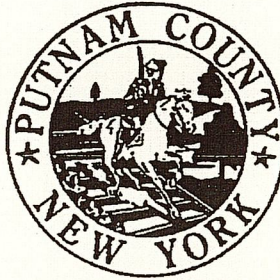


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AGENDA ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT & ENERGY COMMITTEE MEETING TO BE HELD IN ROOM 318 PUTNAM COUNTY OFFICE BUILDING CARMEL, NEW YORK 10512

Chairwoman Russo, Legislators Crowley & D'Angelo

Wednesday

5:30 PM

September 23, 2026

1. Pledge of Allegiance
2. Roll Call
3. Acceptance of Minutes – July 27, 2026 Meeting
4. Presentation / Discussion – Philipstown Depot Theatre – Theatre 360 Technical Training Initiative – Executive Director Amy Dul & Artistic Director Alice Jankell
5. Approval – Budgetary Transfer 26T246 – Tourism – Social Media Campaign For Putnam County Transportation System Services
6. FYI – Budgetary Transfer 26T269 – Tourism – Advertising for Shop Local and Discover Putnam Commercial
7. FYI – Unemployment Report (updated through 7/31/26)
8. Other Business
9. Adjournment

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HELD IN ROOM 318
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Chairwoman Russo, Legislators Crowley & D'Angelo

Monday

5:00PM

July 27, 2026

The meeting was called to order at 5:02 p.m. by Chairwoman Russo, who requested Legislator Crowley lead in the Pledge of Allegiance. Upon roll call, Legislators Crowley and D'Angelo and Chairwoman Russo were present.

Item #3 - Acceptance of Minutes – June 29, 2026 Meeting

The minutes were accepted as submitted.

Item #4 - Approval – Designation – County of Putnam – Tourist Promotion Agency – Dept. of Tourism

Chairwoman Russo called forth Director of Tourism Tara Keegan to discuss this item and thanked her for attending.

Director Keegan stated that the designation is an annual requirement in the County's application for Empire State Development/I LOVE NY matching-grant funding. She explained that the resolution designates Putnam County as the Tourist Promotion Agency and that the only change is the effective date, from December 31, 2026 to December 31, 2027; all other language remains the same.

Legislator Birmingham questioned whether the program is funded half by the County and half by the State and whether the County's matching funds are subject to different spending restrictions.

Director Keegan stated that the program is a 50/50 matching grant and that expenditures from the matching-grant budget line must comply with I LOVE NY requirements and receive State review and approval. She explained that the State reviews promotional materials funded through that line, including advertisements, commercials, and radio advertisements, particularly for proper use of the I LOVE NY logo. She distinguished the I LOVE NY matching funds from separate, non-matching County advertising funds, which do not require State approval.

Legislator Birmingham questioned whether the County's share of the matching funds could be used for purposes outside the State-approved program and requested clarification regarding the specific restrictions.

Chairwoman Russo called the question, stating that this item before the Committee concerns the I LOVE NY program funding, not other monies.

Legislator Birmingham stated his initial question was not answered and questioned the specific prohibitions of the State funding.

Director Keegan reiterated that all ads and promotional materials paid from the matching-grant line are submitted to the State for review and approval, while expenditures from non-matching funding sources do not require that approval.

Legislator Sayegh questioned whether I LOVE NY funds must be used to advertise outside Putnam County for the purpose of attracting visitors into the County.

Director Keegan confirmed that the matching-grant funds are used for external tourism promotion, including promotion in Westchester County. She explained that other advertising lines may also be used for promotion both within and outside Putnam County, but the resolution before the Committee pertains specifically to the State-approved matching-grant program.

Chairwoman Russo made a motion to pre-file the necessary resolution; Seconded by Legislator Crowley. All in favor.

Item #5 - FYI – Unemployment Report

Duly noted.

Item #6 - Other Business

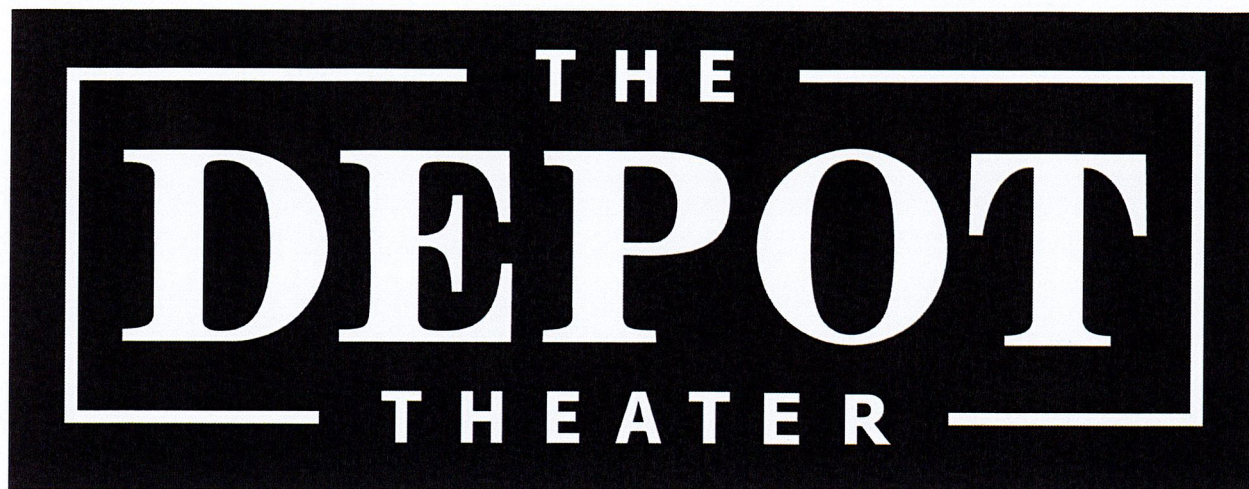
There was no other business.

Item #7 - Adjournment

There being no further business, at 5:10 p.m. Chairwoman Russo made a motion to adjourn; Seconded by Legislator D'Angelo. All in favor.

Respectfully submitted by Administrative Assistant Mary Dechiaro.

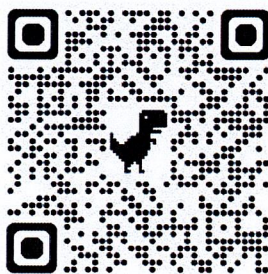
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Alice Jankell, Artistic Director

Amy Dul, Executive Director

Depottheater.org



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Garrison, NY 10524

845-424-3900

Mary Dechiaro

From: Amy Dul
Sent: Monday, September 14, 2026 2:44 PM
To: Mary Dechiaro; Nancy Montgomery; Alice Jankell; Amy Dul
Subject: One pager for Sept. 23 meeting, plus a correction on phone number
Attachments: putnam county economic dev meeting-3.docx

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Hi Mary,

As promised, here is material for the Sept. 23 meeting. In wanting to keep it simple, this one pager will direct attendees to our website.

We will give a very brief introduction about our theater and its economic impact on businesses and residents in Putnam County and then outline our Theater 360 program designed to educate middle school and high school students with workforce skills that lead directly to employment in many fields.

Thanks so much and let me know if you need anything else.
Alice Jankell, our Artistic Director will be joining me.

Amy Dul
Executive Director
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MEMORANDUM

DATE: September 2, 2026

TO: Laura Russo
Chairwoman, Economic Development & Energy Committee

CC: Nancy Montgomery
Legislator, District #1

FROM: Daniel G. Birmingham
Chairman, Putnam County Legislature

RE: Philipstown Depot Theatre Presentation

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to be "D. Birmingham", is written over the "FROM:" line of the memorandum.

Pursuant to Section III. Committees of the Legislature (C)(2)(a) of the Legislative Manual, I am referring the request for a presentation by the Philipstown Depot Theatre to the Economic Development & Energy Committee for consideration. Please include said presentation on the next agenda of the Economic Development & Energy Committee.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

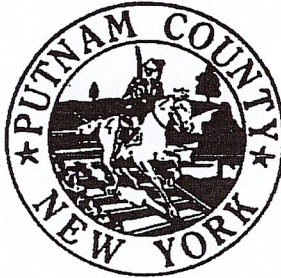
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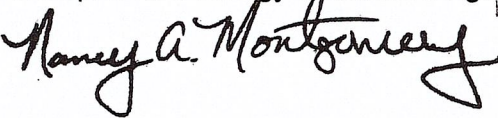
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MEMORANDUM

DATE: September 2, 2026

TO: Daniel G. Birmingham
Chairman, Putnam County Legislature

CC: Laura Russo
Chairwoman, Economic Development & Energy Committee Agenda

FROM: Nancy Montgomery
Legislator, District #1 

RE: September 23, 2026 Economic Development & Energy Committee Agenda -
Philipstown Depot Theatre

I respectfully request that the following item be placed on the agenda for the September 23, 2026 Economic Development & Energy Committee meeting:

Presentation – Philipstown Depot Theatre: Theatre 360 Technical Training Program/Depot Backstage

Representatives from the Philipstown Depot Theatre would like the opportunity to introduce the Committee to their Theatre 360 technical training initiative and the proposed Depot Backstage facility. The program is focused on technical theater and production arts training, including hands-on opportunities for teens and adults in areas such as lighting, sound, set design and construction, costumes, stage management, and other skills connected to careers in theater, film, television, and live production.

My request is simply to provide the Depot Theatre an opportunity to present the program, its workforce-development and educational components, and its potential benefit to Putnam County residents and the regional creative economy.

Please let me know as soon as possible whether this can be accommodated on the September 23 agenda so that I may coordinate with the Depot Theatre representatives and accommodate their schedules.

Thank you for your consideration.

Kevin Byrne
County Executive

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Tara Keegan
Tourism Director

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MEMORANDUM

To: Diane Trabulsy, Clerk of the Putnam County Legislature
From: Tara Keegan, Director of Tourism
Date: September 2, 2026
Subject: Budgetary Request – Department of Tourism

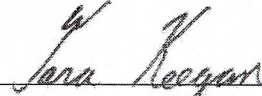
The Department of Tourism is requesting a budgetary transfer of \$8,000.00 from the Sub-contingency Tourism line (Line No. 10199000.54991) to our Advertising line (Line No. 10641000.54664)

The \$8,000.00 will be utilized for a targeted social media campaign to educate residents of our County's transportation system services. Reinforcing residents of how affordable and efficient our County's Putnam On-Demand program is.

This request would have no fiscal impact as this money has already been allocated in the adopted 2026 budget.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Thank you for your time and consideration of this request.


Tara Keegan, Director of Tourism

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**COUNTY OF PUTNAM
FUND TRANSFER REQUEST**

TO: Commissioner of Finance
FROM: Tara Keegan (Director)
DEPT: Tourism
DATE: September 2, 2026

I hereby request approval for the following transfer of funds:

FROM ACCOUNT# / NAME	TO ACCOUNT# / NAME	AMOUNT	PURPOSE
Sub-Contingency Tourism [10199000.54991]	Advertising [10641000.54664]	\$8,000.00	For a targeted social media campaign to educate residents of our County's transportation system services.

20__26 Fiscal Impact \$ 0

20__27 Fiscal Impact \$ 0

Tara Keegan, Tara Keegan 9/2/26
Department Head Signature/Designee Date

AUTHORIZATION: (Electronic signatures)

Date Commissioner of Finance/Designee: Initiated by: \$0 - \$5,000.00

Date County Executive/Designee: Authorized for Legislative Consideration: \$5,000.01 - \$10,000.00

Date Chairperson Audit /Designee: \$0 - \$10,000.00

Date Audit & Administration Committee: \$10,000.01 - \$25,000.00

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CC: AV
9.23.26 ECO - FYT
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**COUNTY OF PUTNAM
FUND TRANSFER REQUEST**

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TO: Commissioner of Finance
FROM: Tara Keegan (Director)
DEPT: Tourism (Dept No. 1064100)
DATE: September 10, 2026

I hereby request approval for the following transfer of funds:

FROM ACCOUNT# / NAME	TO ACCOUNT# / NAME	AMOUNT	PURPOSE
Printing & Forms - \$500.00 [10641000.54311]	Advertising [10641000.54664]	\$2,971.00	For upcoming advertising to promote shop local and air time of our Discover Putnam Commercial.
Books & Supplements - \$100.00 [10641000.54313]			
Promotional Materials - \$371.00 [10641000.54329]			
Education & Training - \$2,000.00 [10641000.54640]			

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20_26 Fiscal Impact \$ 0

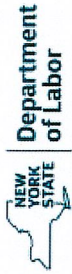
20_27 Fiscal Impact \$ 0

Tara Keegan Tara Keegan 9/10/26
Department Head Signature/Designee Date

AUTHORIZATION: (Electronic signatures)

Date	Commissioner of Finance/Designee: Initiated by: \$0 - \$5,000.00
Date	County Executive/Designee: Authorized for Legislative Consideration: \$5,000.01 - \$10,000.00
Date	Chairperson Audit /Designee: \$0 - \$10,000.00
Date	Audit & Administration Committee: \$10,000.01 - \$25,000.00

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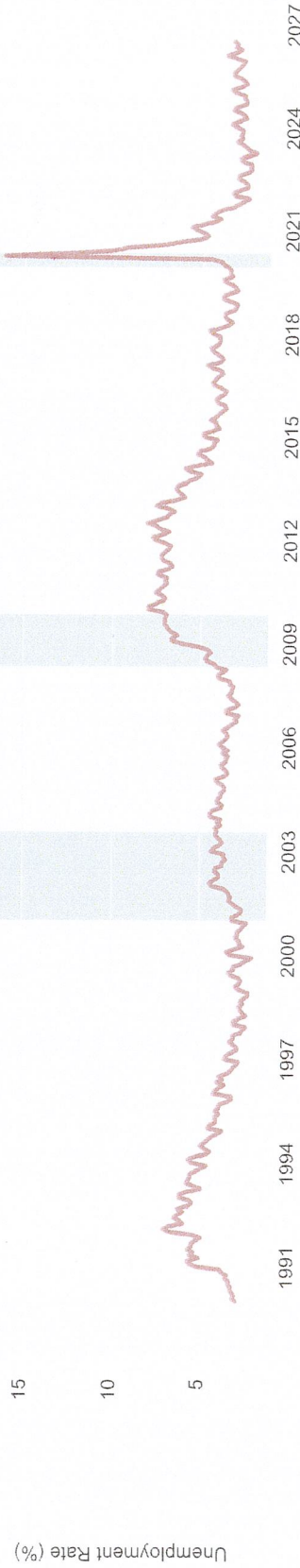
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Area: Putnam County Measure: Unemployment Rate Adjustment: Not Seasonally Adjusted Date Range: January 1990 to July 2026



Note: Shaded areas represent New York State recessions.

Year	Month	Area Name	Employed	Unemployed	Labor Force	Unemployment Rate
2026	July	Putnam County	53,400	1,900	55,300	3.4%
	June	Putnam County	52,400	1,700	54,200	3.2%
	May	Putnam County	52,500	1,800	54,200	3.3%
	April	Putnam County	52,400	1,600	54,100	3.0%
	March	Putnam County	52,700	1,800	54,500	3.3%
2025	February	Putnam County	52,300	2,100	54,400	3.8%
	January	Putnam County	52,600	1,800	54,400	3.3%
	December	Putnam County	52,700	1,500	54,200	2.8%
	November	Putnam County	52,800	1,600	54,300	2.9%
	September	Putnam County	52,300	1,700	54,000	3.2%
	August	Putnam County	52,200	1,900	54,000	3.4%
	July	Putnam County	52,500	1,800	54,400	3.4%
	June	Putnam County	52,500	1,600	54,100	3.0%
	May	Putnam County				
	April	Putnam County				

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