this matter, as defined in 6 NYCRR Part 617.2(u); and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Putnam County Legislature as "Lead Agency", hereby determines that the project will not have any significant adverse environmental impacts; and be it further

RESOLVED, that a Draft Environmental Impact Statement will not be prepared; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Putnam County Legislature, as "Lead Agency" hereby issues a Negative Declaration in connection with the project, a copy of which is attached hereto as Schedule "B", and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Agreement terms are agreeable to the County; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Putnam County Legislature approves the Agreement between the County and Town of Philipstown, in the document attached hereto and made a part hereof as Schedule "A", and that the Putnam County Executive is authorized to execute said Agreement, and be it further

RESOLVED, that the County Attorney is authorized to take whatever legal action is necessary to effectuate the Agreement between the County and Town in the manner approved herein; and be it further

RESOLVED, that based upon the foregoing balancing of interest, it is not in the public interest to subject the Facility to local zoning land use regulations.

BY POLL VOTE: EIGHT AYES. LEGISLATOR BIRMINGHAM WAS ABSENT. MOTION CARRIES.

Item #6ii – Approval – Request the New York State Legislature prepare and introduce the

necessary alienation legislation that would enable the County of Putnam to transfer Town of Philipstown- Parkland TM # 83.14-1-10, 83.14-1-11, and 83.14-1-15; to Hudson Highlands Land Trust for E911 Tower -Planning Department was next. On behalf of the members of the Physical Services Committee, Legislators Crowley and Jonke Legislator Ellner moved the following:

RESOLUTION #349

APPROVAL – REQUEST THE NYS LEGISLATURE PREPARE AND INTRODUCE THE NECESSARY ALIENATION LEGISLATION THAT WOULD ENABLE THE COUNTY OF PUTNAM TO TRANSFER TOWN OF PHILIPSTOWN- PARKLAND TM # 83.14-1-10, 83.14-1-11, AND 83.14-1-15; TO HUDSON HIGHLANDS LAND TRUST FOR E911 TOWER

WHEREAS, the Town of Philipstown is owner in fee of approximately 2.591 acres of land situate in the Village of Nelsonville, Town of Philipstown, Putnam County, State of New York identified as Tax Map No. 38.14-1-28 (the “Property”); and

WHEREAS, the Town granted to Open Space Conservancy, Inc., now known as Open Space Institute Land Trust, Inc., a conservation easement dated February 18, 2004, and recorded in the Putnam County Clerk’s Office at Liber 1660, Page 25 (“Conservation Easement”) encumbering the Property; and

WHEREAS, the Conservation Easement sets forth as its purpose to “maintain the current use of the Property for municipal highway department purposes, and to prohibit other uses of the Property unless such use receives the prior written approval of the Grantee; and

WHEREAS, the County desires to construct and operate a non-commercial 120-foot tall radio transmission tower and supporting structures (hereinafter the “Facility”), on the Property for the purpose of enhancing critical emergency communications in the Town of Philipstown and surrounding area, which communications are currently severely limited; and

WHEREAS, the Town is willing to allow the County to construct and operate the Facility on the Property for the said purpose; and

WHEREAS, the County has demonstrated that the most appropriate location for the Facility in the Town of Philipstown and surrounding area is on the Property; and

WHEREAS, the language of the Conservation Easement does not permit the construction and operation of the proposed Facility; and

WHEREAS, the Town and County have requested an amendment to the Conservation Easement to allow the Property to be used for the purpose of constructing, leasing and operating the Facility on the Property; and

WHEREAS, OSILT agrees that enhancing area-wide emergency communications is an essential municipal and county function and that use of a portion of the Property for the Facility satisfies a critical public need; and

WHEREAS, to offset the construction of the Facility both the Town and County have agreed to transfer municipally owned parcels of land totaling approximately 18 acres to HHLT to become part of the land trust’s Canopus Creek Preserve; and

WHEREAS, HHLT is a land trust accredited by the Land Trust Accreditation Commission and conserves land throughout the Hudson Highlands of New York State, including land situated in the Town of Philipstown, Putnam County, New York; and

WHEREAS, OSILT’s Board of Trustees has approved amending the Conservation Easement to allow the construction, operation and leasing of the Facility on the Property because of the important public need and that 18 acres of land to be donated to HHLT to become part of HHLT’s Canopus Creek Preserve; and

WHEREAS, the County parcels to be conveyed to HHLT total approximately 4.63 acres and are designated and described as Town of Philipstown TM # 83.14-1-7, 83.14-1-10, 83.14-1-11, and 83.14-1-15; and

WHEREAS, three (3) of those parcels, Town of Philipstown TM # 83.14-1-10, 83.14-1-11, and 83.14-1-15, were previously designated as public parkland; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Putnam County Legislature does hereby request the New York State Legislature to prepare and introduce the necessary alienation legislation that would enable the County of Putnam to transfer Town of Philipstown TM # 83.14-1-10, 83.14-1-11, and 83.14-1-15; to HHLT; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Putnam County Legislature hereby directs its Clerk to transmit copies of this Resolution to each member of the New York State Legislature that represents any portion of the County of Putnam and to the Speaker of the State of New York Assembly and to the Majority Leader of the New York State Senate.

BY POLL VOTE: EIGHT AYES. LEGISLATOR BIRMINGHAM WAS ABSENT. MOTION CARRIES.

Item #6jj – Approval – Transfer of Certain Real Property Owned by the County of Putnam to Hudson Highlands Trust (E911 Tower) was next. On behalf of the members of the Physical Services Committee, Legislators Crowley and Jonke Legislator Ellner moved the following:

RESOLUTION #350

APPROVAL – TRANSFER OF CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY OWNED BY THE COUNTY OF PUTNAM TO HUDSON HIGHLANDS TRUST (E911 Tower)

WHEREAS, the Town of Philipstown owns certain property in the Village of Nelsonville Putnam County, New York, which is used as a Highway Department Garage; and

WHEREAS, the County of Putnam and the Town of Philipstown propose to construct an emergency communications tower on the said property; and

WHEREAS, the said property is subject to a conservation easement held by the Open Space Conservatory, Inc., now known as the Open Space Institute Land Trust, Inc. (hereinafter OSILT); and

WHEREAS, the conservation easement does not currently permit construction of an emergency communications tower on the said property; and

WHEREAS, in consideration for waiving the restrictions of the conservation easement and allowing the emergency communications tower to be built on said property, OSILT has requested that certain parcels of vacant real property owned by the County of Putnam (Tax Lots Section 8.14, Block 1, Lots 7, 10, 11 & 15) and that certain parcels of vacant real property owned by the Town (Tax Lots Section 83.14, Block 1, Lots 4, 5, 6, 8, 9, 12, 13, 14, 16, 17, 18, 19, & 20), amounting in total to approximately 18.4 acres, be conserved in perpetuity through transfer of title of those lots to the Hudson Highlands Trust ("HHLT") as an extension of its adjacent Canopus Creek Preserve; and

WHEREAS, the Legislature has reviewed the parcels at issue that are owned by the County of Putnam and finds that they do not serve any present or intended future municipal use except for green space, and may be declared surplus; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Putnam County Legislature hereby declares the lots owned by the County of Putnam, identified by tax map identification numbers 83.14-1-7, 83.14-1-10, 83.14-1-11, and 83.14-1-15 to be surplus; and be it further

RESOLVED, that transfer of title of the said lots to HHLT constitutes fair and adequate consideration for waiver of the restrictions of the conservation easement on the Town's aforesaid property to allow for construction of the proposed emergency communications tower; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Putnam County Legislature hereby authorizes the County Executive to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding with OSILT, HHLT and the Town providing for the waiver of the restrictions of the conservation easement on the Town's aforesaid property to allow for construction of the proposed emergency communications tower, and the transfer of title to the aforesaid lots to HHLT, a copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit "A"; and be it further

RESOLVED, that pursuant to Section 31-8(B) of the Putnam County Code, the Putnam County Legislature approves the transfer of the lots identified by tax map numbers 83.14-1-7, 83.14-1-10, 83.14-1-11, and 83.14-1-15 to HHLT; and be it further

RESOLVED, that said transfer shall be subject to and conditioned upon the County obtaining all necessary and required legislation and approvals as may be required for the alienation of public parkland; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Putnam County Legislature hereby authorizes the County Executive to execute a deed or deeds for transfer of title to said lots to HHLT, appropriate recording documents, and any and all documents necessary to effectuate the terms of this resolution; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the aforementioned lots shall be conveyed to HHLT in an "as is" condition by Quitclaim deed; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Putnam County Attorney is authorized to take whatever legal action is necessary to effectuate the transfer as herein approved; and be it further

RESOLVED, that this Resolution shall take effect immediately.

BY POLL VOTE: EIGHT AYES. LEGISLATOR BIRMINGHAM WAS ABSENT. MOTION CARRIES.

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

Item #6kk – Approval – Re-Appointments & Appointment – Putnam County Industrial Development Agency Board was next.

Legislator Montgomery welcomed new IDA Board member James Hartford. She stated she hopes some meetings can be held on the western side of the County.

Chairwoman Sayegh thanked the volunteers for their service and dedication to Putnam County.

Legislator Addonizio stated her appreciation for the volunteers as well.

RESOLUTION #351

APPROVAL – RE-APPOINTMENTS AND APPOINTMENT – PUTNAM COUNTY INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AGENCY BOARD

RESOLVED, that the following be Re-Appointed to the Putnam County Industrial Development Agency:

Edward P. Cooke, Town of Carmel, for a three (3) year term; from January 1, 2026, to expire December 31, 2028.

William Nulk, Town of Kent, for a three (3) year term; from January 1, 2026, to expire December 31, 2028.

RESOLVED, that the following be Appointed to the Putnam County Industrial Development Agency:

James Hartford, Town of Philipstown, appointed to fill an unexpired three (3) year term, said to expire December 31, 2025 and be appointed to the three (3) year term; from January 1, 2026 to expire December 31, 2028.

And be it further

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

BY POLL VOTE: EIGHT AYES. LEGISLATOR BIRMINGHAM WAS ABSENT. MOTION CARRIES.

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

Item #6LL – Approval – Budgetary Amendment (25A107) – Bureau of Emergency Services-Flooring and Dispatcher Overtime was next. (Reviewed by the Personnel and Physical Services Committees)

RESOLUTION #352

APPROVAL – BUDGETARY AMENDMENT (25A107) – BUREAU OF EMERGENCY SERVICES (BES) - FLOORING AND DISPATCHER OVERTIME

WHEREAS, the Acting Commissioner of Bureau of Emergency Services requested a Budgetary Amendment (25A107) to fund the improvement to the flooring in the lobby of the BES and cover Dispatcher Overtime for the remainder of 2025; and

WHEREAS, the Personnel, Physical Services and Audit & Administration Committees have 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	25,000
13398900 51093	Overtime	84,000
13398900 58002	FICA	<u>6,426</u>

		115,426
Decrease Estimated Appropriations:		
10398900 54710	Maintenance & Repairs	25,000
10199000 54980	Contingency	90,426
		115,426

CAPITAL FUND:

Increase Estimated Appropriations:

55197000 532201 51509	CP - Flooring	25,000
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Increase Estimated Revenues:

55197000 428601 51509	Transfer From General Fund	25,000
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2025 Fiscal Impact – 90,426 –

2026 Fiscal Impact – 0 –

BY POLL VOTE: EIGHT AYES. LEGISLATOR BIRMINGHAM WAS ABSENT. MOTION CARRIES.

Item #6mm – Approval – Budgetary Amendment (25A109) – Department of I.T. & G.I.S – New Phone System – Utilizing Microsoft Teams was next.

RESOLUTION #353

APPROVAL – BUDGETARY AMENDMENT (25A109) – DEPARTMENT OF I.T. & G.I.S –NEW PHONE SYSTEM – UTILIZING MICROSOFT TEAMS

WHEREAS, the Director of Department of I.T. & G.I.S. requested a Budgetary Amendment (25A109) to fund the implementation of a new phone system utilizing Microsoft Teams; 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	178,970
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Decrease Estimated Appropriations:

10199000 54980	Contingency	178,970
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CAPITAL FUND:

Increase Estimated Appropriations:

55197000 53000 52523	County Wide Telephone System	178,970
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Increase Estimated Revenues:

55197000 428601 52523	Transfer From General Fund	178,970
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2025 Fiscal Impact – 178,970 –

2026 Fiscal Impact – 0 –

BY POLL VOTE: EIGHT AYES. LEGISLATOR BIRMINGHAM WAS ABSENT. MOTION CARRIES.

Item #6nn – Approval – Budgetary Amendment (25A114) – 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 #354

APPROVAL – BUDGETARY AMENDMENT (25A114) – FINANCE – INDIGENT LEGAL SERVICES

WHEREAS, the Commissioner of Finance has requested a budgetary amendment (25A114) to fund mandated Legal Services to indigent persons pursuant to County Law; 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:

25117100 54125	Legal Services – 18B	200,000
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Increase Estimated Revenues:

25117100 430251	State Aid – ILSF	100,000
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Decrease Estimated Appropriations:

10199000 54980	Contingency	100,000
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**2025 Fiscal Impact – \$100,000 –
2026 Fiscal Impact – 0 –**

BY POLL VOTE: EIGHT AYES. LEGISLATOR BIRMINGHAM WAS ABSENT. MOTION CARRIES.

Item #6oo – Approval – Budgetary Amendment (25A115) – Sheriff's Office –Purchase Microwaves – Correctional Facility- Inmate Commissary Funds was next. On behalf of the members of the Audit & Administration Committee, Legislators Birmingham and Crowley, Chairwoman Sayegh moved the following:

RESOLUTION #355

APPROVAL – BUDGETARY AMENDMENT (25A115) – SHERIFF'S OFFICE – PURCHASE MICROWAVES – CORRECTIONAL FACILITY – INMATE COMMISSARY FUNDS

WHEREAS, the Sheriff has requested a budgetary amendment (25A115) to use the Inmate Commissary Account to fund the purchase of microwaves for use by the inmates in the Correctional Facility; 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 Revenue:

10010000 427701	Sheriff – Jail Food – Unclassified	989.05
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Increase Appropriations:

10010000 52170	Sheriff – Jail Food – Kitchen Equipment	989.05
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2025 Fiscal Impact – 0–

2026 Fiscal Impact – 0 –

BY POLL VOTE: EIGHT AYES. LEGISLATOR BIRMINGHAM WAS ABSENT. MOTION CARRIES.

Item #6pp – Approval – Budgetary Amendment (25A116) – Sheriff's Office – Purchase Televisions – Correctional Facility – Inmate Commissary Funds was next. On behalf of the members of the Audit & Administration Committee, Legislators Birmingham and Crowley, Chairwoman Sayegh moved the following:

RESOLUTION #356

APPROVAL – BUDGETARY AMENDMENT (25A116) – SHERIFF'S OFFICE – PURCHASE TELEVISIONS – CORRECTIONAL FACILITY- INMATE COMMISSARY FUNDS

WHEREAS, the Sheriff has requested a budgetary amendment (25A116) to use the Inmate Commissary Account to fund the purchase of televisions for use by the inmates in the Correctional Facility; 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 Revenue:

10315000 427701	Sheriff-Jail - Unclassified	1,315.30
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Increase Appropriations:

10315000 52140	Sheriff-Jail – Audio Visual Equipment	1,315.30
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2025 Fiscal Impact – 0 –

2026 Fiscal Impact – 0 –

BY POLL VOTE: EIGHT AYES. LEGISLATOR BIRMINGHAM WAS ABSENT. MOTION CARRIES.

Item #6qq – Approval – Budgetary Amendment (25A118) – Sheriff’s Office – Purchase Two Senior Office Assistant Stations – Correctional Facility – T-Commission Reserve Funds was next. On behalf of the members of the Audit & Administration Committee, Legislators Birmingham and Crowley, Chairwoman Sayegh moved the following:

RESOLUTION #357

APPROVAL – BUDGETARY AMENDMENT (25A118) – SHERIFF’S OFFICE –TWO SENIOR OFFICE ASSISTANT STATIONS – CORRECTIONAL FACILITY – T-COMMISSION RESERVE FUNDS

WHEREAS, the Sheriff has requested a budgetary amendment (25A118) to use the T – Commission Reserve funds to purchase two (2) Senior Office Assistant Stations – Correctional Facility; 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 Revenue:

10315000 426605	Jail – Inmate T-Comm Use of Reserve	12,272.03
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Increase Appropriations:

10315000 52610	Jail – Furniture & Furnishings	12,272.03
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2025 Fiscal Impact – 0 –

2026 Fiscal Impact – 0 –

BY POLL VOTE: EIGHT AYES. LEGISLATOR BIRMINGHAM WAS ABSENT. MOTION CARRIES.

Item #6rr – Approval – Budgetary Amendment (25A119) – Sheriff’s Office – Purchase Eight Security Cameras – Correctional Facility – T-Commission Reserve Funds was next. On behalf of the members of the Audit & Administration Committee, Legislators Birmingham and Crowley, Chairwoman Sayegh moved the following:

RESOLUTION #358

APPROVAL – BUDGETARY AMENDMENT (25A119) – SHERIFF’S OFFICE – PURCHASE EIGHT SECURITY CAMERAS – CORRECTIONAL FACILITY – T-COMMISSION RESERVE FUNDS

WHEREAS, the Sheriff has requested a budgetary amendment (25A119) to use the T – Commission Reserve funds to purchase eight (8) security cameras for the Correctional Facility; 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 Revenue:

10315000 426605	Jail – Inmate T-Comm Use of Reserve	27,513.93
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Increase Appropriations:

10315000 52140	Jail – Audio Visual Equipment	27,513.93
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2025 Fiscal Impact – 0 –

2026 Fiscal Impact – 0 –

BY POLL VOTE: EIGHT AYES. LEGISLATOR BIRMINGHAM WAS ABSENT. MOTION CARRIES.

Item #6ss – Approval – Budgetary Transfer (25T432) – Finance – Public Information Officers Stipends – Subcontingency was next.

RESOLUTION #359

APPROVAL – BUDGETARY TRANSFER (25T432) – FINANCE – PUBLIC INFORMATION OFFICERS STIPENDS – SUBCONTINGENCY

WHEREAS, the Commissioner of Finance requested budgetary transfer (25T432) to allocate for the three (3) Public Information Officer (PIO) Stipends from subcontingency; and

WHEREAS, the Personnel Committee discussed and requested said action; and

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

RESOLVED, that the following budgetary transfer be made:

Increase Estimated Appropriations:

10398900 51000 (121)	PIO Stipend	2,500
10398900 51000 (122)	PIO Stipend	2,500
10398900 51000 (123)	PIO Stipend	2,500
10398900 58002	FICA	<u>572</u>
		8,072

Decrease Estimated Appropriations:

10199000 54987	Sub Contingency	8,072
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2025 Fiscal Impact – 0 –

2026 Fiscal Impact – 0 –

BY POLL VOTE: EIGHT AYES. LEGISLATOR BIRMINGHAM WAS ABSENT. MOTION CARRIES.

Item #7 – Other Business – None

Item #8 – Recognition of Public on Agenda Items

There were no members of the public wishing to be recognized.

Item #9 – Recognition of Legislators

Legislator Gouldman stated this is the last Full Legislative Meeting for two of his colleagues, Legislator Jonke and Legislator Ellner. He stated they have both served with body with distinction. He stated there have been agreements and disagreements over the years and if there were no disagreements, we would not be doing the People's work. He stated it has been an honor to serve alongside Legislator Jonke and Legislator Ellner and wished them the best of luck. He wished everyone Happy Holidays and a happy and healthy New Year.

Legislator Montgomery stated it has been interesting, fun, and robust serving with Legislator Jonke and she wished him the best of luck. She stated she appreciated Legislator Ellner's confidence in her.

Legislator Addonizio stated it has been a pleasure working with Legislator Jonke and Legislator Ellner and they will be missed.

Legislator Crowley thanked Legislator Jonke and Legislator Ellner for their years of service to Putnam County. She wished everyone a Happy Holiday season.

Legislator Russo wished Legislator Ellner and Legislator Jonke well.

Chairwoman Sayegh acknowledged the students attending this evening's meeting and questioned if they were here for a class.

The students stated they attend Mahopac High School and confirmed they are here for an assignment from the Public Policy class.

Chairwoman Sayegh stated she is happy to see the younger generation coming out to learn more about their government and requested that the students come up and introduce themselves.

The students came up to the microphone and introduced themselves individually.

Chairwoman Sayegh thanked the students and applauded their attendance here this evening.

Chairwoman Sayegh thanked Legislator Jonke and Legislator Ellner for their service to the County. She stated she has learned a great deal from each of them and she is sorry to see them go.

Legislator Jonke thanked everyone for their kind words. He thanked the staff for their work over the past nine (9) years; he has worked in government for 37 years and this staff is the best of the best. He stated during his nine (9) years on the Legislature he has worked to protect the integrity and independence of this branch of government. He stated he has been fortunate to serve on the Protective Services Committee, including as Chairman, to work for the protection of the residents of Putnam County. He stated he hopes the future Legislature continues to protect the integrity of this separate branch of government.

Legislator Ellner stated he has been proud to serve on the Legislature. He stated this past year he was happy that 10 more miles of road was paved than had ever been done in the history of Putnam County. He wished everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy Hanukkah and good health. He stated it has been a pleasure serving with everyone, including the Legislative and Audit staff.

Item #10 – Adjournment

There being no further business at 7:00pm, Chairwoman Sayegh made a motion to adjourn; Seconded by Legislator Ellner. All in favor.

Respectfully submitted by Deputy Clerk, Beth Robinson.

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Greg E. Ellner	Dist. 5
Paul E. Jonke	Dist. 6
Daniel G. Birmingham	Dist. 7
Amy E. Sayegh	Dist. 8
Erin L. Crowley	Dist. 9

REVISED
(mtg. date changed to Wed. 12-3-25, due to pending winter storm)
REGULAR MEETING
OF THE
PUTNAM COUNTY LEGISLATURE
TO BE HELD IN THE
HISTORIC COURTHOUSE
CARMEL, NEW YORK 10512

Wednesday **December 3, 2025** **7:00 P.M.**

1. **Pledge of Allegiance**
2. **Legislative Prayer**
3. **Roll Call**

PROCLAMATIONS

Putnam Valley High School Varsity Cheer Team

Recognizing - Diane Schonfeld

4. **Acceptance of Minutes – Regular Mtg – April 1, 2025**
Special Mtg – April 24, 2025
Regular Mtg - September 2, 2025
Special Mtg – September 29, 2025
5. **Correspondence**
 - a) **County Auditor**
6. **Pre-filed resolutions:**

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

- 6a. **Approval – Budgetary Amendment (25A096) – Finance Department – Account For American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA)**

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

- 6b. **Approval – Budgetary Amendment (25A110) – Putnam County Sheriff's Office Personnel Transport Van- Utilize Federally Seized Asset Forfeiture Funds**
- 6c. **Approval – Fund Transfer (25T358) – Putnam County Sheriff's Office- Corrections- Purchase Evac Smoke/Fire Hoods Model E900**
- 6d. **Approval - Fund Transfer (25T363) – Putnam County Sheriff's Office- Corrections- Purchase Bullet Proof Vests**
- 6e. **Approval – Fund Transfer (25T365) – Putnam County Sheriff's Office- Corrections- Purchase Safety Restraint Chair**

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE
(Chairman Jonke, Legislators Addonizio & Gouldman)

- 6f. **Approval – Fund Transfer (25T384) – Department of Social Services – Administrative Services Increase Overtime**
- 6g. **Approval – Amendment of the Putnam County Employee Health Insurance Contribution Rate- County Executive's Employee Health Insurance Contribution Review Committee**
- 6h. **Approval – Local Law Establishing The 2026 Salary Of Certain Elected Officials Serving For Fixed Terms**
- 6i. **Approval - Local Law Establishing The 2026 Salaries Of Certain Appointed Officers Serving For Fixed**
- 6j. **Approval – Financial Disclosure List For The Year 2026 Filing Recommended By The Putnam County Personnel Officer Pursuant To Code Section 55-7**

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

- 6k. Approval – Budgetary Amendment (25A102) – County Historian- Purchase William S. Pelletreau’s “History of Putnam County”**
- 6L. Approval – Budgetary Amendment (25A105) – Health Department – Early Learning Center (ELC) – Staffing for Universal Pre- Kindergarten**
- 6m. Approval – Budgetary Amendment (25A106) – Health Department – Early Learning Center (ELC) – Special Education Itinerant Services Provided**
- 6n. Approval – Budgetary Amendment (25A112) – Department Mental Health, Social Services, and Youth Bureau – Mental Health Budget – Opioid Settlement Trust Funds**
- 6o. Approval – Budgetary Amendment (25A113) – Department Mental Health, Social Services, and Youth Bureau – Mental Health Budget – Adjusted State Aid Levels**
- 6p. Approval – Fund Transfer (25T398) – Health Department – Early Intervention – Itinerant Services**
- 6q. Approval – Fund Transfer (25T400) – Health Department – Pre-School – Parent Travel**
- 6r. Approval – Fund Transfer (25T401) – Health Department – Pre-School – Special Education**
- 6s. Approval – Fund Transfer (25T403) – Health Department – Pre-School – Care at Private Institution**
- 6t. Approval – Fund Transfer (25T412) – Department of Social Services – Day Care**
- 6u. Approval – Fund Transfer (25T413) – Department of Social Services – Day Care and Committee on Special Education**
- 6v. Approval – Fund Transfer (25T414) – Department of Social Services –Committee on Special Education**
- 6w. Approval – Fund Transfer (25T415) – Department of Social Services –Payments to Recipients Safety Net**
- 6x. Approval –Appointments – Putnam County Board of Health**
- 6y. Approval – Lead Agency/ SEQRA Determination/Putnam County Solid Waste Management Plan**

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

- 6z. Approval – Budgetary Amendment (25A108) – Finance – donation from Preserve Putnam County -Restoration of Sybil Ludington Statue**
- 6aa. Approval – Budgetary Amendment (25A111) – Finance – Putnam Golf Course Contracts**
- 6bb. Approval – Grant Application/Office For Senior Resources/New York State Department Of Transportation FTA Section 5310 Grant Program**
- 6cc. Approval - Notice Of Intent To Act As Lead Agency For SEQR Review/ Donald B. Smith Campus Site Improvements**
- 6dd. Approval - Notice Of Intent To Act As Lead Agency For SEQR Review/Tilly Foster Farm Conservation Easement Amendment**
- 6ee. Approval –Support/ Approve Continuing the Putnam County Parking and Transfer Program and the Intercity Bus/ Mass Transportation Joint Service Agreement to Operate the Croton Falls Commuter Shuttle and Park & Ride Facilities**
- 6ff. Approval – Grant Application/ Community Resiliency, Economic Sustainability, And Technology Program /Sybil Ludington Statue Restoration Project**
- 6gg. Approval – Authorizing The Implementation, And Funding In The First Instance 100% Of The Federal-Aid And State-Aid Eligible Costs, Of A Transportation Federal-Aid and/or State-Aid Transportation Project And Appropriating Funds - Culvert Replacement Program PIN 8762.97**
- 6hh. Approval – Adoption SEQRA Negative Declaration/ Approval Lease Agreement/ Approval Land Use Zoning Exemption For The Facility (E911 Tower)**
- 6ii. Approval – Request the New York State Legislature prepare and introduce the necessary alienation legislation that would enable the County of Putnam to transfer Town of Philipstown- Parkland TM # 83.14-1-10, 83.14-1-11, and 83.14-1-15; to Hudson Highlands Land Trust for E911 Tower -Planning Department**
- 6jj. Approval – Transfer Of Certain Real Property Owned By The County Of Putnam To Hudson Highlands Trust (E911 Tower)**

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

- 6kk. Approval/ Re-Appointments & Appointment / Putnam County Industrial Development Agency Board**

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

- 6LL. Approval – Budgetary Amendment (25A107) – Bureau of Emergency Services-
Flooring and Dispatcher Overtime (Reviewed by the Personnel and Physical Services
Committees)**
- 6mm. Approval – Budgetary Amendment (25A109) – Department of I.T. & G.I.S –New
Phone System- Utilizing Microsoft Teams**
- 6nn. Approval - Budgetary Amendment (25A114) – Finance – Legal Aid Society –
Indigent Legal Services**
- 6oo. Approval - Budgetary Amendment (25A115) – Sheriff’s Office –Purchase
Microwaves – Correctional Facility- Inmate Commissary Funds**
- 6pp. Approval - Budgetary Amendment (25A116) – Sheriff’s Office –Purchase Televisions
– Correctional Facility- Inmate Commissary Funds**
- 6qq. Approval - Budgetary Amendment (25A118) – Sheriff’s Office – Purchase Two
Senior Office Assistant Stations – Correctional Facility – T-Commission Reserve
Funds**
- 6rr. Approval - Budgetary Amendment (25A119) – Sheriff’s Office – Purchase Eight
Security Cameras – Correctional Facility – T-Commission Reserve Funds**
- 6ss. Approval - Budgetary Transfer (25T432) – Finance – Public Information Officers
Stipends – Subcontingency**

- 7. Other Business**
- 8. Recognition of Public on Agenda Items**
- 9. Recognition of Legislators**
- 10. Adjournment**

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#5a.

TO: Putnam County Legislature

FROM: Michele Alfano-Sharkey
County Auditor *(MAS)*

DATE: July 28, 2026

RE: Refund of Taxes

This is the report for July 28, 2026 provided by Real
Property Tax Law- Section 554 and 556.

There was no activity during this reporting period.

#6a

Committee: **Rules** Resolution # _____
Introduced By _____ Regular Mtg: August 4, 2026
Seconded By _____ Special Mtg _____

APPROVAL/TOWN OF KENT SALES TAX FUNDING REALLOCATION

WHEREAS, the Town of Kent was allocated a total of \$1,320,801 of American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) and Sales Tax funding pursuant to Resolutions No. 133 and No. 134 of 2022; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Kent requested a reallocation of this funding pursuant to Resolutions No. 120 and No. 370 of 2024; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Kent has requested that the use of the Sales Tax funds originally approved for the Town Hall Renovation Project pursuant to Resolutions No. 134 of 2022, No. 120 and No. 370 of 2024 be further modified to provide that \$517,750 be reallocated to another project, the Huestis Park Improvement Project; and

WHEREAS, the Huestis Park Improvement Project is a shovel-ready project that will enhance one of the community's most heavily used recreational facilities; and

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

WHEREAS, the County Executive has reviewed said reallocation; and

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

WHEREAS, the Legislature recognizes it previously passed Resolution 134 of 2022 which had a deadline of June 30, 2026, and a discretionary clawback provision; and

ROLL CALL VOTE	YES	NO	YES	NO	YES	NO	YES	NO
Legislator Addonizio								
Legislator Crowley								
Legislator D'Angelo								
Legislator Gouldman								
Legislator Montgomery								
Legislator Regan								
Legislator Russo								
Legislator Sayegh								
Chairman Birmingham								

WHEREAS, the Legislature finds there is good cause shown to extend that deadline consistent with the negotiated contract among the parties and decline to exercise that clawback provision; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that as to the instant matter only, the terms of Resolution 134 of 2022 are superseded by the terms of the contract #2023022 between the County of Putnam and the Town of Kent that is attached hereto as Schedule A, and it is further

RESOLVED, that the claw back provision of Resolution #134 of 2022 will therefore not be enforced; and it is further

RESOLVED, that the Putnam County Legislature approves and authorizes the Town of Kent Sales Tax funding of \$517,750 originally allocated to the Town Hall Renovation Project pursuant to Resolutions No. 134 of 2022, No. 120 and No. 370 of 2024 to be expended on the Huestis Park Improvement Project; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the distribution of said funds shall be contingent upon the receiving municipality executing an intermunicipal agreement with Putnam County, as prepared by the Putnam County Attorney, and executed by the Putnam County Executive including such terms as described further in Resolution No. 134 of 2022.

#66

Committee: **Rules** _____ Resolution # _____
Introduced By _____ Regular Mtg: August 4, 2026
Seconded By _____ Special Mtg _____

APPROVAL/ LOCAL LAW TO AMEND THE CODE OF THE COUNTY OF PUTNAM BY ADDING SUBSECTION E TO CHAPTER 222, ENTITLED "TRANSPARENCY ACT"

A LOCAL LAW TO AMEND THE CODE OF THE COUNTY OF PUTNAM BY ADDING SUBSECTION E TO CHAPTER 222, ENTITLED "TRANSPARENCY ACT"

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the County of Putnam as follows:

Section I.

Chapter 222 of the Code of the County of Putnam is hereby supplemented to add a subsection E as provided hereinafter:

**CHAPTER 222
TRANSPARENCY ACT**

§ 222-1 Title.

§ 222-2 Legislative intent.

§ 222-3 Electronic public access to meetings and information.

§ 222-4 Severability.

§ 222-1 Title.

This chapter of the Code of Putnam County shall be entitled and known as the "Transparency Act."

§ 222-2 Legislative intent.

The Legislature finds that County processes and resources are often confusing and/or hard to locate. The Legislature wants taxpayers to have easy access to information and the ability to access and understand the County process. It is further the Legislature's intent to provide transparency in County government by ensuring Legislative meetings and Executive public hearings are available to the public through a readily

ROLL CALL VOTE	YES	NO	YES	NO	YES	NO	YES	NO
Legislator Addonizio								
Legislator Crowley								
Legislator D'Angelo								
Legislator Gouldman								
Legislator Montgomery								
Legislator Regan								
Legislator Russo								
Legislator Sayegh								
Chairman Birmingham								

accessible live streaming platform, except in the event of technology failure.

§ 222-3 Electronic public access to meetings and information.

A. The Putnam County Legislature shall make all meetings of the Legislature or its subcommittees available for public viewing by live video stream whenever practicable. A link to the live stream shall be conspicuously posted and made available on the Legislature's website at least eight (8) hours prior to the meeting whenever practicable.

B. Except in the case of executive sessions held pursuant to N.Y.S. Open Meetings Law § 105, the Legislature shall ensure that members can be heard, seen, and identified at all times when the meeting is being conducted, including but not limited to any motions, proposals, resolutions, and any other matter formally discussed or voted upon.

C. The County Executive shall pursuant to § 3.04-B of the Charter make all public hearings available for public viewing by live stream, whenever practicable.

D. Each meeting or hearing that is live streamed shall be recorded and such recordings linked or posted online, to the extent practicable, within five (5) business days following the meeting/hearing and shall remain so available for a minimum of five (5) years thereafter.

E. Meetings of political committees, conferences and caucuses of members of the County Legislature who are members or adherents of the same political party at which deliberations of County legislative matters are to be discussed shall be publicly noticed and such notice shall contain the date and time and place of such meeting, and such notice shall contain the subject matter proposed to be under discussion. Following such political committee, conference or caucus meeting there shall be a public record of those members of the County Legislature in attendance as well as a synopsis of such items of County legislative matters discussed.

§ 222-4 Severability.

If any part or provision of this chapter or the application thereof to any person or circumstance be adjudged invalid by any court of competent jurisdiction, such judgment shall be confined in its operation to the part or provision or application directly involved in the controversy in which such judgment shall have been rendered and shall not affect or impair the validity of the remainder of this chapter or the application thereof to other persons or circumstances. The County of Putnam hereby declares that it would have passed this chapter or the remainder thereof had such invalid application or invalid provision been apparent.

Section II.

This local law shall take effect immediately upon the filing with the Secretary of State.

#6c

Committee: **Rules** _____ Resolution # _____
Introduced By _____ Regular Mtg: August 4, 2026
Seconded By _____ Special Mtg _____

**APPROVAL – AMENDING LEGISLATIVE MANUAL TO ESTABLISH A
LEGISLATIVE DOCUMENT PRINTING REDUCTION POLICY**

WHEREAS, the Putnam County Legislature is committed to conducting the business of the County in an efficient, fiscally responsible, and environmentally conscious manner; and

WHEREAS, advances in technology have enabled legislative agendas, resolutions, supporting documentation, and other meeting materials to be distributed electronically and made readily accessible through the County's website and electronic communication systems; and

WHEREAS, substantial quantities of paper are routinely utilized to reproduce legislative materials that have previously been distributed to members of the Legislature and staff, resulting in unnecessary expense and duplication of effort; and

WHEREAS, the Legislature recognizes that reducing repetitive printing practices will conserve County resources, reduce costs, lessen environmental impact, and improve administrative efficiency while maintaining full access to legislative information; and

WHEREAS, the Legislature recognizes that this policy is not intended to reduce access to information, but rather to eliminate unnecessary duplication while preserving the right of any Legislator to receive printed materials upon request; and

WHEREAS, the Legislature has determined that reducing unnecessary duplication of legislative materials represents sound stewardship of taxpayer resources while maintaining the transparency and accessibility necessary for effective governance; and

WHEREAS, it remains the intent of the Legislature that all members continue to receive timely access to all agenda materials and supporting documentation necessary to perform their legislative duties; now therefore be it

ROLL CALL VOTE	YES	NO	YES	NO	YES	NO	YES	NO
Legislator Addonizio								
Legislator Crowley								
Legislator D'Angelo								
Legislator Gouldman								
Legislator Montgomery								
Legislator Regan								
Legislator Russo								
Legislator Sayegh								
Chairman Birmingham								

RESOLVED, that the Putnam County Legislature hereby amends the Putnam County Legislative Manual to include the following Legislative Document Printing Reduction Policy:

Legislative Document Printing Reduction Policy

- A. All legislative agendas, resolutions, reports, and supporting documentation, except confidential materials as otherwise provided herein, shall continue to be distributed electronically and made available through the County's established electronic systems and public website.**
- B. Printed copies of Committee agenda items and supporting documentation shall be provided to Committee members and Legislators at the first Committee meeting at which such item is formally considered.**
- C. If the same item is considered at a subsequent Committee meeting or meetings, supporting documentation previously distributed shall not be routinely reproduced or redistributed in paper form unless revisions have been made.**
- D. Any revisions, amendments, substitute documents, or newly added supporting materials pertaining to a previously distributed item shall be provided to Legislators in an appropriate format.**
- E. Confidential or non-public supporting materials requiring physical distribution shall be provided in printed form when first considered and thereafter only as necessary or upon request.**
- F. Any Legislator may request and shall be provided a printed copy of any agenda item, resolution, supporting documentation, revision, or related material at any time.**
- G. Nothing contained herein shall limit the authority of the Chair of the Legislature, Committee Chairs, the Clerk of the Legislature, or legislative staff to provide additional printed materials when operationally necessary or in circumstances where electronic access is unavailable.**

and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Clerk of the Legislature is authorized and directed to make any formatting, numbering, and administrative revisions to the Putnam County Legislative Manual necessary to incorporate the foregoing policy; and be it further

#6d.

Committee: Rules Resolution # _____
Introduced By _____ Regular Mtg: August 4, 2026
Seconded By _____ Special Mtg _____

APPROVAL – LOCAL LAW ADOPTING THE OPTIONAL REAL PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTION FOR SURVIVING SPOUSES OF POLICE OFFICERS KILLED IN THE LINE OF DUTY FOR COUNTY TAX PURPOSES ONLY

WHEREAS, Section 471 of the New York Real Property Tax Law authorizes the legislative body of a county to adopt a local law providing a real property tax exemption for the surviving spouse of a police officer killed in the line of duty; and

WHEREAS, the Putnam County Legislature recognizes the extraordinary sacrifice made by police officers who lose their lives in the line of duty and finds that it is in the public interest to provide the optional exemption authorized by Real Property Tax Law § 471 for County taxation; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Real Property Tax Law § 471, the exemption consists of a fifty percent (50%) reduction in the assessed value of qualifying real property owned by the surviving spouse of a police officer killed in the line of duty, provided such property constitutes the surviving spouse's primary residence and otherwise satisfies all statutory requirements; and

WHEREAS, the exemption authorized herein shall apply only to taxes levied by the County of Putnam and shall not apply to taxes levied by any town, city, village, school district, fire district, special district, or other taxing jurisdiction unless such taxing jurisdiction separately adopts the exemption as authorized by Real Property Tax Law § 471; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Putnam County Legislature hereby approves the proposed Local Law electing to provide the optional exemption

ROLL CALL VOTE	YES	NO	YES	NO	YES	NO	YES	NO
Legislator Addonizio								
Legislator Crowley								
Legislator D'Angelo								
Legislator Gouldman								
Legislator Montgomery								
Legislator Regan								
Legislator Russo								
Legislator Sayegh								
Chairman Birmingham								

authorized by Section 471 of the New York Real Property Tax Law for County real property taxes only; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the exemption shall consist of a fifty percent (50%) exemption from County real property taxation only for qualifying real property owned by the surviving spouse of a police officer killed in the line of duty, provided the property constitutes the surviving spouse's primary residence and otherwise qualifies under Real Property Tax Law § 471; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the exemption shall be administered in accordance with the provisions of Real Property Tax Law § 471, the regulations and guidance of the New York State Department of Taxation and Finance, and all other applicable provisions of law; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Director of Real Property Tax Services and the assessors within Putnam County are hereby authorized and directed to administer this exemption with respect to County taxes only, in accordance with applicable law; and be it further

RESOLVED, that upon adoption of this Local Law and its filing with the New York Secretary of State pursuant to the Municipal Home Rule Law 27, the Clerk of the Putnam County Legislature shall transmit certified copies of the adopted Local Law and all required notices to:

1. the New York State Department of Taxation and Finance;
2. the New York State Office of Real Property Tax Services;
3. the Putnam County Director of Real Property Tax Services; and
4. each assessor having jurisdiction over real property located within Putnam County,

to facilitate implementation of the exemption for County taxation only; and be it further

RESOLVED, that nothing contained herein shall be construed as granting or authorizing an exemption from taxes levied by any taxing jurisdiction other than the County of Putnam.

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Committee: **Personnel** Resolution # _____
Introduced By _____ Regular Mtg: August 4, 2026
Seconded By _____ Special Mtg _____

APPROVAL – FUND TRANSFER (26T170) ACTING COMMISSIONER OF FINANCE – TITLE CHANGE AND RECLASS FROM ACCOUNT CLERK TO SENIOR ACCOUNT CLERK

WHEREAS, the Acting Commissioner of Finance has requested a budgetary transfer (26T170) to change a Title and Reclass a position in the Finance Department from an Account Clerk to Senior Account Clerk, retro from June 1, 2026; and

WHEREAS, the Principal Personnel Specialist did confirm the review of the reclassification had been conducted and the Personnel Department agrees with the request; and

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

RESOLVED, that the following budgetary amendment be made:

Decrease:

10131000 51000 10120 Personnel/ First Deputy Commissioner 3,336.14

Increase:

10131000 51000 10121 Personnel/ Senior Account Clerk 3,336.14

2026 - Fiscal Impact - \$0

2027 - Fiscal Impact - \$0

ROLL CALL VOTE	YES	NO	YES	NO	YES	NO	YES	NO
Legislator Addonizio								
Legislator Crowley								
Legislator D'Angelo								
Legislator Gouldman								
Legislator Montgomery								
Legislator Regan								
Legislator Russo								
Legislator Sayegh								
Chairman Birmingham								

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Committee: **Physical** Resolution # _____
Introduced By _____ Regular Mtg: August 4, 2026
Seconded By _____ Special Mtg _____

APPROVAL/ DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS – USE OF CAPITAL FACILITY RESERVE – (26CP02) (County Park and Fire Training Center - Communications, Security and Access Control)

WHEREAS, the Commissioner of Public Works has proposed the use of \$75,000 from the Capital Facility Reserve to fund Project #26CP02 – County Park and Fire Training Center - Communications, Security and Access Control; and

WHEREAS, the County Park is used by the public throughout the year for recreational purposes and is ever expanding in its offerings which draw more people to the already popular location; and

WHEREAS, immediately adjacent to the lower Park is the Fire Training Center where emergency personnel gather for professional training encompassing both field and classroom work; and

WHEREAS, the request for funding will be used to address a lack of reliable County communications, security and access control that the everyday usage dictates at these County locations; and

WHEREAS, the security and access control are critical to all our County Facilities, and this will ensure that our County Park and Fire Training Center facilities are protected; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Putnam County Legislature approves and authorizes the expenditure of \$75,000 from the Capital Facility Reserve fund budget line 55197000 532602 51509 as follows:

26CP02 – Putnam County Park & Fire Training Center – Communications, Security and Access Control

Project cost not to exceed \$75,000

ROLL CALL VOTE	YES	NO	YES	NO	YES	NO	YES	NO
Legislator Addonizio								
Legislator Crowley								
Legislator D'Angelo								
Legislator Gouldman								
Legislator Montgomery								
Legislator Regan								
Legislator Russo								
Legislator Sayegh								
Chairman Birmingham								

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Committee: **Physical** _____ Resolution # _____
Introduced By _____ Regular Mtg: August 4, 2026
Seconded By _____ Special Mtg _____

APPROVAL – BUDGETARY AMENDMENT (26A060)/ DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS – USE OF CAPITAL FACILITY RESERVE – (26CP02) COUNTY PARK AND FIRE TRAINING CENTER - COMMUNICATIONS, SECURITY AND ACCESS CONTROL

WHEREAS, the DPW Commissioner has requested a budgetary amendment (26A060)/ Department of Public Works – Use of Capital Facility Reserve – (26CP02) County Park and Fire Training Center - Communications, Security and Access Control; 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 532602 51509

**Capital Expenditures- County Park & Fire 75,000
Training Center - Communications,
Security,
and Access Control**

Increase Estimated Revenues:

51997000 428601 51509

Transfer from General Fund 75,000

GENERAL FUND:

Increase Appropriations:

10990100 59020

Transfer Out – General Fund 75,000

Decrease Appropriations:

10990100 54980

General Contingencies 75,000

2026 - Fiscal Impact - \$75,000

2027 - Fiscal Impact - \$0

ROLL CALL VOTE	YES	NO	YES	NO	YES	NO	YES	NO
Legislator Addonizio								
Legislator Crowley								
Legislator D'Angelo								
Legislator Gouldman								
Legislator Montgomery								
Legislator Regan								
Legislator Russo								
Legislator Sayegh								
Chairman Birmingham								

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Committee: **Physical** _____ Resolution # _____
Introduced By _____ Regular Mtg: August 4, 2026
Seconded By _____ Special Mtg _____

**APPROVAL – BUDGETARY AMENDMENT (26A061) – COMMISSIONER OF
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS (DPW) – AMEND 2026 CONSOLIDATED
LOCAL STREET AND HIGHWAY IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (CHIPS)**

WHEREAS, the Commissioner of DPW requested – Budgetary
Amendment (26A061) to amend the County’s Capital Project Budget to
equal the funding levels approved by New York State: and

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

RESOLVED, that the following budgetary amendment; be made:

Increase Estimated Appropriations:

55112000 53000 52606 CHIPS 2026 618,608.52

Increase Estimated Revenues:

55112000 435011 52606 State Aid – CHIPS 2026 618,608.52

2026 Fiscal Impact – 0 –

2027 Fiscal Impact – 0 –

ROLL CALL VOTE	YES	NO	YES	NO	YES	NO	YES	NO
Legislator Addonizio								
Legislator Crowley								
Legislator D’Angelo								
Legislator Gouldman								
Legislator Montgomery								
Legislator Regan								
Legislator Russo								
Legislator Sayegh								
Chairman Birmingham								

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Committee: **Physical** _____ Resolution # _____
Introduced By _____ Regular Mtg: August 4, 2026
Seconded By _____ Special Mtg _____

**APPROVAL – BUDGETARY TRANSFER (26T146) – ACTING
COMMISSIONER OF FINANCE – TO FULLY FUND THE METROPOLITAN
TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY (MTA) RAILROAD STATION
MAINTENANCE COSTS**

WHEREAS, the Acting Commissioner Finance requested a Budgetary Transfer (26T146) to fully fund the MTA Railroad Station Maintenance Costs, pursuant to Section 1277 of the Public Authorities Law; and

WHEREAS, this budgetary transfer will cover the period of April 1, 2025 – March 31, 2026, and will fund the deficit created by a greater than anticipated Consumer Price Index (C. P. I.) increase; and

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

RESOLVED, that the following budgetary transfer; be made:

Increase Estimated Appropriations:

10564000 54950 Railroad Station Maintenance - MTA 16,742

Decrease Estimated Appropriations:

10199000 54980 Contingency 16,742

2026 Fiscal Impact – \$16,742 –

2027 Fiscal Impact – 0 –

ROLL CALL VOTE	YES	NO	YES	NO	YES	NO	YES	NO
Legislator Addonizio								
Legislator Crowley								
Legislator D'Angelo								
Legislator Gouldman								
Legislator Montgomery								
Legislator Regan								
Legislator Russo								
Legislator Sayegh								
Chairman Birmingham								

ALEXANDRA GORDON
ACTING COMMISSIONER OF FINANCE



CC: All
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ACM - JUN
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KEVIN M. BYRNE
PUTNAM COUNTY EXECUTIVE

→ F.M. 8-4-26
Back-up #61

MEMORANDUM

To: Diane Trabulsy, Legislative Clerk
From: Alexandra Gordon, Acting Commissioner of Finance *AG*
Re: Budgetary Transfer - 26T146
Date: June 15, 2026

2026 JUN 16 AM 9:15
LEGISLATURE
PUTNAM COUNTY
CARMEL, NY

At the request of the Commissioner of Finance the following budgetary transfer is requested.

Increase Estimated Appropriations:

10564000 54950	Railroad Station Maintenance- MTA	16,742
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Decrease Estimated Appropriations:

10199000 54980	Contingency	16,742
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Fiscal Impact - 2026 - \$ 16,742
Fiscal Impact - 2027 - \$ 0

This Resolution is required to fully fund the MTA Railroad Station Maintenance Costs pursuant to Section 1277 of the Public Authorities Law. This budgetary transfer will cover the period April 1, 2025-March 31, 2026. This will fund the deficit created by a greater than anticipated C.P.I. increase. Please forward to the appropriate committee.

(Consumer Price Index)

Approved:

Kevin M. Byrne
County Executive

PUTNAM COUNTY VOUCHER

SHIP & BILL TO:

DEPARTMENT: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CLAIM # _____

VENDOR NO.	
CLAIMANT NAME AND ADDRESS Metropolitan Transportation Authority Attention: Carmen Panea 2 Broadway, Room D15.101 New York, NY 10004	

IF NEW VENDOR, NO. WILL BE
ASSIGNED BY FINANCE DEPT.

ACCOUNT CODE NO.						AMOUNT
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LIST ALL INVOICE NUMBERS

INVOICE DATE	INVOICE #	DESCRIPTION	CONTRACT #	UNIT PRICE	AMOUNT
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		 6/12/2026			
				TOTAL	\$1,266,742.00

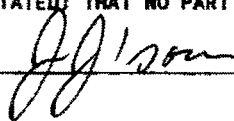
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CLAIMANT'S CERTIFICATION

I, James McGovern CERTIFY THAT THE ABOVE ACCOUNT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$ 1,266,742.00 IS TRUE AND CORRECT; THAT THE ITEMS, SERVICES AND DISBURSEMENTS CHARGED WERE RENDERED TO OR FOR THE COUNTY OF PUTNAM ON THE DATES STATED; THAT NO PART HAS BEEN PAID OR SATISFIED, AND THAT THE AMOUNT CLAIMED IS ACTUALLY DUE.

DATE 05/31/2026

SIGNATURE



TITLE

Deputy Chief,
Controller's Office

DEPARTMENT APPROVAL

THE ABOVE SERVICES WERE RENDERED OR FURNISHED TO THE COUNTY OF PUTNAM ON THE DATE STATED AND THE CHARGES ARE CORRECT.

DATE

AUTHORIZED OFFICIAL

APPROVAL FOR PAYMENT

AUDITED BY: _____

DATE _____



Metropolitan Transportation Authority

State of New York

May 31, 2026

Honorable Kevin M. Byrne
County Executive
The County of Putnam
County Office Building
40 Gleneida Avenue, 3rd Floor
Carmel, New York 10512

Re: Metro-North Commuter Railroad Station Maintenance, Use and Operations

Dear Kevin Byrne:

Pursuant to Section 1277 of the Public Authorities Law of the State of New York, The Metropolitan Transportation Authority (the "Authority") has determined and hereby certifies to the County of Putnam that the Authority has determined the cost for Metro-North Commuter Railroad, a subsidiary corporation of the Authority, of operation, maintenance and use of Metro-North Commuter Railroad passenger stations located in the County of Putnam, including the buildings, appurtenances, platforms, lands and approaches adjacent of incidental thereto, for the period commencing April 1, 2025 and ending March 31, 2026.

Each year, the change in the C.P.I. factor is applied against the prior year's billed amount to arrive at the current year's billed amount. The C.P.I. increased 3.7635% for the period April 1, 2025, to March 31, 2026. The County of Putnam station maintenance, use and operation billing for the period is therefore \$1,266,742 an increase of \$45,944 over the prior year.

The law requires that payment be made to the Authority by September 1, 2026.

Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Carmen Panea at (212) 878-7242 or Carmen.Panea@mtahq.org.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "J. McGovern".

James McGovern
Deputy Chief, Controller's Office

The agencies of the MTA

MTA New York City Transit
MTA Long Island Rail Road

MTA Metro-North Railroad
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Follow up Response
from MTA after 7-16-26
Phys. mtg

Elizabeth Robinson

From: Alexandra Gordon
Sent: Thursday, July 23, 2026 11:53 AM
To: Elizabeth Robinson
Cc: Thomas Regan; Bill Gouldman
Subject: RE: MTA Station Maintenance Information
Attachments: RE: Billing Inquiry for County of Putnam; MTA Bill 5.31.26.pdf

Good Morning, Beth,

Hope all is well! Please see attached response from Carmen Panea regarding the Metropolitan Transportation Authority Bill.

Please let me know if anything further is needed on my end.

Thanks,

Alex



Alexandra Gordon

Acting Commissioner • Department of Finance

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From: Elizabeth Robinson <Elizabeth.Robinson@putnamcountyny.gov>
Sent: Friday, July 17, 2026 9:46 AM
To: Alexandra Gordon <Alexandra.Gordon@putnamcountyny.gov>
Cc: Thomas Regan <Thomas.Regan@putnamcountyny.gov>; Bill Gouldman <wjgouldman@gmail.com>
Subject: MTA Station Maintenance Information

Good Morning Alex,

As a follow up to Legislator Regan's verbal request at last night's Physical Services Committee Meeting, please reach out to the contact for the MTA to request more detailed information on the Railroad Station Maintenance Cost. If this information could be provided in time for the Audit Meeting that would be great.

Thank you for your help!

Beth Robinson
Deputy Clerk

Putnam County Legislature
(845) 808-1020 ex.49215

Elizabeth Robinson

From: Panea, Carmen <carmen.panea@mtahq.org>
Sent: Tuesday, July 21, 2026 3:40 PM
To: Alexandra Gordon
Cc: Michele Alfano-Sharkey
Subject: RE: Billing Inquiry for County of Putnam
Attachments: MTA Bill 5.31.26.pdf

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Good afternoon, Alexandra

I hope you are doing well.

The attached bill explains everything on page two, but please note there is no breakdown per station.

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Thank you.

Best regards,

Carmen Panea

Senior Manager, Financial Reporting – Capital
General and Technical Accounting

2 Broadway, 15th Floor, D15.114
New York, NY 10004

✉ Carmen.Panea@mtahq.org

☎ 212-878-7242



From: Alexandra Gordon <Alexandra.Gordon@putnamcountyny.gov>
Sent: Friday, July 17, 2026 2:00 PM
To: Panea, Carmen <carmen.panea@mtahq.org>
Cc: Michele Alfano-Sharkey <Michele.Alfano-Sharkey@putnamcountyny.gov>
Subject: Billing Inquiry for County of Putnam

Good Morning,

Hope all is well. Is it possible for someone to give us at the County of Putnam, a breakdown of our station maintenance increase for the period of 4/1/2025 to 3/31/2026?

Is it possible to let us know what the increase entails and to which stations the increase applies?

Any information would be greatly appreciated.

Thank you!

Alexandra



Alexandra Gordon

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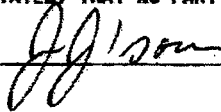
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DATE 05/31/2026

SIGNATURE



Deputy Chief,
Controller's Office

TITLE

DEPARTMENT APPROVAL

THE ABOVE SERVICES WERE RENDERED OR FURNISHED TO THE COUNTY OF PUTNAM ON THE DATE STATED AND THE CHARGES ARE CORRECT.

DATE

AUTHORIZED OFFICIAL

APPROVAL FOR PAYMENT

AUDITED BY: _____

DATE _____

2 Broadway
New York, NY 10004
212 878-7000 Tel



May 31, 2026

Honorable Kevin M. Byrne
County Executive
The County of Putnam
County Office Building
40 Gleneida Avenue, 3rd Floor
Carmel, New York 10512

Re: Metro-North Commuter Railroad Station Maintenance, Use and Operations

Dear Kevin Byrne:

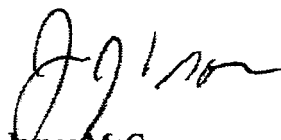
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Sincerely,



James McGovern
Deputy Chief, Controller's Office

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MTA Bus Company

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Committee: **Physical** _____ Resolution # _____
Introduced By _____ Regular Mtg: August 4, 2026
Seconded By _____ Special Mtg _____

APPROVAL – BUDGETARY TRANSFER (26T153) – COMMISSIONER OF DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS – REALLOCATE FUNDING FROM CAPITAL PROJECT TO PURCHASE EI/PRE-K BUSES TO THE DONALD B. SMITH CAMPUS BUILDING 3 PROJECT

WHEREAS, the Commissioner of DPW requested a Budgetary Transfer (26T153) to reallocate funding from Capital Project to Purchase EI/Pre-K Buses to the Donald B. Smith Campus Building 3 renovations project; and

WHEREAS, Commissioner of the Department of Planning, Development and Public Transportation has indicated that her Department will not need the remaining funding committed in the 2025 and 2026 Capital Plans to purchase EI/Pre-K buses in 2026; and

WHEREAS, said funds will be reallocated to assist in funding the Donald B. Smith Campus Building 3 renovations project to progress in 2026; and

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

RESOLVED, that the following budgetary transfer; be made:

CAPITAL FUND:

Increase Estimated Appropriations:

55197000 53000 52409	Donald B. Smith Campus Bldg #3 Renovations	405,803.04
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Decrease Estimated Appropriations:

54059000 53000 52516	Preschool & EI Buses	405,803.04
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**2026 Fiscal Impact – \$16,742 –
2027 Fiscal Impact – 0 –**

ROLL CALL VOTE	YES	NO	YES	NO	YES	NO	YES	NO
Legislator Addonizio								
Legislator Crowley								
Legislator D'Angelo								
Legislator Gouldman								
Legislator Montgomery								
Legislator Regan								
Legislator Russo								
Legislator Sayegh								
Chairman Birmingham								

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Committee: **Physical** _____ Resolution # _____
Introduced By _____ Regular Mtg: August 4, 2026
Seconded By _____ Special Mtg _____

APPROVAL-ACCEPTANCE OF AMENDMENT B FOR 2025-2026 SNOW AND ICE AGREEMENT WITH NEW YORK STATE

WHEREAS, by Resolution #155 of 2025, the Putnam County Legislature approved the Agreement with the State of New York for Snow and Ice Removal; and

WHEREAS, under the terms of the Agreement, the County is responsible for clearing snow and ice from State Highways as designated by the Commissioner of Transportation of the State of New York (the Commissioner”); and

WHEREAS, the Agreement was for a five year period commencing July 1, 2024 and was embodied in New York State Contract # D014871; and

WHEREAS, in order to more accurately reflect the 2025-2026 winter season’s expenditures, an amendment to this Agreement (“Amendment B”) has been proposed for said winter season based on revised estimated expenditures; and

WHEREAS, approval and acceptance of Amendment B will allow the processing of said reimbursement by New York State to Putnam County; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Putnam County Legislature authorizes the County Executive to execute Amendment B, a copy of which is attached hereto.

ROLL CALL VOTE	YES	NO	YES	NO	YES	NO	YES	NO
Legislator Addonizio								
Legislator Crowley								
Legislator D’Angelo								
Legislator Gouldman								
Legislator Montgomery								
Legislator Regan								
Legislator Russo								
Legislator Sayegh								
Chairman Birmingham								

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Committee: **Physical** _____ Resolution # _____
Introduced By _____ Regular Mtg: August 4, 2026
Seconded By _____ Special Mtg _____

**APPROVAL - OPPOSING SENATE BILL S.4571-B AND ASSEMBLY BILL A.6577-B
ESTABLISHING THE FLOATING SOLAR INCENTIVE AND EDUCATION PROGRAM**

WHEREAS, the Putnam County Legislature is the duly elected legislative body of the County of Putnam pursuant to the Putnam County Charter and the Municipal Home Rule Law and is charged with protecting the health, safety, welfare, natural resources, fiscal interests, and quality of life of the residents of Putnam County; and

WHEREAS, the Legislature has received Resolution No. 003 of 2026, adopted by the Putnam County Soil and Water Conservation District Board of Directors on June 15, 2026, together with a request that the County Legislature consider adopting a similar resolution expressing its position concerning Senate Bill S.4571-B and Assembly Bill A.6577-B, the proposed Floating Solar Incentive and Education Program; and

WHEREAS, the Putnam County Soil and Water Conservation District is charged pursuant to Article 3 of the New York Soil and Water Conservation Districts Law with conserving, protecting, and enhancing the County's soil, water, and related natural resources as well as providing information and guidance to Counties in pursuit of similar goals; and

WHEREAS, Senate Bill S.4571-B and Assembly Bill A.6577-B propose to establish a statewide Floating Solar Incentive and Education Program intended to encourage the installation of floating photovoltaic solar facilities upon lakes, reservoirs, ponds, canals, and other bodies of water throughout New York State; and

WHEREAS, Putnam County contains numerous lakes, ponds, reservoirs, wetlands, streams, and interconnected watershed systems which provide critical environmental, ecological, recreational, agricultural, flood control, groundwater recharge, habitat protection, and drinking water functions for residents of Putnam County and the surrounding region; and

WHEREAS, the Legislature recognizes the importance of renewable energy development and supports responsible efforts to diversify New York's energy portfolio while ensuring that such development occurs in a manner that protects public health, environmental resources, and critical infrastructure; and

ROLL CALL VOTE	YES	NO	YES	NO	YES	NO	YES	NO
Legislator Addonizio								
Legislator Crowley								
Legislator D'Angelo								
Legislator Gouldman								
Legislator Montgomery								
Legislator Regan								
Legislator Russo								
Legislator Sayegh								
Chairman Birmingham								

WHEREAS, the Legislature further recognizes that preserving agricultural lands from development does not necessarily establish that lakes, reservoirs, ponds, canals, and other water resources are appropriate locations for industrial-scale energy infrastructure; and

WHEREAS, the Legislature has been advised by the Putnam County Soil and Water Conservation District that significant questions remain concerning the long-term environmental, biological, ecological, water quality, and public health impacts associated with large-scale floating solar development, including potential impacts to aquatic habitat, fisheries, aquatic vegetation, dissolved oxygen, water temperature, invasive species management, watershed health, and drinking water resources; and

WHEREAS, New York's climate presents unique operational challenges, including prolonged ice formation, flooding, hurricanes, nor'easters, and increasingly severe storm events, which may increase environmental risks associated with floating solar infrastructure; and

WHEREAS, the Legislature further notes that Senate Bill S.4571-B and Assembly Bill A.6577-B themselves contemplate additional study and monitoring concerning water quality, water conservation, and algae control, thereby recognizing that important questions regarding the long-term impacts of floating solar development remain unresolved; and

WHEREAS, the Legislature believes that state incentive programs encouraging widespread deployment of emerging technologies affecting critical water resources should be implemented only after sufficient scientific study demonstrates that such technologies may be deployed without creating unreasonable environmental risks or impact; and

WHEREAS, the Legislature further believes that limited public resources should continue to prioritize proven investments in drinking water protection, watershed restoration, source water protection, flood resilience, habitat conservation, water treatment infrastructure, and ecosystem restoration; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Putnam County Legislature hereby expresses its opposition to Senate Bill S.4571-B and Assembly Bill A.6577-B, and any substantially similar legislation establishing a Floating Solar Incentive and Education Program, unless and until sufficient scientific study demonstrates that floating solar development may be undertaken without unreasonable risk to New York's lakes, reservoirs, ponds, waterways, watersheds, and drinking water resources and encourages our partners in NYS government to do the same; and be it further

RESOLVED, that nothing contained herein shall be construed as opposition to renewable energy development generally, but rather reflects the Legislature's determination that the protection of drinking water supplies, watershed integrity, ecological resources, and public health, as stewards of land with these critical resources, these countervailing concerns must remain paramount when evaluating proposals affecting New York's water resources; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Clerk of the Putnam County Legislature is hereby authorized and directed to transmit certified copies of this Resolution to the Governor of the State of New York, the Temporary President of the New York State Senate, the Speaker of the New York State Assembly, Senator Pete Harckham, Assemblyman Matthew Slater, the Chairs of the Senate and Assembly Committees on Energy and Environmental Conservation, the Putnam County Soil and Water Conservation District, the County Executive, and such other federal, state, and local officials as may be appropriate; and be it further

RESOLVED, that this Resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption.

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Committee: **Protective** Resolution # _____
Introduced By _____ Regular Mtg: August 4, 2026
Seconded By _____ Special Mtg _____

**APPROVAL – BUDGETARY AMENDMENT (26A055) – SHERIFF’S
DEPARTMENT – FUNDING FROM NYS SHERIFFS ASSOCIATION INC., TO
COVER THE COST OF DRUG RECOGNITION EXPERT (DRE) TRAINING**

WHEREAS, the Sheriff requested a Budgetary Amendment (26A055) to recognize funds received from the NYS Sheriffs Association Inc., for DRE Training performed on February 16, 2026 and March 22 through March 28, 2026; 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:

32311000 427701	Sheriff BCI – Unclassified	2,325.75
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Increase Expenses:

32311000 51093	Sheriff BCI – Overtime	2,160.47
32311000 58002	Sheriff BCI – Social Security	165.28
		<u>2,325.75</u>

2026 Fiscal Impact – 0 –

2027 Fiscal Impact – 0 –

ROLL CALL VOTE	YES	NO	YES	NO	YES	NO	YES	NO
Legislator Addonizio								
Legislator Crowley								
Legislator D'Angelo								
Legislator Gouldman								
Legislator Montgomery								
Legislator Regan								
Legislator Russo								
Legislator Sayegh								
Chairman Birmingham								

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Committee: **Physical** _____ Resolution # _____
Introduced By _____ Regular Mtg: August 4, 2026
Seconded By _____ Special Mtg _____

APPROVAL – BUDGETARY AMENDMENT (26A056) – ACTING COMMISSIONER OF FINANCE – RECLASSIFY REVENUE TO CORRECT FUNDING STREAMS

WHEREAS, the Acting Commissioner of Finance requested a Budgetary Amendment (26A056) to reclassify revenue to correct funding streams;

WHEREAS, the funding will be moved from the Federal Aid Grants account codes to the State Aid account codes; 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:

10431000 430891 10218	MH LGU – State Aid/Homeland Security Domestic Terrorism Prevention Grant	48,749
13311000 430891 10218	Sheriff Comm – State Aid/Homeland Security Domestic Terrorism Prevention Grant	200,664
10398901 430891 10218	EMS Fed- State Aid/Homeland Security Domestic Terrorism Prevention Grant	5,000

Decrease Revenues:

10431000 440891 10218	MH LGU – State Aid/Homeland Security Domestic Terrorism Prevention Grant	48,749
13311000 440891 10218	Sheriff Comm – State Aid/Homeland Security Domestic Terrorism Prevention Grant	200,664
10398901 440891 10218	EMS Fed- State Aid/Homeland Security Domestic Terrorism Prevention Grant	5,000

2026 Fiscal Impact – 0 –

2027 Fiscal Impact – 0 –

ROLL CALL VOTE	YES	NO	YES	NO	YES	NO	YES	NO
Legislator Addonizio								
Legislator Crowley								
Legislator D'Angelo								
Legislator Gouldman								
Legislator Montgomery								
Legislator Regan								
Legislator Russo								
Legislator Sayegh								
Chairman Birmingham								

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Committee: **Protective** Resolution # _____
Introduced By _____ Regular Mtg: August 4, 2026
Seconded By _____ Special Mtg _____

**APPROVAL – BUDGETARY AMENDMENT (26A057) – RISK MANAGER -
RECOGNIZE FUNDS RECEIVED FROM STATE FARM MUTUAL
AUTOMOBILE INSURANCE COMPANY – SHERIFF’S DEPARTMENT
VEHICLE**

WHEREAS, the Risk Manager requested a budgetary amendment (26A057) to recognize funds received from State Farm Mutual Automobile Insurance Company representing payment for the 2023 Chevrolet Suburban involved in an accident on April 9, 2026; and

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

RESOLVED, that the following budgetary amendment; be made:

Increase Revenues:

17311000 426801 Sheriff PTL (Patrol)– Insurance Recoveries 822.50

Increase Expenses:

17311000 54370 Sheriff PTL – Automotive 822.50

2026 Fiscal Impact – 0 –

2027 Fiscal Impact – 0 –

ROLL CALL VOTE	YES	NO	YES	NO	YES	NO	YES	NO
Legislator Addonizio								
Legislator Crowley								
Legislator D’Angelo								
Legislator Gouldman								
Legislator Montgomery								
Legislator Regan								
Legislator Russo								
Legislator Sayegh								
Chairman Birmingham								

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Committee: **Protective** _____ Resolution # _____
Introduced By _____ Regular Mtg: August 4, 2026
Seconded By _____ Special Mtg _____

**APPROVAL – BUDGETARY AMENDMENT (26A059) – SHERIFF – FUNDS
RECEIVED FROM THE US CAPITAL POLICE FOR SECURITY PROVIDED
FOR THE LAWLER TOWN HALL EVENT AT MAHOPAC HIGH SCHOOL**

WHEREAS, the Sheriff requested a budgetary amendment (26A059)
to recognize funds received from the US Capital Police for security
provided for the Lawler Town Hall event at Mahopac High School on April
12, 2026 ; and

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

RESOLVED, that the following budgetary amendment; be made:

Increase Revenues:

17311000 422601	Sheriff Patrol – Deputy OS Service	8,257.18
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Increase Expenses:

17311000 51093	Sheriff Patrol – Overtime	7,670.39
17311000 58002	Sheriff Patrol – Social Security	586.79
		8,257.18

2026 Fiscal Impact – 0 –

2027 Fiscal Impact – 0 –

ROLL CALL VOTE	YES	NO	YES	NO	YES	NO	YES	NO
Legislator Addonizio								
Legislator Crowley								
Legislator D'Angelo								
Legislator Gouldman								
Legislator Montgomery								
Legislator Regan								
Legislator Russo								
Legislator Sayegh								
Chairman Birmingham								

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Committee: **Protective** Resolution #
Introduced By Regular Mtg: August 4, 2026
Seconded By Special Mtg

**APPROVAL – BUDGETARY AMENDMENT (26A062) – SHERIFF –
REIMBURSEMENT RELATED TO DRUG RECOGNITION EXPERT (DRE)
RECERTIFICATION FROM THE NYS SHERIFFS ASSOCIATION –
ORISKANY, NY**

WHEREAS, the Sheriff requested a budgetary amendment (26A062) to recognize funds received from the NYS Sheriffs Association Inc. as reimbursement related to Drug Recognition Expert (DRE) recertification on April 20, 2026 in Oriskany, NY; 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:

32311000 427701	Sheriff BCI - Unclassified	744.24
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Increase Expenses:

32311000 51093	Sheriff BCI - Overtime	691.35
32311000 58002	Sheriff Patrol – Social Security	52.89
		744.24

**2026 Fiscal Impact – 0 –
2027 Fiscal Impact – 0 –**

ROLL CALL VOTE	YES	NO	YES	NO	YES	NO	YES	NO
Legislator Addonizio								
Legislator Crowley								
Legislator D'Angelo								
Legislator Gouldman								
Legislator Montgomery								
Legislator Regan								
Legislator Russo								
Legislator Sayegh								
Chairman Birmingham								

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Committee: **Protective** _____ Resolution # _____
Introduced By _____ Regular Mtg: August 4, 2026
Seconded By _____ Special Mtg _____

APPROVAL – BUDGETARY AMENDMENT (26A063) – SHERIFF – FEDERAL SEIZED ASSET FUNDS TO REPLACE TWO AGING MOTORCYCLES

WHEREAS, the Sheriff requested a budgetary amendment (26A063) to use Federal sized asset funds to replace two (2) aging motorcycles currently in the fleet; 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:

10311000 427151 10251	Sheriff Admin – Federal Proceeds of Seized Assets Proceeds of Seized Assets	65,000
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Increase Expenses:

10311000 52650 10251	Sheriff - Federal Proceeds of Seized Assets – Motor Vehicles	60,000
10311000 54370 10251	Sheriff - Federal Proceeds of Seized Assets – Automotive	5,000
		65,000

2026 Fiscal Impact – 0 –

2027 Fiscal Impact – 0 –

ROLL CALL VOTE	YES	NO	YES	NO	YES	NO	YES	NO
Legislator Addonizio								
Legislator Crowley								
Legislator D'Angelo								
Legislator Gouldman								
Legislator Montgomery								
Legislator Regan								
Legislator Russo								
Legislator Sayegh								
Chairman Birmingham								

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Committee: **Protective** _____ Resolution # _____
Introduced By _____ Regular Mtg: August 4, 2026
Seconded By _____ Special Mtg _____

**APPROVAL – BUDGETARY AMENDMENT (26A065) – FINANCE - SHERIFF
– CORRECTIONAL FACILITY VEHICLE PURCHASE - DORMITORY
AUTHORITY OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK (DASNY)**

WHEREAS, the Sheriff has requested a budgetary amendment (26A065) to receive the DASNY awarded funds to the Putnam County Correctional Facility in the amount of \$100,000; and

WHEREAS, the funds will be used to purchase a specialized inmate specialized transportation vehicle; 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:

10315000 430890	Jail – State Aid Other – DASNY Grant	100,000
10253		

Increase Expenses:

10315000 52650 10253	Jail – Motor Vehicles over \$25,000–DASNY Grant	72,000
10315000 52150 10253	Jail – Motor Vehicles under \$25,000–DASNY Grant	10,000
10315000 54370 10253	Jail – Automotive – DASNY Grant	18,000
		100,000

**2026 Fiscal Impact – 0 –
2027 Fiscal Impact – 0 –**

ROLL CALL VOTE	YES	NO	YES	NO	YES	NO	YES	NO
Legislator Addonizio								
Legislator Crowley								
Legislator D'Angelo								
Legislator Gouldman								
Legislator Montgomery								
Legislator Regan								
Legislator Russo								
Legislator Sayegh								
Chairman Birmingham								

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Committee: **Protective** _____ Resolution # _____
Introduced By _____ Regular Mtg: August 4, 2026
Seconded By _____ Special Mtg _____

**APPROVAL – NO MATCH – GRANT APPLICATION – SHERIFF’S OFFICE -
FY2026 COMMUNITY ORIENTED POLICING SERVICES (COPS) COMMUNITY
POLICING DEVELOPMENT: MICROGRANTS**

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") prior to 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, the Sheriff's Office has requested permission to apply for grant funding through the United States Department of Justice FY2026 Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS) Community Policing Development: Microgrants; and

WHEREAS, this grant application would support a Hudson River Drone as First Responder and Marine Patrol Unmanned Aircraft Systems (UAS) Rescue Pilot Program enhancing the Sheriff's Office ability to support water rescue, missing-person response, remote shoreline assessment, storm and flood response, and critical incident operations along the Putnam County section of the Hudson River; and

WHEREAS, the grant application deadline is August 17, 2026; and

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

RESOLVED, that the Putnam County Legislature approves and authorizes the Putnam County Sheriff's Office to apply for a grant through the United States Department of Justice FY2026 Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS) Community Policing Development: Microgrants.

ROLL CALL VOTE	YES	NO	YES	NO	YES	NO	YES	NO
Legislator Addonizio								
Legislator Crowley								
Legislator D'Angelo								
Legislator Gouldman								
Legislator Montgomery								
Legislator Regan								
Legislator Russo								
Legislator Sayegh								
Chairman Birmingham								

Committee: **Protective** _____ Resolution # _____
 Introduced By _____ Regular Mtg: August 4, 2026
 Seconded By _____ Special Mtg _____

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**APPROVAL – NO MATCH – GRANT APPLICATION – SHERIFF’S OFFICE -
 THE NEW YORK STATE DIVISION OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE SERVICES LAW
 ENFORCEMENT TECHNOLOGY GRANT PROGRAM**

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") prior to 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, the Sheriff’s Office has requested permission to apply for grant funding through the New York State Division of Criminal Justice Services Law Enforcement Technology Grant Program; and

WHEREAS, the Sheriff will request the maximum allowable amount of \$500,000 to purchase public safety technology equipment, including security cameras, license plate reader sites, Starlink internet connectivity, and other related technology infrastructure; and

WHEREAS, said equipment would improve crime prevention, investigative capability, officer safety, emergency response, and overall public safety operations throughout Putnam County; and

WHEREAS, the grant application deadline is September 2, 2026; and

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

RESOLVED, that the Putnam County Legislature approves and authorizes the Putnam County Sheriff’s Office to apply for a grant through the New York State Division of Criminal Justice Services Law Enforcement Technology Grant Program.

ROLL CALL VOTE	YES	NO	YES	NO	YES	NO	YES	NO
Legislator Addonizio								
Legislator Crowley								
Legislator D’Angelo								
Legislator Gouldman								
Legislator Montgomery								
Legislator Regan								
Legislator Russo								
Legislator Sayegh								
Chairman Birmingham								

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Committee: **Protective** _____ Resolution # _____
Introduced By _____ Regular Mtg: August 4, 2026
Seconded By _____ Special Mtg _____

**APPROVAL – GRANT APPLICATION - BUREAU OF EMERGENCY SERVICES
- FY2025 EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT PERFORMANCE GRANT (EMPG)
PROGRAM**

WHEREAS, Section 5-1(D)(1) of the Putnam County Code requires Legislative approval of all grant application and renewals that require County matching funds; and

WHEREAS, Section 5-1 (D)(1) of the Putnam County Code provides in the case where time is of the essence and Legislative approval before submission is not possible, that an application be made and shall be furnished to the Legislature for consideration; and

WHEREAS, the Commissioner of the Bureau of Emergency Services (BES) has requested permission to apply for the FY2025 Emergency Management Performance Grant (EMPG) Program funding in the amount of \$35,530; and

WHEREAS, the funding is provided by the U.S. Department of Homeland Security, Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA); and

WHEREAS, the New York State Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Services (DHSES) will administer this funding on behalf of FEMA; and

WHEREAS, the performance period for this grant is 36 months, from October 1, 2024 to September 30, 2027, with the possibility of an extension based on need; and

WHEREAS, the grant application deadline of July 7, 2026, was adhered to by the Commissioner of BES; and

WHEREAS, this requires 50% matching funds, which will be offset by salaries; and

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

RESOLVED, that the Putnam County Legislature approves and authorizes the Putnam County Bureau of Emergency Services to apply for a \$ 35,530 grant from the NYS Homeland Security and Emergency Services under the FY2025 Emergency Management Performance Grant (EMPG) Program.

ROLL CALL VOTE	YES	NO	YES	NO	YES	NO	YES	NO
Legislator Addonizio								
Legislator Crowley								
Legislator D'Angelo								
Legislator Gouldman								
Legislator Montgomery								
Legislator Regan								
Legislator Russo								
Legislator Sayegh								
Chairman Birmingham								

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Committee: **Protective** _____ Resolution # _____
Introduced By _____ Regular Mtg: August 4, 2026
Seconded By _____ Special Mtg _____

**APPROVAL – NO MATCH – GRANT APPLICATION - BUREAU OF
EMERGENCY SERVICES - FY2025 STATE HOMELAND SECURITY
PROGRAM (SHSP) GRANT**

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") prior to 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, Section 5-1 (D) of the Putnam County Code provides in the case where time is of the essence and Legislative approval before submission is not possible, that an application be made and shall be furnished to the Legislature for consideration; and

WHEREAS, the Bureau of Emergency Services has requested permission to apply for grant funding through the FY2025 State Homeland Security Program (SHSP) and State Law Enforcement Terrorism Prevention Program (SLETPP) in the amount \$147,348; and

WHEREAS, the SHSP and SLETPP are designed to build and sustain critical homeland security capabilities across the State; and

WHEREAS, the grant application deadline of July 7, 2026, was adhered to by the Commissioner of BES; and

WHEREAS, the performance period for this grant is 36 months, estimated to be from September 1, 2025, through August 31, 2028; and

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

RESOLVED, that the Putnam County Legislature approves and authorizes the Putnam County Bureau of Emergency Services to apply for a grant under the FY2025 State Homeland Security Program (SHSP) and State Law Enforcement Terrorism Prevention Program (SLETPP).

ROLL CALL VOTE	YES	NO	YES	NO	YES	NO	YES	NO
Legislator Addonizio								
Legislator Crowley								
Legislator D'Angelo								
Legislator Gouldman								
Legislator Montgomery								
Legislator Regan								
Legislator Russo								
Legislator Sayegh								
Chairman Birmingham								

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Committee: **Health** Resolution # _____
Introduced By _____ Regular Mtg: August 4, 2026
Seconded By _____ Special Mtg _____

**APPROVAL – BUDGETARY AMENDMENT (26A066) – HEALTH
DEPARTMENT – RESUMING SCHOOL FLU CLINICS IN THE FALL OF 2026
AND ADDITIONAL VACCINES**

WHEREAS, the Public Health Director has requested a budgetary amendment (26A066) to fund the resuming of School Flu Clinics in the fall of 2026 and purchase additional vaccines to meet the demand for the public and schools; and

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

RESOLVED, that the following budgetary amendment; be made:

Increase Revenues:

11025000 434011 Health Nursing Flu – State Aid Public Hea 6,480

Increase Expenses:

11025000 54330 Health Nursing Flu – Medical Supplies 18,000

Decrease County Contingency:

10199000 54980 Contingency 11,520

2026 Fiscal Impact – \$11,520 –
2027 Fiscal Impact – 0 –

ROLL CALL VOTE	YES	NO	YES	NO	YES	NO	YES	NO
Legislator Addonizio								
Legislator Crowley								
Legislator D'Angelo								
Legislator Gouldman								
Legislator Montgomery								
Legislator Regan								
Legislator Russo								
Legislator Sayegh								
Chairman Birmingham								

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Committee: **Eco Dev** Resolution # _____
Introduced By _____ Regular Mtg: August 4, 2026
Seconded By _____ Special Mtg _____

**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, 2027; 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.

ROLL CALL VOTE	YES	NO	YES	NO	YES	NO	YES	NO
Legislator Addonizio								
Legislator Crowley								
Legislator D'Angelo								
Legislator Gouldman								
Legislator Montgomery								
Legislator Regan								
Legislator Russo								
Legislator Sayegh								
Chairman Birmingham								

Committee: Other Bus. Resolution # _____
 Introduced By _____ Regular Mtg: August 4, 2026
 Seconded By _____ Special Mtg _____

APPROVAL - RELEASE OF \$150,000 FROM SUBCONTINGENCY FOR COUNTYWIDE FOOD SECURITY INITIATIVE

WHEREAS, the Putnam County Legislature previously placed \$150,000 in subcontingency for the purpose of addressing food insecurity and supporting food pantries and food-access programs throughout Putnam County; and **WHEREAS**, food pantries and community food programs continue to experience increased demand, higher food-purchasing costs, transportation and distribution challenges, and insufficient refrigeration and freezer capacity; and

WHEREAS, the conclusion of the Meals on Main program has created an additional gap in food access in the western portion of Putnam County, particularly for seniors and other residents who are not eligible for SNAP benefits but nevertheless experience food insecurity and may not access food through a traditional food pantry; and

WHEREAS, the Putnam County Food System Coalition provides an existing structure through which Cornell Cooperative Extension, Second Chance Foods, food pantries, nonprofit organizations and other community partners collaborate to address food access and distribution throughout the County; and

WHEREAS, the Bountiful Meals program, operated through a partnership between Cornell Cooperative Extension and Second Chance Foods, provides prepared meals that may be distributed through senior centers, libraries, community organizations, food pantries and other accessible locations; and

WHEREAS, the Legislature finds that Bountiful Meals provides an important means of reaching seniors and other residents who may not otherwise access traditional pantry services; and

WHEREAS, the Legislature wishes to establish the purposes, priorities and safeguards governing the expenditure of these funds; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Putnam County Legislature hereby authorizes the release and appropriation of \$150,000 from subcontingency, subject to the necessary budgetary amendment and account designations prepared by the Commissioner of Finance as necessary to implement this Resolution, for a countywide food-security initiative consistent with the requirements of this resolution; and be it further

RESOLVED, that Budgetary Transfer 26T183 is hereby approved and that the following budgetary transfer be made:

ROLL CALL VOTE	YES	NO	YES	NO	YES	NO	YES	NO
Legislator Addonizio								
Legislator Crowley								
Legislator D'Angelo								
Legislator Gouldman								
Legislator Montgomery								
Legislator Regan								
Legislator Russo								
Legislator Sayegh								
Chairman Birmingham								

Increase Estimated Appropriations:

25876000 54950

County Contribution - Second Chance Foods

\$50,000

25875000 54950

County Contribution - Cornell Cooperative

\$100,000

Decrease Estimated Appropriations:

10199000 54995

Sub Contingency

\$150,000

Fiscal Impact - 2026: \$0

Fiscal Impact - 2027: \$0

and be it further

RESOLVED, that implementation of this initiative shall occur through the County's existing agreement with Cornell Cooperative Extension and Second Chance Foods, together with any amendment thereto as may be necessary to implement the purposes of this resolution; and be it further

RESOLVED, that any amendments to the existing agreements expanding the scope of services or funding authorized by this resolution shall be subject to review and approval as to legal form and shall comply with all applicable laws governing County expenditures, auditing and financial controls; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the \$150,000 shall be allocated substantially as follows:

- **Up to \$100,000 for pantry stabilization and countywide food purchasing and distribution, including centralized or bulk purchasing, food-purchase credits, reimbursement of eligible and documented food purchases, and distribution to participating Putnam County food pantries; and**
- **Not less than \$50,000 for the expansion of Bountiful Meals and related prepared-meal services, with a particular focus on seniors and residents affected by the loss of Meals on Main in the western portion of Putnam County;**

and be it further

RESOLVED, that any material change to these allocations shall require the prior approval of the Putnam County Legislature; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the pantry-stabilization component shall be administered by Cornell Cooperative Extension and Second Chance Foods with the cooperation of the Department of Social Service and the Office of Senior Resources in identifying and facilitating distribution based on and prioritized by need; and be it further

RESOLVED, that in administering the pantry-stabilization and prepared-meal components, priority shall be given to underserved geographic areas of Putnam County and communities with limited access to food assistance, while maintaining a countywide approach to food purchasing and distribution; and be it further

RESOLVED, that resources shall be distributed in a manner that fairly reflects documented community need and program capacity, including consideration of geographic accessibility, populations served, demand, food-

purchasing and distribution needs, and areas affected by the loss of Meals on Main; and be it further

RESOLVED, that refrigeration units, freezer units and related cold-storage equipment shall be eligible expenses when such purchases directly support food purchasing, prepared-meal production or food distribution within Putnam County; and be it further

RESOLVED, that any cold-storage component shall be developed in consultation with the Office for Senior Resources, Cornell Cooperative Extension, Second Chance Foods and other participating organizations, as appropriate; and be it further

RESOLVED, that eligible expenses may include food purchases, prepared meals and meal ingredients, packaging and food-safety supplies, transportation and delivery, refrigeration and freezer equipment and necessary installation costs, meal-production capacity, program coordination and other directly related expenses approved under the existing agreement or any amendment thereto; and be it further

RESOLVED, that prior to the disbursement of County funds, the administering organization shall submit an implementation plan outlining the overall approach to administering the initiative, including the participating organizations, the intended use of funds, the anticipated program timeline, and the general strategy for food and meal distribution throughout Putnam County, consistent with the geographic priorities established by this resolution; and be it further

RESOLVED, that administrative expenses shall be limited to actual and documented costs necessary to administer the initiative and shall not exceed ten percent of the total funding without the prior approval of the Putnam County Legislature; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the administering organization shall provide quarterly reports to the Putnam County Legislature summarizing program activities and expenditures, including funds received and expended, food and prepared meals distributed, participating organizations and locations, geographic areas served, and any material changes to the implementation plan; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the authorized program and expenditure period shall continue through December 31, 2027, and eligible program expenses incurred through that date may be paid from the funds appropriated pursuant to this resolution; and be it further

RESOLVED, that no agreement implementing this resolution shall impose an earlier final expenditure, performance or program-completion deadline, or materially narrow the allocations, geographic priorities or eligible uses authorized by this resolution, without the prior approval of the Putnam County Legislature; and be it further

RESOLVED, that any funds not used for eligible and documented expenses within the authorized program period shall be returned to Putnam County; and be it further

RESOLVED, that a final report and financial accounting shall be submitted to the Putnam County Legislature and the appropriate County departments within 60 days following the conclusion of the program period; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the County shall retain the right to review relevant financial and program records and to recover any funds used for an unauthorized or undocumented expense; and be it further

RESOLVED, that this resolution shall take effect immediately, subject to completion of the necessary budgetary amendment, legal review and any amendment to the existing agreement necessary to implement this resolution.

Diane Trabulsy

O.B

F.m: 8-4-26

From: Nancy Montgomery
Sent: Tuesday, July 28, 2026 11:41 AM
To: Diane Trabulsy; Daniel Birmingham
Subject: Formal Request to Pre-File Food Security Resolution for August 4 Full Legislative Meeting

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(BACK-UP)

Dear Chairman Birmingham and Legislative Clerk Trabulsy,

Please accept this as my formal request to pre-file the attached revised resolution, **"Approval - Release of \$150,000 from Subcontingency for Countywide Food Security Initiative,"** together with **Budgetary Transfer 26T183**, for consideration at the August 4, 2026 Full Legislative Meeting.

The revised resolution incorporates the budgetary transfer prepared by the Acting Commissioner of Finance and clarifies that the initiative will be administered through the County's existing agreements with Cornell Cooperative Extension and Second Chance Foods, with the cooperation of Social Services and the Office for Senior Resources in identifying needs and helping facilitate distribution.

Heather has reviewed the revised resolution and the applicable provisions of the Legislative Manual and confirmed that it may be pre-filed and presented to the Full Legislature, subject to the procedural vote and public-comment requirements in the Manual.

The underlying initiative was unanimously supported by the Health Committee on July 22. Budgetary Transfer 26T183 was subsequently prepared by Finance and reviewed at the Audit Committee meeting. The revised resolution now includes the formal transfer, the implementation framework and the additional provisions discussed during Audit.

Please include both the revised resolution and Budgetary Transfer 26T183 with the materials for the August 4 meeting.

Thank you both.

Nancy

Included:

1. Revised Countywide Food Security Initiative Resolution
2. Budgetary Transfer 26T183

APPROVAL - RELEASE OF \$150,000 FROM SUBCONTINGENCY FOR COUNTYWIDE FOOD SECURITY INITIATIVE

WHEREAS, the Putnam County Legislature previously placed \$150,000 in subcontingency for the purpose of addressing food insecurity and supporting food pantries and food-access programs throughout Putnam County; and

WHEREAS, food pantries and community food programs continue to experience increased demand, higher food-purchasing costs, transportation and distribution challenges, and insufficient refrigeration and freezer capacity; and

WHEREAS, the conclusion of the Meals on Main program has created an additional gap in food access in the western portion of Putnam County, particularly for seniors and other residents who are not eligible for SNAP benefits but nevertheless experience food insecurity and may not access food through a traditional food pantry; and

WHEREAS, the Putnam County Food System Coalition provides an existing structure through which Cornell Cooperative Extension, Second Chance Foods, food pantries, nonprofit organizations and other community partners collaborate to address food access and distribution throughout the County; and

WHEREAS, the Bountiful Meals program, operated through a partnership between Cornell Cooperative Extension and Second Chance Foods, provides prepared meals that may be distributed through senior centers, libraries, community organizations, food pantries and other accessible locations; and

WHEREAS, the Legislature finds that Bountiful Meals provides an important means of reaching seniors and other residents who may not otherwise access traditional pantry services; and

WHEREAS, the Legislature wishes to establish the purposes, priorities and safeguards governing the expenditure of these funds; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Putnam County Legislature hereby authorizes the release and appropriation of \$150,000 from subcontingency, subject to the necessary budgetary amendment and account designations prepared by the Commissioner of Finance as necessary to implement this Resolution, for a countywide food-security initiative consistent with the requirements of this resolution; and be it further

RESOLVED, that Budgetary Transfer 26T183 is hereby approved and that the following budgetary transfer be made:

Increase Estimated Appropriations:

25876000 54950
County Contribution - Second Chance Foods
\$50,000

25875000 54950
County Contribution - Cornell Cooperative
\$100,000

Decrease Estimated Appropriations:

10199000 54995
Sub Contingency
\$150,000

Fiscal Impact - 2026: \$0

Fiscal Impact - 2027: \$0

and be it further

RESOLVED, that implementation of this initiative shall occur through the County's existing agreement with Cornell Cooperative Extension and Second Chance Foods, together with any amendment thereto as may be necessary to implement the purposes of this resolution; and be it further

RESOLVED, that any amendments to the existing agreements expanding the scope of services or funding authorized by this resolution shall be subject to review and approval as to legal form and shall comply with all applicable laws governing County expenditures, auditing and financial controls; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the \$150,000 shall be allocated substantially as follows:

- Up to \$100,000 for pantry stabilization and countywide food purchasing and distribution, including centralized or bulk purchasing, food-purchase credits, reimbursement of eligible and documented food purchases, and distribution to participating Putnam County food pantries; and
- Not less than \$50,000 for the expansion of Bountiful Meals and related prepared-meal services, with a particular focus on seniors and residents affected by the loss of Meals on Main in the western portion of Putnam County;

and be it further

RESOLVED, that any material change to these allocations shall require the prior approval of the Putnam County Legislature; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the pantry-stabilization component shall be administered by Cornell Cooperative Extension and Second Chance Foods with the cooperation of the Department of Social Service and the Office of Senior Resources in identifying and facilitating distribution based on and prioritized by need; and be it further

RESOLVED, that in administering the pantry-stabilization and prepared-meal components, priority shall be given to underserved geographic areas of Putnam County and communities with limited access to food assistance, while maintaining a countywide approach to food purchasing and distribution; and be it further

RESOLVED, that resources shall be distributed in a manner that fairly reflects documented community need and program capacity, including consideration of geographic accessibility,

populations served, demand, food-purchasing and distribution needs, and areas affected by the loss of Meals on Main; and be it further

RESOLVED, that refrigeration units, freezer units and related cold-storage equipment shall be eligible expenses when such purchases directly support food purchasing, prepared-meal production or food distribution within Putnam County; and be it further

RESOLVED, that any cold-storage component shall be developed in consultation with the Office for Senior Resources, Cornell Cooperative Extension, Second Chance Foods and other participating organizations, as appropriate; and be it further

RESOLVED, that eligible expenses may include food purchases, prepared meals and meal ingredients, packaging and food-safety supplies, transportation and delivery, refrigeration and freezer equipment and necessary installation costs, meal-production capacity, program coordination and other directly related expenses approved under the existing agreement or any amendment thereto; and be it further

RESOLVED, that prior to the disbursement of County funds, the administering organization shall submit an implementation plan outlining the overall approach to administering the initiative, including the participating organizations, the intended use of funds, the anticipated program timeline, and the general strategy for food and meal distribution throughout Putnam County, consistent with the geographic priorities established by this resolution; and be it further

RESOLVED, that administrative expenses shall be limited to actual and documented costs necessary to administer the initiative and shall not exceed ten percent of the total funding without the prior approval of the Putnam County Legislature; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the administering organization shall provide quarterly reports to the Putnam County Legislature summarizing program activities and expenditures, including funds received and expended, food and prepared meals distributed, participating organizations and locations, geographic areas served, and any material changes to the implementation plan; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the authorized program and expenditure period shall continue through December 31, 2027, and eligible program expenses incurred through that date may be paid from the funds appropriated pursuant to this resolution; and be it further

RESOLVED, that no agreement implementing this resolution shall impose an earlier final expenditure, performance or program-completion deadline, or materially narrow the allocations, geographic priorities or eligible uses authorized by this resolution, without the prior approval of the Putnam County Legislature; and be it further

RESOLVED, that any funds not used for eligible and documented expenses within the authorized program period shall be returned to Putnam County; and be it further

RESOLVED, that a final report and financial accounting shall be submitted to the Putnam County Legislature and the appropriate County departments within 60 days following the conclusion of the program period; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the County shall retain the right to review relevant financial and program records and to recover any funds used for an unauthorized or undocumented expense; and be it further

RESOLVED, that this resolution shall take effect immediately, subject to completion of the necessary budgetary amendment, legal review and any amendment to the existing agreement necessary to implement this resolution.

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MARLENE G. BARRETT
OSR DIRECTOR



KEVIN M. BYRNE
PUTNAM COUNTY EXECUTIVE

MEMORANDUM

DATE: July 28, 2026

TO: The Honorable Erin Crowley
Chairwoman, Audit Committee

Honorable Members of the Audit Committee

Honorable Members of the Legislature

CC: Diane Trabulsy
Clerk to the Legislature

Sara Servadio
Commissioner of Social Services, Mental Health & Youth Bureau

FROM: Marlene Barrett *MB*
Director, Office for Senior Resources

RE: Clarification of Comments Regarding the Countywide Food Security Initiative

2026 JUL 28 PM 2:35
LEGISLATURE
PUTNAM COUNTY
CARMEL, NY

I would first like to thank Audit Committee Chairwoman Crowley for the opportunity to speak at last night's Audit Committee meeting regarding the Countywide Food Security Initiative. After reflecting on our discussion, I felt it was important to further clarify my comments and the intent behind the recommendations I offered.

I am grateful to Legislator Montgomery for recognizing the food insecurity needs within our community and for championing this important initiative. The commitment demonstrated by the Legislature to invest in programs that address hunger and improve the well-being of Putnam County residents is truly appreciated.

My recommendation to have the administering organizations submit an implementation plan prior to the approval of the resolution was based on two primary considerations. First, as was discussed during the meeting, the Acting Commissioner of Finance indicated that voucher approvals are guided by the parameters established within the resolution. Including the implementation plan as an attachment to the resolution would provide greater clarity and could help expedite the processing of future expenditures. Second, reviewing the plan in advance would establish a clear framework for implementation before County funds are distributed.

As currently written, the resolution requires administering organizations to submit an implementation plan prior to the disbursement of County funds. I share Commissioner Servadio's sentiment that these resources

are needed as quickly as possible. By reviewing and approving the plans in advance, these organizations would be positioned to begin serving residents immediately upon receipt of funding, rather than experiencing delays while awaiting plan approval after funds have been allocated.

During the discussion, there was mention of "micromanaging." I would like to clarify that this was never my intention. My goal is not to oversee individual purchases or operational decisions, but rather to ensure that both Commissioner Servadio and I, as representatives of our respective departments, are formally consulted regarding the overall allocation and intended use of these funds. Our departments work directly with residents every day and have firsthand knowledge of where the greatest needs exist. We can provide valuable insight to help ensure these resources have the greatest possible impact throughout the county.

I also recognize that any implementation plan must remain flexible. Community needs evolve, and programs must be able to respond accordingly. The resolution already acknowledges this by requiring that any material changes to the implementation plan be reported to the Legislature, providing both accountability and the flexibility necessary to meet changing circumstances.

I would also like to recognize the outstanding work of Cornell Cooperative Extension and Second Chance Foods. Their continued commitment to addressing food insecurity has made a meaningful difference for many residents throughout Putnam County. Commissioner Servadio and I recently met with representatives from both organizations and had productive discussions regarding opportunities to strengthen our collective efforts moving forward. It is through continued collaboration and open communication that we will achieve the greatest success. Each of us brings a unique perspective and area of expertise, yet we all share the same objective: ensuring that those most in need receive the support and resources necessary to thrive.

As Director of the Office for Senior Resources, I have the responsibility of advocating for the needs of Putnam County's older adults. Because my department serves this population every day, I believe it is important that we have a meaningful voice in the planning and implementation of initiatives that directly affect the individuals we serve. My comments were offered in the spirit of collaboration and in fulfillment of my responsibility to advocate for Putnam County's older adults, ensuring that the Office for Senior Resources has the opportunity to contribute its expertise to an initiative that will directly benefit the residents we serve.

Thank you again to Audit Committee Chairwoman Crowley for the opportunity to share my perspective, to Legislator Montgomery for her leadership in advancing this initiative, and to the Legislature for your continued support of programs and services that help Putnam County residents, particularly older adults, remain healthy, food secure, and safely in their communities.

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Erin L. Crowley	Dist. 9

MEMORANDUM

DATE: July 29, 2026

TO: Marlene Barrett
Director, Office for Senior Resources

CC: Kevin Byrne, Putnam County Executive
Sara Servadio, Commissioner, Social Services
The Putnam County Legislature

FROM: Nancy Montgomery *Nancy A. Montgomery*
Chair, Health, Social, Educational & Environmental Committee

RE: Countywide Food Security Initiative

Thank you for attending the Audit Committee meeting and for taking the time to further clarify your comments regarding the Countywide Food Security Initiative. I appreciate your thoughtful memo, your advocacy for Putnam County's older adults and, most importantly, the work you and your staff do every day on behalf of some of our most vulnerable residents.

The new resolution has now been pre-filed for consideration at the August 4th Full Legislative Meeting. It incorporates the budgetary transfer prepared by the Commissioner of Finance and addresses the issues raised during the Audit Committee discussion.

I do want to be clear that the resolution approved unanimously in Health and before Audit already provided for collaboration. It directed implementation through the County's existing agreements with Cornell Cooperative Extension and Second Chance Foods, required an implementation plan, and specifically included consultation with the Office for Senior Resources on cold storage needs.

However, in response to the concerns raised at the Audit Committee meeting, the new resolution now makes that role even more explicit. It states that Cornell and Second Chance Foods will administer the pantry-stabilization component with the cooperation of Social

Services and the Office for Senior Resources in identifying and facilitating distribution based on and prioritized by need. It also continues to specifically require consultation with OSR regarding any cold-storage component.

Cornell Cooperative Extension and Second Chance Foods were selected as the administering organizations because the County already has agreements with them, and because both have a long-standing and proven record of providing food and prepared meals to residents in need. They have been at the forefront of this work in Putnam County and have the existing relationships, experience and infrastructure needed to move these resources into the community. That does not diminish the important role of OSR or DSS. Their knowledge of the residents they serve, along with yours, will be extremely valuable in identifying needs, reaching seniors and helping ensure that distribution is both countywide and responsive to underserved areas.

The resolution also requires an implementation plan before funds are disbursed, quarterly reporting to the Legislature and cooperation among the participating organizations. I believe this provides the accountability everyone is seeking while still allowing the organizations doing the work enough flexibility to respond to changing needs on the ground.

I appreciated your clarification that your intention was not to micromanage individual purchases or operational decisions, but to ensure that OSR and DSS have a meaningful voice in the process. I believe the revised resolution reflects that balance: the Legislature establishes the purpose, allocations and safeguards for the funding, while Cornell, Second Chance Foods, OSR and DSS work collaboratively to make sure it reaches the people who need it most.

Thank you again for your service to Putnam County's older adults. I look forward to your continued collaboration as we move this initiative forward.

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Committee: Other Bus. Resolution # _____
Introduced By _____ Regular Mtg: August 4, 2026
Seconded By _____ Special Mtg _____

**APPROVAL – BUDGETARY TRANSFER (26T183) LEGISLATURE – FUNDS
FROM SUBCONTINGENCY TO SUPPORT SECOND CHANCE FOODS AND
CORNELL COOPERATIVE EXTENSION**

WHEREAS, the Acting Commissioner of Finance has prepared budgetary transfer (26T183) to transfer \$150,000 from Subcontingency to support Second Chance Foods and Cornell Cooperative; and

WHEREAS, the Health, Social, Educational & Environmental Committee has reviewed and approved said budgetary transfer; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the following budgetary amendment be made:

Increase Estimated Appropriations:

25876000 54950	County Contribution- Second Chance Foods	50,000
25875000 54950	County Contribution- Cornell Cooperative	100,000

Decrease Estimated Appropriations:

10199000 54995	Subcontingency	150,000
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2026 - Fiscal Impact - \$0

2027 - Fiscal Impact - \$0

ROLL CALL VOTE	YES	NO	YES	NO	YES	NO	YES	NO
Legislator Addonizio								
Legislator Crowley								
Legislator D'Angelo								
Legislator Gouldman								
Legislator Montgomery								
Legislator Regan								
Legislator Russo								
Legislator Sayegh								
Chairman Birmingham								

Re-fund
7/30/26

Other
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Committee: _____ Resolution # _____
Introduced By _____ Regular Mtg: August 4, 2026
Seconded By _____ Special Mtg _____

**APPROVAL – BUDGETARY TRANSFER (26T###) TO FUND RFP NO. 02-2026 –
PUTNAM COUNTY SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT FUNDS SPECIAL
AUDIT**

**WHEREAS, by resolution no. ____ adopted on ____, the Putnam County
Legislature has awarded RFP No. 02-2026 entitled "Putnam County Soil & Water
Conservation District Funds Special Audit"; and**

**WHEREAS, sufficient appropriated funds are not presently available within the
account designated for this professional services contract; and**

**WHEREAS, the Legislature desires to fund this expenditure solely through an
appropriation from the Legislature's own budget and not from any other County
department; now therefore, be it**

RESOLVED, that the 2026 County Budget is hereby amended as follows:

DECREASE

**Legislature
Line Item _____**

\$ _____

INCREASE

**Legislature
Line Item _____**

\$ _____

and be it further

**RESOLVED, that the source of funding for this budget amendment shall be the
Legislature's own appropriations, and no funds shall be transferred from the budget
of any other County department for this purpose; and be it further**

RESOLVED, that this resolution shall take effect immediately.

ROLL CALL VOTE	YES	NO	YES	NO	YES	NO	YES	NO
Legislator Addonizio								
Legislator Crowley								
Legislator D'Angelo								
Legislator Gouldman								
Legislator Montgomery								
Legislator Regan								
Legislator Russo								
Legislator Sayegh								
Chairman Birmingham								

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Committee: _____ Resolution # _____
Introduced By _____ Regular Mtg: August 4, 2026
Seconded By _____ Special Mtg _____

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.
- Resolution #207 of 2025.

ROLL CALL VOTE	YES	NO	YES	NO	YES	NO	YES	NO
Legislator Addonizio								
Legislator Crowley								
Legislator D'Angelo								
Legislator Gouldman								
Legislator Montgomery								
Legislator Regan								
Legislator Russo								
Legislator Sayegh								
Chairman Birmingham								

And

WHEREAS, it is now time to file the report for 2026; 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.

Standard Workday and Reporting Resolution 2026 - Monthly Report

Department	Description	Employee Name	Original Hire Date	Current Position Hire Date	Standard Work Day (Hrs/Day)	Term Begins/Ends	Days/ Month
1010	Legislator	Toni Addonizio	1/1/2015	1/1/2015	6	1/1/2024 - 12/31/2026	18.53
1010	Legislator	Daniel G. Birmingham	7/31/1995	1/1/2025	6	1/1/2025 - 12/31/2027	11.69
1010	Legislator	Erin Crowley	1/1/2023	1/1/2023	6	1/1/2026-12/31/2028	6.24
1010	Legislator	William Gouldman	1/1/2015	1/1/2015	6	1/1/2024 - 12/31/2026	33.23
1010	Legislator	Jake D'Angelo	1/1/2026	1/1/2026	6	1/1/2026-12/31/2028	5.04
1165	District Attorney	Robert Tendy	1/1/2016	1/1/2016	7	1/1/2024 - 12/31/2027	21.94
1230	County Executive	Kevin Byrne	1/1/2023	1/1/2023	7	1/1/2023 - 12/31/2026	30.17
1410	County Clerk	Michael Bartolotti	2/11/2002	1/1/2015	7	1/1/2023 - 12/31/2026	27.77
1010	Legislator	Amy E. Sayegh	1/1/2018	1/1/2018	6	1/1/2024 - 12/31/2026	18.14
1010	Legislator	Nancy Montgomery	1/1/2019	1/1/2019	6	1/1/2022 - 12/31/2024	22.68
1185	Coroner	Wendy Erickson	1/1/2021	1/1/2021	6	1/1/2021 - 12/31/2024	2.23
1010	Legislator	Laura Russo	1/1/2025	1/1/2025	6	1/1/2025-12/31/2027	7.16

Please Note: There are not officials reported on this Resolution who are member(s) of Tier 1

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7-30-26

Other Bcs.
Filed 8-4-26
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Committee: _____ Resolution # _____
Introduced By _____ Regular Mtg: August 4, 2026
Seconded By _____ Special Mtg _____

**APPROVAL – AMENDING RESOLUTION NO. 188 OF 2026 REGARDING NON-PuMA
MANAGEMENT-CONFIDENTIAL ACTIVE EMPLOYEE HEALTH INSURANCE
BENEFITS**

WHEREAS, Resolution No. 321 of 2025 amended the Management/Confidential employee health insurance contribution schedule by establishing that the highest employee health insurance contribution rate shall not exceed seventeen percent (17%); and

WHEREAS, subsection C of Resolution No. 188 of 2026 inadvertently retained the superseded contribution percentages; and

WHEREAS, the Legislature desires to amend Resolution No. 188 of 2026 solely to conform subsection C to Resolution No. 321 of 2025; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that Section C(1) of Resolution No. 188 of 2026 is hereby amended to read as follows:

C. Management Health Insurance

1. Employees Hired Prior to April 11, 2006.

Any employee of the County classified in the Management/Confidential category and employed by the County as of midnight on April 10, 2006, and who elected to participate in the County employee health insurance program shall pay a portion of the premium cost of such health insurance coverage pursuant to the following schedule:

Years of County Employment	Amount of Premium Payable by Employee
9+	10%
5-8	15%
0-4	17%

Section C(1)(a) is hereby amended by deleting each reference to **25%** and replacing it with **17%**, so that the subsection shall otherwise remain unchanged; and be it further

RESOLVED, that except as specifically amended herein, all other provisions of Resolution No. 188 of 2026 shall remain in full force and effect.

ROLL CALL VOTE	YES	NO	YES	NO	YES	NO	YES	NO
Legislator Addonizio								
Legislator Crowley								
Legislator D'Angelo								
Legislator Gouldman								
Legislator Montgomery								
Legislator Regan								
Legislator Russo								
Legislator Sayegh								
Chairman Birmingham								