

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

October 6, 2026

7:00 P.M.

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

PROCLAMATIONS

Domestic Violence Awareness Month

4. Acceptance of Minutes – December 18, 2025
April 7, 2026
June 2, 2026
September 22, 2026
5. Correspondence
a) County Auditor
6. Pre-filed resolutions:

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE
(Chairwoman Addonizio, Legislators Russo & Sayegh)

- 6a. **Approval – Authorization – Creation of An Additional Senior Deputy County Attorney Position In The Department of Law (Item #5)**
- 6b. **Approval – Budgetary Transfer (26T241) – County Attorney – Hire An Additional Attorney In The County Law Department (Item #6)**

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

- 6c. **Approval – Local Law Amending the County Charter Limiting and Restraining the Salaries of Certain Elected County Officials (Item #4)**
- 6d. **Approval – Local Adopting a Real Property Tax Exemption for Creation of Accessory Dwelling Units Pursuant to Section 421-p of the NYS Real Property Tax Law and Excluding Short-Term Rentals (Item #5)**

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

- 6e. **Approval – Budgetary Amendment (26A069)/ Historian – Donation – Use Funds to Subsidize Digitization of Putnam County Courier Archives from 1946 – 1955 (Item #7)**
- 6f. **Approval – Budgetary Amendment (26A075) – Mental Health – To Reflect Adjusted State Aid Levels – NYS Office of Mental Health (O.B. #9a)**
- 6g. **Approval – Budgetary Transfer (26T247) Social Services – Extension on a pay differential directly for the Director of Eligibility (O.B. #9b)**
- 6h. **Approval – Adoption of The Putnam County Local Solid Waste Management Plan (LSWMP) For 2025–2034 (Item #8)**

PHYSICAL SERVICES COMMITTEE
(Chairman Gouldman, Legislators Regan & Sayegh)

- 6i. **Approval – Acting Commissioner of Finance - Ratification of the 2026 Real Property Tax Sale (Item #10)**
- 6j. **Approval – Appointment – Putnam County Agricultural And Farmland Protection Board – Daniel Honovich, DVM (Item #5)**
- 6k. **Approval – Demolition Of County-Owned Building – 34 Gleneida Avenue, Carmel, New York (Item #12a)**

- 6l. Approval – Grant Application – Community Resiliency, Economic Sustainability (CREST), and Technology Program /Koehler Senior Center Security Upgrades (Item #6)
- 6m. Approval – Authorizing the implementation, and funding in the first instance 100% of the federal-aid and State "Marchiselli" Program-aid eligible costs, of a transportation federal-aid project, and appropriating funds (Item #7)
- 6n. Approval – Budgetary Amendment 26A077 – DPW – Local Match – Stoneleigh Ave. at Drewville Road Intersection Project (PIN 8761.97) (Item #8)
- 6o. Approval – Budgetary Transfer 26T268 – Dept. of General Services – Electric Supply and Delivery Costs through Year End (Item #9)
- 6p. Approval – Budgetary Transfer (26T275) Department of Public Works (DPW) – CP2603- D.A. Conference Room Renovation and CP2604- 125 Rte. 312 Abatement & Demotion (item OB #15c)
- 6q. Approval – Requesting a Traffic and Speed Limit Study and the Initiation of Procedures to Reduce the Posted Speed Limit on East Lake Boulevard (County Route 72) – Town of Carmel (Item #4)

BUDGET & FINANCE COMMITTEE
(All Legislators)

- 6r. Approval – Local Law To Amend Article 3, Section 3.04-A(D) And Article 7, Section 7.04(B)(8) Of The Putnam County Charter In Relation To The Vote Required To Override Certain Budget Vetoes (Item #5)

AUDIT & ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE
(Chairwoman Crowley, Legislator Regan, Legislator Russo)

- 6s. Approval – Budgetary Amendment (26A074) – Real Property – Recognition of Reimbursement Funds From The Office of Real Property Tax Services – for a Required Commercial Appraising Class (Item #5b.)
- 6t. Approval – Budgetary Amendment (26T248) – Department of Social Services (DSS) – Amend the 2026 DSS Budget to include the additional County Contribution resulting in the shift in weekly shares payments of Putnam’s Statutory Annual Medicaid Shares (Item #11)
- 6u. Approval – Write Off Delinquent Real Property Taxes – Town Of Carmel Tax Map 44.14-2-1 (Item #16)

- 7. Other Business**
- 7a. Approval – No Match – Grant Application – Law Department Putnam County Legal Society – Additional Family Defense or Quality Improvement for Family Court Representation Grant Funding From the New York State Office of Indigent Legal Services**
- 8. Recognition of Public on Agenda Items**
- 9. Recognition of Legislators**
- 10. Adjournment**

Proclamation

OCTOBER AS DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH

WHEREAS, Domestic Violence is an epidemic affecting individuals in every community including Putnam County, regardless of age, economic status, sexual orientation, gender, race, religion, or nationality; and

WHEREAS, nearly 1 in 4 women and 1 in 7 men are victims of some form of physical violence by an intimate partner; and

WHEREAS, in 2025 the Putnam Northern Westchester Women's Resource Center (WRC) answered 1,082 Hotline calls from victims; and

WHEREAS, WRC staff accompanied 44 victims to the Putnam County Sheriff, Court, District Attorney, Probation; and

WHEREAS, since it's opening in 2022, the Special Victims Unit, a joint project of the Women's Resource Center and the Putnam County Sheriff's Department, has so far provided safe space for more than 71 adult victims to meet with law enforcement and victim advocates following a domestic violence and/or sexual assault incident; and

WHEREAS, the Women's Resource Center, the Putnam County Department of Probation, Sheriff's Department, District Attorney, Child Advocacy Center, and the Department of Social Services work tirelessly together to end domestic violence; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that Putnam County Executive Kevin Byrne and the Putnam County Legislature do hereby proclaim October 2026 as "Domestic Violence Awareness Month" in Putnam County.

Kevin Byrne, Putnam County Executive

Daniel G. Birmingham, Chair, Putnam County Legislature

Full mtg.
10-6-26

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

ThursdayDecember 18, 2025(Immediately Following the 6:00pm Audit & Admin. Mtg.)

The meeting was called to order at 8:25 p.m. by Chairwoman Sayegh who requested that Legislator Montgomery lead in the Pledge of Allegiance and Legislator Ellner lead in the Legislative Prayer. Upon roll call, Legislators Addonizio, Ellner, Jonke, Birmingham, Montgomery and Chairwoman Sayegh were present. Legislators Gouldman, Russo and Crowley were absent. Also present was Legislative Counsel Abissi.

Item #4 – Pre-filed resolutions:

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

Item #4a. Approval – 2026 Salaries For Officers And Employees Paid From County Funds was next. On behalf of the members of the Personnel Committee, Legislators Addonizio and Gouldman, Chairman Jonke moved the following:

RESOLUTION: #360

APPROVAL/ 2026 SALARIES FOR OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES PAID FROM COUNTY FUNDS

WHEREAS, Pursuant to Section 2.04 of the Putnam County Charter and Section 201 of the NYS County Law, the Putnam County Legislature must fix by resolution the compensation of all officers and employees paid from County funds; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the salaries for fiscal year 2026 for all officers and employees, or their successors, who are not members of bargaining units or whose salaries are not required to be set by Local Law are hereby set at the amounts listed attached; and be it further

RESOLVED, that these employees will also be paid any benefits and/or receive incentive payments resulting from the Putnam County Flex Plan; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Commissioner of Finance is authorized to determine the method of pay out of monies as herein described.

<u>Pay Position</u>	<u>Pay Position Description</u>	<u>2026 Adopted</u>
101010101	LEGISLATOR	48,173.00
101010102	LEGISLATOR	48,173.00
101010103	LEGISLATOR	48,173.00
101010104	LEGISLATOR	48,173.00
101010105	LEGISLATOR	48,173.00

101010106	LEGISLATOR	48,173.00
101010107	LEGISLATOR	48,173.00
101010108	LEGISLATOR	48,173.00
101010109	LEGISLATOR	48,173.00
101010110	CLERK TO LEGIS	123,572.00
101010111	DEP CLERK TO LEGIS	100,922.00
101010113	ADMIN ASST (LEGIS)	71,970.00
10101011N	DEP CLERK TO LEGIS	87,000.00
10101011N	LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL (PT)	96,000.00
10101011N	MINORITY LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL (PT)	50,000.00
101010190	LEGISLATIVE STIPEND	12,044.00
116510101	DISTRICT ATTORNEY	223,700.00
116510103	CHIEF ASST DA	180,862.00
116510104	ASST DA	109,648.00
116510108	ASST DA	105,468.00
116510110	CRIM INVES (DA)	94,714.00
116510111	ASST DA	77,270.00
116510122	SPECIAL VICTIMS INVES (DA)	92,533.00
116510125	ASST DA	110,404.00
116510126	ASST DA	99,372.00
116510129	CHIEF OF STAFF (DIST ATTORNEY)	87,046.00
116510130	FIRST ASST DA	156,126.00
116510133	ASST DA APPEALS	133,900.00
116510134	ASST DA BUREAU CHIEF	137,582.00
1165101N	ASST DA FINANCIAL CRIMES & INVESTIGATIONS	105,000.00
118510101	CORONER	48,173.00
118510102	CORONER	48,173.00
118510103	CORONER	48,173.00

118510104	CONF SEC TO COUNTY CORONER	63,000.00
118510194	COORD OF CORONERS (MD)	12,000.00
123010101	COUNTY EXECUTIVE	181,303.00
123010102	DEP CNTY EXEC	167,464.00
123010103	CHIEF OF STAFF (COUNTY EXEC)	93,635.00
123010106	CONF SEC TO COUNTY EXEC	81,755.00
123010107	DIRECTOR OF COMMUNICATIONS	90,257.00
123010108	DIR COMP INTERGOV RELATIONS	73,388.00
131010101	COMM OF FINANCE	175,782.00
131010110	DEP COMM FINANCE	116,000.00
131010116	PAYROLL MANAGER	102,900.00
131010120	FIRST DEP COMM FINANCE	130,809.00
132010101	COUNTY AUDITOR	150,000.00
132010102	AUDIT MANAGER	87,000.00
132010103	DEP CNTY AUDITOR	127,000.00
134510101	DIR PURCH & CTRL SVCS	156,437.00
134510109	CAPITAL ASSET & PROCURE MANAGER	62,100.00
135510101	DIR REAL PRP TAX SVC	113,093.00
141010101	COUNTY CLERK	156,963.00
141010102	FIRST DEP CNTY CLERK	137,845.00
141010104	CONF SEC TO COUNTY CLK	73,912.00
141110101	DEP CNTY CLERK	70,476.00
141110103	DEP CNTY CLERK	99,841.00
146010101	ASST RCDS MGMT OFCR	75,495.00
146010193	COUNTY CLERK	7,500.00
142010101	COUNTY ATTORNEY	175,782.00
142010102	CONF SEC TO COUNTY ATTY	69,134.00
142010103	DEP CNTY ATTORNEY	102,107.00

142010104	FIRST DEP CNTY ATTY	156,483.00
142010105	SR DEP CNTY ATTY	142,558.00
142010110	RISK MANAGER	105,451.00
142010112	SR DEP CNTY ATTY	128,099.00
142010118	DEP COUNTY ATTY	118,450.00
142010119	SR DEP CNTY ATTY	71,650.00
142010120	DEP CNTY ATTORNEY	132,189.00
143010101	PERSONNEL OFFICER	163,358.00
143010111	DEPUTY PERSONNEL OFFICER	124,481.00
143010N	OFFICE MANAGER	80,751.00
143010N	OFFICE MANAGER	4,250.00
144010101	SUPV PLAN & DESIGN	142,091.00
144010110	COORD ENGINEERING PROJECTS	119,617.00
149010134	COMMISSIONER DEPT PUB WORKS	163,647.00
149010135	DEP COMM DEPT PUB WORKS	129,431.00
149010136	CONF SECRETARY TO COMM DPW	64,507.00
711010102	PARK SUPERINTENDENT	100,943.00
145010101	COMM OF ELECTIONS	112,710.00
145010102	COMM OF ELECTIONS	112,710.00
145010103	DEP COMM BD OF ELECT	99,885.00
145010104	ELECTION SPECIALIST	66,091.00
145010105	ELECTION SPECIALIST	66,091.00
145010106	DEP COMM BD OF ELECT	99,885.00
145010109	ELECTION SPECIALIST	72,629.00
145010110	ELECTION SPECIALIST	72,629.00
145010111	VOTING MCH TECH (PT)	34,661.00
145010112	VOTING MCH TECH (PT)	34,661.00
145010113	ELECTION SPECIALIST	35,721.00

145010113	ELECTION SPECIALIST	33,046.00
145010114	ELECTION SPECIALIST	66,091.00
168010109	DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF IT/GIS	93,000.00
168010120	DIR OF IT/GIS	154,892.00
311010101	SHERIFF	180,313.00
311010102	UNDERSHERIFF	166,560.00
311010103	ROAD PATROL CAPTAIN	158,629.00
311010110	CONF SECRETARY	68,135.00
311010114	CRIMINAL INVESTIGATIONS CAPT	158,629.00
311010125	CHIEF OF STAFF (SHERIFF)	82,400.00
311010127	OPERATIONS CAPT	158,629.00
311010128	CIVIL BUREAU CAPT	158,629.00
315010101	CORRECTION CAPTAIN	158,629.00
315010106	CORRECTION LIEUT	146,732.00
315010109	CORRECTION LIEUT	146,732.00
314110101	STOP DWI PRGM ADMIN	14,421.00
314010122	PROBATION DIRECTOR GROUP A	139,938.00
398910101	COMM OF EMERG SVCES	64,746.00
398910115	DIR OF EMERG MGMT	97,366.00
398913103	DEP COMM EMERG SVCES	105,833.00
398910101	COMM OF EMERG SVCES	64,746.00
398910102	EMERG SVC COORD (PT)	5,150.00
398910104	EMERG SVC COORD (PT)	5,150.00
398910105	EMERG SVC COORD (PT)	5,150.00
398910106	EMERG SVC COORD (PT)	5,150.00
398910107	EMERG SVC COORD (PT)	5,150.00
398910109	CONF SECRETARY	69,389.00
398910112	DIR OF EMERG MED SERV	92,075.00

398910113	EMERG SVC COORD (PT)	5,150.00
398910114	EMERG SVC COORD (PT)	5,150.00
398914101	EMS EDUCATION COORDINATOR	72,883.00
401010119	PUB HLTH DIRECTOR	159,650.00
401010120	MEDICAL CONSULTANT	113,300.00
816010101	SOLID WASTE MANAGER	82,400.00
401066109	QUALITY IMPRV/PRGRM EVAL MNGR	83,640.00
401077101	PUB HEALTH DATA & INFO SPEC	83,640.00
198910102	COORD OFFICE INDIV DISABILITIE	41,896.00
198910102	COORD OFFICE INDIV DISABILITIE	62,844.00
431010101	DIR OF MENTAL HEALTH	72,000.00
731010108	COMM OF SOC SVCES & MH	34,086.00
431010101	DIR OF MENTAL HEALTH	48,000.00
431010103	DUAL RECOVERY COORD	97,338.00
731010104	YOUTH DIRECTOR	11,786.00
431010102	CRISIS INTERV SPEC (LAW ENF)	97,338.00
601002101	DIR OF CHILD/FAM SVCES	133,779.00
731010104	YOUTH DIRECTOR	21,381.00
601020125	DEP COMM SOC SVCES & YB	124,470.00
731010108	COMM OF SOC SVCES & MH	127,821.00
641010101	DIRECTOR OF TOURISM	92,603.00
651010101	COUNTY VETERANS DIR	92,164.00
651010106	VETERANS ASST (PT)	4,553.00
651010108	DEP CNTY VETERANS DIR	68,458.00
651010N11	VETERANS SERVICE OFFICER- P/T 30HPW	50,000.00
661010101	DIR OF CONS AFFAIRS/WTS&MSRS	52,492.00
661010111	CONF SECRETARY	26,028.00
677210101	DIR, OFFICE SENIOR RESOURCES	116,631.00

677210103	CONF SECRETARY	68,250.00
677210145	DEPUTY DIR, OSR	92,700.00
601020125	DEP COMM SOC SVCES & YB	13,830.00
731010104	YOUTH DIRECTOR	85,284.00
731010108	COMM OF SOC SVCES & MH	8,521.00
731010112	DEP YOUTH DIRECTOR	97,200.00
751110101	COUNTY HISTORIAN	80,000.00
802010101	COMM OF PLAN DEV & PUB TRANS	139,297.00
802010123	DEPUTY COMM OF PLAN DEV & PUB TRANS	103,000.00
802110107	SOIL WATER CONS DISTRICT MANAG	108,150.00
511010127	SUPV CONSTR & MAINT	116,161.00

BY POLL VOTE: SIX AYES. LEGISLATORS CROWLEY, GOULDMAN AND RUSSO WERE ABSENT. MOTION CARRIES.

Item #4b. Approval – Fund Transfer (25T472)- Putnam County Sheriff's - Cover Overtime through to the end of the year was next. On behalf of the members of the Personnel Committee, Legislators Addonizio and Gouldman, Chairman Jonke moved the following:

RESOLUTION #361

APPROVAL/ FUND TRANSFER (25T472)- PUTNAM COUNTY SHERIFF'S - COVER OVERTIME THROUGH TO END OF YEAR

WHEREAS, Putnam County Sheriff requested Fund Transfer (25T472) to fund the Overtime through to the end of the year; 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:

17002000 51093	Sheriff Weight Enforcement: Overtime	3,7000
17311000 51093	Sheriff Patrol: Overtime	60,000
17002000 58002	Sheriff Weight Enforcement: FICA	283.05
17311000 58002	Traffic Patrol: FICA	4,590
	Total:	68,573.05

Increase:

13311000 51093	Sheriff Communications: Overtime	3,7000
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17311000 51093 10102	Sheriff Patrol: Overtime: SRT	60,000
13311000 58002	Sheriff Communications: FICA	283.05
17311000 58002 10102	Sheriff Patrol: Overtime: SRT: FICA	4,590
	Total:	68,573.05

2025 Fiscal Impact – 0 –

2026 Fiscal Impact – 0 –

BY POLL VOTE: SIX AYES. LEGISLATORS CROWLEY, GOULDMAN AND RUSSO WERE ABSENT. MOTION CARRIES.

Item #4c. Approval – Fund Transfer (25T492)- Putnam County Sheriff's – Correctional Facility - Cover Overtime from the month of August was next. On behalf of the members of the Personnel Committee, Legislators Addonizio and Gouldman, Chairman Jonke moved the following:

RESOLUTION #362

APPROVAL/ FUND TRANSFER (25T492)- PUTNAM COUNTY SHERIFF'S – CORRECTIONAL FACILITY - COVER OVERTIME FROM THE MONTH OF AUGUST

WHEREAS, Putnam County Sheriff requested Fund Transfer (25T492) to fund the Overtime from the month of August in the Correctional Facility; 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:

10315000 51000 101015	Jail General: Pers. Correction Officer	7,196
10315000 51000 10114	Jail General: Pers. Correction Officer	5,032
10315000 51000 10115	Jail General: Pers. Correction Officer	7,316
10315000 51000 10154	Jail General: Pers. Correction Officer	5,667
10315000 51000 10160	Jail General: Pers. Correction Officer	5,545
10315000 58002	Jail General: FICA	2,354
	Total	33,110

Increase:

10008000 51093	Jail Medical: Overtime	19,756
10012000 51093	Jail Staff Training: Overtime	6,000
10010000 51093	Jail Food Services: Overtime	5,000
10012000 58002	Jail Staff Training: FICA	459
10010000 58002	Jail Food Services: FICA	383
10008000 58002	Jail Medical: FICA	1,512
	Total:	33,110

2025 Fiscal Impact – 0 –

2026 Fiscal Impact – 0 –

BY POLL VOTE: SIX AYES. LEGISLATORS CROWLEY, GOULDMAN AND RUSSO WERE ABSENT. MOTION CARRIES.

Item #4d. Approval – Fund Transfer (25T493)- Putnam County Sheriff's – Correctional Facility - Cover Overtime from the month of September was next. On behalf of the members of the Personnel Committee, Legislators Addonizio and Gouldman, Chairman Jonke moved the following:

RESOLUTION #363

**APPROVAL/ FUND TRANSFER (25T493)- PUTNAM COUNTY SHERIFF'S –
CORRECTIONAL FACILITY - COVER OVERTIME FROM THE MONTH OF SEPTEMBER**

WHEREAS, Putnam County Sheriff requested Fund Transfer (25T493) to fund the Overtime from the month of September in the Correctional Facility; 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:

10315000 51000 101015	Jail General: Pers. Correction Officer	7,196
10315000 51000 10114	Jail General: Pers. Correction Officer	5,032
10315000 51000 10115	Jail General: Pers. Correction Officer	7,316
10315000 51000 10154	Jail General: Pers. Correction Officer	5,667
10315000 51000 10160	Jail General: Pers. Correction Officer	5,545
	Total	30,756

Increase:

10315000 51093	Jail General: Overtime	30,756
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2025 Fiscal Impact – 0 –

2026 Fiscal Impact – 0 –

BY POLL VOTE: SIX AYES. LEGISLATORS CROWLEY, GOULDMAN AND RUSSO WERE ABSENT. MOTION CARRIES.

Item #4e. Approval – Fund Transfer (25T494)- Putnam County Sheriff's – Correctional Facility - Cover Overtime from the month of October was next. On behalf of the members of the Personnel Committee, Legislators Addonizio and Gouldman, Chairman Jonke moved the following:

RESOLUTION #364

**APPROVAL/ FUND TRANSFER (25T494)- PUTNAM COUNTY SHERIFF'S –
CORRECTIONAL FACILITY - COVER OVERTIME FROM THE MONTH OF OCTOBER**

WHEREAS, Putnam County Sheriff requested Fund Transfer (25T494) to fund the Overtime from the month of October in the Correctional Facility; 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:

10315000 51000 101015	Jail General: Pers. Correction Officer	7,538
10315000 51000 10114	Jail General: Pers. Correction Officer	5,272
10315000 51000 10115	Jail General: Pers. Correction Officer	7,665
10315000 51000 10154	Jail General: Pers. Correction Officer	5,937
10315000 51000 10160	Jail General: Pers. Correction Officer	5,809
	Total	32,221

Increase:

10315000 51093	Jail General: Overtime	32,221
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2025 Fiscal Impact – 0 –

2026 Fiscal Impact – 0 –

BY POLL VOTE: SIX AYES. LEGISLATORS CROWLEY, GOULDMAN AND RUSSO WERE ABSENT. MOTION CARRIES.

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

Item #4f. Approval –Budgetary Amendment (25A117) - Putnam County Sheriff's Office Inmate Commissary Funds to Purchase A Classification Printer and additional accessories was next. On behalf of the members of the Protective Services Committee, Legislators Addonizio and Birmingham, Chairman Jonke moved the following:

RESOLUTION #365

APPROVAL – BUDGETARY AMENDMENT (25A117) - PUTNAM COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE INMATE COMMISSARY FUNDS TO PURCHASE A CLASSIFICATION PRINTER AND ADDITIONAL ACCESSORIES

WHEREAS, Sheriff has requested Budgetary Amendment (25A117) to use Inmate Commissary Funds to purchase a Zebra dual-sided Classification Printer, printer ribbons and cards to be worn by the inmates based upon their classification ; 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 Revenue:

10315000 427701	Sheriff – Jail - Unclassified	3,592.26
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Increase Appropriations:

10315000 52130	Sheriff – Jail – Computer Equipment	3,592.26
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2025 Fiscal Impact – 0 –
2026 Fiscal Impact – 0 –

BY POLL VOTE: SIX AYES. LEGISLATORS CROWLEY, GOULDMAN AND RUSSO WERE ABSENT. MOTION CARRIES.

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

Item #4g. Approval – Budgetary Amendment (25A120) – Department of Planning, Development and Public Transportation – Recently Executed Two (2) Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Grants- NY-2025-061 and NY-2025-043 was next. On behalf of the members of the Physical Services Committee, Legislators Crowley and Jonke, Chairman Ellner moved the following:

RESOLUTION #366

APPROVAL BUDGETARY AMENDMENT (25A120) – DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING, DEVELOPMENT AND PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION – RECENTLY EXECUTED TWO (2) FEDERAL TRANSIT ADMINISTRATION (FTA) GRANTS- NY-2025-061 AND NY-2025-043

WHEREAS, Commissioner of Department of Planning, Development and Public Transportation has requested Budgetary Amendment (25A120) for the recently executed two (2) FTA Grants, NY-2025-061, Cashless Fare and Project Administration, and NY-2025-043, Rolling Stock Purchase of three (3) vehicles; and

WHEREAS, These grants are utilizing 2022 and 2023 Section 5307 and 5339 formula funding; 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:

CAPITAL FUND:

Increase Estimated Appropriations:

10990100 59020	Transfer to Capital Fund	105,091
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Decrease Estimated Appropriations:

10199000 54980	Contingency	105,091
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CAPITAL FUND:

Increase Estimated Appropriations:

55997000 53000 52524	Cashless Fare Project	850,000
55997000 53000 52525	Transit Buses	450,000
55997000 53000 50330	Bikeway 2 Stage 4	2,500,000
		3,800,000

Increase Estimated Appropriations:

55997000 53000 52306	Transit Section 5307 FFY 2023	81,579
55997000 53000 52413	Transit Section 5307 FFY 2024	202,331

55997000 53000 52514	Transit Section 5307 FFY 2025	766,991
		<u>1,050,901</u>

Increase Estimated Revenues:

55997000 445970 52524	Fed Aid Section 5307-Cashless Fare	680,000
55997000 445970 52525	Fed Aid Section 5307-Transit Buses	360,000
55997000 445970 50330	Fed Aid Section 5307-Bikeway 2 Stage 4	2,000,000
55997000 435970 52524	State Aid Section 5307-Cashless Fare	85,000
55997000 435970 52525	State Aid Section 5307-Transit Buses	45,000
55997000 435970 50330	State Aid Section 5307-Bikeway 2 Stage 4	250,000
55997000 428601 52524	Transfer from General Fund	85,000
55997000 428601 52525	Transfer from General Fund	45,000
55997000 428601 50330	Transfer from General Fund	250,000
		<u>3,800,000</u>

Increase Estimated Revenues:

55997000 445970 52306	Fed Aid Section 5307 FFY 2023	65,261
55997000 435970 52306	State Aid Section 5307 FFY 2023	8,159
55997000 428601 52306	Transfer from General Fund	8,159
55997000 445970 52413	Fed Aid Section 5307 FFY 2023	161,865
55997000 435970 52413	State Aid Section 5307 FFY 2023	20,233
55997000 428601 52413	Transfer from General Fund	20,233
55997000 445970 52514	Fed Aid Section 5307 FFY 2023	613,593
55997000 435970 52514	State Aid Section 5307 FFY 2023	76,699
55997000 428601 52514	Transfer from General Fund	76,699
		<u>1,050,901</u>

Decrease Estimated Appropriations:

55997000 53000 52006	Transit Section 5307 FFY 2020	100,000
55997000 53000 52103	Transit Section 5307 FFY 2021	73,669
55997000 53000 52103	Transit Section 5307 FFY 2021	952,542
55197000 53000 52206	Transit Section 5307 FFY 2022	26,331
55197000 53000 52206	Transit Section 5307 FFY 2022	1,303,243
55197000 53000 52306	Transit Section 5307 FFY 2023	1,303,212
55197000 53000 52413	Transit Section 5307 FFY 2024	1,193,545
		<u>4,952,542</u>

Decrease Estimated Revenues:

55997000 445970 52006	Fed Aid Section 5307 FFY 2020	80,000
55997000 435970 52006	State Aid Section 5307 FFY 2020	10,000
57997000 428601 52006	Transfer from General Fund	10,000
55997000 445970 52103	Fed Aid Section 5307 FFY 2021	58,935
55997000 435970 52103	State Aid Section 5307 FFY 2021	7,367
55997000 428601 52103	Transfer from General Fund	7,367
55997000 449898 52103	Fed Aid – ARPA 2021	632,148
55997000 445894 52103	Fed Aid – CRRSA 2021	320,394
55997000 445970 52206	Fed Aid Section 5307 FFY 2021	21,065
55997000 435970 52206	State Aid Section 5307 FFY 2021	2,633
55997000 428601 52206	Transfer from General Fund	2,633
55997000 445970 52206	Fed Aid Section 5307 FFY 2022	1,042,594
55997000 435970 52206	State Aid Section 5307 FFY 2022	130,324

55997000 428601 52206	Transfer from General Fund	130,325
55997000 445970 52306	Fed Aid Section 5307 FFY 2023	1,042,570
55997000 435970 52306	State Aid Section 5307 FFY 2023	130,321
55997000 428601 52306	Transfer from General Fund	130,321
55997000 445970 52413	Fed Aid Section 5307 FFY 2024	954,836
55997000 435970 52413	State Aid Section 5307 FFY 2024	119,354
55997000 428601 52413	Transfer from General Fund	119,355
		4,952,542
2025 Fiscal Impact – \$105,091		
2026 Fiscal Impact – 0 –		

BY POLL VOTE: SIX AYES. LEGISLATORS CROWLEY, GOULDMAN AND RUSSO WERE ABSENT. MOTION CARRIES.

Item #4h Approval – Budgetary Amendment (25A122) – Commissioner of Finance – Planning Department – Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) Reflect Actual Allocations was next. On behalf of the members of the Physical Services Committee, Legislators Crowley and Jonke, Chairman Ellner moved the following:

RESOLUTION #367

APPROVAL – BUDGETARY AMENDMENT (25A122) – COMMISSIONER OF PLANNING – UNIFIED PLANNING WORK PROGRAM (UPWP) REFLECT ACTUAL ALLOCATIONS

WHEREAS, Commissioner of Finance requested Budgetary Amendment (25A122) to adjust the UPWP accounts to reflect actual allocations; 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:

CAPITAL FUND:

Decrease Estimated Appropriations:

55997000 53000 52308	UPWP	250,075.11
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Decrease Estimated Revenues:

55997000 449895 52308	UPWP	250,075.11
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2025 Fiscal Impact – 0 –

2026 Fiscal Impact – 0 –

BY POLL VOTE: SIX AYES. LEGISLATORS CROWLEY, GOULDMAN AND RUSSO WERE ABSENT. MOTION CARRIES.

Item #4i. Approval – Fund Transfer (25T454) – Department of Public Works (DPW) - Funds to Replace Trusses on Animal Shelter Building at Tilly Foster Farm was next. On behalf of the members of the Physical Services Committee, Legislators Crowley and Jonke,

Chairman Ellner moved the following:

RESOLUTION #368

APPROVAL – FUND TRANSFER (25T454) – DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS (DPW) - FUNDS TO REPLACE TRUSSES ON ANIMAL SHELTER BUILDING AT TILLY FOSTER FARM

WHEREAS, Commissioner of DPW requested Fund Transfer (25T454) to fund the replacement of trusses on the animal shelter building at Tilly Foster Farm; and

WHEREAS, the Physical 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:

10084000 54710 10143	Tilly Foster Farm Bldg. Maintenance/ Repairs Agricultural Center	1,500
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Increase:

10084000 54710	Tilly Foster Farm Bldg. Maintenance/ Repairs Agricultural Center	1,500
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2025 Fiscal Impact – 0 –

2026 Fiscal Impact – 0 –

BY POLL VOTE: SIX AYES. LEGISLATORS CROWLEY, GOULDMAN AND RUSSO WERE ABSENT. MOTION CARRIES.

Item #4j. Approval – Authorizing Lease Agreement/ Special Victim's Unit Facility was next. On behalf of the members of the Physical Services Committee, Legislators Crowley and Jonke, Chairman Ellner moved the following:

RESOLUTION #369

APPROVAL RESOLUTION/AUTHORIZING LEASE AGREEMENT/SPECIAL VICTIM'S UNIT FACILITY/20 FAIR STREET, CARMEL, NEW YORK

WHEREAS, the County is currently experiencing a serious and devastating issue relative to sexual crimes involving victims 18 years old and over; and

WHEREAS, this category of victims within the County has been underserved with respect to the investigation of alleged criminal incidents and resources offered to victims by the County, including a dedicated facility for use as a dedicated advocacy/investigation center; and

WHEREAS, the Putnam County Sheriff has recently created a Special Victim's Unit which would handle cases involving victims of sexual crimes who are 18 years of age and older, and which would handle the case management of sexual crimes and the investigation thereof; and

WHEREAS, the Putnam County Sheriff, together with Putnam-Northern Westchester Women's Resource Center, are desirous of creating a proper arena to conduct said

investigations and interviews of victims of sexual crimes who are 18 years of age and older much the same as is done for children under the age of 18 at the Child Advocacy Center; and

WHEREAS, the Putnam County Sheriff's Office has currently budgeted for the full lease amount for 2026 to cover the cost of the lease agreement for that period. It is our understanding that Putnam-Northern Westchester Women's Resource Center will be reimbursing those costs through grant money, commencing January 1, 2026 and ending December 31, 2029, not to exceed \$127,392.00 for the contract period and requiring no match from the County of Putnam, for the purpose of establishing a Special Victim's Unit Facility; and

WHEREAS, Source Properties, Inc. is the owner of certain real property located at 20 Fair Street, Carmel, New York, including the building and appurtenances located thereon; and

WHEREAS, the County of Putnam is desirous of leasing, for the purpose of operating a Special Victim's Unit and Advocacy Facility, 20 Fair Street in the Town of Carmel, New York; and

WHEREAS, said property is the ideal location for a much-needed special victim's facility, as it is easily accessible by the Sheriff's Department and District Attorney's Office personnel, as well as by all law enforcement entities serving the County; and

WHEREAS, the Putnam County Sheriff, with the advice and assistance of the County Attorney, has entered negotiations with Source Properties, Inc. for the lease of the building and parking lot located at 20 Fair Street in the Town of Carmel, New York; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 215 of the New York State County Law, the Putnam County Sheriff has requested that the Putnam County Legislature grant authorization for such lease; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that pursuant to Section 215 of the New York State County Law the Lease Agreement between Source Properties, Inc. and the County of Putnam for the premises located at 20 Fair Street, Carmel, New York is approved, as specified herein, and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Putnam County Sheriff and the County Executive shall be authorized, with the advice and assistance of the County Attorney, to execute said Lease Agreement with Source Properties, Inc., which shall be in the form and content attached hereto as Exhibit "A".

RESOLVED, this Resolution shall take effect immediately.

BY POLL VOTE: SIX AYES. LEGISLATORS CROWLEY, GOULDMAN AND RUSSO WERE ABSENT. MOTION CARRIES.

Item #4k. Approval – Agricultural District Inclusion Criteria – Agricultural and Farmland Protection Board was next. On behalf of the members of the Physical Services Committee, Legislators Crowley and Jonke, Chairman Ellner moved the following:

RESOLUTION #370

APPROVAL – AGRICULTURAL DISTRICT INCLUSION CRITERIA

WHEREAS, Article XIV of the New York State Constitution establishes the policy of the State to conserve and protect its natural resources, including agricultural lands, for the benefit of present and future generations; and

WHEREAS, Article 25-AA of the New York State Agriculture and Markets Law (AML) declares it to be the policy of the State to conserve, protect, and encourage the development and improvement of agricultural lands and to prevent the unreasonable restriction of farm operations within designated Agricultural Districts; and

WHEREAS, it is the policy of Putnam County to protect and encourage the development and improvement of agricultural lands and to recognize that the economic vitality of agricultural businesses is essential to the County's economic stability and growth; and

WHEREAS, AML §302 authorizes the establishment of a County Agricultural and Farmland Protection Board (AFPB) to advise the Legislature regarding the creation, modification, continuation, and termination of Agricultural Districts; and

WHEREAS, by Resolution #304 of 1988, the Putnam County Legislature established the "Great Swamp," as a critical environmental area, which may overlap with lands being considered for inclusion in the Agricultural District; and

WHEREAS, by Resolution #144 of 1997, the Putnam County Legislature established the Putnam County Agricultural and Farmland Protection Board with such functions and duties as prescribed in AML §302(1)(c)-(e); and

WHEREAS, by Resolution #81 of 2003, Putnam County Legislature created an Agricultural District in the County of Putnam; and

WHEREAS, by Resolution #244 of 2003, the Putnam County Legislature established the month of November as the month in which a landowner may request inclusion in the Putnam County Agriculture District; and

WHEREAS, by Resolution #139 of 2007, the Putnam County Legislature established supplemental criteria for inclusion into the Agricultural District; and

WHEREAS, by Resolution #154 of 2015, the Putnam County Legislature changed the annual thirty-day inclusion request period, from the month of November to April 1st through April 30th, commencing in the year 2016 and each year thereafter; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Article 25AA of the Agriculture & Markets Law section 303-b provides for the inclusion of viable agricultural land into a certified Agricultural District; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Article 25AA of the Agriculture and Markets Law the Putnam County Legislature is charged with determining whether a parcels lands are "viable agricultural land," as defined in Agriculture & Markets Law §301(7) and suitable for inclusion in the Agricultural District under §303-b of the Agriculture & Markets Law; and

WHEREAS, the Putnam County Legislature wishes to codify the factors by which it shall make such determinations; now it is hereby

RESOLVED, that this resolution supersedes Resolution #139 of 2007, and be it further

RESOLVED, that, consistent with the County's obligations to safeguard the health, safety, and wellbeing of the residents of Putnam County, when considering whether lands are viable agricultural lands and suitable for inclusion in the Agricultural District pursuant to Section 303-b of the Agriculture and Markets Law the following factors, which are not exclusive, shall be considered by AFBP in making their recommendations to the Putnam County Legislature, but no single factor shall ever serve as a sole basis for exclusion:

- 1. Whether the parcel includes viable agricultural land as defined by Agriculture & Markets Law 301(7)**
- 2. Whether the parcel is under current or proposed agricultural use, including whether the parcel is presently used or reasonably capable of being used for agricultural production;**
- 3. Whether the parcel, if proposed for agricultural use, qualifies as a start-up farm;**
- 4. Whether the parcel's contribution or proposed contribution to the local**

- agricultural economy, including diversification, specialty products, or expansion of agricultural capacity within the County supports or refutes inclusion;
5. Whether a sketch plan, business plan, or any other document by which the viability of the proposed start-up can be assessed has been provided to demonstrate its potential for becoming a financially viable farm operation, if proposed as a start-up farm;
 6. Whether vacant lands or proposed start-up farms are part of a current farm already in operation within the Agricultural District, such that the farm is merely transferring location;
 7. Whether the parcel is within or adjacent to a Critical Environmental Area, as defined in 6 NYCRR 617.2(i), or a sensitive natural resource (currently identified critical environmental areas and sensitive natural resources are provided in Schedule A annexed hereto);
 8. Whether an on-site assessment has been conducted by members of the AFPB ;
 9. Whether farm operations follow agricultural Best Management Practices as defined in Agriculture & Markets Law §150(4);
 10. Whether each parcel has been confirmed to be in compliance with Town, State, and Federal law and free and clear of any such violations prior to consideration of its application for inclusion, however, parcels shall not be excluded solely due to unrelated Town, State, or Federal violations unless such violations directly undermine agricultural viability or land stewardship, but nothing herein prohibits or enjoins any municipal authority from its lawful code enforcement powers; violations issued after the submission of an Agricultural District application shall not be treated as disqualifying when administrative, unsubstantiated, or unrelated to agricultural use; and
 11. Whether notice has been provided to adjacent landowners of the applicant's intention to seek inclusion of the specified parcel in the Agricultural District;
 12. Whether observations and findings made by the AFPB relative to these factors during site visits, where such visits are utilized support or refute the propriety of inclusion;
 13. Whether any additional information that bears upon the purposes, intent, and public-interest goals of Article 25-AA, including the protection of farmland, the encouragement of agricultural development, and/or the prevention of unreasonable local restrictions on farm operations support or refute the propriety of inclusion; and be it further

RESOLVED, in cases of uncertainty regarding statutory interpretation or agricultural viability, the Legislature may direct the AFPB to request an opinion from the New York State Department of Agriculture and Markets prior to final legislative action; and be it further

RESOLVED, that when determining whether land constitutes “viable agricultural land” as defined in AML §301(7) and evaluated under AML §303-b, the Putnam County Legislature shall seek advice based upon the specialized knowledge and expertise of the AFPB in assessing these appropriate factors and their recommendations for a parcel's inclusion or exclusion from the Agricultural District; and be it further

RESOLVED, that these considerations are intended to guide AFPB analysis and legislative review, without creating new statutory thresholds or disqualifying criteria, and shall be applied solely within the scope of Article 25-AA; and be it further

RESOLVED, that all criteria shall be interpreted in a light most favorable toward inclusion, not exclusion; and be it further

RESOLVED, if any factors would adversely affect the application for inclusion in the Agricultural District, the Agriculture & Farmland Protection Board shall notify the applicant upon discovery to give the applicant 10 days to remedy or cure the negative factors; and be it further

RESOLVED, if a court of competent jurisdiction deems any factor unlawful or otherwise unenforceable, that factor shall be severed and all other factors shall remain in full force and effect; and be it further

RESOLVED, an applicant who is initially recommended for denial for inclusion in the Agricultural District by the Agriculture & Farmland Protection Board may request a re-review of their application by written statement providing grounds for re-review to the Agriculture & Farmland Protection Board within seven (7) days. The Agriculture & Farmland Protection Board, upon consultation with the County's Soil and Water District and Cornell Cooperative Extension, shall then reconsider the application and send recommendations after re-review to the Legislature within thirty (30) days. After reconsideration, the Legislature shall again determine whether to include the parcel in the Agricultural District. If the determination of the Legislature appears to be in contravention of the New York Agriculture and Markets Law, the applicant may make written request that AFPB seek an opinion from the Commissioner of Agriculture and Markets. Upon such written request, the AFPB shall consult with New York State Department of Agriculture and Markets, and shall provide all required records necessary, and shall send a written request for an opinion from Commissioner of Agriculture and Markets under AML§308, such opinion shall be adopted and implemented in the final determination of the County Legislature; and be it further

RESOLVED, if a parcel is denied inclusion in the Agricultural District during any given application year, such denial does not preclude re-application during future enrollment periods; and be it further

RESOLVED, that this resolution shall take effect immediately and apply to all Agricultural District inclusion requests beginning with the 2026 inclusion cycle.

BY POLL VOTE: SIX AYES. LEGISLATORS CROWLEY, GOULDMAN AND RUSSO WERE ABSENT. MOTION CARRIES.

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

Item #4L. Approval/ Renew Contract/ Outside Auditors was next. On behalf of the members of the Audit & Administration Committee, Legislators Birmingham and Crowley, Chairwoman Sayegh moved the following:

RESOLUTION #371

APPROVAL/ RENEW CONTRACT/ OUTSIDE AUDITORS

WHEREAS, by Resolution #174 of 2020 the Putnam County Legislature designated O'Connor Davies, LLP for outside services for the fiscal years 2020 - 2024 under the terms set forth in their September 18, 2020, response to a Request for Proposal; and

WHEREAS, said Request for Proposal included an option of two, one year renewals; and

WHEREAS, the Putnam County Legislature desires to exercise the option to renew the contract agreement with O'Connor Davies, LLP for the year 2025 under the terms set forth in their letter of December 5, 2025, to Legislative Chairwoman Sayegh; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Putnam County Legislature approves the renewal of the contract with O'Connor Davies, LLP for outside services for the year 2025 under the terms set forth in their letter of December 5, 2025.

BY POLL VOTE: SIX AYES. LEGISLATORS CROWLEY, GOULDMAN AND RUSSO WERE ABSENT. MOTION CARRIES.

Item #4m. Approval – Budgetary Amendment (25A059) – Commissioners of Board of Elections – Recognize Grant from New York State for Electronic Poll Books was next. On behalf of the members of the Audit & Administration Committee, Legislators Birmingham and Crowley, Chairwoman Sayegh moved the following:

RESOLUTION #372

APPROVAL – BUDGETARY AMENDMENT (25A059) – COMMISSIONERS OF BOARD OF ELECTIONS – RECOGNIZE GRANT FUNDS FROM NEW YORK STATE FOR ELECTRONIC POLL BOOKS

WHEREAS, Commissioners of Board of Elections (BOE) requested Budgetary Amendment (25A059) to recognize grant funds from New York State for Electronic Poll Books; and

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

RESOLVED, that the following budgetary amendment:

Increase Estimated Revenues:

10145000 430972	BOE Capital Grants Project	91,432
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Increase Estimated Appropriations:

10145000 54783	BOE – Licensing & Accessories	2,133
10145000 52630	BOE – Computer Equipment	4,824

Increase Appropriations:

10199000 54980	General Contingencies	84,475
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2025 Fiscal Impact – (84,475)

2026 Fiscal Impact – 0 –

BY POLL VOTE: SIX AYES. LEGISLATORS CROWLEY, GOULDMAN AND RUSSO WERE ABSENT. MOTION CARRIES.

Item #4n. Approval – Fund Transfer (25T496) – Mental Health, Social Services and Youth Bureau - Funds for the Child Advocacy Center Partnership with the Women’s Resource Center was next. On behalf of the members of the Audit & Administration Committee, Legislators Birmingham and Crowley, Chairwoman Sayegh moved the following:

RESOLUTION #373

APPROVAL – FUND TRANSFER (25T496) – MENTAL HEALTH, SOCIAL SERVICES AND YOUTH BUREAU - FUNDS FOR THE CHILD ADVOCACY CENTER PARTNERSHIP WITH THE WOMEN’S RESOURCE CENTER

WHEREAS, Commissioner of Mental Health, Social Services and Youth Bureau requested Fund Transfer (25T496) to the Child Advocacy Center Partnership with the Women’s Resource Center; and

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

RESOLVED, that the following fund transfer:

Increase Estimated Appropriations:

22071000 54646	Contracts	116,836
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Decrease Estimated Appropriations:

10199000 54980	Contracts	116,836
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2025 Fiscal Impact – 116,836

2026 Fiscal Impact – 0 –

BY POLL VOTE: SIX AYES. LEGISLATORS CROWLEY, GOULDMAN AND RUSSO WERE ABSENT. MOTION CARRIES.

Item #4o. – Approval – Budgetary Amendment (24A123) – Finance – Year End Journal Entry #1 was next. On behalf of the members of the Audit & Administration Committee, Legislators Birmingham and Crowley, Chairwoman Sayegh moved the following:

RESOLUTION #374

APPROVAL – BUDGETARY AMENDMENT (25A123) – FINANCE – YEAR END JOURNAL ENTRY #1

WHEREAS, the Commissioner of Finance has requested a budgetary amendment (25A123) for the first Year End Journal Entry for the year ending December 31, 2025; and

WHEREAS, further entry(s) will follow as more information becomes available during the year end closing process; 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:	
SEE ATTACHED SHEET	1,117,509
Decrease Estimated Appropriations:	
SEE ATTACHED SHEET	80,425
Increase Estimated Revenues:	
SEE ATTACHED SHEET	1,037,084

ROAD FUND

Decrease Estimated Appropriations:	
SEE ATTACHED SHEET	3,097
Decrease Estimated Revenues:	
SEE ATTACHED SHEET	3,097

ROAD MACHINERY FUND

Increase Estimated Appropriations:	
SEE ATTACHED SHEET	1,395
Increase Estimated Revenues:	
SEE ATTACHED SHEET	1,395

TRANSPORTATION FUND

Increase Estimated Appropriations:	
SEE ATTACHED SHEET	722
Increase Estimated Revenues:	
SEE ATTACHED SHEET	722

CAPITAL PROJECTS FUND

Increase Estimated Appropriations:	
SEE ATTACHED SHEET	608,381.95
Increase Estimated Revenues:	
SEE ATTACHED SHEET	614,979.40
Decrease Estimated Revenues:	
SEE ATTACHED SHEET	6,597.45

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

BY POLL VOTE: SIX AYES. LEGISLATORS CROWLEY, GOULDMAN AND RUSSO WERE ABSENT. MOTION CARRIES.

Item #4p. Approval – Budgetary Amendment (25A124) – Mental Health, Social Services and Youth Bureau - Adjust Mental Health State Aid Levels was next. On behalf of the members of the Audit & Administration Committee, Legislators Birmingham and Crowley,

Chairwoman Sayegh moved the following:

RESOLUTION #375

APPROVAL – BUDGETARY AMENDMENT (25A124) – MENTAL HEALTH, SOCIAL SERVICES AND YOUTH BUREAU - ADJUST MENTAL HEALTH STATE AID LEVELS

WHEREAS, Commissioners of Mental Health, Social Services and Youth Bureau requested Budgetary Amendment (25A124) to adjust the mental Health State Aid levels; and

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

RESOLVED, that the following budgetary amendment:

Increase Estimated Appropriations:

10431000 54640 10227	Education & Train -MH LGU LOSS TEAMS	5,000
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Increase Estimated Revenues:

10431000 430891 10227	State Aid – MH LGU LOSS TEAMS	5,000
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2025 Fiscal Impact – 0 -

2026 Fiscal Impact – 0 -

BY POLL VOTE: SIX AYES. LEGISLATORS CROWLEY, GOULDMAN AND RUSSO WERE ABSENT. MOTION CARRIES.

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

Legislator Birmingham stated to Chairwoman Sayegh that he would ask that Legislator Ellner sit in on the Committee on his behalf to move Item #4s, due to his refusal.

Item #4q. – Approval/ Appointments and Re-Appointments Putnam County Board of Electrical Examiners was next. On behalf of the members of the Rules, Enactments & Intergovernmental Relations Committee, Legislators Ellner and Gouldman, Chairman Birmingham moved the following:

RESOLUTION #376

APPROVAL/ APPOINTMENTS AND RE-APPOINTMENTS PUTNAM COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTRICAL EXAMINERS

RESOLVED, under Section 145-6(F) of the Putnam County Code that the Putnam County Board of Electrical Examiners hereby appoint new board members, be it further

RESOLVED, that:

Carmine Ricci, Village of Cold Spring, Section 145-6(F), as Chairman, for a one

(1) year term, said term to expire December 31, 2026.

Carlos DaEira, Village of Brewster, Section 145-6(F), as Vice Chairman, for a one (1) year term, said term to expire December 31, 2026.

RESOLVED, under Section 145-6(D) of the Putnam County Code that the Putnam County Board of Electrical Examiners hereby re-appoint board members, be it further

RESOLVED, that:

Carlos DaEira, Village of Brewster, Section 145-6(D)(1), as Master Electrician Representative, for a three (3) year term, said term to expire on December 31, 2028.

Thomas Moccio, Town of Carmel, Section 145-6(D)(1), as Master Electrician Representative, for a three (3) year term, said term to expire on December 31, 2028.

Carmine Ricci, Village of Cold Spring, Section 145-6(D)(1), as Master Electrician Representative, for a three (3) year term, said term to expire on December 31, 2028.

And be it further

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

BY POLL VOTE: SIX AYES. LEGISLATORS CROWLEY, GOULDMAN AND RUSSO WERE ABSENT. MOTION CARRIES.

Item #4r. Approval - A Local Law to Amend Chapter 25, Article VI, Entitled "Transportation Advisory Council" was next. On behalf of the members of the Rules, Enactments & Intergovernmental Relations Committee, Legislators Ellner and Gouldman, Chairman Birmingham moved the following:

RESOLUTION #377

APPROVAL/ LOCAL LAW TO AMEND CHAPTER 25, ARTICLE VI, ENTITLED "TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COUNCIL"

A LOCAL LAW TO AMEND CHAPTER 25, ARTICLE VI, ENTITLED "TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COUNCIL"

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

<<PUTNAM COUNTY CODE CHAPTER 25>>

<<ARTICLE VI>>

Section 1.

Section 25 of the Putnam County Code is hereby amended to read as follows:

§ 25-39. Establishment.

There is hereby created and established in the County of Putnam, New York, a Transportation Advisory Council to be known as the "Putnam County Transportation Advisory Council," and said Board shall be and exist for the benefit of the County of Putnam and the inhabitants thereof, and same is hereby established for the accomplishment of any and all purposes provided by law.

§ 25-40. Membership and term.

A) Membership of the Transportation Advisory Council shall consist of the following:

(1) There shall be seven members appointed by the County Executive and confirmed by the Legislature, who reside or are employed in the County of Putnam. One member shall be a representative of the Putnam County business community, one member shall have experience or knowledge in the field of human services or intellectual & developmental disabilities, one member shall be a citizen at large, one member shall be a citizen eligible for Putnam County Paratransit services, one member shall have experience utilizing the PART system as a rider, one member shall have experience or knowledge in the medical services field, and one member shall have experience or knowledge as a transit operator.

(2) Ex-officio members shall be the Chairman of the Physical Services Committee, the Commissioner of Planning, Development and Public Transportation or their appointee, the Commissioner of Social Services or their appointee, the Commissioner of Health/ Public Health Director or their appointee, the Director of Tourism or their appointee, the Director of the Office for Senior Resources or their appointee, the Director of the Office of Veterans Affairs or their appointee, and the Putnam County Representative from the MTA Board. Ex-officio members are non-voting members that serve in an advisory capacity.

B) All appointed members shall serve at the pleasure of the County Executive during their three-year term of appointment.

C) Appointed member vacancies on the Transportation Advisory Council shall be filled in the same manner as the original appointment, except that a vacancy occurring through circumstances other than by expiration of a term shall be filled only for the remainder of said term.

D) An appointed member of the Transportation Advisory Council shall serve until his or her successor has been appointed.

§ 25-41. Chairperson.

The Chairperson of the Transportation Advisory Council shall be the Commissioner of Planning, Development and Public Transportation or their appointee.

§ 25-42. Powers and duties.

The powers and duties of the Transportation Advisory Council shall be to:

A) Review and make recommendations to the County Executive and Legislature regarding all facets of public transportation, including guidelines, policies and procedures, in order

to improve efficiencies, better manage assets, leverage resources and create partnerships to identify savings and improve transportation services.

B) Perform duties assigned to the Council in the Putnam County Department of Planning, Development, and Public Transportation's PART System Policy & Procedures Manual.

C) Provide annual updates or as requested to the Legislature.

D) Make recommendations for infrastructure improvements and other transportation additions to be included in the capital plan to the Commissioner of Planning, Development, and Public Transportation.

§ 25-43. Meetings.

A) The Transportation Advisory Council shall hold regular meetings in accordance with federal and state requirements, and at such other times as its Chairperson deems necessary for the efficient discharge of the business of the Transportation Advisory Council. Transportation Advisory Council meetings shall comply with the New York State Open Meetings Law.^[1]

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Editor's Note: See Public Officers Law, Art. 7, § 100 et seq.

B) The Transportation Advisory Council shall adopt rules and procedures for its meetings.

C) The Transportation Advisory Council shall maintain minutes of the proceedings of all meetings, memorializing votes taken, questions asked, and comments made with regard to the business before the Transportation Advisory Council.

D) Four members of the Transportation Advisory Council shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.

§ 25-44. Compensation.

The members of the Transportation Advisory Council shall receive no compensation for their services.

Section 2.

This local law shall take effect immediately.

BY POLL VOTE: SIX AYES. LEGISLATORS CROWLEY, GOULDMAN AND RUSSO WERE ABSENT. MOTION CARRIES.

Item #4s. Approval- Sheriff's Office- Intermunicipal Agreement (IMA) Between Putnam County Sheriff's Office and Westchester County was next. On behalf of the members of the Rules, Enactments & Intergovernmental Relations Committee, Chairman Birmingham stated to Chairwoman Sayegh that he would ask that Legislator Ellner move Item #4s. Legislator Ellner thanked Legislator Birmingham for yielding. Legislator Ellner moved the following:

RESOLUTION #378

AUTHORIZATION FOR INTERMUNICIPAL AGREEMENT WITH WESTCHESTER COUNTY TO EFFECTUATE A MUTUAL AID AND RAPID RESPONSE PLAN FOR THE POLICE DEPARTMENTS OF PARTICIPATING MUNICIPALITIES AND TO DELEGATE TO THE SHERIFF THE POWERS GRANTED TO THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER TO REQUEST AND GRANT POLICE ASSISTANCE

WHEREAS, the police departments of Westchester County, New York have created and entered into a Mutual Aid and Rapid Response Plan (the "Plan") to formalize operational procedures for Law enforcement assistance to participating agencies; and

WHEREAS, each member police agency agrees to make available its police personnel and equipment to the others upon the occurrence of a condition which is beyond the scope of its police resources; and

WHEREAS, the County of Putnam desires to enter into this existing agreement with neighboring municipalities in and outside of Westchester, invitation to entry having been extended by the County of Westchester; and

WHEREAS, entry into such intermunicipal agreement is permitted under Article 5-G of the General Municipal Law; and

WHEREAS, due to prevailing world, national, and local security situations, the ever-increasing flow of intelligence, and actual threats directed against once benign sites and facilities, the parties desire that the Plan be flexible and subject to review and revision as necessary in a timely manner; and

WHEREAS, the Plan is governed by, and liabilities and costs are apportioned pursuant to, the provisions of New York State General Municipal Law Section 209-m, which provides, inter alia, that absent agreement to the contrary, the municipality receiving police aid shall reimburse the municipality providing such aid for any money paid by it for police salaries and other expenses incurred by it including damage to, or loss of, equipment and supplies; and

WHEREAS, the Plan is to be revised as necessary and revisions to the Plan will be approved and implemented by the Westchester County Chiefs of Police Association, and such revisions may include, but are not limited to, updates in protocols and additions of new municipalities and their police departments located within or outside of the physical boundaries of Westchester County to participate in the Plan; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the County of Putnam be and hereby is authorized to enter into an inter-municipal agreement ("IMA") with certain municipal corporations as defined in Article 5-G of the New York State General Municipal Law, located both within and outside of the County of Westchester (collectively the "Participating Municipalities"), in order to effectuate a Mutual Aid and Rapid Response Plan for the police departments of the Participating Municipalities (the "Plan") to carry out the purposes described in Section 209-m of the New York State General Municipal Law; and be it further

RESOLVED, that such IMA and the Plan shall be substantially similar in form and content to the draft items accompanying this Resolution; and be it further

RESOLVED, the term of the IMA will conform with the existing term agreed upon by the municipalities, which is five (5) years commencing on July 31, 2025, and continuing through July 30, 2030; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the County Executive is authorized to execute said IMA on behalf of the County of Putnam; and be it further

RESOLVED, that this Resolution shall take effect immediately.

BY ROLL CALL VOTE: FIVE AYES. ONE ABSTENTION: LEGISLATOR BIRMINGHAM. LEGISLATORS CROWLEY, GOULDMAN AND RUSSO WERE ABSENT. MOTION CARRIES.

Item #4t. Approval - A Local Law For A Counsel To The Majority Of The County Legislature And A Counsel To The Minority Of The County Legislature was next. On behalf of the members of the Rules, Enactments, and Intergovernmental Committee, Legislators Ellner and Gouldman, Chairman Birmingham moved the following:

RESOLUTION #379

A LOCAL LAW CHANGING THE CHARTER TO PROVIDE FOR A COUNSEL TO THE MAJORITY OF THE COUNTY LEGISLATURE AND A COUNSEL TO THE MINORITY OF THE COUNTY LEGISLATURE

WHEREAS, the Legislature has determined to add Article 2, to the Putnam County Charter and is hereby amended by adding a new Section;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE COUNTY OF PUTNAM AS FOLLOWS:

§ 2.11 Counsel to the Majority of the County Legislature and Counsel to the Minority of the County Legislature.

Section 1. The Legislature of the County of Putnam, New York hereby makes the following findings and determinations:

- (a) That the system of checks and balances inherent in the separation of powers of each branch of the government is vitally important to prevent the concentration of power in any one branch of government, thereby protecting individual liberties and preventing one branch of government from having supremacy over another; and**
- (b) that in order for the County Legislature to have the capacity to prepare legislation independent of, as well as in cooperation with, the Executive Branch, the County Legislature hereby finds that given the separate branches of County Government, the County Legislature requires Counsel to the Legislature which is separate from and not dependent upon the approval and resources of the County Executive and Executive Branch; and**
- (c) that the Putnam County Legislature hereby finds and determines that the interests**

and requirements of legislative responsibility and authority will be better served by the creation of a Counsel to the Majority of the County Legislature ("Majority Counsel") and a Counsel to the Minority of the County Legislature ("Minority Counsel"); and

(d) that the Putnam County Legislature hereby determines that the interests and requirements of legislative responsibility and authority will be better served by such Majority Counsel and Minority Counsel providing advice and recommendations to the majority members of the County Legislature and to the minority members of the County Legislature, respectively, in the drafting of legislation and otherwise and, as desired, in cooperation and consultation with the County Attorney and the Department of Law, provided that such cooperation shall not create or imply any supervisory authority of the County Attorney over such counsel because the role is internal to the legislature, and advisory in nature and therefore in no way contravenes County Law §501 or Article 8 of the Putnam County Code.

Section 2. Establishment.

Notwithstanding any other provisions of the County Charter, there is hereby established the positions of Counsel to the Majority of the County Legislature and Counsel to the Minority of the County Legislature to be appointed in the manner and have the powers as provided herein, and such positions shall be employees of the County Legislature and not of the Department of Law established under Article 8 of this Charter. Such positions will be selected by simple majority upon a vote of the Majority Party for the Counsel to the Majority, and simple majority upon a vote of the Minority Party for Counsel to the Minority. In the event that there are fewer than three members of the minority party, the selection will be made by the longest serving member of the minority party.

Section 3. Article 2, of the Putnam County Charter is hereby amended by adding a new Section to read as follows:

§ 2.11 Counsel to the Majority of the County Legislature and Counsel to the Minority of the County Legislature.

(a) The members of the County Legislature enrolled in the political party representing the largest number of County Legislators shall at the Organizational Meeting in January or as soon thereafter as practicable, and annually thereafter, appoint a Counsel to the Majority of the County Legislature. Such Counsel to the Majority shall be chosen by a simple majority upon a vote of the members of the Majority Party in the County Legislature. In the event of a vacancy in the office of Counsel to the Majority of the County Legislature, a replacement may be chosen thereafter by the same procedure.

(b) The members of the County Legislature enrolled in the political party representing the next largest number of County Legislators shall at the Organizational Meeting in January or as soon thereafter as practicable, and annually thereafter, appoint a Counsel to the Minority of the County Legislature by a simple majority vote of the Minority Party. In the event that there are fewer than three members of the minority party, the selection will be made by the longest serving member of the minority party. In the event of a vacancy in the office of Counsel to the Minority of the County Legislature, a replacement may be chosen thereafter by the same procedure.

(c) Powers and duties of each of the Counsel to the Majority and Counsel to the Minority shall include:

- (1) Oversee the preparation of local laws, ordinances, acts and resolutions upon receipt of a request.**
- (2) Research problems related to the function, powers and duties of the County Legislature and its employees.**
- (3) Prepare written reports on the breadth and depth of the function, powers and duties of the County Legislature and its employees.**
- (4) As requested by any Legislator, attend full Legislative meetings, special meetings and committee meetings.**
- (5) Provide advice to the members of the County Legislature on Rules of Order and other procedural questions as they arise or as requested during Legislative meetings.**
- (6) Recommend procedures in connection with the implementation of policy for the County Legislature.**
- (7) Recommend and coordinate appropriate ways to communicate initiatives and policy of the County Legislature through media and other mechanisms.**
- (8) Perform a variety of related activities as required, not inconsistent with Section 501 of the County Law and the provisions of this Charter, and the Putnam County Code.**

(d) At the time of their appointments, and throughout their time in office, the Counsel to the Majority of the County Legislature and the Counsel to the Minority of the County Legislature shall be duly admitted to practice law in the State of New York.

(e) Independence and limitations.

The Counsel to the Majority and the Counsel to the Minority shall not be part of, supervised by, or subject to removal by the Department of Law or the County Attorney. Their functions shall be strictly advisory and legislative in nature. They shall not appear as attorneys of record for the County or in any court or administrative proceeding, nor represent the County in litigation or claims. Nothing herein shall affect the authority or responsibilities of the County Attorney under Article 8 of this Charter, including representation of the County and the Legislature in legal proceedings.

(f) Equal Compensation.

The positions of Counsel to the Majority and Counsel to the Minority shall be compensated at an equal rate, reflecting parity in qualifications, duties, and professional standing, and shall be commensurate with other legal positions in the County. Equal compensation is essential to ensure nonpartisan fairness, prevent

political discrimination, and maintain the Legislature's commitment to equality and integrity in public employment.

Section 4. Severability.

If any provision of this Local Law is held to be illegal or invalid for any reason by court of law, such illegality or invalidity shall not affect the remaining provisions hereof, but such provision shall be fully severable and this Local Law shall be construed and enforced as if such illegal or invalid provision had never been included.

Section 5. Pursuant to Section 34(5) of the Municipal Home Rule Law, this Local Law shall take effect sixty (60) days after its final enactment and is subject to permissive referendum.

BY ROLL CALL VOTE: SIX AYES. LEGISLATORS CROWLEY, GOULDMAN AND RUSSO WERE ABSENT. MOTION CARRIES.

Item #5. – Other Business

Item #5a. – Approval/ Tax Collector Warrants/ Enter into the 2025 Book of Proceedings was next. Chairwoman Sayegh moved the following:

Legislator Birmingham stated that he will be voting in favor of this ministerial action and questioned if Chairwoman Sayegh had already signed them.

Legislator Sayegh confirmed.

Legislator Birmingham stated that he wants to disclose that two or three of the municipalities are represented by his firm, under limited parameters not having anything to do with this item, and so he will vote on it.

RESOLUTION #380

APPROVAL/ TAX COLLECTOR WARRANTS/ ENTER INTO 2025 BOOK OF PROCEEDINGS

WHEREAS, Tax Collector Warrants have been received for the Towns of Carmel, Kent, Patterson, Philipstown, Putnam Valley and Southeast and signed by the Chairwoman and the Clerk of the Putnam County Legislature; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Tax Collector Warrants for the Towns of Carmel, Kent, Patterson, Philipstown, Putnam Valley and Southeast are hereby entered into the 2025 Book of Proceedings for the Putnam County Legislature.

BY POLL VOTE: SIX AYES. LEGISLATORS CROWLEY, GOULDMAN AND RUSSO WERE ABSENT. MOTION CARRIES.

Item # 5b. – Approval/ Date, Time & Place of Organizational Meeting/ 2026 was next. Chairwoman Sayegh moved the following:

RESOLUTION #381

APPROVAL/DATE, TIME & PLACE OF ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING / 2026

WHEREAS, the Legislative Manual provides for the Putnam County Legislature to set by resolution, the date, time and place of the Organizational Meeting of the Legislature in the preceding December; and

WHEREAS, per Section 2.05 of the Putnam County Charter the Legislature shall meet, on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in January of each year or as soon thereafter as practicable; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Organizational Meeting of the Putnam County Legislature for 2026 be held on Tuesday, January 6, 2026 at 7:00 P.M. in the Historic Courthouse located in Carmel, New York; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the agenda for said meeting also include any items that might normally be included in a regular meeting or special meeting of the Legislature which are necessary for inclusion on said agenda.

BY POLL VOTE: SIX AYES. LEGISLATORS CROWLEY, GOULDMAN AND RUSSO WERE ABSENT. MOTION CARRIES.

Item #5c. – Appointment/ Legislative Clerk was next. Chairwoman Sayegh moved the following:

Legislator Sayegh stated that Deputy Clerk Diane Trabulsy has worked in the Legislative Office for 20 years under Legislative Clerk Diane Schonfeld and is very knowledgeable.

Legislator Birmingham thanked Deputy Clerk Trabulsy for taking on this position, and stated that that he's known her for many years as a professional who treats all Legislators equally. He stated that the Clerk position is a three-year appointed term, with authority over a professional office and ability to hire staff to support the Legislature. He stated that politics does not dictate who the professional staff of the office is, and that the current staff is nonpartisan and highly professional.

Legislator Jonke stated that working with Deputy Clerk Trabulsy for the last nine years has been a wonderful experience and that she is the perfect fit for this job.

Legislator Addonizio stated that she fully supports Deputy Clerk Trabulsy, whom she has worked with for the past eleven years, and that she is always professional and helpful.

Legislator Montgomery stated that she is thankful that Deputy Clerk Trabulsy and staff always have her back, offer guidance and treat members of the public who call with the utmost respect.

Legislator Ellner stated that Deputy Clerk Trabulsy and staff always function with a degree of excellence.

Legislator Sayegh stated that without Legislative Counsel, the Legislative Clerk has been heavily relied upon for guidance in the past several months, and Deputy Clerk Trabulsy

has done this flawlessly. She stated that the Legislative Clerk position is appointed in December so that the position is already in place to assist new Legislators onboarding in January.

RESOLUTION #382

APPOINTMENT/ LEGISLATIVE CLERK

RESOLVED, that Diane Trabulsy be appointed to the position of Legislative Clerk, with all the rights, privileges and duties of the Office as set forth in the Putnam County Charter, as permitted by law for a three-year term period ending December 31, 2028; and be it further

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

BY POLL VOTE: SIX AYES. LEGISLATORS CROWLEY, GOULDMAN AND RUSSO WERE ABSENT. MOTION CARRIES.

Chairwoman Sayegh made a motion to waive the rules and accept other business Item #5d; Seconded by Legislator Elner. All in favor.

Item #5d. – Approval/ Fund Transfer 25T446- Department of Public Works- Automotive Supplies and Repair Services was next. Chairwoman Sayegh moved the following:

RESOLUTION #383

**APPROVAL/ FUND TRANSFER 25T446- DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS-
AUTOMOTIVE SUPPLIES AND EXPENSES**

WHEREAS, Putnam County Commissioner of Department of Public Works requested Fund Transfer (25T446) to cover Automotive Supplies and Expenses through the end of the year; and

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

RESOLVED, that the following fund transfer:

Decrease:

03 10513000 54898	Other Maintenance	37,000
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Increase:

03 10513000 54410	Supplies	37,000
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2025 Fiscal Impact – 0 –

2026 Fiscal Impact – 0 –

BY POLL VOTE: SIX AYES. LEGISLATORS CROWLEY, GOULDMAN AND RUSSO WERE ABSENT. MOTION CARRIES.

Chairwoman Sayegh made a motion to waive the rules and accept other business Item #5e; Seconded by Legislator Birmingham. All in favor.

Item #5e.— Approval/ Soil And Water District Funds Transfer was next. Chairwoman Sayegh moved the following:

RESOLUTION #384

APPROVAL— SOIL AND WATER DISTRICT FUNDS TRANSFER

WHEREAS, the Putnam County Soil & Water Conservation District (District) is a public corporation and political subdivision of New York State established under Article 3 of the New York State Soil & Water Conservation District Law, independent of, but working in cooperation with, Putnam County Government (County); and

WHEREAS, the County is and has historically been the custodian of certain District Funds, which it holds in trust for ministerial disbursement; and

WHEREAS, per the NYS Soil and Water Conservation District Law, Districts have the authority to establish revolving fund accounts for their specific administrative and operational purposes, which may be carried from one fiscal year to another; and

WHEREAS, most Districts in NYS maintain their own financial accounts to support and manage their operations and administrative needs independently; and

WHEREAS, the District has its own Employer Identification Number (EIN) and has established its own fund account in the District's name, under its exclusive control; and

WHEREAS, the District wishes to maintain its own financial account to support and manage its own operation and administrative needs independently; and

WHEREAS, the District has requested that the County release and/or transfer District funds to such District-controlled account, to effect the District's independent management of its financial operation and administration; and

WHEREAS, upon any such transfer, all fiduciary duties, financial responsibilities, liabilities, obligations, accounting functions, reporting requirements, tax obligations, audit responsibilities, and compliance obligations of any kind whatsoever—whether arising under local, state, or federal law—shall rest solely and exclusively with the District, and shall not be shared by or attributed to the County in any respect; and

WHEREAS, upon such transfer, the County shall have no ongoing duty to monitor, supervise, audit, review, approve, or otherwise oversee the District's finances or financial practices as any and all risk and liability shall rest exclusively with the District; and

WHEREAS, the County recognizes that its current role as custodian of District funds has slowed and/or encumbered the District's ability to perform its statutorily mandated functions; and

WHEREAS, the County wishes to support the District's independence and furtherance of its statutorily mandated goals; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Commissioner of Finance is directed to take any and all steps legally required and necessary to effect the release and/or transfer of District

funds to the newly established Soil and Water Conservation District Account in a manner in full compliance with all local, New York State, and federal laws, rules, regulations, and policies as set forth by Risk Management and/or the County's insurance carrier; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Commissioner of Finance is directed to provide District with all necessary paperwork for completion and execution as is required by Risk Management, the County Audit Department, NYS Comptroller, NYS Taxation and Finance, and the IRS, to ensure Putnam County's ability satisfy all final reporting and record keeping requirements and documentation needed to end Putnam County's fiduciary responsibilities and holding of District money in trust in a responsible manner; and be it further

RESOLVED, that upon the Commissioner of Finance's receipt of the completed and fully executed paperwork required, Putnam County shall no longer serve as the custodian of these specified District funds, and shall immediately, in a manner consistent with all executed paperwork, release and/or transfer the specified District funds, and shall immediately notify and provide all executed documentation to all relevant divisions of New York State government along with any and all required final reports or accounting as may be required by law; and be it further

RESOLVED, that this Resolution shall take effect immediately upon and subject to the Commissioner of Finance and Risk Management's approval and subject to their edits, if any, submitted by further addendum; approval shall be evinced by affixing their signature to the addendum to this Resolution annexed hereto as Schedule A.

BY ROLL CALL VOTE: FIVE AYES. ONE NAY - LEGISLATOR SAYEGH. LEGISLATORS CROWLEY, GOULDMAN AND RUSSO WERE ABSENT. MOTION CARRIES.

Item #6. – Recognition of Public on Agenda Items

Brett Yarris, Treasurer and Vice Chair of the Putnam County Soil & Water Conservation District Board (SWCD), stated in regard to Other Business Item #5e, that this is the last official business of the year for the SWCD and for Dave Vickery, who is leaving the SWCD Board. Mr. Yarris stated Dave Vickery has served Putnam County in numerous volunteer roles, including on the Agriculture and Farmland Protection Board, and that he is grateful for his help and knowledge which helped him navigate his role as a new SWCD Board member. Mr. Yarris thanked the Legislators for passing this item.

Cassandra Roth, Chair of the Putnam County Soil & Water Conservation District Board, thanked Legislators Ellner and Russo for being on the SWCD Board and pushing this item forward. She thanked Legislator Montgomery for her comments about SWCD that she read in the newspaper, which prompted her to work to fix existing issues.

Commissioner of Finance, William Carlin thanked Legislators Jonke and Ellner for their service. He stated in reference to Item #5c, that he believes collaboration is paramount, and thanked newly appointed Clerk Trabulsy and County Auditor Alfano-Sharkey for their fine work managing day-to-day items which support the County's success.

Item # 7. – Recognition of Legislators

Legislator Birmingham thanked Legislators Eller and Jonke for their service, and for being honest and hardworking colleagues, whom he will miss working with.

Legislator Addonizio thanked Legislators Eller and Jonke for their public service, recognized their respect for the democratic process and stated they will be missed.

Legislator Montgomery stated that both Legislators Eller and Jonke are true public servants who care about their communities and that she is grateful to have worked with them through both agreements and disagreements.

Legislator Jonke thanked the Legislature and stated that he was fortunate to have been Chairman for two terms. He stated his accomplishments, including saving the taxpayers money by cutting the tax levy by \$500,000 for three years, voting to override a veto by the County Executive on a resolution cutting the sales tax, and always supporting law enforcement during his time as Chair of the Protective Services Committee.

Legislator Sayegh thanked the Legislature for their perseverance, self-education and efforts to pass Item #5e for SWCD and that she is 100% in-favor but voted no due to not seeing the IMA (Intermunicipal Agreement). She thanked Legislator Ellner for his passion in always looking out for his constituents, and for his friendship. She thanked Legislator Jonke for his fierce support of cutting property taxes for taxpayers and his friendship and wisdom throughout the years.

Legislator Ellner thanked the Legislature and all present, stating that it was his honor to serve. He stated that listening and doing what is right is the most important part of being a Legislator, and he believes that is what he did and that it made a difference. He stated that the \$6.5 million voted to be put into contingency by the Legislature to lower the taxes for every owner-occupied home is a fight that needs to be continued to get it done. He wished a Merry Christmas and Happy Chanukah to all.

Item # 8. – Adjournment

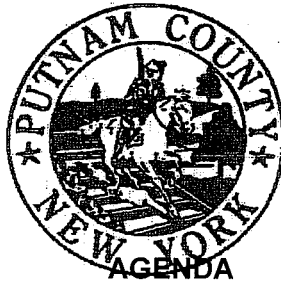
There being no further business, at 8:50 p.m. Legislator Sayegh made a motion to adjourn; Seconded by Legislator Ellner. All in favor.

Respectfully submitted by Mary Dechiaro, Administrative Assistant.

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Jake D'Angelo	Dist. 5
Thomas Regan, Jr.	Dist. 6
Daniel G. Birmingham	Dist. 7
Amy E. Sayegh	Dist. 8
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AGENDA
YEAR END MEETING
OF THE
PUTNAM COUNTY LEGISLATURE
TO BE HELD IN ROOM 318
PUTNAM COUNTY OFFICE BUILDING
CARMEL, NEW YORK 10512

Thursday

December 18, 2025

(Immediately following the Audit Mtg., and Rules Mtg starting @ 6:00 P.M.)

1.Pledge of Allegiance

2.Legislative Prayer

3.Roll Call

4.Pre-filed resolutions:

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

(Chairman Jonke, Legislators Addonizio & Gouldman)

4a.Approval – 2026 Salaries for Officers and Employees Paid from County Funds

4b.Approval – Fund Transfer (25T472) – Putnam County Sheriff's Office – Cover Overtime through to the end of the year

4c.Approval – Fund Transfer (25T492) – Putnam County Sheriff's Office – Correctional Facility – Cover Overtime from the month of August

4d.Approval – Fund Transfer (25T493) – Putnam County Sheriff's Office – Correctional Facility – Cover Overtime from the month of September

4e.Approval – Fund Transfer (25T494)– Putnam County Sheriff's Office – Correctional Facility – Cover Overtime from the month of October

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

4f. Approval – Budgetary Amendment (25A117) – Putnam County Sheriff’s Office – Inmate Commissary Funds to Purchase a Classification Printer and Additional Accessories

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

4g. Approval – Budgetary Amendment (25A120) – Department of Planning, Development and Public Transportation – Recently Executed Two (2) Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Grants– NY–2025–061 and NY–2025–043

4h. Approval – Budgetary Amendment (25A122) – Commissioner of Finance – Planning Department – Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) Reflect Actual Allocations

4i. Approval – Fund Transfer (25T454) – Department of Public Works (DPW) – Funds to Replace Trusses on Animal Shelter Building at Tilly Foster Farm

4j. Approval – Authorizing Lease Agreement– Special Victim’s Unit Facility

4k. Approval – Agricultural District Inclusion Criteria – Agricultural and Farmland Protection Board

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

4l. Approval– Renew Contract– Outside Auditors

4m. Approval – Budgetary Amendment (25A059) – Commissioners of Board of Elections – Recognize Grant from New York State for Electronic Poll Books

4n. Approval – Fund Transfer (25T496) – Mental Health, Social Services and Youth Bureau – Funds for the Child Advocacy Center Partnership with the Women’s Resource Center

4o. Approval – Budgetary Amendment (24A123) – Finance – Year End Journal Entry #1

4p. Approval – Budgetary Amendment (25A124) – Mental Health, Social Services and Youth Bureau – Adjust Mental Health State Aid Levels

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

4q. Approval – Appointments and Re–Appointments Putnam County Board of Electrical Examiners

4r. Approval – Local Law to Amend Chapter 25, Article VI, Entitled “Transportation Advisory Council”

4s. Approval– Sheriff’s Office– Intermunicipal Agreement (IMA) Between Putnam County Sheriff’s Office and Westchester County

4t. Approval – Local Law for a Counsel to the Majority of the County Legislature and a Counsel to the Minority of the County Legislature

5. Other Business

5a. Approval – Tax Collector Warrants – Enter into the 2025 Book of Proceedings

5b. Approval – Date, Time & Place of Organizational Meeting – 2026

5c. Appointment – Legislative Clerk

6. Recognition of Public on Agenda Items

7. Recognition of Legislators

8. Adjournment

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

Tuesday April 7, 2026 7:00 P.M.

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

PROCLAMATIONS

Chairman Birmingham recognized Legislator Gouldman, who presented the "Alcohol Awareness Month" proclamation to representatives of the Prevention Council of Putnam and the County's recovery services. The representatives thanked the Legislature and emphasized that alcohol remains the substance most commonly used by young people and a frequent concern among adults seeking recovery services.

Alcohol Awareness Month

Chairman Birmingham recognized Legislator Russo, who presented the "Autism Acceptance Month" proclamation to representatives of local autism service providers. The representatives thanked the Legislature and emphasized the dignity, value and inclusion of individuals with autism.

Autism Acceptance Month

Chairman Birmingham recognized Legislator Sayegh, who presented the "Child Abuse Prevention Month" proclamation to representatives of the Child Advocacy Center and Department of Social Services. The representatives thanked the Legislature and stated that adults share responsibility for protecting children and providing trusted support.

Child Abuse Prevention Month

Chairman Birmingham recognized Legislator Russo, who presented the "Donate Life Month" proclamation to County Clerk Michael Bartolotti and a representative of LiveOnNY. The speakers encouraged residents to enroll as organ donors and described the life-saving importance of organ donation.

Donate Life Month

Chairman Birmingham recognized Legislator D'Angelo, who presented the "Healthy Teen Brain Day" proclamation to Youth Bureau Director Janeen Cunningham and representatives of the Prevention Council of Putnam. They described prevention programs that encourage healthy decisions while the adolescent brain continues to develop.

Healthy Teen Brain Day – April 20, 2026

Chairman Birmingham recognized Legislator Montgomery, who presented the "National Library Week" proclamation to Putnam County library directors and trustees.

Legislator Montgomery and the library representatives described libraries as centers for learning, community connection, emergency support and access to practical resources.

National Library Week – April 19 – 25, 2026

Chairman Birmingham recognized Legislator Regan, who presented the "National Telecommunicators' Week" proclamation to representatives of the Bureau of Emergency Services and the 911 Communications Center. The speakers recognized dispatchers as first responders whose training, calm judgment and accurate information protect the public and responding agencies.

National Telecommunicators' Week – April 12 – 18, 2026

Chairman Birmingham recognized Legislator D'Angelo, who read the "Peers Influence Peers Partnership Month" proclamation. No representatives of the organization were present.

Peers Influence Peers Partnership Month

Chairman Birmingham recognized Legislator Montgomery, who presented the "Teen Driver Safety Awareness Month" proclamation to representatives of the Sheriff's Office.

Legislator Montgomery and the representatives emphasized education, prevention and the responsibility involved in teaching new drivers.

Teen Driver Safety Awareness Month

Item #4 – Acceptance of Minutes – Special Full Minutes – October 14, 2025

The minutes were accepted as submitted.

Item #5 – Correspondence

a) Report of the County Auditor pursuant to the Real Property Tax Law – Duly Noted.

Item #6 – Pre-filed resolutions:

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

Item #6a - Approval – Putnam Arts Council Grants For 2026 was next. Chairman Birmingham recognized Legislator Sayegh, Chairwoman of the Rules, Enactments & Intergovernmental Relations Committee. On behalf of the members of the Committee, Legislators Birmingham and Gouldman, Legislator Sayegh moved the following:

Legislator Montgomery stated that the \$15,000 County contribution would be distributed among seven organizations. She noted that requests exceeded \$100,000 within Putnam County. She spoke to the fact that studies show the value of having the arts in a community. She stated an investment in the arts is an investment in local businesses, tourism, youth engagement and community well-being. She stated her hope is that Putnam County can offer even more support to the arts in future.

Legislator Addonizio agreed that the arts are of great value to a community as they enrich, and strengthen the community, its economy and quality of life.

Chairwoman Sayegh stated that the Arts Link program also included \$85,000 from the New York State Council and will go towards the arts in Putnam County. She expressed her agreement with Legislators Montgomery and Addonizio that investing in the Arts brings numerous advantages to our county and acts as a catalyst to economic growth. She stated her appreciation to the Putnam Arts Council for their years of efforts that support the arts in Putnam County.

RESOLUTION #58

APPROVAL – PUTNAM ARTS COUNCIL GRANTS FOR 2026

WHEREAS, on February 12, 2026, the Putnam Arts Council reported to the Putnam County Legislature their recommendations for distribution of the 2026 Arts Link Community Regrant Program (formerly Putnam Arts Fund) totaling \$15,000; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Putnam County Legislature accepts and approves the recommendation of the Putnam Arts Council dated February 12, 2026, distribution of \$15,000 for the 2026 Arts Link Community Regrant Program for the first round of applications pursuant to the attached list.

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

Item #6b - Approval/ Re-Appointments / Putnam County Home Improvement Board was next. On behalf of the members of the Rules, Enactments & Intergovernmental Relations Committee, Legislators Birmingham and Gouldman, Legislator Sayegh moved the following:

RESOLUTION #59

**APPROVAL/ RE-APPOINTMENTS/ PUTNAM COUNTY HOME IMPROVEMENT BOARD/
CUSANELLI, HARNISH, HULL, & LYONS**

RESOLVED, that the following be re-appointed to the Putnam County Home Improvement Board:

Christoper Cusanelli, Town of Southeast, as an Engineer, for a two (2) year term, said term to expire December 31, 2027.

Paul Harnish, Town of Carmel, as a Contractor, for a two (2) year term, said term to expire December 31, 2027.

Charles Hull, Town of Carmel, as a Citizen Representative, for a two (2) year term, said term to expire December 31, 2027.

Christopher Lyons, Town of Southeast, as a Tradesman, for a two (2) year term, said term to expire December 31, 2027.

And be it further

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

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

Item #6c : Discussion/ Local Law Providing For A Counsel To The County Legislature was next.

Chairman Birmingham explained that the item was for discussion only because the local law in its final form had not been delivered to all Legislators within the required period of time. He stated for the record that he takes the blame for missing the deadline. He stated that a Special Full Meeting would be held the following evening for further discussion and a vote. He stated he certainly did not want to stifle discussion this evening from his colleagues on this item, however he wanted to make it clear that it is only on for discussion.

Legislator Montgomery stated that the proposal followed lengthy discussion and compromise and that its central purpose was to preserve an independent legislative branch with access to independent counsel. She stated that the current drafted local law would establish counsel independent of the Executive Branch, and available to all Legislators. She stated that it has required compromise on her part and requests that her colleagues do the same. She stated in order to move forward she has compromised and is willing to support the proposal made by Legislator D'Angelo. She stated this proposal also includes for the Legislature to retain independent counsel if there is a direct conflict with the County Executive.

Legislator D'Angelo stated that the amended draft being considered differed materially from his original proposal, and therefore would not refer to it as his proposal. He stated it has been a goal of this Legislature long before he was elected into office to obtain independent counsel. He explained it is stated already in the County Charter that when there is a conflict between the County Legislature and County Executive the County Attorney is required to represent the County Legislature. He stated that it is already in place. He stated this proposal to allot the Legislature to retain independent counsel in the case of said conflict creates questions that are not addressed and he sees this as a short-sighted proposal. He stated he would not be supporting this proposal at the referenced Special Full Meeting.

A LOCAL LAW PROVIDING FOR A COUNSEL TO THE COUNTY LEGISLATURE

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE COUNTY OF PUTNAM AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Findings and Determinations. The Legislature of the County of Putnam, New York, hereby makes the following findings and determinations:

1. that the system of checks and balances inherent in the separation of powers of each branch of the government is vitally important to prevent the concentration of power in any one branch of government, thereby protecting individual liberties and preventing one branch of government from having supremacy over another; and
2. that in order for the County Legislature to have the capacity to prepare legislation independent of, as well as in cooperation with, the Executive Branch, the County Legislature hereby finds that given the separate branches of County Government, the County Legislature requires Counsel to the County Legislature which is separate from and not dependent upon the approval and resources of the County Executive and Executive Branch; and
3. that the Putnam County Legislature hereby finds and determines that the interests and requirements of legislative responsibility and authority will be better served by the creation of the position of Counsel to the County Legislature; and
4. that the Putnam County Legislature hereby determines that the interests and requirements of legislative responsibility and authority will be better served by Counsel to the County Legislature providing advice and recommendations to the members of the County Legislature in the drafting of legislation and otherwise and, as desired, in cooperation and consultation with the County Attorney and the Department of Law, provided that such cooperation shall not create or imply any supervisory authority of the County Attorney over such counsel because the role is internal to the legislature, and advisory in nature and therefore in no way contravenes County Law §501 or Article 8 of the Putnam County Code; and

5. that the requisite checks and balances will be adequately served and satisfied by the oversight and advice of risk management in consultation with our insurance carrier, when and if appropriate.

Section 2. Establishment.

There is hereby established the position of Counsel to the County Legislature. Counsel to the County Legislature shall be selected by and then hired by the legislature in the manner provided herein, shall have the role and function provided herein, and such position shall be an employee of the County Legislature and not of the Department of Law established under Article 8 of this Charter. Such position will be selected by simple majority upon a vote. Removal can also be effected by simple majority vote as this will be an at-will position.

Section 3. Method of Selection and Tenure.

1. At the annual Organizational Meeting of the County Legislature for the year 2027, or as soon as practicable thereafter, there, annually, shall be selected a Counsel to the County Legislature to be selected in executive session by the simultaneous presentation of all candidates to the entire board along with a representative of the Personnel Department and the Legislative Clerk, and the prevailing candidate shall win by simple majority vote, vacancies shall be filled in this same manner. Removal of Counsel to the County Legislature may also be accomplished by a simple majority vote. Prior to January 1, 2027, Counsel to the County Legislature shall be selected in the same manner as a vacancy.
2. Counsel to the County Legislature shall hold his or her office until a successor has been appointed.
3. At the time of his/her appointment, and throughout his/her time in office, the Counsel to the County Legislature shall be duly admitted to practice law in the State of New York.

Section 4. Scope and Role of the position Counsel to the Legislature:

1. Oversee the preparation of local laws, ordinances, acts and resolutions upon receipt of a request.
2. Research problems related to the function, powers and duties of the County Legislature and its employees.
3. Prepare written reports on the breadth and depth of the function, powers and duties of the County Legislature and its employees.
4. As requested by any Legislator, attend full Legislative meetings, special meetings and committee meetings.
5. Provide advice to the members of the County Legislature on Rules of Order, general parliamentary procedure, and other procedural questions as they arise or as requested during Legislative meetings.
6. Recommend procedures in connection with the implementation of policy for the County Legislature.
7. Recommend and coordinate appropriate ways to communicate initiatives and policies of the County Legislature through media and other mechanisms.
8. Perform a variety of related activities as required, not inconsistent with Section 501 of the County Law and the provisions of the County Charter, and the Putnam County Code.
9. Counsel shall be available to provide advisory services to all members of the Legislature.
10. Requests for legislative drafting or advisory services shall remain confidential to the requesting legislator unless otherwise authorized by such requesting legislator.

Section 5. Independence and limitations.

The Counsel to the County Legislature shall not be part of, supervised by, or subject to removal by the Department of Law or the County Attorney. Counsel to the County Legislature shall be strictly advisory and legislative in nature. Counsel to the County Legislature shall not appear as attorney of record for the County or in any court or administrative proceeding, nor represent the County in litigation or claims. Nothing herein shall affect the authority or responsibilities of the County Attorney under Article 8 of the County Charter, including representation of the County and the Legislature in legal proceedings, except as hereinafter provided.

Section 6. Conflicts.

Section 8.05 of the County Charter is hereby amended by adding the following unenumerated paragraph:

In the event of a direct conflict between the County Legislature and the County Executive in any legal action or proceeding, the Legislature may retain independent legal counsel by resolution.

Section 7. Severability and Enactment.

If any provision of this Local Law is held to be illegal or invalid for any reason by court of law, such illegality or invalidity shall not affect the remaining provisions hereof, but such provision shall be fully severable, and this Local Law shall be construed and enforced as if such illegal or invalid provision had never been included.

Section 8. Effective Date.

Pursuant to Section 34(5) of the Municipal Home Rule Law, this Local Law shall take effect sixty (60) days after its final enactment and is subject to permissive referendum.

Item #6d - Approval/ Amendment of Legislative Manual – Process For Proclamations was next. On behalf of the members of the Rules, Enactments & Intergovernmental Relations Committee, Legislators Birmingham and Gouldman, Legislator Sayegh moved the following:

Legislator D'Angelo stated that proclamations had historically lacked a formal process and expressed concern that the proposed guidelines followed rejection of a proclamation he had submitted concerning interference with law enforcement. He spoke to the incident in his district that motivated his request for the proclamation that was rejected.

Legislator Gouldman stated that the existing process was not broken, warned that rigid rules could prevent appropriate recognition, and urged that his colleagues not to support this proposal. He stated that he would not be supporting this proposal.

Legislator Montgomery supported clearer standards, stating that proclamations presented at Legislative meetings should celebrate achievements and promote positive public-awareness initiatives. She spoke to her belief that as a Legislator when there is an issue that she wants to make statements about she exercises her right to protest or host/attend rallies.

Legislator Russo stated this evening there were several proclamations given of which she was proud to be a part of offering recognition to the very deserving recipients. She stated she does not support unnecessarily limiting proclamations. She stated that she would support a deadline for when an organization can request a proclamation, permitting the Legislative staff adequate time to get them prepared. She stated her agreement with Legislator Gouldman's sentiments.

Legislator Montgomery stated the current process puts the approval authority of proclamations to be placed on the meeting agendas with the Chair of the Legislature. She requested clarification that what is being proposed with this process would eliminate that.

Chairman Birmingham explained it would alter that. He stated the measure would establish a structure concerning timing, frequency and subject matter and stated that he supported it. He stated further that he will be in support of the proposal for various reasons.

Legislator Addonizio stated in all the years that she has been on the Legislature, proclamations have been a way for the Legislature to recognize achievements, and organizations. She stated the proposal does not see it changing any of that. She requested confirmation.

Chairman Birmingham stated this proposal is one that would put a structure in place as mentioned, concerning timing, frequency and subject matter.

RESOLUTION #60

APPROVAL - AMENDMENT OF LEGISLATIVE MANUAL – PROCESS FOR PROCLAMATIONS

WHEREAS, the Putnam County Legislature recognizes importance and value of the presentation of Proclamations, as they are a formal statement issued to recognize and honor a group event or cause ; and

WHEREAS, the Putnam County Legislature is committed to establishing a process for the submission of a Proclamation to be considered to be presented at a meeting of the Legislature; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Putnam County Legislature directs the implementation of the following process for the submission and consideration of a Proclamation for signature by the Legislative Branch and Executive Branch of the Putnam County Government by incorporating the following as a new item under I. Functions of the Legislature in the Legislative Manual:

I. FUNCTIONS OF THE LEGISLATURE –

T. The Legislature shall also be responsible for issuing proclamations, as it deems appropriate.

- 1.** Proclamations under this section are defined as ceremonial documents issued for the purpose of celebrating and recognizing achievements, and/or to issue public awareness of positive initiatives or actors within the County.
- 2.** Proclamations are subject to the following criteria and guidelines:
 - i.** Proclamations must be sought by the group or entity or a constituent seeking to have such person or entity recognized, or may be sought by any individual legislator on their behalf

- ii. Proclamations may be sought for a day, week, or month that holds significance either for the cause or event being recognized or by any local, state, or governmental entity or agency.
- iii. Certificates of Recognition or congratulatory letters may issue for individuals or private businesses, but proclamations by their nature are for group achievements or public awareness purposes.
- iv. There is no exclusive right to any selected time frame.
- v. Proclamations are not subject to automatic renewal.
- vi. The legislature is under no obligation to accept more than one such request within a calendar year, but is not prohibited from honoring such requests in its discretion.
- vii. Subjects of great controversy, that are polarizing by their nature, and represent ideological beliefs are not appropriate for proclamations or recognitions.
- viii. Proclamations will not issue for the purpose of stating a County position on a matter.
- ix. Proclamations will not issue if there is no nexus to the County, its constituents, or a benefit to the County.
- x. The County's policy, procedures, and the well-being of its constituents shall never be violated by any proclamation or recognition.
- 3. Requests must be made in writing, no less than 30 days prior, and no more than 6 months prior to the requested date of the proclamation, and must include:
 - i. Contact information, and a list of all individuals who will appear to accept the recognition with their title.
 - ii. Three paragraphs beginning with WHEREAS, that state the background of the reason for the recognition.
 - iii. Day, week, or month to be proclaimed.
 - iv. How you would like to receive the proclamation: (1) legislative meeting, (2) special event (subject to legislative availability), (3) by mail, or (4) by email.
 - v. Date needed.

and be it further

RESOLVED, that this resolution shall take effect immediately upon adoption.

BY ROLL CALL VOTE: FIVE AYES. THREE NAYS -LEGISLATORS D'ANGELO, GOULDMAN & RUSSO. LEGISLATOR CROWLEY WAS ABESENT. MOTION CARRIES.

Item #6e – Approval/ Local Law To Amend The Code of The County of Putnam By Adding Chapter 222, Entitled “Taxpayer Transparency” was next. On behalf of the members of the Rules, Enactments & Intergovernmental Relations Committee, Legislators Birmingham and Gouldman, Chairwoman Sayegh moved the following:

Chairwoman Sayegh stated that much of the proposal was drawn from model legislation of the American Legislative Exchange Council (ALEC). She stated that Putnam County already has a focus on transparency and maintains a searchable budget database and the Legislative meetings are livestreamed. She expressed her position further as to why she would not be supporting this proposed legislation.

Legislator Montgomery stated her concerns with the fact that the proposed legislation came from ALEC website. She stated her support for transparency but stated that the proposal should be tailored to Putnam County. She expressed concern with the structure of the legislation. She stated in her opinion this legislation would be giving the Executive Branch control over the structure and presentation of the database without sufficient Legislative oversight. She concluded by expressing her support of this matter of transparency, but she does not believe what is being proposed is balanced and representing the people of Putnam County.

Legislator D'Angelo stated he does not see what is so controversial if the County already does all of this. He explained the codification would protect transparency practices for future Legislatures. He stated he is familiar with ALEC and has no hesitation about what is being proposed because it is in line with that organization. He stated he would be supporting this proposal.

Legislator Regan stated his opinion is that the proposal was too limited to constitute meaningful taxpayer transparency and objected to directing the Commissioner of Finance to maintain a website. He stated he does not believe that is the responsibility of the Commissioner of Finance. He stated he would not be voting in support.

Legislator Addonizio stated that the County already livestreamed meetings and that the Commissioner of Finance had expressed concern about the database requirement.

Legislator Russo stated that her purpose was to clarify and preserve the practices for future Legislatures.

Legislator Gouldman supported codifying livestreaming and transparency requirements.

RESOLUTION - Failed

**APPROVAL/ LOCAL LAW TO AMEND THE CODE OF THE COUNTY OF PUTNAM BY
ADDING CHAPTER 222, ENTITLED "TAXPAYER TRANSPARENCY"**

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 added as provided
hereinafter:**

CHAPTER 222

TAXPAYER TRANSPARENCY

§ 222-1 Title.

§ 222-2 Legislative intent.

§ 222-3 Searchable budget database website created.

§ 222-4 Electronic public access to meetings and information

§ 222-5 Severability.

§ 222-6 Repealer.

§ 222-1 Title.

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

§ 222-2 Legislative intent.

The Legislature finds that taxpayers should have easy access to information on how the County is spending their tax dollars, what performance results are achieved for those expenditures, and the legislative process in general regarding County spending. It is further the intent that this access can be achieved by transparency in the County budget process, including a searchable budget database website and easier access to Legislative meetings and public hearings through live streaming to the public.

§ 222-3 Searchable budget database website

The Commissioner of Finance shall maintain and make publicly available a single, searchable budget database website including the required data for the most recent County budget. The website shall be given a unique website address and a link to that address shall be on the County’s official website.

§ 222-4 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. Whenever practicable, all public hearings held by the County Executive pursuant to § 3.04-B of the Charter shall be available for public viewing by live stream.

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

§ 222-5 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.

§ 222-6 Repealer.

All ordinances, local laws, and parts thereof inconsistent with this chapter are hereby repealed; provided, however, that such repeal shall not affect or impair any act done or right accruing, accrued, or acquired, or penalty, charge, liability, forfeiture, or punishment incurred or owing prior to the time such repeal takes effect, but the same may be enjoyed, asserted, collected, enforced, prosecuted, or inflicted as fully and to the same extent as if such repeal had not been effected. All actions and proceedings, civil or criminal, commenced under or by virtue of any provision of any County of Putnam local law, ordinance or resolution so repealed, and pending immediately prior to the taking effect of such repeal, may be prosecuted and defended to final effect in the same manner as they might if such provisions were not so repealed.

Section II.

This local law shall take effect immediately upon the filing with the secretary of state.

BY ROLL CALL VOTE: FOUR AYES. FOUR NAYS -LEGISLATORS ADDONIZIO, MONTGOMERY, REGAN & SAYEGH. LEGISLATOR CROWLEY WAS ABESENT. MOTION FS.

**PHYSICAL SERVICES COMMITTEE
(Chairman Gouldman, Legislators Regan & Sayegh)**

Item #6f - Approval – Budgetary Amendment (26A016) – Commissioner of Finance - To Change Funding Source of the DSS Security Capital Project Approved in the 2026 Capital Budget - was next. On behalf of the members of the Physical Services Committee, Legislators Regan and Sayegh, Chairman Gouldman moved the following:

RESOLUTION #61

APPROVAL – BUDGETARY AMENDMENT (26A016) – COMMISSIONER OF FINANCE- TO CHANGE FUNDING SOURCE OF THE DSS SECURITY CAPITAL PROJECT APPROVED IN THE 2026 CAPITAL BUDGET

WHEREAS, the Commissioner of Finance has requested a budgetary amendment (26A016) to change the funding source of the DSS Security Capital Project Approved in the 2026 Capital Budget from Borrowed Funds to the Capital Projects Reserve; 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:

10990100 59020	Transfer to Capital Fund	800,000
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Increase Estimated Revenues:

10131000 427112	Use of Capital Reserve	800,000
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CAPITAL FUND:

Increase Estimated Revenues:

55197000 428601 52603	Transfer From General Fund	800,000
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Decrease Estimated Revenues:

05000 45710Q 52603	Bond Proceeds – 2026	800,000
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2026 - Fiscal Impact - \$0

2027 - Fiscal Impact - \$0

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

Item #6g – Approval – Budgetary Transfer (26T039) – To Fund The County Vehicle GPS System was next. On behalf of the members of the Physical Services Committee, Legislators Regan and Sayegh, Chairman Gouldman moved the following:

RESOLUTION #62

APPROVAL - BUDGETARY TRANSFER (26T039) TO FUND THE COUNTY VEHICLE GPS SYSTEM

WHEREAS, the Director of IT/GIS requested budgetary Transfer (26T039) to fund The County Vehicle GPS System; and

WHEREAS, the in-vehicle video, and real-time vehicle diagnostics will provide centralized oversight of County-owned vehicles, including those operated by the Department of Public Works (DPW), Transit, and the Office for Senior Resources (OSR); and

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

Increase Estimated Appropriations:

10161000 54560	Equipment Rental	120,000
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Decrease Estimated Appropriations:

10161000 54371

Gasoline

120,000

2026 - Fiscal Impact - \$0

2027 - Fiscal Impact - \$0

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

Item #6h. - Approval – Conveyance Of A Certain County Property To The Town of Carmel Pursuant To Chapter 31 Of The Putnam County Code/Carmel TM # 64.7-1-5 - was next. On behalf of the members of the Physical Services Committee, Legislators Regan and Sayegh, Chairman Gouldman moved the following:

RESOLUTION #63

APPROVAL/CONVEYANCE OF A CERTAIN COUNTY PROPERTY TO THE TOWN OF CARMEL PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 31 OF THE PUTNAM COUNTY CODE/CARMEL TM # 64.7-1-5

WHEREAS, by tax deed dated December 2, 1983, which was recorded in the office of the Putnam County Clerk at Liber 804, Page 151, the County of Putnam acquired title to a certain 8,600 (apx.) square foot parcel designated as Town of Carmel Tax Map # 64.7-1-5 (the "Parcel"); and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Resolution # 174 of 1999 of the Putnam County Legislature, the Parcel was designated as green space and made a part of the Kirk Lake Conservation Area; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Carmel ("Town"), through the Town Supervisor, has requested that the County convey the Parcel to the Town so that the Town may use said Parcel for the purpose of completing the Stocum Avenue Bridge replacement project, which involves the replacement of a certain culvert near Kirk Lake that was severely damaged by a storm event affecting the region on July 9, 2023; and

WHEREAS, the Town will thereafter continue to maintain the Parcel as green space and as a public access area to Kirk Lake; and

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

WHEREAS, the Putnam County Legislature has determined that conveying the Parcel to the Town for the aforementioned purpose constitutes a public use and is in the best interests of the County; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Parcel, designated as Town of Carmel Tax Map # 64.7-1-5 be conveyed to the Town of Carmel to be used for public use; 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 Parcel to the Town of Carmel for the cost of any recording fees associated with the conveyance; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Parcel shall be conveyed to the Town of Carmel in an “as is” condition by Quitclaim deed; and be it further

REOLVED, that such conveyance shall be subject to a reversionary interest wherein title to the Parcel shall automatically revert back to the County in the event that it is utilized by the Town for purposes other than completing the Stocum Avenue Bridge replacement project and thereafter as green space with public access to Kirk Lake; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Putnam County Attorney is authorized to prepare said Quitclaim deed for the Parcel, which shall contain the reverter clause required herein, and the Putnam County Executive shall be authorized to execute said Quitclaim deed on behalf of the County; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the County Attorney is hereby authorized to take whatever action is necessary in order to effectuate this Resolution; and be it further

RESOLVED, that this Resolution shall take effect immediately.

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

Item #6i. - Approval / Ratification of Application For 2026 Grant Funds Available Through The New York State County Infrastructure Grant Program - was next. On behalf of the members of the Physical Services Committee, Legislators Regan and Sayegh, Chairman Gouldman moved the following:

RESOLUTION #64

APPROVAL/ RATIFICATION OF APPLICATION FOR 2026 GRANT FUNDS AVAILABLE THROUGH THE NEW YORK STATE COUNTY INFRASTRUCTURE GRANT PROGRAM

WHEREAS, under New York’s County Infrastructure Grant Program, Empire State Development will provide grants to support county-led infrastructure projects across the State which directly or indirectly support economic development, support the creation of housing, contribute to placemaking, or encourage tourism; and

WHEREAS, the County Infrastructure Grant Program grant funding will fund projects that do not directly support the creation of at least (10) ten new housing units for an award up to \$500,000. All projects that directly support the creation of at least (10) ten new housing units, are eligible for an award up to \$1,000,000; and

WHEREAS, there is a minimum 50% non-ESD match and a non-refundable \$250 application fee required; and

WHEREAS, an application from each County must be submitted by Wednesday, April 1, 2026 to apply the funding to an eligible project; and

WHEREAS, Putnam County is an active partner with local municipalities in the economic vitality of the County; and

WHEREAS, the County is desirous to sponsor a funding application towards supporting road and drainage infrastructure for a market-rate 40-unit housing development; and

WHEREAS, there would be no fiscal impact to the County; and

WHEREAS, the Legislature, by and through the Physical Services Committee, approves and agrees to the County's sponsoring and applying for the NYS County Infrastructure Grant Program for the Town of Carmel Housing development; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the County Legislature, together with the County Executive, supports, ratifies and approves the County's pass-through application for NYS County Infrastructure Grant funding in connection with the road and drainage infrastructure costs associated with Carmel Residential Housing project to be formally submitted to Empire State Development on/before April 1, 2026.

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

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

Item #6j. - Approval – Budgetary Amendment (26A010) – Department of Social Services (DSS) – NYS Shelter Arrears Eviction Forestallment Allocation - was next. On behalf of the members of the Health, Social, Educational & Environmental Committee, Legislators Addonizio and Russo, Chairwoman Montgomery moved the following:

RESOLUTION #65

APPROVAL – BUDGETARY AMENDMENT (26A010) – DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES (DSS) - NYS SHELTER ARREARS EVICTION FORESTALLMENT ALLOCATION

WHEREAS, the Commissioner of Mental Health, Social Services and the Youth Bureau has requested Budgetary Amendment (26A010) to adjust the 2026 DSS State Aid Levels; and

WHEREAS, this will amend the 2026 DSS budget to include Putnam's revised NYS Shelter Arrears Eviction Forestallment allocation (26-LCM-01) received from the Office of Temporary Disability Assistance (OTDA) in the amount of \$15,600; and

WHEREAS, the allocation will provide vital shelter arrears assistance to help eligible households retain permanent housing; and

WHEREAS, allocations may be used to support obligations from October 1, 2024, through September 30, 2026, and must be claimed by December 31, 2026; and

WHEREAS, the Health, Social, Educational & Environmental Committee and 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:

10101000 54989 10231	Shelter Arrears Assistance	15,600
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Increase Estimated Revenues:

10101000 436101 10231	State Aid – Shelter Arrears Assistance	15,600
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Fiscal Impact – 2026 - \$0

Fiscal Impact – 2027 - \$0

BY POLL VOTE: SEVEN AYES. LEGISLATOR GOULDMAN WAS ABSENT FOR THE VOTE. LEGISLATOR CROWLEY WAS ABSENT. MOTION CARRIES.

Item #6k - Approval – Budgetary Amendment (26A015) –County Historian – Request Funding from the Gregory J. Amato Trust - was next. On behalf of the members of the Health, Social, Educational & Environmental Committee, Legislators Addonizio and Russo, Chairwoman Montgomery moved the following:

Legislator Sayegh recalled Gregory J. Amato’s dedication to local history and service through Rotary and stated that the trust contribution was an appropriate continuation of his work.

Chairman Birmingham recognized Mr. Amato’s service as a former Town of Carmel Police Chief and Town Historian and his work digitizing local yearbooks and preserving community history.

Legislator Addonizio also remembered Mr. Amato as a friend and fellow Rotarian.

RESOLUTION #66

APPROVAL – BUDGETARY AMENDMENT (26A015) –COUNTY HISTORIAN – REQUEST FUNDING FROM THE GREGORY J. AMATO TRUST

WHEREAS, the County Historian has requested Budgetary Amendment (26A015) to request the remaining proceeds from the Greg Amato Trust; and

WHEREAS, the funds would be used towards a newspaper digitization project to be used in 2026; and

WHEREAS, the Health, Social, Educational & Environmental Committee and 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:

10751000 54682	Special Services	835
Increase Estimated Revenues:		
10751000 427051	Gifts & Donations	835

Fiscal Impact – 2026 - \$0
Fiscal Impact – 2027 - \$0

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

Item #6L - Approval – Budgetary Amendment (26A018) – Department of Social Services (DSS)- Adjust the DSS State Aid Levels – Office of Educational Opportunity Programs - was next. On behalf of the members of the Health, Social, Educational & Environmental Committee, Legislators Addonizio and Russo, Chairwoman Montgomery moved the following:

RESOLUTION #67

APPROVAL – BUDGETARY AMENDMENT (26A018) – DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES (DSS) - ADJUST THE DSS STATE AID LEVELS – OFFICE OF EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITY PROGRAMS

WHEREAS, the Commissioner of Mental Health, Social Services and the Youth Bureau has requested Budgetary Amendment (26A018) to adjust the DSS State Aid Levels; and

WHEREAS, this will amend the 2026 DSS budget to include expenses funded in accordance with the contract extension awarded to the Child Advocacy Center for the period of 10/01/2025 – 09/30/2026; and

WHEREAS, the OVS01-11348GG-1080200 is a multi-year agreement awarded by the Office of Victim Services (OVS); and

WHEREAS, the Health, Social, Educational & Environmental Committee and 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:

22071000 52110	Furniture & Fixtures	2,500
22071000 52130	Computer Equipment	3,311
22071000 52180	Other Equipment	12,000
22071000 54510	Machine Maintenance	5,422
22071000 54640	Education & Training	5,932
22071000 54783	Licensing & Accessories	4,500
22071000 55870	Chargeback Auto	200
		33,865

Increase Estimated Revenues:

22071000 446131	State Aid – Office of Educational Opportunity Programs (OEOP)	33,865
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Crime Victims

Fiscal Impact – 2026 - \$0

Fiscal Impact – 2027 - \$0

BY POLL VOTE: SEVEN AYES. LEGISLATOR D'ANGELO WAS ABSENT FOR THE VOTE. LEGISLATOR CROWLEY WAS ABSENT. MOTION CARRIES.

Item #6m - Approval / No-Match - Grant Application/ New York State 250th Commemoration Commission /Revolutionary Putnam County Committee Programming And Projects - was next. On behalf of the members of the Health, Social, Educational & Environmental Committee, Legislators Addonizio and Russo, Chairwoman Montgomery moved the following:

Legislator Sayegh expressed support for the Revolutionary Putnam County Committee's programming and for grant opportunities that would celebrate Putnam County's history during the nation's 250th anniversary. She recognized and complimented the Putnam County Historian on the great job she is doing recognizing this milestone in history.

RESOLUTION #68

APPROVAL/ NO-MATCH - GRANT APPLICATION/ NEW YORK STATE 250TH COMMEMORATION COMMISSION /REVOLUTIONARY PUTNAM COUNTY COMMITTEE PROGRAMMING AND PROJECTS

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 Education Department ("NYSED") and the New York State 250th Commemoration Commission, the County has the opportunity to apply for New York State 250th Commemoration funding to be allocated based on a K-12 enrollment formula (anticipated to be upwards of \$15,000) administered by the NYSED for public programming and county-wide projects relative to the 250th anniversary of the American Revolution and Declaration of Independence in 2026; and

WHEREAS, the purpose of the grant funds is to subsidize the costs associated with the relative existing and upcoming public programming and county-wide projects; and

WHEREAS, there is no matching fund requirement by the County to accept the New York State 250th Commemoration Commission grant for the relative existing and upcoming public programming and county-wide projects; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Legislature authorizes and approves the County's submission, by the County Historian's Office, of its application for New York State 250th Commemoration funding administered through NYSED and awarded by the New York State 250th Commemoration Commission for the relative existing and upcoming public programming and county-wide projects; and be it further

RESOLVED, that this resolution shall take effect immediately.

BY POLL VOTE: SEVEN AYES. LEGISLATOR D'ANGELO WAS ABSENT FOR THE VOTE. LEGISLATOR CROWLEY WAS ABSENT. MOTION CARRIES.

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

Item #6n - Approval – Budgetary Amendment (26A017) –Director of Probation – Partnership Initiative – Ignition Interlock Device Enforcement Program (IIDEP) - was next. On behalf of the members of the Protective Services Committee, Legislators Addonizio and Montgomery, Chairman Regan moved the following:

RESOLUTION #69

APPROVAL – BUDGETARY AMENDMENT (26A017) –DIRECTOR OF PROBATION – PARTNERSHIP INITIATIVE – IGNITION INTERLOCK DEVICE ENFORCEMENT PROGRAM (IIDEP)

WHEREAS, the Director of Probation has requested Budgetary Amendment (26A017) to account for the Ignition Interlock Grant awarded to Putnam County in the amount of \$35,000; and

WHEREAS, the funding is provided by a federal Governor's Traffic Safety Committee Grant and will be administered by the NYS Division of Criminal Justice Services (DCJS); and

WHEREAS, the Health, Social, Educational & Environmental Committee and 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:

10341000 54936 10238	Partnership Initiative - IIDEP	35,000
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Increase Estimated Revenues:

10341000 443105 10238	Federal Aid – IIDEP Grant	35,000
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Fiscal Impact – 2026 - \$0

Fiscal Impact – 2027 - \$0

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

**PERSONNEL COMMITTEE
(Chairwoman Addonizio, Legislators Russo & Sayegh)**

Item #6o - Approval – Budgetary Amendment (26A012) – Social Services - Child Advocacy Center – was next. On behalf of the members of the Personnel Committee, Legislators Russo and Sayegh, Legislator Addonizio moved the following:

RESOLUTION #70

APPROVAL/ BUDGETARY AMENDMENT (26A012)/ DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES/ CHILD ADVOCACY CENTER

WHEREAS, the Commissioner of Mental Health, Social Services and Youth Bureau has requested a budgetary amendment (26A012) to amend the 2026 Social Services budget to include expenses funded in accordance with the contract renewal awarded to the Child Advocacy Center for the period of October 1, 2025 through September 30, 2026; and

WHEREAS, OCFS C030760 is a multi-year agreement awarded by the NYS Office of Children & Family Services (OCFS) for the period of 10/01/25 – 9/30/30; and

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

RESOLVED, that the following budgetary amendment be made:

Increase Estimated Appropriations:

22070000 51000 (105) Stipend	Personnel Services -	3,000
	Coordinator Child Advocacy Center	
22070000 52170	Kitchen Equipment & Appliances	4,000
22070000 54310	Office Supplies	300
22070000 54560	Equipment Rental Lease	2,160
22070000 54640	Education & Training	9,763
22070000 55870	Chargeback – Auto	200
22070000 58002	FICA	230
		<u>19,653</u>

Increase Estimated Revenues:

22070000 436233	State Aid – Child Advocacy Center	19,653
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Fiscal Impact – 2026 - \$0

Fiscal Impact – 2027 - \$0

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

Item #6p – Approval – Budgetary Transfer (26T023) – Social Services – Pay Differential – Director of Eligibility - was next. On behalf of the members of the Personnel Committee, Legislators Russo and Sayegh, Chairwoman Addonizio moved the following:

RESOLUTION #71

APPROVAL – BUDGETARY TRANSFER (26T023) – SOCIAL SERVICES – PAY DIFFERENTIAL – DIRECTOR OF ELIGIBILITY

WHEREAS, the Commissioner of Mental Health, Social Services and Youth Bureau has requested a Pay Differential related to backfill the Director of Eligibility during its vacancy from 03/01/2026 – 04/30/2026; and

WHEREAS, this will compensate the current Coordinator of Temporary Assistance for their efforts in management and execution of tasks and responsibilities to that of the Director of Eligibility; and

WHEREAS, the adjustment is requested at an annual rate of the 2026 Adopted Budget for position #601020110 for compensation of this PuMa title (\$8.2036 per hour); and

WHEREAS, to support the increase, funds are being utilized from a vacant Account Clerk II position within the Medicaid unit; and

WHEREAS, the Commissioner of Finance has prepared budgetary transfer (26T023) to account for this request; and

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

RESOLVED, that the following budgetary transfer be made:

Increase Estimated Appropriations:

10120000 51091	Pay Differential	2,527
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Decrease Estimated Appropriations:

10104000 51000 (130)	Personnel Services – Vacant Account Clerk II	2,527
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2026 - Fiscal Impact - \$0

2027 - Fiscal Impact - \$0

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

Item #6q – Approval / Budgetary Transfer (26T044)/ Sheriff’s Office /Allocate an Administrative Position from the BCI Division to the Civil Division - was next. On behalf of the members of the Personnel Committee, Legislators Russo and Sayegh, Chairwoman Addonizio moved the following:

RESOLUTION #72

APPROVAL/BUDGETARY TRANSFER (26T044) / SHERIFF’S OFFICE / REALLOCATE AN ADMINISTRATIVE POSITION FROM THE BCI DIVISION TO THE CIVIL DIVISION

WHEREAS, the Putnam County Sheriff has requested a budgetary transfer (26T044) to reallocate an administrative position from the Bureau of Criminal Investigation Division (BCI) to the Civil Division; and

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

RESOLVED, that the following fund transfer be made:

Increase Estimated Appropriations:

15311000 51000 (104)	Personnel Services – Senior Office Assistant – Civil Division	70,834
15311000 58001	Retirement	7,210
15311000 58002	FICA	5,419
15311000 58004	Workers Compensation	971
15311000 58006	Dental	2,065
15311000 58008	Health	16,050
15311000 58009	Vision	242
		102,791

Decrease Estimated Appropriations:

32311000 51000 (105)	Personnel Services – Senior Office Assistant - BCI	70,834
32311000 58001	Retirement	7,210
32311000 58002	FICA	5,419
32311000 58004	Workers Compensation	971
32311000 58006	Dental	2,065
32311000 58008	Health	16,050
32311000 58009	Vision	242
		102,791

2026 - Fiscal Impact - \$0

2027 - Fiscal Impact - \$0

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

Item #6r – Approval – Budgetary Transfer (26T045) – Department of Public Works – Reclassification Position from Senior Account Clerk to Principal Account Clerk- was next. On behalf of the members of the Personnel Committee, Legislators Russo and Sayegh, Chairwoman Addonizio moved the following:

RESOLUTION #73

APPROVAL – BUDGETARY TRANSFER (26T045) – DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS – RECLASS POSITION FROM SENIOR ACCOUNT CLERK TO PRINCIPAL ACCOUNT CLERK

WHEREAS, the Commissioner of Department of Public Works has requested a budgetary transfer (26T045) to reclass a position in the Parks Department; and

WHEREAS, the reclassification will be changing the title of the Senior Account Clerk to Principal Account Clerk; and

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

RESOLVED, that the following fund transfer be made:

Decrease:

10711000 51000 10130	Personnel – Senior Account Clerk	64,550
10711000 51000 10124	Personnel - Farm Assistant	4,326
		68,876

Increase:

10711000 51000 10131
10711000 51000 10131

Personnel – Principal Account Clerk
Personnel – Principal Account Clerk

64,550
4,326

68,876

2026 - Fiscal Impact - \$0
2027 - Fiscal Impact - \$0

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

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

Item #6s – Approval – Budgetary Amendment (26A011) – Tourism – Decrease in I Love NY Funding was next. On behalf of the members of the Economic Development & Energy Committee, Legislators Crowley and D'Angelo, Chairwoman Russo moved the following:

Legislator Montgomery stated that tourism funding should be considered as part of a broader strategy that also supports the municipalities affected by tourism, including their health and safety needs.

RESOLUTION #74

APPROVAL – BUDGETARY AMENDMENT (26A011) – TOURISM – DECREASE IN I LOVE NY FUNDING

WHEREAS, New York State reduced the amount awarded to Putnam County for the I Love NY Program by \$9,316.00; and

WHEREAS, the Director of Tourism has requested a budgetary amendment (26A01) to transfer the County's matching portion (\$9,316.00) of I Love NY funds into the Books & Supplements line and Advertising line; and

WHEREAS, the Economic Development & Energy 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:

10641000 54313
10641000 54664

Books & Supplements
Advertising

8,000
1,316

9,316

Decrease Estimated Appropriations:

10641000 54328

I LOVE NY PROGRAM

18,632

Decrease Estimated Revenues:

10641000 437151

State Aid – I LOVE NY PROGRAM

9,316

2026 - Fiscal Impact - \$0
2027 - Fiscal Impact - \$0

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

AUDIT & ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE
(Chairwoman Crowley, Legislators Regan & Russo)

Chairman Birmingham stated that in the absence of Legislator Crowley, who serves a Chairwoman of the Audit & Administration Committee, Legislator Russo as a member of the committee would be addressing the items that came from the March Audit & Administration Committee Meeting.

Item #6t : Approval – Budgetary Amendment (25A128) – Finance – Year End Journal Entry #4 was next. On behalf of Chairwoman Crowley and member of the Audit & Administration Committee, Legislator Regan, Legislator Russo moved the following:

Chairman Birmingham explained that the year-end journal entry reconciled County financial accounts in preparation for the annual audit and was part of the County's customary year-end process.

RESOLUTION #75

APPROVAL – BUDGETARY AMENDMENT (25A128) – FINANCE – YEAR END JOURNAL ENTRY #4

WHEREAS, the Commissioner of Finance has requested a budgetary amendment (25A12) for the fourth Year End Journal Entry for the year ending December 31, 2025; and

WHEREAS, further entry(s) will follow as more information becomes available during the year end closing process; 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:

SEE ATTACHED SHEET 136,683.00

Decrease Estimated Appropriations:

SEE ATTACHED SHEET 87,000.00

Increase Estimated Revenues:

SEE ATTACHED SHEET 1,983,888.00

Decrease Estimated Appropriations:
SEE ATTACHED SHEET 1,934,205.00

ROAD FUND

Increase Estimated Appropriations:
SEE ATTACHED SHEET 31,300.00

Increase Estimated Revenues:
SEE ATTACHED SHEET 171,978.00

Decrease Estimated Revenues:
SEE ATTACHED SHEET 140,678.00

2025 Fiscal Impact – 0 –

2026 Fiscal Impact – 0 –

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

Item #6u – Approval – Local Law/Amend Chapter 41/Code Of Putnam County/ Entitled “Deposit And Investment Policy” was next. On behalf of Chairwoman Crowley and the members of the Audit & Administration Committee, Legislator Regan, Legislator Russo moved the following:

Chairman Birmingham explained that the local law updated the name change of the Putnam County Savings Bank to its new name, Beacon Bank, and is therefore reflected in the amended Local Law. He stated said bank is an authorized depository. He stated the money is not moving this local law is clairifyin ght ename of the bank.

RESOLUTION #76

APPROVAL/LOCAL LAW/AMEND CHAPTER 41/CODE OF PUTNAM COUNTY/ ENTITLED “DEPOSIT AND INVESTMENT POLICY”

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

Section 1.

Section 41-2 of the Putnam County Code is hereby amended to read as follows:

§ 41-2 Objectives.

The primary objectives of the Putnam County's investment activities are, in priority order:

- A. To conform with all applicable federal, state and other legal requirements (legal).**
- B. To adequately safeguard principal (safety).**
- C. To provide sufficient liquidity to meet all operating requirements (liquidity).**
- D. To obtain a reasonable rate of return (yield).**

To appropriately meet these objectives, The County will make investment decisions based on categories of cash with which the time horizon is continually calculated using a liquidity analysis of past and anticipated future financial requirements.

Section 2.

Section 41-3 of the Putnam County Code is hereby amended to read as follows:

§ 41-3 Delegation of authority and general intent of policy.

A. Delegation of authority. The administration of the investment program is delegated to the Commissioner of Finance, pursuant to § 4.02(a) of the Putnam County Charter. The Commissioner of Finance shall establish written procedures for the operation of the investment program consistent with these investment guidelines. Such procedures shall include an adequate internal control structure to provide a satisfactory level of accountability based on a data base or records incorporating description and amounts of investments, transaction dates and other relevant information, including dates of sale or other dispositions and amounts realized. In addition, the internal control procedures shall describe that responsibilities and levels of authority for key individuals involved in the investment program.

B. General intent of policy.

(1) Prudence.

(a) All participants in the investment process shall seek to act responsibly as custodians of the public trust and shall avoid any transaction that might impair public confidence in Putnam County to govern effectively.

(b) Investments shall be made with prudence, diligence, skill, judgment and care, under circumstances then prevailing, which knowledgeable and prudent persons acting in like capacity would use, not for speculation, but for investment, considering the safety of the principal as well as the probable income to be derived. All participants involved in the investment process shall refrain from personal business activity that could conflict with proper execution of the investment program or which could impair their ability to make impartial investment decisions.

(2) Diversification. It is the policy of Putnam County to diversify its deposits and investments by financial institution, by investment instrument, and by maturity scheduling. The Finance Officer shall establish appropriate limits for the amount of investments which can be made with each financial institution or dealer, and shall evaluate this listing at least annually.

Section 3.

Section 41-5 of the Putnam County Code is hereby amended to read as follows:

§ 41-5 Designation of official depositories.

The following list of banks and trust companies, and their successors and assigns, are authorized for the deposit of monies up to the maximum amounts:

Depository Name	Maximum Amount
Adirondack Bank	\$75,000,000
Bank of America	\$75,000,000
Bank of Greene County	\$75,000,000
Bank United	\$75,000,000
BankOnBuffalo	\$75,000,000
Beacon Bank	\$75,000,000
C&N	\$75,000,000
Canandaigua National Bank	\$75,000,000
Capital One Bank	\$75,000,000
Citizens Bank	\$75,000,000
Community Bank	\$75,000,000
Customers Bank	\$75,000,000
Evans Bank	\$75,000,000
Fairfield County Bank	\$75,000,000
Five Star	\$75,000,000
FlagStar Bank	\$75,000,000
Flushing	\$75,000,000
Genesee Regional Bank	\$75,000,000
Glens Falls National Bank and Trust/ Saratoga National Bank and Trust	\$75,000,000
Hanover Community Bank	\$75,000,000
JP Morgan Chase Bank NA	\$75,000,000
Lyons National Bank	\$75,000,000
M&T Bank	\$75,000,000
Metropolitan Bank	\$75,000,000
Modern Bank	\$75,000,000
NBT Bank	\$75,000,000
Pathfinder Bank	\$75,000,000
Pioneer Bank	\$75,000,000
Putnam County National Bank	\$75,000,000
Raymond James Bank	\$75,000,000
RBC	\$75,000,000
Santander Bank	\$75,000,000
Solvay Bank	\$75,000,000
TD Bank	\$75,000,000

Depository Name	Maximum Amount
Tioga Bank	\$75,000,000
Tompkins Mahopac National Bank	\$75,000,000
Upstate National Bank	\$75,000,000
Valley Bank	\$75,000,000
Wayne Bank	\$75,000,000

Section 4.

Section 41-6 of the Putnam County Code is hereby amended to read as follows:

§ 41-6 Collateralizing of deposits.

In accordance with the provisions of General Municipal Law § 10, all deposits of Putnam County, including certificates of deposit and special time deposits, in excess of the amount insured under the provisions of the Federal Deposit Insurance Act shall be secured:

- A. By a pledge of eligible securities with an aggregate market value, as provided by General Municipal Law § 10, equal to the aggregate amount of deposits from the categories designated in Appendix A to the policy;**
- B. By an eligible irrevocable letter of credit issued by a qualified bank other than the bank with the deposits in favor of Putnam County for a term not to exceed 90 days with an aggregate value equal to 140% of the aggregate amount of deposits and the agreed upon interest, if any. A qualified bank is one whose commercial paper and other unsecured short-term debt obligations are rated in one of the three highest rating categories by at least one nationally recognized statistical rating organization or by a bank that is in compliance with applicable federal minimum risk-based capital requirements; or**
- C. By an eligible surety bond payable to the government for an amount at least equal to 100% of the aggregate amount of deposits and the agreed upon interest, if any, executed by an insurance company authorized to do business in New York State, whose claims-paying ability is rated in the highest rating category by at least two nationally recognized statistical rating organizations.**
- D. A pledge of a pro rata portion of a pool of eligible securities, having in the aggregate a market value at least equal to the aggregate amount of deposits from all such officers within New York State at the bank or trust company.**
- E. An "irrevocable letter of credit" issued in favor of Putnam County by a federal home loan bank whose commercial paper and other unsecured short-term debt obligations are rated in the highest rating category by at least one nationally recognized statistical rating organization, as security for the payment of 100 percent of the aggregate amount of deposits and the agreed-upon interest, if any.**

Section 5.

Section 41-7 of the Putnam County Code is hereby amended to read as follows:

§ 41-7 Safekeeping and collateralization.

- A. Eligible securities used for collateralizing deposits, made by the Finance Officer of Putnam County, shall be held by a third-party bank or trust company (for purposes of this policy, a trust company is deemed to be a third-party if it is a separately chartered corporation than a bank) subject to security and custodial agreements approved by the County Attorney.**
- B. The security agreement shall provide that the eligible securities are being pledged to secure Putnam County deposits together with agreed upon interest, if any, and any costs or expenses arising out of the collection of such deposits upon default.**
- C. The custodial agreement shall include all provisions necessary to provide Putnam County a perfected security interest in the securities pledged as collateral and shall provide the following:**
 - (1) The securities held by the authorized bank or trust company as agent of and custodian for Putnam County will be kept separate and apart from the general assets of the custodial bank or trust company and will not, in any circumstances, be commingled with or become part of the security for any other deposit or other liabilities.**
 - (2) The custodian shall confirm the receipt, substitution or release of the securities held on behalf of Putnam County.**
 - (3) The frequency of revaluation of eligible securities and the substitution of collateral when a change in the rating of a security may cause ineligibility must be provided.**
 - (4) The types of collateral used to secure County deposits must be in accordance with the most current legislation authorizing various types of collateral and approved by the County.**
 - (5) The County requires a margin of maintenance of 102% of the uninsured portion of deposits collateralized.**
 - (6) The County prefers written consent from the Commissioner of Finance (but will accept a telephone call and subsequent confirmation by the Commissioner of Finance) for the release and substitution of securities affecting the County's custodial account.**
 - (7) The County requires the banking depository to provide blank assignment forms of the pledged collateral to the custodial bank in the event that the depository bank defaults.**
 - (8) The County requires a monthly (quarterly if approved by the Commissioner of Finance) update on third party collateral security (end of month statement).**
 - (9) The County requires that there be no subcustodian.**

Section 6.

Section 41-8 of the Putnam County Code is hereby amended to read as follows:

§ 41-8 Permitted investments.

- A. As authorized by General Municipal Law § 11, Putnam County authorizes the Commissioner of Finance to invest moneys not required for immediate expenditure for terms not to exceed its projected cash flow needs in the following types of investments:**
- (1) Special time deposit accounts in, or certificates of deposit issued by, a bank or trust company located and authorized to do business in New York State;**
 - (2) Through a deposit placement program, certificates of deposit in one or more "banking institutions," as defined in Banking Law Section 9-r;**
 - (3) Obligations of the United States of America;**
 - (4) Obligations guaranteed by agencies of the United States of America, where the payment of principal and interest are guaranteed by the United States of America;**
 - (5) Obligations of the state: With the approval of the state comptroller, obligations issued pursuant to Local Finance Law Section 24.00 or 25.00 (i.e., Tax Anticipation Notes and Revenue Anticipation Notes) by any municipality, school district, or district corporation in New York State other than the County of Putnam;**
 - (6) General obligation bonds and notes of any state other than New York State, provided that such bonds and notes receive the highest rating of at least one independent rating agency designated by the state comptroller;**
 - (7) Obligations of any corporation organized under the laws of any state in the United States maturing within 270 days, provided that such obligations receive the highest rating of two independent rating services designated by the state comptroller, and that the issuer of such obligations has maintained such ratings on similar obligations during the preceding six months; provided, however, that the issuer of such obligations need not have received such rating during the prior six month period if such issuer has received the highest rating of two independent rating services designated by the state comptroller and is the successor or wholly-owned subsidiary of an issuer that has maintained such ratings on similar obligations during the preceding six month period, or if the issuer is the product of a merger of two or more issuers, one of which has maintained such ratings on similar obligations during the preceding six-month period; provided, however, that no more than \$250,000,000 may be invested in such obligations of any one corporation;**
 - (8) Bankers' acceptances maturing within 270 days which are eligible for purchase in the open market by federal reserve banks and which have been accepted by a bank or trust company which is organized under the laws of the United States or of any state thereof, and which is a member of the federal reserve system and whose short-term obligations meet the criteria outlined in Subsection A(7) of this**

section; provided, however, that no more than \$250,000,000 may be invested in such bankers' acceptances of any one bank or trust company;

- (9) Obligations of, or instruments issued by, or fully guaranteed as to principle and interest by, any agency or instrumentality of the United States acting pursuant to a grant of authority from the Congress of the United States, including but not limited to, any federal home loan bank or banks, the Tennessee Valley Authority, the federal national mortgage association, the federal home loan mortgage corporation, and the United States postal service; provided, however, that no more than \$250,000,000 may be invested in such obligations of any one agency; or

- (10) No-load money market mutual funds registered under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, and operated in accordance with Rule 2a-7 of the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended, provided that such funds are limited to investments in obligations issued or guaranteed by the United States of America, or in obligations of agencies or instrumentalities of the United States of America, where the payment of principal and interest are guaranteed by the United States of America (including contracts for the sale and repurchase of any such obligations) and are rated in the highest rating category by at least one nationally recognized statistical rating organization; provided, however, that no more than \$250,000,000 may be invested in such funds.

- B. All investment obligations shall be redeemable on respective maturity dates as determined by the Putnam County Commissioner of Finance in order to meet expenditure obligations for purposes for which the moneys were provided.

Section 7.

Section 41-10 of the Putnam County Code is hereby amended to read as follows:

§ 41-10 Purchase of investments.

- A. The Commissioner of Finance is authorized to contract for the purchase of investments.
- (1) By participation in a cooperative investment program with another authorized governmental entity pursuant to Article 5G of the General Municipal Law where such program meets all the requirements set forth in the Office of the State Comptroller's Opinion No. 88-46, and the specific program has been approved by the Putnam County Legislature.
- (2) By utilizing eligible cash management program(s), approved by the Putnam County Legislature in which can be invested a maximum amount of \$75,000,000 in each. program.
- B. All purchased obligations, unless registered or inscribed in the name of Putnam County, shall be purchased through, delivered to and held in the custody of a bank or trust company. Such obligations shall be purchased, sold or presented for redemption or payment by such bank or trust company only in accordance with prior written authorization from the officer authorized to make the investment. All such transactions shall be confirmed, in writing, to Putnam County by the bank or trust company. Any obligation held in the custody of a bank or trust company shall be held

pursuant to a written custodial agreement as described in General Municipal Law § 10.

- C. The custodial agreement shall provide that securities held by the bank or trust company, as agent of and custodian for, Putnam County, will be kept separate and apart from the general assets of the custodial bank or trust company, and will not in any circumstances, be commingled with or become part of the backing for any other deposit or other liabilities. The agreement shall describe how the custodian shall confirm the receipt and release of securities. Such agreement shall include all provisions necessary to provide Putnam County a perfected interest in the securities.

Section 8.

This Local Law shall take effect immediately.

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

Item #6v - Re-Approval/Directing Cancellation & Prospective Cancellation Of Taxes On Certain Parcels/ Philipstown TM #72.-2-54; Putnam Valley TM #72.-1-53; & Putnam Valley TM #74.6-1-23 (Supersede Resolution #45 of 2026) was next. On behalf of Chairwoman Crowley and member of the Audit & Administration Committee, Legislator Regan Legislator Russo moved the following:

RESOLUTION #77

RE-APPROVAL/DIRECTING CANCELLATION & PROSPECTIVE CANCELLATION OF TAXES ON CERTAIN PARCELS/ PHILIPSTOWN TM # 72.-2-54; PUTNAM VALLEY TM # 72.-1-53; & PUTNAM VALLEY TM # 74.6-1-23 (Supersede Reso #45 of 2026)

WHEREAS, the County of Putnam enforces the collection of delinquent real estate taxes pursuant to NYS Real Property Tax Law, Article 1, Title 3, Foreclosure of Tax Lien by Proceeding In Rem; and

WHEREAS, Real Property Tax Law Section 1138, provides methods to withdraw parcels of property from foreclosure; and

WHEREAS, Philipstown TM # 72.-2-54, Putnam Valley TM # 72.-1-53, and Putnam Valley TM # 74.6-1-23 were all previously included in an in rem proceeding to foreclose tax liens under Putnam County Index # 500342/2024; and

WHEREAS, said parcels were subsequently withdrawn from said proceeding by respective certificates of withdrawal, dated October 23, 2024, on the basis that if the parcels were to be acquired there would be a significant risk that the County might be exposed to a liability substantially in excess of the amounts that could be recovered by enforcing the tax liens; and

WHEREAS, all three (3) parcels are underwater and consist of the lake beds of Indian Lake and/or Bryant Pond, and ownership status is tenuous; and

WHEREAS, there is no practical method to enforce the collection of tax liens arising against those parcels; and

WHEREAS, action can be taken by the Legislature pursuant to Real Property Tax Law Section 1138(6) to direct the Putnam County Commissioner of Finance, as Tax Enforcing Officer to issue certificates of cancellation and prospective cancellation of said tax liens; and

WHEREAS, the issuance of a certificate of cancellation and prospective cancellation renders a parcel involved exempt from taxation until it is determined by the Legislature that the parcel should be restored to the taxable portion of the tax roll; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Legislature hereby determines that there is no practical method to enforce the collection of tax liens arising hereafter against Philipstown TM # 72.-2-54, Putnam Valley TM # 72.-1-53, and Putnam Valley TM # 74.6-1-23 and that certificates of cancellation and prospective cancellation of said liens are to be issued; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the parcels shall remain exempt from taxation until the Putnam County Legislature determines that any of said parcels should be restored to the taxable portion of the tax roll and the Commissioner of Finance files a certificate of restoration; and be it further

RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution directing such cancellations and prospective cancellations be filed with the Putnam County Commissioner of Finance; and

RESOLVED, that the Putnam County Commissioner of Finance is directed to issue applicable certificates of cancellation and prospective cancellation for Philipstown TM # 72.-2-54, Putnam Valley TM # 72.-1-53, and Putnam Valley TM # 74.6-1-23, and then file such certificates with the assessor of the assessing units in which the parcels are located and the Putnam County Director of Real Property Tax Services; and be it further

RESOLVED, that this Resolution shall supersede and replace Resolution # 45 of 2026 of the Putnam County Legislature; and be it further

RESOLVED, that this Resolution shall take effect immediately.

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

Item #6w - Approval – Correction of Taxes – Town of Kent Tax Map #33.14-1-7 was next. On behalf of Chairwoman Crowley and member of the Audit & Administration Committee, Legislator Regan, Legislator Russo moved the following:

RESOLUTION #78

APPROVAL – CORRECTION OF TAXES –TOWN OF KENT TAX MAP #33.14-1-7

WHEREAS, the Director of Real Property has requested a correction of taxes in the amount of \$6,912.53 for Marbarden Corp. in the Town of Kent, Tax Map #33.14-1-7; and

WHEREAS, the Director of Real Property Tax Services, the Commissioner of Finance, the Department of Law, and the County Executive have reviewed and approved said correction; and

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

RESOLVED, that the Putnam County Legislature approves the correction of taxes for Marbarden Corp. in the Town of Kent for Tax Map #33.14-1-7 in the amount of \$6,912.53.

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

Item #6x- Approval – Correction of Taxes – Town of Kent Tax Map #33.18-1-5 was next. On behalf of Chairwoman Crowley and member of the Audit & Administration Committee, Legislator Regan, Legislator Russo moved the following:

RESOLUTION #79

APPROVAL – CORRECTION OF TAXES –TOWN OF KENT TAX MAP #33.18-1-5

WHEREAS, the Director of Real Property has requested a correction of taxes in the amount of \$7,397.03 for JJC Realty Corp. in the Town of Kent, Tax Map #33.18-1-5; and

WHEREAS, the Director of Real Property Tax Services, the Commissioner of Finance, the Department of Law, and the County Executive have reviewed and approved said correction; and

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

RESOLVED, that the Putnam County Legislature approves the correction of taxes for JJC Realty Corp. in the Town of Kent for Tax Map #33.18-1-5 in the amount of \$7,397.03.

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

Item #6y - Approval – Correction of Taxes – Town of Carmel Tax Map #87.6-2-41 was next. On behalf of Chairwoman Crowley and member of the Audit & Administration Committee, Legislator Regan, Legislator Russo moved the following:

RESOLUTION #80

APPROVAL – CORRECTION OF TAXES –TOWN OF CARMEL TAX MAP #87.6-2-41

WHEREAS, the Director of Real Property has requested a correction of taxes in the amount of \$1,331.43 for Elisabeth Joshi in the Town of Carmel, Tax Map #87.6-2-41; and

WHEREAS, the Director of Real Property Tax Services, the Commissioner of Finance, the Department of Law, and the County Executive have reviewed and approved said correction; and

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

RESOLVED, that the Putnam County Legislature approves the correction of taxes for Elisabeth Joshi in the Town of Carmel for Tax Map #87.6-2-41.1 in the amount of \$1,331.43

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

Item #6z - Approval – Support For Home Rule Legislation Authorizing The County of Putnam To Alienate Certain Lands Used As Parklands was next. On behalf of

Chairwoman Crowley and member of the Audit & Administration Committee, Legislator Regan, Legislator Russo moved the following:

RESOLUTION #81

APPROVAL/SUPPORT FOR HOME RULE LEGISLATION AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY OF PUTNAM TO ALIENATE CERTAIN LANDS USED AS PARKLANDS

WHEREAS, the County of Putnam is the owner of the property located at 161 Hill Street, Mahopac New York, a/k/a Town of Carmel TM# 64.14-1-8 a/k/a the Putnam County Golf Course (the "Property"); and

WHEREAS, the Property was previously designated as public parkland; and

WHEREAS, the County desires to use a minor, undeveloped portion of the Property for the installation of a 160 foot cellular tower, with the associated equipment shelter, backup generators, and telecommunications equipment; and

WHEREAS, said cellular tower would accommodate telecommunications coverage needs for various County Emergency Service Departments, and provide the capacity for the collocation of private public utility wireless communications facilities in order to close significant gaps in reliable wireless service and avoid the proliferation of towers; and

WHEREAS, Assembly Bill No. A08903 and Senate Bill No. S08852, sponsored by Assemblyman Slater and Senator Harckham support Putnam County's alienation of this land, but require local enactment; and

WHEREAS, the Putnam County Legislature finds that the enactment of such legislation is in the best interest of the residents of the County of Putnam; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 40 of the Municipal Home Rule Law of the State of New York the County of Putnam adopts and enacts such legislation authorizing the passage of these special laws; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the County of Putnam hereby requests and approves a Home Rule Message to the Legislature of the State of New York in support of Assembly Bill No. A08903 and Senate Bill No. S08852; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Clerk of the Putnam County Legislature is hereby directed to forward a copy of this Resolution to our State representatives in the State Legislature as well as the Governor and leadership of our State Legislature.

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

Item #6aa: Approval Of A Local Law Amending Article V Of Chapter 220 Of The Code Of Putnam County To (1) Clarify Application Of Real Property Tax Law §467 And (2) Increase The Maximum Senior Citizen Property Tax Exemption was next. On behalf of Chairwoman Crowley and member of the Audit & Administration Committee, Legislator Regan, Legislator Russo moved the following:

RESOLUTION #82

APPROVAL OF A LOCAL LAW AMENDING ARTICLE V OF CHAPTER 220 OF THE CODE OF PUTNAM COUNTY TO (1) CLARIFY APPLICATION OF REAL PROPERTY TAX LAW § 467 AND (2) INCREASE THE MAXIMUM SENIOR CITIZEN PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTION

WHEREAS, the Putnam County Legislature adopted Local Law #15 of 2022 (Resolution #239 of 2022), increasing the income thresholds for the Senior Citizen Real Property Tax Exemption pursuant to Real Property Tax Law § 467; and

WHEREAS, the Putnam County Legislature wishes to hereby amend Local Law #15 of 2022 (Resolution #239 of 2022), and further amend Local Law #4 of 2026 (Resolution #38 of 2026) and supersede both with the instant local law;

WHEREAS, Real Property Tax Law § 467 authorizes local governments to provide a partial exemption from real property taxation for qualifying senior citizens and permits local adoption of graduated exemption schedules; and

WHEREAS, amendments to Real Property Tax Law § 467 authorize local governments to provide exemptions in excess of fifty percent (50%) of assessed valuation, up to sixty-five percent (65%), subject to locally adopted schedules; and

WHEREAS, it was and remains the intent of this Legislature that, except as expressly modified by County law with respect to income thresholds and exemption percentage schedules, all other definitions, conditions, qualifications, options, and administrative requirements adopted pursuant to Real Property Tax Law § 467 by the Town in which the property is located shall apply to the County exemption; and

WHEREAS, clarification of legislative intent and alignment with current State law is necessary to ensure uniform administration and avoid unintended fiscal impact;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ENACTED by the Legislature of the County of Putnam as follows:

Section 1. Amendment to § 220-29

Section 220-29 of the Code of Putnam County is hereby amended to read as follows:

Pursuant to the provisions of the Real Property Tax Law § 467, the real property owned by one or more persons, each of whom is 65 years of age or over, or real property owned by a husband and wife, one of whom is 65 years of age or over, shall be exempt from taxation up to a maximum of sixty-five percent (65%) of the assessed valuation thereof, as hereinafter provided.

Section 2. Amendment to § 220-30(A) (Application of RPTL § 467)

Section 220-30(A) is hereby amended to add the following paragraph: Except as expressly modified herein with respect to income eligibility thresholds and percentage schedules adopted by the County, all other definitions, conditions, qualifications, options, exclusions, and administrative requirements applicable to the Senior Citizen Real Property Tax Exemption pursuant to Real Property Tax Law § 467, including any local options adopted by the Town in which the property is located, shall apply to the County exemption. The County's adoption of income thresholds and exemption percentages shall not be construed to supersede or replace any other requirements adopted pursuant to Real Property Tax Law § 467 unless expressly stated herein.

Section 3. Amendment to § 220-30(B) (Schedule of Exemptions)

Section 220-30(B) is hereby amended to authorize exemption percentages up to a maximum of sixty-five percent (65%), as indicated in the schedule below, and consistent with Real Property Tax Law § 467. The Legislature may, by resolution, adopt updated

exemption percentage schedules consistent with state law and income thresholds established herein.

Less than	\$ 47,000.00	=	65 %	Represents new income limits in original RP-467 Senior scale
	or more, but less than	\$ 48,000.00	= 60 %	Represents new income limits in original RP-467 Senior scale
	or more, but less than	\$ 49,000.00	= 55 %	Represents new income limits in original RP-467 Senior scale
	or more, but less than	\$ 50,000.00	= 50 %	Represents new income limits in original RP-467 Senior scale
ORIG	\$ 50,000.00	or more, but less than	\$ 51,000.00 = 45 %	
	\$ 51,000.00	or more, but less than	\$ 52,000.00 = 40 %	
	\$ 52,000.00	or more, but less than	\$ 53,000.00 = 35 %	
	\$ 53,000.00	or more, but less than	\$ 53,900.00 = 30 %	
	\$ 53,900.00	or more, but less than	\$ 54,800.00 = 25 %	
	\$ 54,800.00	or more, but less than	\$ 55,700.00 = 20 %	
	\$ 55,700.00	or more, but less than	\$ 56,600.00 = 15 %	
	\$ 56,600.00	or more, but less than	\$ 57,500.00 = 10 %	
	\$ 57,500.00	or more, but less than	\$ 58,400.00 = 5 %	

Section 4. Legislative Intent

This Local Law is intended:

1. To clarify and confirm the original legislative intent of Local Law #15 of 2022;
2. To ensure that County exemption administration operates within the full framework of Real Property Tax Law § 467 and any applicable Town-level options; and
3. To align the County's maximum exemption authority with current State law permitting exemptions up to sixty-five percent (65%).

Section 5. Severability

If any clause, sentence, paragraph, subdivision, section, or part of this Local Law shall be adjudged invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, such judgment shall not affect, impair, or invalidate the remainder thereof.

Section 6. Effective Date

This Local Law shall be filed with the Secretary of State of the State of New York and shall take effect as of March 1, 2026.

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

Item #6bb: Approval/Opposition To Electric Bus Mandate was next On behalf of Chairwoman Crowley and member of the Audit & Administration Committee, Legislator Regan, Legislator Russo moved the following:

Chairman Birmingham disclosed that his law firm represented school districts in matters involving bus financing, so he recused himself from discussion and voting. He left the chambers and turned the meeting over to Deputy Chairman Gouldman.

Legislator Montgomery moved to consider her related pre-filed resolution, Item #7a, together with Item #6bb; seconded by Legislator Regan. By roll call vote, four Ayes and three Nays: Legislators D'Angelo, Gouldman and Russo.

Legislator Crowley was absent and Chairman Birmingham was recused. Motion failed.

Legislator Regan opposed the State mandate but questioned whether a County resolution would influence State decision-makers and noted that school districts are independent taxing entities.

Legislator D'Angelo stated that the County should support local school districts in opposing an unfunded mandate. He explained why he does not support the proposed resolution #7a, expressing his opinion that he believes it undermines the intent of this resolution.

Legislator Addonizio stated that the mandate did not reflect Putnam County's climate, infrastructure or financial realities and supported local control.

Chairwoman Sayegh stated that the mandate would impose substantial vehicle, charging, scheduling and electric-grid costs on school districts and cited concerns expressed by local superintendents.

Legislator Russo stated that the 2027 deadline was unrealistic and that County taxpayers would bear the cost.

Legislator Montgomery acknowledged implementation challenges but favored working with State partners on funding, infrastructure, regional coordination and a feasible transition rather than opposing the policy outright.

Deputy Chairman Gouldman stated that the mandate would worsen the affordability crisis, that Putnam County lacked sufficient charging infrastructure and heated storage, and that local districts and municipalities had expressed opposition. He stated that clean energy goals should be pursued on a realistic schedule with adequate funding.

RESOLUTION #83

APPROVAL/OPPOSITION TO ELECTRIC BUS MANDATE

WHEREAS, the Putnam County Legislature is aware of the NYS zero-emission bus mandate requiring school districts to begin purchasing zero-emission buses by 2027, and to fully transition away from traditional buses by 2035; and

WHEREAS, Putnam County does not have the requisite infrastructure as far as charging stations to support this mandate; and

WHEREAS, Putnam County's cold and intemperate winters are not conducive to the longevity of the batteries of electric vehicles which will be parked in a municipal lot and exposed to the elements; and

WHEREAS, NYS' legislation is a mandate which impacts school buses used for children; and

WHEREAS, if the battery were to fail on a school bus during school transportation hours Putnam County children could be left stranded; and

WHEREAS, NYS has passed this mandate without supplying the necessary funding to create the infrastructure necessary to safely implement this protocol including Countywide charging stations, heated bus garages with charging stations, and battery surplus storage in the event of battery failure; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Putnam County Legislature shall submit official correspondence on behalf of its constituents opposing this NYS legislation as drafted, and making recommendations for the modifications necessary to address these serious concerns; and be it further

RESOLVED, this Resolution shall take effect immediately, and the letter shall be sent within fourteen (14) days of passage or as soon thereafter as practicable, under the signature of all Legislators who voted in favor of this resolution.

BY ROLL CALL VOTE: FIVE AYES. TWO NAYS - LEGISLATORS MONTGOMERY& REGAN. ONE RECUSAL – LEGISLATOR BIRMINGHAM. LEGISLATOR CROWLEY WAS ABSENT. MOTION CARRIES.

BUDGET & FINANCE COMMITTEE

(Chairman Birmingham, Legislators Montgomery, Gouldman, Addonizio, Russo, D'Angelo, Regan, Sayegh & Crowley)

Item #6cc: Approval/Motor Fuel Sales Tax Adjustment was next. On behalf of the members of the Budget & Finance Committee, Chairman Birmingham moved the following:

Chairman Birmingham stated that Legislator Gouldman has brought this proposal forward.

Legislator Gouldman stated that capping the County sales tax calculation at \$3.00 per gallon would prevent County government from benefiting from rising fuel prices and would ease the burden on residents.

Legislators Sayegh, Addonizio, D'Angelo and Russo supported the adjustment as immediate taxpayer relief.

Legislator Montgomery moved to make the adjustment permanent. The motion was not seconded.

Chairman Birmingham moved to amend the expiration date from December 31, 2027 to December 31, 2028; seconded by Legislator Montgomery.

Legislators Regan, Sayegh, D'Angelo, Russo and Gouldman expressed concern about extending the adjustment without additional financial analysis and about limiting the flexibility of future Legislatures.

Legislator Montgomery cited the County's unassigned fund balance, sub-contingency funds and 2025 gasoline sales as support for the longer period.

Chairman Birmingham stated that the cap would protect taxpayers during unusually high fuel prices and that the County had sufficient financial cushion.

By roll call vote, three Ayes. Five Nays: Legislators Addonizio, D'Angelo, Gouldman, Regan and Russo. Legislator Crowley was absent. Motion to amend failed.

RESOLUTION #84

APPROVAL/ MOTOR FUEL SALES TAX ADJUSTMENT

Resolution of the Legislature of the County of Putnam, electing a cents per gallon rate of sales and compensating use taxes on motor fuel and diesel motor fuel, in lieu of the percentage rate of such taxes, pursuant to the authority of Article 29 of the Tax Law of the State of New York.

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

SECTION 1. Resolution No. 85 of 1977 is amended by revising section 4-B to read as follows:

Section 4-B. Cents per gallon rate of sales and compensating use taxes on motor fuel and diesel motor fuel.

Notwithstanding any provision of this enactment to the contrary, in lieu of the percentage rate of sales and compensating use taxes imposed on receipts from the retail sale of and consideration given or contracted to be given for, or for the use of, motor fuel and diesel motor fuel, such taxes shall be imposed at a rate of cents per gallon of such motor fuel or diesel motor fuel, in the manner prescribed by subdivision (m) of section 1111 of the New York Tax Law, provided that, for purposes of calculating the cents per gallon rate of tax, such receipts or consideration shall be limited to three dollars per gallon of either such fuel. Provided that, if the average price of such fuels changes as described in such subdivision (m) of section 1111 of the Tax Law, the Commissioner of Taxation and Finance shall adjust the cents per gallon tax rate on such fuels in the manner prescribed in such subdivision (m) of section 1111 of the Tax Law.

SECTION 2. This resolution shall take effect June 1, 2026, and shall expire and be deemed repealed on December 31, 2027.

BY ROLL CALL VOTE: EIGHT AYES. LEGISLATOR CROWLEY WAS ABSENT. MOTION CARRIES.

Item #6dd: Approval/Special Audit Relating To Soil And Water Conservation District Funds was next. On behalf of the members of the Budget & Finance Committee, Chairman Birmingham moved the following:

Chairman Birmingham explained that the resolution would authorize selection of an independent auditor through a competitive process to review Soil and Water Conservation District funds and records from January 1, 2018 forward. He stated that the audit would establish a reliable starting point as the District began operating independently and would clarify the receipt, segregation and use of funds and ownership of assets.

Legislator Sayegh supported an audit but questioned whether the requested line-by-line scope was practical and whether records from 2018 remained available.

Legislative Counsel Heather Abissi explained that the District needed historical information to determine ownership of assets, satisfy reporting requirements and reconcile its accounts. She stated that 2018 was a transition point in the handling of District funds.

Legislators Montgomery and Addonizio supported an independent audit to ensure transparency, public confidence and freedom from conflicts of interest. Legislators Gouldman and Russo supported an audit but favored first using the County Auditor as the more cost-effective option.

Legislator Regan stated that changing course to an internal audit without consulting the County Auditor or determining staffing capacity would contribute to existing delays.

Chairwoman Sayegh stated that the County Auditor would provide information to the independent auditor and that independence was warranted for approximately \$800,000 in public funds.

Chairwoman Sayegh moved to amend each reference to January 1, 2018 to January 1, 2019; seconded by Legislator D'Angelo. After further discussion regarding the significance of 2018 as a transition year and the availability of retained records, Chairwoman Sayegh withdrew the amendment and Legislator D'Angelo withdrew his second.

RESOLUTION #85

APPROVAL/ SPECIAL AUDIT RELATING TO SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT FUNDS

WHEREAS, The Putnam County Soil & Water Conservation District (the "District") is a public corporation and political subdivision of New York State established under

Article 3 of the New York State Soil & Water Conservation District Law, independent of but working in cooperation with Putnam County (the "County"); and

WHEREAS, the County and the District entered into an Intermunicipal Agreement clarifying the District's independence; and

WHEREAS, the County Legislature recognizes the importance of clarity and transparency, and the District's ability to begin their independent role without the County as its fiduciary, with possession of all historical documentation necessary for it to reconcile its accounts in the future; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Article 2, Section 2.04(i) of the Putnam County Charter, the County Legislature has the power to *"make or cause to be made such studies, audits and investigations as it deems to be in the best interest of the County, and in connection therewith to obtain professional and technical advice, ... and require the production of bonds, papers and other evidence deemed necessary"*; and

WHEREAS, the District has raised concerns that it does not have sufficient financial, management, operational and other records or information to reconcile its accounts upon receipt of its funds; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Putnam County Legislature directs the Commissioner of Finance to provide, within a time period not to exceed 10 calendar days from the effective date of this resolution, and to supply the District (with a copy to the Clerk of the County Legislature) all bank account statements for all District funds, all District transfer records, and all District reconciliations originating from January 1, 2018 to present within the County's possession, or otherwise obtainable from any banking institution or others' possession, whether current records or preserved in the County's archive files; and be it further

RESOLVED, that if such production cannot be accomplished within said 10 days, the Commissioner of Finance shall so indicate in a letter to the County Legislature outlining such reason(s), and provide an estimate as to when such production will occur; and be it further

RESOLVED, that if such period shall exceed another 10 days, the Commissioner of Finance shall notify the Clerk of the County Legislature, and the Commissioner of Finance shall appear before a meeting of the Budget and Finance Committee of the County Legislature to provide such reason(s); and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Clerk of the County Legislature shall supply the District and to the Special Auditor with all County Legislative resolutions adopted on and after January 1, 2018 pertaining to the Soil and Water Conservation District and the Soil and Water Department of the County; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Putnam County Legislature directs the County Auditor, in cooperation with the Department of General Services, to issue an RFP (or such other competitive process as required by law) (the "Selection Process") to identify and hire by the County Legislature, an independent accounting firm (the "Special Auditor") to conduct a special audit on behalf of the County Legislature of the budgets, books, records, financial statements, legislative resolutions, District board resolutions and any other records or documents of the County created from January 1, 2018 to present; and be it further

RESOLVED, that such special audit shall determine, on a line by line basis, all soil and water funds received and disbursed, and to reconcile those against the resolutions authorizing such disbursements, and prepare a report as to the findings thereto, so that it can be determined that whether soil and water district funds were accounted for and were properly used for District purposes; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the parameters of such special audit shall include, but not be limited to, the following areas:

A. all funds received by the County from the State of New York (or any agency or department thereof) relating to soil and water conservation district Part A, Part B and Part C funds and any other District funds received by the County,

B. all funds received by the County from the United States government (or any agency or department thereof) relating to the District received by the County,

C. an identification of all County budget accounts into which the funds described in paragraphs A and B hereof were deposited and any interest earned thereon,

D. an inventory of all equipment furnishings, vehicles and other tangible and intangible assets purchased with funds described in paragraphs A and B hereof,

E. a list of all invoices and disbursements relating to funds described in paragraphs A and B hereof setting forth the amounts disbursed, the purposes for which such disbursements were made and the payees of such disbursements,

F. provide a listing of payroll records relating to positions paid for in whole or in part by funds described in paragraphs A and B hereof,

G. a list of all District resolutions and County Legislative resolutions relating to District funds, and

H. identify whether any soil and water conservation district funds received by the County were required to be segregated into any special or trust accounts and provide information as to whether such segregation(s) were properly and timely made, and be it further

RESOLVED, the Special Auditor shall be authorized to consult and cooperate with members of the Putnam County Soil and Water Conservation District Board; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the County Attorney's Office is hereby authorized to take whatever legal action is necessary to assist in the Selection Process necessary to effectuate the directives of this Resolution, and the Special Audit; and be it further

RESOLVED, that in connection with the Selection Process and pursuant to Article 2, Section 2.04(i) of the Putnam County Charter, the County Legislature shall be and is hereby empowered to select the Special Auditor; and be it further

RESOLVED, that this Resolution shall take effect in accordance with Section 3.04(A) of the County Charter.

BY ROLL CALL VOTE: EIGHT AYES. LEGISLATOR CROWLEY WAS ABESENT. MOTION CARRIES.

Item #7 – Other Business

Item #7a: Approval/Calling On New York State To Provide Funding, Infrastructure Support, And Flexibility For The Implementation Of Zero-Emission School Buses was next.

Legislator Montgomery sought to introduce the pre-filed resolution as Other Business.

Chairman Birmingham recused himself for the reasons previously stated and left the chambers.

Deputy Chairman Gouldman advised that six affirmative votes were required to accept the item.

Legislator Montgomery made a motion to waive the rules and accept Item #7a as Other Business. The motion was not seconded and failed.

**APPROVAL / CALLING ON NEW YORK STATE TO PROVIDE FUNDING,
INFRASTRUCTURE SUPPORT, AND FLEXIBILITY FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF ZERO-
EMISSION SCHOOL BUSES**

WHEREAS, the Putnam County Legislature recognizes New York State's mandate requiring school districts to begin purchasing zero-emission buses by 2027 and to fully transition by 2035; and

WHEREAS, the Legislature acknowledges that school districts face legitimate concerns regarding the cost of vehicles, charging infrastructure, operational readiness, and long-term maintenance; and

WHEREAS, Putnam County currently lacks sufficient charging infrastructure and faces additional challenges related to utility capacity, rural geography, and cold-weather conditions; and

WHEREAS, cold weather and range considerations, while manageable with current technology, require proper planning, investment, and operational support to ensure reliability and student safety; and

WHEREAS, the Legislature recognizes that all vehicle fleets - diesel and electric - require contingency planning to address potential breakdowns and ensure student safety during transportation; and

WHEREAS, significant state and federal funding opportunities have been made available in recent years, including but not limited to the Municipal Zero-Emission Vehicle (ZEV) Rebate Program, the EPA Clean School Bus Program, NYSERDA incentives, and federal infrastructure investments; and

WHEREAS, counties and school districts across New York State have begun accessing these resources, while others - including Putnam County - are still working to build the capacity to do so effectively; and

WHEREAS, Putnam County has recently established Climate Smart and resiliency planning capacity, positioning the County to better evaluate needs, pursue funding opportunities, and develop long-term strategies; and

WHEREAS, the New York State Association of Counties (NYSAC) has called on New York State to increase funding, support regional coordination, and ensure equitable access to zero-emission vehicle programs, particularly for rural counties with greater infrastructure needs; and

WHEREAS, New York State policymakers are actively exploring additional solutions, including state-supported vehicle purchasing, revolving loan funds, regional procurement strategies, and incentives for utilities to accelerate infrastructure upgrades; and

WHEREAS, delays in utility interconnection and grid capacity upgrades remain a significant barrier to implementation, particularly in areas served by utilities such as NYSEG and Central Hudson; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Putnam County Legislature does not oppose the goals of transitioning to cleaner transportation, but calls upon New York State to provide the necessary tools to ensure that such a transition is financially responsible, operationally feasible, and equitable; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Legislature respectfully urges New York State to:

- 1. Increase direct funding for school districts to cover the full cost of zero-emission buses and associated infrastructure;**

2. Expand and enhance the Municipal ZEV Rebate Program to support large-scale and rural implementation;
3. Establish state-supported purchasing programs or bulk procurement options to reduce costs for school districts;
4. Create or expand revolving loan funds and grant programs for infrastructure development, including charging stations and facility upgrades;
5. Support regional coordination among counties and school districts to achieve cost efficiencies and shared infrastructure solutions;
6. Require and incentivize utilities to accelerate grid capacity upgrades and interconnection timelines necessary for fleet electrification;
7. Ensure equitable access to funding and technical assistance, particularly for rural counties with limited existing infrastructure; and
8. Provide clear implementation guidance and flexibility to allow local governments and school districts to transition responsibly based on readiness and capacity; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Putnam County Legislature commits to continuing its evaluation of fleet transition strategies, including infrastructure, funding opportunities, and operational considerations, through its ongoing Climate Resiliency and planning efforts; and be it further

RESOLVED, that certified copies of this resolution be forwarded to the Governor of the State of New York, members of the New York State Legislature, NYSERDA, NYPA, and all other relevant state agencies.

Item #8 - RECOGNITION OF THE PUBLIC ON AGENDA ITEMS

Joseph Montuori of the Town of Carmel, Executive Director of Sustainable Putnam and a member of the Putnam County Climate Smart Task Force, addressed Item #6bb. He agreed that the State mandate required modification or additional funding, but stated that the transition was intended to address climate change and public-health effects of diesel emissions. He described available financing and leasing approaches, lower fuel and maintenance costs, winter-range considerations and the need for State support, regional research and shared infrastructure planning.

Item #9 - RECOGNITION OF LEGISLATORS

Legislator Montgomery thanked Mr. Montuori for his work and stated that education and continued planning concerning electric vehicles remained important.

Legislator Russo reminded the public of the Autism Acceptance Walk at Tilly Foster Farm on April 26, 2026 at 11:00 A.M. and encouraged residents to enroll as organ donors.

Item #10 – Adjournment

There being no further business at 10:05p.m. Legislator Sayegh made a motion to adjourn; seconded by Legislator D'Angelo. All in favor.

Respectfully Submitted by Clerk, Diane Trabulsy.

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

Tuesday

April 7, 2026

7:00 P.M.

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

PROCLAMATIONS

Alcohol Awareness Month

Autism Acceptance Month

Child Abuse Prevention Month

Donate Life Month

Healthy Teen Brain Day – April 20, 2026

National Library Week – April 19 – 25, 2026

National Telecommunicators' Week – April 12 – 18, 2026

Peers Influence Peers Partnership Month

Teen Driver Safety Awareness Month

4. Acceptance of Minutes - Special Full Meeting, October 14, 2025

5. Correspondence

a) County Auditor

6. Pre-filed resolutions:

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

6a. Approval – Putnam Arts Council Grants For 2026

6b. Approval – Re-Appointments – Putnam County Home Improvement Board

**6c. Discussion – Local Law Providing For A Counsel To The County
Legislature**

**6d. Approval – Amendment of Legislative Manual – Process For
Proclamations**

6e. Approval – Local Law – Taxpayer Transparency Act

PHYSICAL SERVICES COMMITTEE
(Chairman Gouldman, Legislators Regan & Sayegh)

**6f. Approval – Budgetary Amendment (26A016) – Commissioner of Finance –
To Change Funding Source of the DSS Security Capital Project Approved
in the 2026 Capital Budget**

**6g. Approval – Budgetary Transfer (26T039) – To Fund The County Vehicle
GPS System**

**6h. Approval – Conveyance Of A Certain County Property To The Town of
Carmel Pursuant To Chapter 31 Of The Putnam County Code/Carmel TM #
64.7-1-5**

**6i. Approval – Ratification of Application For 2026 Grant Funds Available
Through The New York State County Infrastructure Grant Program**

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

- 6j. Approval – Budgetary Amendment (26A010) – Department of Social Services (DSS) – NYS Shelter Arrears Eviction Forestallment Allocation**
- 6k. Approval – Budgetary Amendment (26A015) – County Historian – Request Funding from the Gregory J. Amato Trust**
- 6L. Approval – Budgetary Amendment (26A018) – Department of Social Services (DSS)- Adjust the DSS State Aid Levels – Office of Educational Opportunity Programs**
- 6m. Approval – No Match – Grant Application – New York State 250th Commemoration Commission – Revolutionary Putnam County Committee Programming And Projects**

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

- 6n. Approval – Budgetary Amendment (26A017) – Probation – Partnership Initiative – Ignition Interlock Device Enforcement Program (IIDEP)**

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE
(Chairwoman Addonizio, Legislators Russo & Sayegh)

- 6o. Approval – Budgetary Amendment (26A012) – Social Services – Child Advocacy Center**
- 6p. Approval – Budgetary Transfer (26T023) – Social Services – Pay Differential – Director of Eligibility**
- 6q. Approval – Budgetary Transfer (26T044) – Sheriff's Office – Allocate an Administrative Position from the BCI Division to the Civil Division**
- 6r. Approval – Budgetary Transfer (26T045) – Department of Public Works – Reclassification Position from Senior Account Clerk to Principal Account Clerk**

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

- 6s. Approval – Budgetary Amendment (26A011) – Tourism – Decrease in I Love NY Funding**

AUDIT & ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE
(Chairwoman Crowley, Legislators Regan & Russo)

- 6t. Approval – Budgetary Amendment (25A128) – Finance – Year End Journal Entry #4**
- 6u. Approval – Local Law – Amend Chapter 41 – Code Of Putnam County – Entitled “Deposit And Investment Policy”**
- 6v. Approval – Directing Cancellation & Prospective Cancellation Of Taxes On Certain Parcels/ Philipstown Tm # 72.-2-54; Putnam Valley Tm # 72.-1-53; & Putnam Valley Tm # 74.6-1-23 (Supersede Reso #45 of 2026)**
- 6w. Approval – Correction of Taxes – Town of Kent Tax Map #33.14-1-7**
- 6x. Approval – Correction of Taxes – Town of Kent Tax Map #33.18-1-5**
- 6y. Approval – Correction of Taxes – Town of Carmel Tax Map #87.6-2-41**
- 6z. Approval – Support For Home Rule Legislation Authorizing The County of Putnam To Alienate Certain Lands Used As Parklands**
- 6aa.Approval – Local Law Amending Article V Of Chapter 220 Of The Code Of Putnam County To (1) Clarify Application Of Real Property Tax Law § 467 And (2) Increase The Maximum Senior Citizen Property Tax Exemption**
- 6bb. Approval – Opposition To Electric Bus Mandate**

BUDGET & FINANCE COMMITTEE
(Chairman Birmingham, Legislators Montgomery, Gouldman, Addonizio, Russo, D’Angelo, Regan, Sayegh & Crowley)

- 6cc. Approval – Motor Fuel Sales Tax Adjustment**
- 6dd. Approval – Authorization Of Audit Of The Soil & Water Conservation District Funds**
- 7. Other Business**
- 8. Recognition of Public on Agenda Items**
- 9. Recognition of Legislators**
- 10.Adjournment**

OCT. 6

**BUDGET & FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING
HELD IN THE
HISTORIC COURTHOUSE
CARMEL, NEW YORK 10512**

Tuesday

June 2, 2026

(Immediately Following the Regular Meeting)

The meeting was called to order at 7:59pm by Chairman Birmingham who led in the Pledge of Allegiance. He requested that Legislator Regan lead in the Legislative Prayer. Upon roll call, Legislators Montgomery, Gouldman, Russo, D'Angelo, Regan, Crowley and Chairman Birmingham were present. Legislator Addonizio and Legislator Sayegh were absent.

Item #4 – Discussion – Regarding Resolution #85 of 2026 – Update RFP – Special Audit

Chairman Birmingham stated that County Auditor Michele Sharkey worked with the Department of General Services, who prepared a Request for Proposal (RFP) for the special audit of Soil & Water Conservation District (SWCD) funds dating back to 2018. He stated that Resolution #85 of 2026 was incorporated into the RFP to establish the scope of the audit. The RFP was expected to be issued on June 3, 2026, with responses due in early July, but no later than July 15, 2026.

Cassandra Roth, Chair of the Putnam County SWCD Board, asked about the anticipated timeline for reviewing the proposals, awarding the contract and beginning the audit.

Chairman Birmingham explained that, pursuant to Article 2 of the Putnam County Charter and Resolution #85 of 2026, the Legislature would select the auditor. He stated that he hoped to call a Special Full Legislative Meeting in mid-to-late July to award the contract and consider the necessary budgetary amendment. He added that the Legislature would evaluate the firms' qualifications, cost and ability to complete the audit in a timely manner. He welcomed Acting Commissioner of Finance Alexandra Gordon and requested an update regarding the records required by Resolution #85 of 2026. He provided an overview of Resolution #85 including a response received from the former Commissioner of Finance. He requested an explanation as to why some records may not be immediately available.

Acting Commissioner Gordon stated that SWCD funds had been pooled within a County trust account and tracked through financial records rather than maintained in a separate bank account. She stated that she would investigate the availability of records dating back to 2018 and would cooperate with the auditor selected by the Legislature.

Chairman Birmingham stated he would expect there should be a way to access the ledgers with the auditors. He stated until this year there had been a Department of Soil & Water which was responsible for leveraging State dollars for County programs.

Legislator Montgomery asked whether the Finance Department could begin gathering the requested records before the auditor was retained.

Acting Commissioner Gordon stated that she would begin locating the available bank statements, resolutions and other supporting documentation, noting that many of the

records predated her tenure. She explained that through the audit, documentation supporting expenditures and the manner in which the funds had been maintained would be requested.

Chairman Birmingham stated that the review could identify issues arising from legislative resolutions and County practices extending back many years. He requested that the Finance Department review the Legislature's request to the former Commissioner in April and assemble the available records so the auditor could begin work promptly.

SWCD Chair Roth stated that the District had not received the records and cooperation it had requested during the prior year. She described her review of historical documents concerning the 1993 consolidation of the SWCD with the County Planning Department and stated that she had located legal opinions questioning that arrangement. She also discussed funds transferred to the SWCD without a detailed accounting, missing operational records and concerns regarding agricultural assessment documentation. She emphasized that Resolution #85 of this year required the records to be provided to the SWCD and that they should not have to wait for completion of the audit. She stated there was a wire transfer for a substantial amount of money and she has been unable to find an accounting record of it.

Brett Yarris, Vice Chair and Treasurer of the Putnam County SWCD , stated that the SWCD Board members have continuously sought a complete accounting of SWCD funds and that the deadlines established by Resolution #85 had passed. He asked what mechanism was available to ensure compliance and emphasized that the requested records were needed for the SWCD to meet its fiscal responsibilities. He commended David Vickery for his volunteer service to the SWCD and the Agricultural and Farmland Protection Board. He stated Mr. Vickery is resigning and he will be missed.

Chairman Birmingham thanked the SWCD representatives for their service and patience. He stated that the selected auditor would work directly with the SWCD leadership to identify the areas requiring review and to determine whether the SWCD had received all funds to which it was entitled under State law.

Item #5 – Consideration and/or Adoption of the 2027 Decentralized Budget Process

Chairman Birmingham explained that the Decentralized Budget Review Process is adopted annually to establish the Legislature's policy and guidelines for preparation of the tentative budget. He stated that the Legislature was required to provide the guidelines to the County Executive no later than July 15, 2026 and since not all Legislators are present he would like to postpone this item. He drew the Committee's attention to Section E, Item 23, which speaks to the tentative budget information being presented to the Legislature without alteration so the Legislature could compare each department's request with the County Executive's Tentative Budget and understand the reasons for any differences.

Chairman Birmingham made a motion to table the item to a Special Budget & Finance Committee Meeting the following week; Seconded by Legislator Crowley. All in favor.

Legislator Gouldman requested that the Special Budget & Finance Committee Meeting be held on June 9, 2026, due to a potential scheduling conflict later in the week.

Chairman Birmingham agreed to schedule the meeting for June 9, 2026.

DECENTRALIZED BUDGET REVIEW PROCESS – 2027

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A. PROPOSAL SUMMARY:

The review and adoption of the annual budget is among the most important functions of the Putnam County Legislature. The various Committees of the Legislature have increasingly important roles in this approach. The respective Committee Chairs and all members of the Legislature also are called upon to contribute their expertise in several capacities.

The Budget Adoption Process for the 2027 fiscal year effectively began on March 2, 2026 at which time the County Executive filed his Annual Report on the State of the County. In addition, the various Department Heads by such time had submitted a written report detailing the activities of their unit of government.

Pursuant to Section 7.04 (A) of the County Charter, on or before July 15th, the County Legislature must notify the County Executive in writing of the policy and practice guidelines for determining expenditures, limits and priorities for the ensuing annual operating budget.

By July 15th, the County Executive shall notify, in writing, the head of each administrative unit of County government or authorized agency receiving County funds of the form of, and information to be contained in the estimates and appropriation requests and shall include the policy and practice guidelines as may be provided by the County Legislature for determining expenditures, limits and priorities.

Pursuant to Section 7.04(A)(5)(b) of the County Charter, the Tentative Budget shall be filed with the Clerk of the County Legislature by the 1st day of October and shall include the policy and practice guidelines as may be provided by the County Legislature for determining expenditures, limits and priorities.

B. COMMITTEE RESPONSIBILITIES

Each committee shall meet in a timely fashion and consider the various departmental budget requests under its overview.

It shall schedule and obtain necessary information from the Executive Branch at its Committee deliberations and produce a brief and concise written report on its recommendations.

Care should be taken by the Chair to be certain that the Committee records a reason or rationale behind each recommendation. Failure to disclose a reason or rationale behind a recommendation to amend the tentative budget usually results in unnecessary delay and discussion. Observance of these responsibilities will benefit the Full Legislature in its deliberations on the suggestions of each Committee.

C. RELEVANT BUDGET DEADLINES PURSUANT TO THE PUTNAM COUNTY CHARTER

- i. **BUDGET DUE:** Section 7.04 A(5b) – By the 1st day of October the County Executive shall submit the Tentative 2027 Fiscal Year Budget to the Clerk of the Legislature by 5:00 P.M. Recommended date – October 1, 2026 (THURSDAY).
- ii. Tentative Budget posted on the County Internet Website by 5:00 P.M. Recommended date – October 2, 2026 (FRIDAY)
- iii. **BUDGET AND FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETS WITH THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE:** Section 7.04 B(2) – Within five (5) days after the transmittal of the Tentative Budget of the County Executive and the Commissioner of Finance shall meet with the Budget and Finance Committee to review the Tentative Budget. Recommended date – October 5, 2026 (MONDAY) – at 7:00 P.M.
- iv. **BUDGET AND FINANCE HEARING:** Section 7.04 B(3) – The Budget and Finance Committee shall conduct a Public Hearing on the Tentative Budget with the County Executive and Commissioner of Finance present to answer questions. Recommended date - October 5, 2026 (MONDAY) – at 8:00 P.M.
- v. **COMMITTEE REVIEW:** Section 7.04 B(3) – After the Public Hearing, the Budget and Finance Committee shall review the Tentative Budget as submitted by the County Executive. Recommended dates for Sub-committees are October 7th through October 16, 2026. The Full Budget and Finance Committee will meet on October 20, 2026 (TUESDAY) to review the Tentative 2027 budget.
- vi. **COMMITTEE ACTION:** section 7.04 B(3) – On or before October 24, 2026 the Budget and Finance Committee shall file with the Clerk of the Legislature its report on the Tentative Budget and shall include any recommendations made by the Committee. Recommended date for this action is October 23, 2026.
- vii. **LEGISLATIVE HEARING:** Section 7.04 B(4) – On or before the 26th day of October, the County Legislature shall conduct a Public Hearing on the Tentative Budget and the Report of the Budget and Finance Committee. Recommended date: October 26, 2026 (MONDAY) at 7:00 P.M.

- viii. **LEGISLATIVE CONSIDERATION:** Section 7.04B(5) – Prior to the thirty-first (31st) day of October, the Legislature shall commence consideration of the annual budget. Recommended dates: October 27, 2026 (TUESDAY) to October 30, 2026 (FRIDAY).
- ix. **BUDGET ADOPTION:** Section 7.04 B(6) – If a Budget has not been adopted on or before November 1, 2026, the Tentative Budget as submitted by the County Executive shall be the Budget for the ensuing fiscal year. Recommended date: October 29, 2026 (THURSDAY).
- x. **DELIVERY TO COUNTY EXECUTIVE:** Section 7.04B(7) - Within three (3) business days following the adoption of the annual budget, the Clerk of the Legislature shall forward to the County Executive the changes made to the tentative budget.
- xi. **EXECUTIVE VETO:** Section 7.04 B(7) – The County Executive shall approve or veto any or all changes by line item and return the same to the Clerk of the Legislature by the 9th day of November, as the 8th of November is a Sunday.
- xii. **LEGISLATIVE CONSIDERATION:** Section 7.04 B(8) – The Legislature shall convene on or before November 16th for the purpose of reconsidering each vetoed item, as the 15th of November is a Sunday.

TO BE ADOPTED FOR ACTION:

D. RECOMMENDED ACTIONS:

The Clerk of the Putnam County Legislature shall advertise in a timely fashion during the month of September for the public hearing to be held according to Action iv above and during the month of October for the public hearing to be held according to Action vii above.

1. The County Executive will be submitting the Tentative Budget to the Clerk of the Legislature on or before October 1, 2026.
2. All Legislators should be present to discuss the Tentative Budget with the County Executive at the meeting held with the County Executive and the Commissioner of Finance.
3. All Legislators should be present to observe and participate at the public hearing on the Tentative Budget. The County Executive and the Commissioner of Finance shall be present to answer questions about the Tentative Budget.
4. It is recommended that the above two separate actions be conducted on October 5, 2026, as follows:
 - Legislators meet with the County Executive at 7:00 p.m.
 - Public Hearing will be held by the County Legislature at 8:00 p.m.
5. Between October 7, 2026, and until October 16, 2026, each Committee, including:
 - a. Economic Development
 - b. Health
 - c. Personnel
 - d. Physical
 - e. Protective
 - f. Rules
 - g. Audit

shall meet and consider the budgets as defined under that particular Committee's responsibilities and submit a concise, written report of changes, exceptions, additions and comments to the Clerk, including the reasoning behind each recommendation.

6. The Budget and Finance Committee will meet on October 20, 2026 (TUESDAY) to consider and adopt the various Committee Reports. The Budget & Finance Committee shall file a report with the Clerk of the Legislature by October 23, 2026 (FRIDAY).
7. Legislature shall hold its Public Hearing on October 26, 2026 (MONDAY) at 7:00 P.M.
8. The County Legislature shall meet during a period beginning on October 27, 2026, and if necessary, through October 31, 2026 at the call of the Chair of the Legislature, to consider all recommended actions and to adopt the budget. In all cases, it shall be the responsibility of the various committee Chairs to see that all majority recommendations of the Committee are considered by the Full Legislature.
9. In any case, the budget must be adopted by November 1, 2026.
10. Within three (3) business days of budget adoption, the Clerk will deliver the budget and changes to the County Executive for approval or veto.
11. The last day for the County Executive to veto the budget resolutions is November 9, 2026 (MONDAY), as the 8th of November is a Sunday.
12. Upon receipt of a veto message by the County Executive, the County Legislature shall convene on or before November 16, 2026 (MONDAY) to consider each specific veto and shall vote to sustain or override each separate question, as the 15th of November is a Sunday.

E. GUIDELINES TO THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE ADOPTED BY THE LEGISLATURE FOR DETERMINING EXPENDITURES, LIMITS AND PRIORITIES:

1. In the Tentative Budget submission, the term "Capital Project" as used in Section 7.05 (a) of the Putnam County Charter shall not include the routine repairing and re-surfacing of highways and routine repair of guardrails (guiderails) nor shall said routine repairs be subject to long term bonding and that such routine repairs shall be included in the Operating Budget. The Capital Projects Committee shall determine which requested projects meet the criteria to be defined as a Capital Project as set forth above, and their recommendations will be included in the applicable operating and capital budget procedures contained within the Putnam County Charter.
2. In the Tentative Budget submission, the term "Capital Projects" so used in Section 7.05 (a) of the Putnam County Charter shall not include replacement of existing equipment and machinery, and that such replacement shall not be included in the Operating Budget. The Capital Projects Committee shall determine which requested projects meet the criteria to be defined as a Capital Project as set forth above, and their recommendations will be included in the applicable operating and capital budget procedures contained within the Putnam County Charter. A detailed narrative identifying the preceding five (5)

year's Capital Projects Budgets and any additions or changes to same including the dates on which the additions or changes to same took place.

- 3. The County Executive will submit a detailed narrative explaining any differences between the Department's request and the County Executive's recommendation and the reason for not granting the request or increasing any such request.**
- 4. Any subsequent information that the County Executive is aware of that the Department Head did not submit relating to the request and recommendation must also be included in the narrative.**
- 5. The revenues are to be reported and itemized in each individual department's budget for the fiscal year and not in the budget of the Commissioner of Finance, or any other department, where applicable.**
- 6. Each revenue account shall indicate in the Tentative Budget the amount of revenue requested and the amount of revenue projected and actually received to date from the prior fiscal year.**
- 7. All proposed changes in grades, promotions or reclassifications in position in management or non-management be collated and presented as a separate part of the Tentative Budget, including a detailed narrative for each.**
- 8. a) The names of all employees engaged in employment for the County of Putnam in more than one department be separately listed and disclosed apart from the budget document with the name of the position for the current fiscal year and the next fiscal year separately.
b) The names of all employees engaged in employment for the County of Putnam who have had overtime be listed with the amount of dollars for overtime for 2025 and 2026 year-to-date separately.**
- 9. All current and expected personnel vacancies be identified by line item in the budget or in supporting documents throughout the entire budget process.**
- 10. a) Each department head shall identify those personnel positions within his/her department that were entitled to either New York State or Federal Government reimbursement, either by statute, grant or otherwise, including the rate of reimbursement, amount of reimbursement actually received and amount of reimbursement expected to be received until the end of the fiscal year.
b) Also to be included is a separate list of personnel positions funded fully or partially by grant funds expected to expire and include the expected grant expiration date.**
- 11. Each department head shall identify all line items in their department that are entitled to either New York State or Federal Government reimbursement and maximum allowable reimbursement, if applicable.**
- 12. The Commissioner of Finance shall supply this information with the Tentative Budget.**

13. Each department head shall complete a Motor Vehicle Inventory Control Form for any and all vehicles being used by said department. To the extent that any employee of such department has use of a County-owned or -leased vehicle on a twenty-four-hour basis, or any County employee who may at any time utilize a County-owned or -leased vehicle, such department head shall submit a copy of the Putnam County vehicle policy certification form (acknowledging the receipt and acceptance of the County's vehicle policy) signed by any such employee filed the Director of Personnel and the date of such filing. (see *Putnam County Code section 112-10*).
14. An organizational chart by department for 2026 shall be provided along with an organizational chart for 2027 highlighting all proposed changes.
15. If the County Executive plans on out-sourcing or privatizing any department, or part thereof in the total departmental budget, in the 2027 budget, the County Executive must provide a detailed statement of the rationale and his/her proposed recommendations to the Legislature no later than August 1, 2026.
16. Certain budget lines are considered approved with specific limitations or conditions on how the funds shall be applied and this limitation shall not be disregarded without the formal approval of the Legislature. Any violation of these limitations may result in withdrawal of funding for these or other budget lines within the department.
17. The County Executive will present an inventory of all County vehicles including a report on the condition, mileage and maintenance of each vehicle. The report will be supplied with the Tentative Budget.
18. Any personnel positions which are vacant at the time of the submission of the Tentative Budget to the County Legislature shall state the calendar date at which time the position first became vacant.
19. Any and all revenue projections for the 2027 budget shall only include revenue that falls within the jurisdiction and approval of the Putnam County Legislature and requires no other jurisdiction's approval (federal, state or other). Any revenue projections that require approval from an outside jurisdiction (federal, state or other) shall not be budgeted unless the revenue has been approved by that outside jurisdiction prior to the submission of the budget to the Legislature.
20. Any contract agencies (formerly referred to as "not-for-profits") seeking funding from the County must submit to the Administration along with their request for funding the following documentation, which documents shall be forwarded to the Legislature along with the Tentative Budget:
 - Copies of each independent audit and/or auditor compilation of the contract agency's financial reports for the last three (3) years;
 - Copies of the contract agency's IRS 990 or IRS 990EZ filed for the last three (3) years and the records relating to review and approval by the contract agency's board for said filings.

21. The Tentative Budget shall breakout the "Contracts" line as shown in previous budgets of the Golf Facility and Tilly Foster Farm, and shall delineate any Capital improvements to each facility or its grounds.
22. The budget will break out in each department the cell phone expense from the total telephone expense and provide a separate account number for this cell phone item.
23. Notwithstanding the May 11, 2026 memorandum from the Commissioner of Finance to Elected Officials/Department Heads, the head of each administrative unit of County government or authorized agency shall include in their respective Requested Budgets an estimate of revenues and expenditures of his or her respective unit or authorized agency for the 2027 fiscal year, including any estimates for new employees and/or upgrades and the estimate of expenditures shall constitute or be accompanied by a request for an appropriation. It is vitally important that the Budget & Finance Committee of the County Legislature be provided unfiltered information directly from elected officials and department heads with respect to staffing needs of the respective units of County government or authorized agency. The "2027 Requested" column of the Tentative Budget shall include, without modification by the County Executive, any line item appropriation requests (whether pertaining to personnel, equipment, vehicles, or any other expenditure) of each unit of County government or authorized agency as submitted by such unit of County government or authorized agency.
24. Any additional new items, if desired.

F. CONCLUSION:

Implementation of this Legislative Budget Review System will bring the expertise of the various Legislative Committees and their Chairs to bear on one of the most important functions of the Legislature.

It is expected that proposal acceptance will result in increased budget efficiency and greatly reduced cost to the County.

G. PROPOSED RESOLUTION:

WHEREAS, the Budget and Finance Committee has reviewed and recommended the adoption of the attached Decentralized Budget Review Process for implementation in 2026 of the adoption of the 2027 budget; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Putnam County Legislature hereby adopts the attached budget review process; and be it further

RESOLVED, that pursuant to Putnam County Charter Section 7.04 the Putnam County Legislature hereby adopts and notifies the County Executive of the policy and practice guidelines contained in Section E of this Decentralized Budget Review Process/2027 to be complied with by the County Executive; and be it further

RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution be sent to each Elected Official and Department Head accompanied by a letter from the Chair of the County Legislature highlighting the changes in Section E of this Decentralized Budget Review Process/2027 from previous years.

Item #6 – Adjournment

There being no further business, at 9:37pm Chairman Birmingham made a motion to adjourn; seconded by Legislator Crowley. All in favor.

Respectfully submitted by Deputy Clerk, Beth Robinson.

Oct 6

**SPECIAL MEETING
OF THE
PUTNAM COUNTY LEGISLATURE
CALLED BY THE CLERK AT THE REQUEST OF THE CHAIRMAN
HELD IN ROOM HISTORIC COURTHOUSE
40 GLENEIDA AVENUE
CARMEL, NEW YORK 10512**

Tuesday

September 22, 2026

The meeting was called to order at 8:11 P.M. by Chairman Birmingham who requested that Legislator D'Angelo lead in the Pledge of Allegiance. Chairman Birmingham recognized Legislator Regan to lead in the Legislative prayer. Upon roll call, Legislators Gouldman, Russo, D'Angelo, Regan, Sayegh, Crowley and Chairman Birmingham were present. Legislator Addonizio was absent. Also present First Deputy County Attorney Cherico for Legislative Counsel Abissi.

Item #4 - Approval – Resolution In Connection With The County Policy On Retiree Health Insurance Benefits was next. (Pers Item #4). Chairman Birmingham recognized Toni Addonizio Chair of the Personnel Committee. On behalf of the Members of the Personnel Committee Legislators Russo and Sayegh, Legislator Addonizio introduced the following.

Chairman Birmingham stated that this item has been addressed several times through the Committee process. He recognized members of the Finance Department and Personnel Department for all of their assistance on bringing this matter to the proposal that is in front the Legislature for consideration. He also took a moment to thank the Retirees who brought this matter to the Legislature.

Legislators Regan, Addonizio, Montgomery, D'Angelo and Russo echoed the comments made by Chairman Birmingham.

Legislator Sayegh stated on September 21st a recommendation had been received from the Personnel Department and Finance Department. She spoke to some of her concerns in her consideration of this matter.

Legislator Crowley made a motion to Accept the Additional (memo from Acting Personnel Director Iasoni to Chair of Personnel dated September 21, 2026); Seconded by Legislator Russo. All in favor.

Legislator Crowley explained that she believed the members of the public who were present be permitted to speak on the additional.

Chairman Birmingham facilitated further discussion on the matter.

Legislator Regan made a motion to call the question; Seconded by Legislator Addonizio. All in favor.

RESOLUTION #244

APPROVAL / RESOLUTION IN CONNECTION WITH THE COUNTY POLICY ON RETIREE HEALTH INSURANCE BENEFITS

WHEREAS, the Putnam County Legislature has previously considered the issues surrounding the costs of health insurance and has considered a comprehensive health insurance contribution structure; and

WHEREAS, the County Legislature has previously adopted several resolutions which set forth the amount of retiree health insurance benefit eligible for which County retirees may be eligible including Resolution #227 of 2015, Resolution #93 of 2017 and Resolution #304 of 2019; and

WHEREAS, the County Legislature recognizes that the high cost of health insurance offered to retirees has added a significant burden to the operating budget of the County in recent years; and

WHEREAS, the County Legislature also recognizes that a targeted retirement incentive program which is designed to encourage long-term and highly-compensated employees to retire earlier than otherwise planned would, in exchange for a modified schedule of retiree health insurance benefits, reduce County labor costs and realign workforce needs; and

WHEREAS, the County Legislature also recognizes that making this resolution applicable to both those retirees who have retired prior to as well as after the effective date of this resolution would relieve the otherwise administrative burden of creating two classes of retirees,

NOW THEREFORE, THE COUNTY LEGISLATURE OF THE COUNTY OF PUTNAM, NEW YORK, HEREBY RESOLVES AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. All current and future Retirees eligible for a post-employment health insurance benefit pursuant to Resolution #227 of 2015 shall be provided a post-retirement health insurance benefit in accordance with the following contribution schedule, which amount shall be calculated at the full year amount at time of retirement and shall not be increased due to an increase in a retiree's pension amount as a result of a Cost of Living Adjustment (COLA) thereafter:

Annual amount of pension benefit	Amount of premium payable by retiree
\$85,000 & higher	20%
\$30,000-\$84,999	17%
\$10,000-\$29,999	10%
\$0-\$9,999	8%

Section 2. This Resolution shall take effect January 1, 2027, and upon approval of addendum to the Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) with Putnam County CSEA.

BY ROLL CALL VOTE: NINE AYES. MOTION CARRIES.

Chairman Birmingham permitted public comment from Putnam County retirees John Mulraney and Jane Meunier and resident Brett Yarris. All of whom stated their appreciation for the Legislature's time and attention to this matter.

Item #5 Adjournment

There being no further business, at 8:59P.M. Chairman Birmingham made a motion to adjourn; seconded by Legislator Russo. All in favor.

Respectfully submitted by Diane Trabulsy, Clerk.

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Laura E. Russo	Dist. 4
Jake D'Angelo	Dist. 5
Thomas Regan Jr.	Dist. 6
Daniel G. Birmingham	Dist. 7
Amy E. Sayegh	Dist. 8
Erin L. Crowley	Dist. 9

AGENDA SPECIAL FULL MEETING HELD IN HISTORIC COURTHOUSE 40 GLENEIDA AVENUE CARMEL, NEW YORK 10512

Tuesday

September 22, 2026

(Immediately Following Physical Services. Mtg.)

- 1. Pledge of Allegiance**
- 2. Legislative Prayer**
- 3. Roll Call**
- 4. Approval – Amendment – The County Policy on Health Insurance Benefits (Pers Item #4)**
- 5. Adjournment**

Michele Alfano- Sharkey
County Auditor

Francine Romeo
Deputy County Auditor



COUNTY AUDITOR

Full 10-6-26

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TO: Putnam County Legislature

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

DATE: September 30, 2026

RE: Refund of Taxes

This is the report for September 30, 2026, provided by Real Property Tax Law- Section 554 and 556.

There was no activity during this reporting period.

#6a.

Committee: **Personnel Committee**
Introduced By _____
Seconded By _____

Resolution # _____
Regular Mtg: October 6, 2026
Special Mtg: _____

APPROVAL/AUTHORIZATION – CREATION OF AN ADDITIONAL SENIOR DEPUTY COUNTY ATTORNEY POSITION IN THE DEPARTMENT OF LAW

WHEREAS, pursuant to Article 8, §8.03 of the Putnam County Charter, the County Attorney may appoint such Deputy County Attorneys, assistants and employees of the Department of Law as shall be authorized by the County Legislature; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Law is responsible for providing legal representation and advice to the County, its elected officials, departments, agencies and officers, including the preparation of legal documents, contracts, resolutions and legal opinions and the prosecution and defense of civil matters involving the County; and

WHEREAS, a current attorney serving in the Department of Law is expected to be absent from County service for an extended period of time; and

WHEREAS, the extended absence has created an immediate and substantial need for additional experienced legal capacity within the Department of Law in order to maintain continuity of legal services, timely response to County departments and officials, management of litigation and legal matters, and the effective discharge of the statutory and Charter responsibilities of the County Attorney; and

WHEREAS, the County Personnel Department has an established Senior Deputy County Attorney classification, which provides for highly specialized professional legal work involving complex legal matters arising from the operation of County government and includes advising County officials and departments, preparing legal documents, conducting legal research, representing the County in hearings and proceedings, and providing assistance and guidance to Deputy County Attorneys; and

WHEREAS, the County Attorney has determined that the immediate authorization of an additional Senior Deputy County Attorney position is necessary to protect the County's legal interests and maintain the effective operation of the Department of Law during this period of extended absence; 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 proposed position will be filled in accordance with applicable County personnel procedures, Civil Service requirements and the qualifications established for the Senior Deputy County Attorney classification; and

WHEREAS, the Personnel Committee has reviewed and recommends approval of the proposed position; and

WHEREAS, the Budget & Finance Committee has reviewed the fiscal impact and recommends approval of the necessary budgetary authorization, if applicable; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Putnam County Legislature hereby authorizes the creation of one (1) additional full-time Senior Deputy County Attorney position in the Putnam County Department of Law, effective immediately upon adoption of this Resolution; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the position shall be classified and compensated in accordance with the existing Senior Deputy County Attorney classification, the County's applicable salary schedule, and all applicable laws, rules and regulations; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the County Executive, County Attorney, Personnel Officer and Commissioner of Finance are hereby authorized and directed to take all actions necessary to establish the position, amend the applicable position and salary schedules, and make any necessary budgetary adjustments consistent with this Resolution; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the County Attorney is authorized, upon establishment of the position, to commence recruitment and/or appointment procedures for the position in accordance with applicable County policies, Civil Service requirements and law; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Clerk of the County Legislature is hereby directed to forward certified copies of this Resolution to the County Executive, County Attorney, Personnel Officer and Commissioner of Finance.

RESOLVED, that this Resolution shall take effect immediately.

Resolution # _____
Regular Mtg: __October 6, 2026
Special Mtg: _____

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#60.

Committee: **Rules Committee** Resolution # _____
Introduced By _____ Regular Mtg: October 6, 2026
Seconded By _____ Special Mtg: _____

APPROVAL - LOCAL LAW AMENDING THE COUNTY CHARTER LIMITING AND RESTRAINING THE SALARIES OF CERTAIN ELECTED COUNTY OFFICIALS

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE COUNTY OF PUTNAM AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Article 2, Section 2.04, "Powers and Duties." paragraph (o) of the Putnam County Charter is hereby amended to read as follows:

"(o) To fix the amount of the annual salary of its members by resolution provided, however, that beginning January 1, 2027, the annual salary of its members shall not be increased more than once in any four-year period and such increase shall not exceed the average annual consumer price index for such preceding four year period and further provided that the Chair shall receive an additional stipend of 25% of such annual salary;"

Section 2. Article 3, Section 3.01. "Chief Executive Officer: election; term; qualifications." of the Putnam County Charter is hereby amended to read as follows:

"The County Executive shall be elected from the County at large in an even numbered year for a term of four (4) years commencing on the first day of January immediately following his or her election. He or she shall serve a maximum two (2) consecutive full terms. At the time of nomination and election, the County Executive shall be, and he or she shall remain, a qualified elector of Putnam County. He or she shall hold no other elected public or elected political office during his or her term and shall devote his or her full working time to the duties of the office. The compensation of the County Executive shall not be decreased during his or her term of office, nor shall such compensation be increased more than once in any four-year period.

Except in the instance where a general or special state law would otherwise necessitate, amending, modifying or repealing the term limit provisions as set forth in this § 3.01 may only be accomplished by the enactment of a local law adopted by the County Legislature by a unanimous vote of the whole of its number, subject to referendum on petition as provided in the Municipal Home Rule Law."

Section 3. If any provision of this Local Law is held to be illegal or invalid for any reason, such illegality or invalidity shall not affect the remaining provisions hereof,

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								

but such provision shall be fully severable and this Local Law shall be construed and enforced as if such illegal or invalid provision had never been included.

Section 4. Pursuant to Section 34(5) of the Municipal Home Rule Law, this Local Law shall take effect sixty (60) days after its final enactment and is subject to permissive referendum.

#6d.

Committee: **Rules Committee** Resolution # _____
Introduced By _____ Regular Mtg: October 6, 2026
Seconded By _____ Special Mtg: _____

A LOCAL LAW ADOPTING A REAL PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTION FOR THE CREATION OF ACCESSORY DWELLING UNITS PURSUANT TO §421-p OF THE NEW YORK STATE REAL PROPERTY TAX LAW AND EXCLUDING SHORT-TERM RENTALS

BE IT ENACTED by the County Legislature of the County of Putnam as follows:

Section 1. Legislative findings and intent

The Putnam County Legislature hereby finds that accessory dwelling units can provide flexible, smaller-scale housing opportunities for senior citizens seeking to age in place, adult children, caregivers, working families and other residents in need of long-term housing.

Accessory dwelling units can create additional housing through the appropriate use of existing residential properties without requiring large-scale development and while preserving the zoning and land-use authority of the towns and villages within Putnam County.

New York State Real Property Tax Law §421-p authorizes counties, following a public hearing and adoption of a local law, to provide a temporary exemption from taxation and special ad valorem levies for the increase in assessed value attributable to qualifying reconstruction, alterations, improvements or new construction undertaken to create one or more accessory dwelling units.

The purpose of this Local Law is to exercise that authority for Putnam County taxes, encourage the lawful creation of long-term residential housing and ensure that the public benefit provided by the exemption is not used to subsidize short-term or transient rentals.

Section 2. Adoption of exemption

Pursuant to New York State Real Property Tax Law §421-p, qualifying residential property reconstructed, altered, improved or newly constructed

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								

to create one or more additional residential dwelling units on the same parcel as a pre-existing residential building shall be partially exempt from Putnam County real property taxation and applicable special ad valorem levies, but not special assessments, to the extent and for the period provided by this Local Law and Real Property Tax Law §421-p.

Section 3. Eligibility

A property shall be eligible for the exemption only when all of the following conditions have been satisfied:

- A. The property, residential building and accessory dwelling unit meet all eligibility requirements contained in Real Property Tax Law §421-p.
- B. The reconstruction, alteration, improvement or new construction creates one or more additional residential dwelling units on the same parcel as a pre-existing residential building and provides independent living facilities for one or more persons.
- C. The value of the qualifying reconstruction, alteration, improvement or new construction exceeds \$3,000.
- D. Construction commences after the effective date of this Local Law.
- E. A building permit for the accessory dwelling unit is issued by the applicable town or village on or after the effective date of this Local Law.
- F. The accessory dwelling unit is lawfully permitted under the zoning and other applicable laws of the town or village in which the property is located.
- G. All required building permits, approvals and certificates of occupancy or compliance have been obtained.
- H. The accessory dwelling unit is used for long-term residential purposes and is not advertised, offered, licensed or used as a short-term rental.

Section 4. Short-term rentals excluded

For purposes of this Local Law, “short-term rental” shall mean the rental or offering for rental of all or any portion of an accessory dwelling unit for transient occupancy, as defined by the zoning code or other applicable local law of the town or village in which the property is situated.

Where the applicable municipality has not adopted a definition, “short-term rental” shall mean occupancy for a period of fewer than thirty consecutive days in exchange for compensation.

As a condition of receiving the exemption, the property owner shall certify that the accessory dwelling unit will not be used or offered as a short-term rental during the exemption period.

To the fullest extent permitted by law, the exemption shall cease prospectively upon a determination by the appropriate assessor that the accessory dwelling unit is being operated as a short-term rental, following

notice to the property owner and any review or appeal rights provided by law.

Section 5. Amount and duration of exemption

The exemption shall apply only to the increase in assessed value attributable to the qualifying reconstruction, alteration, improvement or new construction creating the accessory dwelling unit.

The exemption shall be granted according to the following schedule:

1. Years one through five: 100 percent of the exemption base.
2. Year six: 75 percent of the exemption base.
3. Year seven: 50 percent of the exemption base.
4. Year eight: 25 percent of the exemption base.
5. Year nine: 15 percent of the exemption base.
6. Year ten: 5 percent of the exemption base.

The exemption shall expire following the tenth year.

The exemption shall be limited to \$200,000 in increased market value attributable to the qualifying reconstruction, alteration, improvement or new construction. Any increased market value exceeding that amount shall remain taxable.

The exemption base and any required recalculation shall be determined in accordance with Real Property Tax Law §421-p and the rules and regulations of the New York State Commissioner of Taxation and Finance.

Section 6. Application and administration

The exemption shall be granted only upon application by the property owner using the form prescribed by the New York State Commissioner of Taxation and Finance.

The application shall be filed with the appropriate town, village or other assessing authority on or before the applicable taxable status date.

The applicant shall provide any documentation reasonably required by the assessor to establish eligibility, including, where applicable:

1. The building permit;
2. The certificate of occupancy or certificate of compliance;
3. Documentation showing the cost and nature of the qualifying work;
4. A certification that the accessory dwelling unit will be used for long-term residential purposes and will not be used as a short-term rental; and
5. Any other documentation required under Real Property Tax Law §421-p or regulations promulgated thereunder.

The Putnam County Director of Real Property Tax Services may provide uniform guidance and a supplemental certification form to assist local

assessors in administering the County exemption, provided that such guidance is consistent with state law and this Local Law.

Section 7. Termination of exemption

The exemption shall cease under the circumstances prescribed in Real Property Tax Law §421-p, including when the building ceases to be used primarily for residential purposes or when title is transferred to a person other than an heir or distributee of the owner.

Any exemption previously granted shall otherwise continue for the authorized exemption period and shall not be repealed retroactively.

Section 8. Preservation of municipal authority

Nothing in this Local Law shall:

- A. Authorize the creation or occupancy of an accessory dwelling unit that is not permitted under the zoning or other laws of the town or village in which the property is located;
- B. Require a town or village to permit accessory dwelling units;
- C. Supersede or limit municipal authority relating to zoning, land use, building construction, fire safety, septic systems, water supply, parking, occupancy, rental regulation or code enforcement; or
- D. Grant an exemption from town, village, school district or other taxing-jurisdiction levies unless that jurisdiction separately adopts the exemption as authorized by state law.

Section 9. Filing

The Clerk of the Putnam County Legislature shall file a copy of this Local Law with the New York State Commissioner of Taxation and Finance and with each assessor responsible for preparing an assessment roll upon which Putnam County taxes are levied.

Section 10. Severability

If any clause, sentence, paragraph, subdivision, section or part of this Local Law is adjudged by a court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid, such judgment shall not affect, impair or invalidate the remainder of this Local Law, but shall be confined in its operation to the clause, sentence, paragraph, subdivision, section or part directly involved in the controversy.

Section 11. Effective date

This Local Law shall take effect immediately upon filing with the Secretary of State in accordance with the New York State Municipal Home Rule Law and shall apply only to qualifying projects for which a building permit is issued and construction commences on or after the effective date.

#6e

Committee: **Health Committee**
 Introduced By _____
 Seconded By _____

Resolution # _____
 Regular Mtg: October 6, 2026
 Special Mtg: _____

**APPROVAL - BUDGETARY AMENDMENT (26A069)/ HISTORIAN –
 DONATION – USE FUNDS TO SUBSIDIZE DIGITIZATION OF PUTNAM
 COUNTY COURIER ARCHIVES FROM 1946 – 1955**

WHEREAS, the County Historian has requested a budgetary amendment (26A069) to recognize a donation received from Mr. Wallach in December 2025 and deferred to 2026 to subsidize digitization of Putnam County Courier archives from 1946-1955; 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:

10751000 427051 Historian - Donation 1,000

Increase Expenses:

10751000 54685 Historian – Special Projects 1,000

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								

Increase Estimated Revenues:

10431000 434981 10256	Mental Health State Aid	36,000
10431000 434981 10257	Mental Health State Aid	211,700
		247,700

2026 Fiscal Impact – 0 –

2027 Fiscal Impact – 0 –

Special Mtg: _____

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#6h

Committee: **Health Committee**
Introduced By _____
Seconded By _____

Resolution # _____
Regular Mtg: October 6, 2026
Special Mtg: _____

APPROVAL - ADOPTION OF THE PUTNAM COUNTY LOCAL SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT PLAN (LSWMP) FOR 2025–2034

WHEREAS, pursuant to 6 NYCRR Part 360 and the requirements of the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (“NYSDEC”), municipalities and planning units are encouraged to develop and maintain Local Solid Waste Management Plans (“LSWMPs”) to address the management of solid waste generated within their jurisdictions; and

WHEREAS, the County of Putnam has prepared the Putnam County Local Solid Waste Management Plan for the planning period 2025–2034 (“LSWMP”) in accordance with NYSDEC guidance and requirements; and

WHEREAS, the LSWMP evaluates existing solid waste management practices, waste generation trends, recycling and diversion activities, infrastructure, and future planning needs within Putnam County; and

WHEREAS, the LSWMP establishes goals, policies, and implementation strategies intended to promote sustainable materials management, increase recycling and waste reduction efforts, improve public education and outreach, and protect public health and the environment; and

WHEREAS, the Putnam County Department of Health, through its Environmental Health Services Division, has coordinated the development of the LSWMP with participation and input from municipalities, agencies, stakeholders, and the public; and

WHEREAS, the County Legislature finds that adoption of the LSWMP is in the best interests of the residents of Putnam County and supports the County’s ongoing commitment to responsible environmental stewardship and sustainable solid waste management practices; now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Putnam County Legislature hereby adopts the Putnam County Local Solid Waste Management Plan for the period 2025–2034; and be it further

RESOLVED, that Putnam County shall implement and maintain the solid waste management system as described in the final Local Solid Waste Management Plan and undertake reasonable efforts to carry out the

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								

goals, policies, and implementation strategies identified therein; and be it further

RESOLVED, that Putnam County shall prepare and submit biennial updates to the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation in accordance with applicable requirements of 6 NYCRR Part 360 and related NYSDEC guidance; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Clerk of the Legislature is hereby authorized and directed to forward copies of this Resolution and the adopted Local Solid Waste Management Plan to the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation and any other agencies as may be required.

#6i

Committee: **Physical Committee**
Introduced By _____
Seconded By _____

Resolution # _____
Regular Mtg: October 6, 2026
Special Mtg: _____

APPROVAL - RATIFICATION OF THE 2026 REAL PROPERTY TAX SALE

WHEREAS, on September 16, 2026, the County of Putnam held a public auction for its 2026 Real Property Tax Sale; and

WHEREAS, the County received bids on the parcels offered, as indicated by the listing attached hereto and made a part hereof as Schedule "A"; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Putnam County Legislature, on behalf of the County of Putnam, hereby accepts the bid of the highest bidder on the parcels listed on the attached Schedule "A"; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the County Attorney is authorized to prepare a deed for each parcel to the highest bidder, said deed to be executed on behalf of the County by the County Executive; and be it further

RESOLVED, that upon delivery of the balance of the purchase price as indicated in the bid, along with the appropriate transfer tax, fees, and any property taxes due, as specified in the promulgated Terms and Conditions of the auction, the County Attorney is hereby authorized to deliver said deed to the highest bidder; and be it further

RESOLVED, that in the event any of the highest bidders fail to complete the transaction as specified in the promulgated Terms and Conditions of the auction, the County Attorney is authorized to complete the transaction with the second highest bidder in the same manner as set for the above.

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								

Lot Number	Lot Title	Town	Tax Map #	Lot Price
1	LANDLOCKED: 38 Birch Paper Trl, Carmel, Lot Size: 2.25 Acres +/-	Carmel	44.11-1-11	\$ 26,000.00
2	Baldwin Ln, Carmel, Lot Size: 6.4 Acres +/-	Carmel	65.10-1-11	\$ 17,000.00
3	105 Longdale Rd, Carmel, Lot Size: 100 x 250 +/-	Carmel	65.14-1-24	\$ 429,000.00
4	LANDLOCKED: 31 Clearbrook Dr, Carmel, Lot Size: 130 x 80 +/-	Carmel	74.12-2-44	\$ 100.00
5	LANDLOCKED: Linda Ln, Carmel, Lot Size: 10.46 Acres +/-	Carmel	74.15-1-15	\$ 1,300.00
6	306 RT 6N, Carmel, Lot Size: 128 x 40 +/-	Carmel	75.17-1-54	\$ 500.00
7	40 Gleneida Blvd, Carmel, Lot Size: 100 x 100 +/-	Carmel	75.65-1-17	\$ 13,000.00
8	42 Gleneida Blvd, Carmel, Lot Size: 103 x 100 +/-	Carmel	75.65-1-18	\$ 26,000.00
9	83 Teakettle Spout Rd, Carmel, Lot Size: 1 Acres +/-	Carmel	76.17-1-16	\$ 277,000.00
10	19 Summit Circle Dr, Carmel, Lot Size: 169 x 118 +/-	Carmel	87.9-1-45	\$ 3,000.00
12	5 Sterling Rd, Kent, Lot Size: .68 Acres +/-	Kent	11.17-1-5	\$ 193,000.00
13	Hortontown Rd, Kent, Lot Size: 28 Acres +/-	Kent	19.-1-29	\$ 119,000.00
14	WATERFRONT: 89 B Seven Hills Lake Dr, Kent, Lot Size: .08 Acres +/-	Kent	20.7-1-32	\$ 21,000.00
15	Route 52, Kent, Lot Size: .22 Acres +/-	Kent	22.56-1-8	\$ 500.00
16	30 Princeton Rd, Kent, Lot Size: .45 Acres +/-	Kent	22.66-1-52	\$ 171,000.00
17	Beechmont Rd, Kent, Lot Size: .14 Acres +/-	Kent	22.75-1-46	\$ 600.00
18	Quaker Rd, Kent, Lot Size: .25 Acres +/-	Kent	22.80-1-57	\$ 4,000.00
19	Ticonderoga Rd, Kent, Lot Size: .2 Acres +/-	Kent	22.80-1-60	\$ 1,200.00
20	Vernon Dr, Kent, Lot Size: .3 Acres +/-	Kent	22.83-1-50	\$ 14,000.00
21	Woodstock Rd, Kent, Lot Size: .28 Acres +/-	Kent	22.84-1-10	\$ 14,000.00
22	Pudding St, Kent, Lot Size: .71 Acres +/-	Kent	30.20-1-14	\$ 5,000.00
23	Pudding St, Kent, Lot Size: 1.76 Acres +/-	Kent	30.20-1-32	\$ 28,000.00
24	Waccabuc Rd, Kent, Lot Size: 1.85 Acres +/-	Kent	33.32-1-1	\$ 16,000.00
25	Worthington Ct, Kent, Lot Size: .32 Acres +/-	Kent	33.32-1-67	\$ 6,000.00
26	236 Lakeshore Dr E, Kent, Lot Size: .14 Acres +/-	Kent	33.34-1-24	\$ 24,000.00
27	LANDLOCKED: Gedney Paper Rd, Kent, Lot Size: .37 Acres +/-	Kent	33.36-1-9	\$ 500.00
28	Route 52, Kent, Lot Size: .1 Acres +/-	Kent	33.72-1-17	\$ 200.00
29	LANDLOCKED: Smokey Hollow Ct, Kent, Lot Size: .31 Acres +/-	Kent	43.-2-36	\$ 100.00
30	LANDLOCKED: 5 Yates, Patterson, Lot Size: .72 Acres +/-	Patterson	25.38-1-10	\$ 4,000.00
31	LANDLOCKED: Utica Rd, Patterson, Lot Size: .33 Acres +/-	Patterson	25.38-1-13	\$ 500.00
32	LANDLOCKED: Ferndale Ln, Patterson, Lot Size: .29 Acres +/-	Patterson	25.41-1-39	\$ 400.00
33	54 Addison Dr, Patterson, Lot Size: .27 Acres +/-	Patterson	25.53-1-2	\$ 1,800.00
34	13 Kenwood Rd, Patterson, Lot Size: .44 Acres +/-	Patterson	25.54-1-24	\$ 7,000.00
35	18 Java Rd, Patterson, Lot Size: .5 Acres +/-	Patterson	25.55-1-28	\$ 17,000.00
36	3 Tyrone Rd, Patterson, Lot Size: .17 Acres +/-	Patterson	25.55-2-8	\$ 500.00
37	38 Barnard Rd, Patterson, Lot Size: .22 Acres +/-	Patterson	25.62-1-15	\$ 17,000.00
38	20 Victory Rd, Patterson, Lot Size: .18 Acres +/-	Patterson	25.70-1-50	\$ 800.00
39	63 Taylor Rd, Patterson, Lot Size: .29 Acres +/-	Patterson	25.71-1-47	\$ 163,000.00
40	21 Taylor Rd, Patterson, Lot Size: .44 Acres +/-	Patterson	25.79-1-28	\$ 6,000.00
41	29 Arden Dr, Philipstown, Lot Size: 1.11 Acres +/-	Philipstown	82.20-2-6	\$ 6,000.00
42	421 South Mountain Pass, Philipstown, Lot Size: .06 Acres +/-	Philipstown	90.10-1-1	NO BIDS
43	South Moutain Pass, Philipstown, Lot Size: .13 Acres +/-	Philipstown	90.11-1-3	\$ 400.00
44	Arbutus St, Putnam Valley, Lot Size: .59 Acres +/-	Putnam Valley	41.10-2-54	\$ 16,000.00
45	Becker St, Putnam Valley, Lot Size: .5 Acres +/-	Putnam Valley	83.80-1-41	\$ 1,800.00
46	Tanglewylde Rd, Putnam Valley, Lot Size: .25 Acres +/-	Putnam Valley	83.80-1-42	\$ 1,500.00
47	Walnut Rd, Putnam Valley, Lot Size: .55 Acres +/-	Putnam Valley	83.80-1-43	\$ 10,000.00
48	55 Barger St, Putnam Valley, Lot Size: 1.37 Acres +/-	Putnam Valley	85.13-1-27	\$ 190,000.00
49	30 Elmwood Dr, Southeast, Lot Size: 100 x 150 +/-	Southeast	45.84-2-36	\$ 317,000.00
50	2310 Rt 6, Southeast, Lot Size: .69 Acres +/-	Southeast	56.-1-6	\$ 32,000.00
51	2320 Rt 6, Southeast, Lot Size: .95 Acres +/-	Southeast	56.-1-7	\$ 31,000.00
52	640 Rt 22, Southeast, Lot Size: 75 x 150 +/-	Southeast	67.15-1-29	\$ 3,000.00
				\$ 2,237,700.00

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Committee: **Physical Committee**
Introduced By _____
Seconded By _____

Resolution # _____
Regular Mtg: October 6, 2026
Special Mtg: _____

APPROVAL – DEMOLITION OF COUNTY-OWNED BUILDING – 34 GLENEIDA AVENUE, CARMEL, NEW YORK

WHEREAS, the County of Putnam (the “County”) is the fee owner of certain real property located at 34 Gleneida Avenue, Carmel, New York 10512, including the building located thereon (the “Property”); and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Resolution #319 of 2019, the Putnam County Legislature previously determined that the Property was no longer needed for County use and authorized the Property to be offered for sale through the applicable Multiple Listing Service; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Resolution #279 of 2021, the Legislature authorized the execution and filing of a lot line adjustment separating the Property from the portion of the County campus containing the access road to the Putnam County Courthouse; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Resolution #57 of 2025, the Legislature approved a lease permitting United for the Troops to occupy space at 34 Gleneida Avenue; and

WHEREAS, the Property has been the subject of repeated review and discussion by the Legislature concerning its condition, continued maintenance, sale, redevelopment, and potential future public use; and

WHEREAS, the building is located immediately adjacent to the County Office Building and Putnam County Courthouse campus, and its present condition and location materially affect the appearance, functionality, security, and future planning of the County campus and the Hamlet of Carmel; and

WHEREAS, the Legislature has considered the age, condition and limitations of the existing building, the costs associated with its continued operation, maintenance and rehabilitation, and the practical limitations affecting its reuse; and

WHEREAS, the Legislature finds that continued retention of the existing structure is not in the best interests of the County and that demolition of the building will eliminate ongoing maintenance obligations and permit the County to evaluate the most appropriate future use of this strategically located parcel without the constraints imposed by the existing structure; 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 desires to authorize the demolition of the building located at 34 Gleneida Avenue, subject to compliance with all applicable procurement requirements, environmental review, permitting, utility-disconnection requirements, hazardous-material assessment and abatement requirements, and all other applicable federal, state and local laws, rules and regulations; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Putnam County Legislature hereby determines that it is in the best interests of the County to demolish and remove the County-owned building located at 34 Gleneida Avenue, Carmel, New York; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the County Executive, through the Commissioner of General Services and such other appropriate County departments and officials as may be necessary, is hereby authorized and directed to take all steps necessary to procure and carry out the demolition and removal of the building, including any required hazardous-material surveys and abatement, utility disconnections, site protection, demolition, debris removal, grading, stabilization and restoration of the site, subject to the availability and lawful appropriation of funds; and be it further

RESOLVED, that, prior to commencement of demolition, the County Executive and appropriate County officials shall ensure that the premises are lawfully vacated and that any rights of occupancy have been properly terminated or otherwise resolved; and be it further

RESOLVED, that all contracts and expenditures associated with the demolition shall be undertaken in accordance with the Putnam County Charter, the Putnam County Code, the County Procurement Policy, the New York State General Municipal Law, and all other applicable laws and regulations; and be it further

RESOLVED, that, prior to physical demolition, the County shall complete all environmental review if any are required under the State Environmental Quality Review Act and its implementing regulations, obtain all permits and approvals required by law, and complete any required testing, remediation or abatement; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the County Attorney is authorized to review and approve as to form all documents necessary to effectuate the demolition authorized herein and to take such legal action as may be necessary to carry out the intent of this Resolution; and be it further

RESOLVED, that this Resolution authorizes demolition of the existing building only and shall not, by itself, constitute authorization for the sale, lease, transfer, redevelopment, construction upon, or other permanent disposition or use of the underlying real property, which shall remain subject to such further approval of the Putnam County Legislature as may be required by law; and be it further

RESOLVED, that this Resolution shall take effect immediately.

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Committee: **Physical Committee**
Introduced By _____
Seconded By _____

Resolution # _____
Regular Mtg: October 6, 2026
Special Mtg: _____

**APPROVAL - GRANT APPLICATION/ COMMUNITY RESILIENCY,
ECONOMIC SUSTAINABILITY, AND TECHNOLOGY (CREST) PROGRAM
/KOEHLER SENIOR CENTER SECURITY UPGRADES**

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, 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 security upgrades at the Koehler Senior Center building; 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.

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: **Physical Committee**
 Introduced By _____
 Seconded By _____

Resolution # _____
 Regular Mtg: October 6, 2026
 Special Mtg: _____

APPROVAL - AUTHORIZING THE IMPLEMENTATION, AND FUNDING IN THE FIRST INSTANCE 100% OF THE FEDERAL-AID AND STATE "MARCHISELLI" PROGRAM-AID ELIGIBLE COSTS, OF A TRANSPORTATION FEDERAL-AID PROJECT, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS (Stoneleigh Avenue and Drewville Rd Intersection Improvements PIN 8761.97)

WHEREAS, a Project for Putnam County, Stoneleigh Avenue @ Drewville Rd Intersection Improvements, Town of Carmel, Putnam County, PIN 8761.97 (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 95% Federal funds and 5% non-federal funds; and

WHEREAS, Resolution No. 235 adopted by the Putnam County Legislature on September 1, 2026, made a summarized declaration of the previously authorized funding to advance the Project by making a commitment of 100% of the non-federal share of the costs of design and preliminary engineering, right-of-way acquisition, right-of-way incidentals, construction, construction inspection and administration, and construction contingency work.

WHEREAS, it has been found necessary to increase the federal and non-federal share of costs for the construction and construction inspection work for the project not contemplated by the agreements authorized by previous Resolutions; and

WHEREAS, Putnam County applied for and received funding through NYSDOT's Roadway Departure Safety Action Plan Local Call for Projects;

NOW, THEREFORE, the Putnam County Legislature, duly convened does hereby

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								

RESOLVE, 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 the construction and construction inspection work for the Project or portions thereof; and it is further

RESOLVED, that the sum of \$1,280,400 is hereby appropriated and made available to cover the cost of participation in the above phases of the Project; and it is 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 County Executive thereof, and it is further

RESOLVED, that the County Executive of Putnam County be and is hereby authorized to execute all necessary Agreements, certifications or reimbursement requests for Federal Aid and/or applicable Marchiselli 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 it is further

RESOLVED, that in addition to the Putnam County Executive, the Commissioner of the Department of Public Works and the Commissioner of Finance are also authorized, with the consent of the County Executive, to execute any necessary Agreements or certifications on behalf of Putnam County with the New York State Department of Public Transportation 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 it is further

RESOLVED, this Resolution shall take effect immediately.

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Committee: **Physical Committee**

Introduced By _____

Seconded By _____

Resolution # _____

Regular Mtg: October 6, 2026

Special Mtg: _____

APPROVAL/ BUDGETARY AMENDMENT (26A077) / DPW – STONELEIGH AVENUE AND DREWVILLE ROAD INTERSECTION IMPROVEMENTS PIN 8761.97

WHEREAS, DPW Commissioner has requested a budgetary amendment (26A077) to appropriate and make available funds to cover the cost of the County's participation in the construction and construction inspection work for the Stoneleigh Avenue and Drewville Road Intersection Improvements PIN 7861.97 project; 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 51716 PIN 8761.97 Stoneleigh – Drewville Rd. 1,280,400

Increase Estimated**Revenues:**

55197000 445971 51716 Federal Aid 95% - PIN 8761.97 1,216,380

55197000 428601 51716 Local Match (General Fund Transfer) 64,020

1,280,400

GENERAL FUND:**Increase Estimated Appropriations**

10990100 59020 51716 Transfer to Capital Fund 64,020

Increase Estimated**Revenues:**

10131000 427112 Use of Capital Reserve 64,020

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 Committee**

Introduced By _____

Seconded By _____

Resolution # _____

Regular Mtg: October 6, 2026

Special Mtg: _____

APPROVAL/ BUDGETARY TRANSFER (26T275) / DPW – CP2603- D.A. CONFERENCE ROOM RENOVATION AND CP2604- 125 RTE. 312 ABATEMENT & DEMOTION

WHEREAS, DPW Commissioner has requested a budgetary transfer (26T275) to fund two CP projects CP2603 - D.A. Conference Room Renovation and CP2604 - 125 Rte. 312 Abatement & Demotion: 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 532603 51509	CP2603-DA Conference Room Renovation	30,000
55197000 532604 51509	CP2604-125 Rt. 312-Abatement & Demo	70,000
		<u>100,000</u>

Decrease Estimated Appropriations:

55197000 532311 51509	DPW Restroom Renovation	5,177.02
55197000 532505 51509	Putnam Golf Course Walk in Cooler	3,786.43
55197000 532403 51509	Park Supt. House Improv. & Repairs	111.45
55197000 532405 51509	New Courthouse Boilers	22,601.81
55197000 53000 52510	TFF Bldg 7 Youth Bureau	50,159.48
56989000 53000 52505	Veterans Museum	32.34
55197000 53000 52511	Myrtle Ave Garage Roof	10,590.75
55197000 53000 51509	Minor Renovations	7,540.72
		<u>100,000.00</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								

Resolution # _____
Regular Mtg: __October 6, 2026
Special Mtg: _____

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WHEREAS, concerns have been raised regarding the speed of vehicles traveling along East Lake Boulevard and the potential danger posed to residents, pedestrians, bicyclists, motorists, and others utilizing the roadway; and

WHEREAS, New York State Vehicle and Traffic Law §1622 authorizes the New York State Department of Transportation, upon the request of the County Superintendent of Highways and the Town Board of the affected town, to establish a maximum speed limit on a county road lower than the otherwise applicable statutory maximum, subject to the requirements and limitations set forth therein; and

WHEREAS, the Legislature believes that a traffic and engineering evaluation should be undertaken to determine whether a reduction in the posted speed limit on East Lake Boulevard is warranted and, if warranted, that the County should promptly pursue the statutory process necessary to implement such reduction; now therefore be it

ROLL CALL VOTE	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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RESOLVED, that the Putnam County Legislature hereby requests that the Putnam County Commissioner of Public Works, in his or her capacity as County Superintendent of Highways pursuant to §9.02(a) of the Putnam County Charter, conduct or cause to be conducted a traffic and engineering review of East Lake Boulevard (County Route 72), including vehicle speeds, traffic volume, roadway geometry, crash history, pedestrian and bicycle activity, residential density, sight distances, and such other factors as may be relevant to determining an appropriate and safe maximum speed limit; and be it further

RESOLVED, that if such review determines that a lower maximum speed limit is warranted, the Commissioner of Public Works is hereby requested to promptly coordinate with the Town of Carmel Town Board for adoption of the necessary Town Board resolution and, together with the Town Board, submit the appropriate request to the New York State Department of Transportation pursuant to New York State Vehicle and Traffic Law § 1622 for establishment of a reduced maximum speed limit on East Lake Boulevard; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Commissioner of Public Works is requested to complete such review and report the findings and recommendations thereof to the Putnam County Legislature within sixty (60) days of the adoption of this Resolution, including the recommended maximum speed limit, if any, and any further actions necessary by the County, the Town of Carmel Town Board, or the New York State Department of Transportation to establish such reduced speed limit; and be it further

RESOLVED, that a certified copy of this Resolution shall be transmitted to the Town of Carmel Town Board requesting its cooperation and consideration of the action required pursuant to New York State Vehicle and Traffic Law § 1622, and to the appropriate regional office of the New York State Department of Transportation for its review and consideration.

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Committee: **Budget & Finance Committee** Resolution # _____
Introduced By _____ Regular Mtg: October 6, 2026
Seconded By _____ Special Mtg: _____

APPROVAL / LOCAL LAW TO AMEND ARTICLE 3, SECTION 3.04-A(d) AND ARTICLE 7, SECTION 7.04(B)(8) OF THE PUTNAM COUNTY CHARTER IN RELATION TO THE VOTE REQUIRED TO OVERRIDE CERTAIN BUDGET VETOES

WHEREAS, Article 7 of the Putnam County Charter establishes the procedures governing preparation, legislative revision, executive review and final adoption of the annual County budget; and

WHEREAS, Section 7.04(B)(5) of the Putnam County Charter authorizes the County Legislature, in acting upon the tentative budget, to strike or reduce items of appropriation; and

WHEREAS, Article 3, Section 3.04-A(d) of the Putnam County Charter presently provides generally for reconsideration of enactments vetoed by the County Executive and requires a favorable vote of two-thirds (2/3) of the whole number of the County Legislature to override such veto; and

WHEREAS, the County Legislature finds that, where the Legislature has affirmatively exercised its budgetary authority to strike or reduce an item of appropriation from the tentative budget, restoration of that item through the County Executive's veto should not require a supermajority of the Legislature to preserve the Legislature's original reduction; and

WHEREAS, the County Legislature therefore desires to amend the Charter so that a veto of a legislative action striking or reducing an item of appropriation pursuant to Section 7.04(B)(5) may be overridden by the affirmative vote of a majority of the whole number of the County Legislature; and

WHEREAS, the County Legislature determines that the proposed Charter amendment should be submitted to the qualified electors of Putnam County so that the electors may approve or disapprove the amendment; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Putnam County Legislature hereby approves and adopts the following Local Law to Amend the Putnam County Charter: Be it enacted by the Legislature of the County of Putnam as follows:

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								

Section 1.

Article 3, Section 3.04-A(d) of the Putnam County Charter is hereby amended to read as follows:

(d) Reconsideration. (i) A vetoed enactment shall be resubmitted to the County Legislature together with the veto message at its next regular or special meeting, and such message shall be entered into its Book of Proceedings. Within thirty (30) days after such receipt and entry, the County Legislature may consider the vetoed enactment and, except as noted in paragraph (ii) below, pass the same over the County Executive's objections by a favorable vote of two-thirds (2/3) of the whole of its number on a roll-call vote. Only one such reconsideration vote shall be taken on any single vetoed enactment.

Section 2.

Article 3, Section 3.04-A(d) of the Putnam County Charter is hereby amended by adding a subparagraph (ii) to read as follows:

(ii) In the case of a vetoed item of appropriation which has been stricken or reduced by the County Legislature from the tentative budget pursuant to § 7.04(B)(5) of the County Charter, the County Legislature may consider such vetoed enactment and pass the same over the County Executive's objections by a favorable vote of a majority of the whole of its number on a roll-call vote. Only one such reconsideration vote shall be taken on any single vetoed enactment.

Section 3.

Article 7, Section 7.04(B)(8) of the Putnam County Charter is hereby amended to read as follows:

8. Legislative reconsideration. Upon receipt of the veto message from the County Executive, the Chair of the Legislature shall convene the County Legislature on or before the fifteenth (15th) day of November for the purpose of reconsidering each vetoed item. Following such final action of the County Legislature, the tentative budget, as amended by the legislative revision and approved by the County Executive, and items of appropriation stricken or reduced from the tentative budget by the County Legislature, vetoed by the County Executive but overridden by the County Legislature by an affirmative vote of at least a majority of the whole number of its members, and other items vetoed by the County Executive but overridden by the County Legislature by an affirmative vote of at least two-thirds (2/3) of the whole number of its members, shall become the final annual operating budget for the ensuing fiscal year.

Section 4.

If any clause, sentence, paragraph, subdivision, section or part of this Local Law shall be adjudged by any court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid, such judgment shall be confined in its operation to the clause,

sentence, paragraph, subdivision, section or part thereof 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 Local Law.

Section 5.

This Local Law amending the Putnam County Charter shall be submitted to the qualified electors of the County of Putnam for their approval or disapproval at the next general election at which submission may lawfully be made. This Local Law shall become operative only upon approval by the affirmative vote of a majority of the qualified electors voting thereon and upon satisfaction of all other applicable requirements of law.

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Clerk of the Putnam County Legislature is authorized and directed to take all actions necessary and appropriate to effectuate the submission of the Local Law to the qualified electors of Putnam County in accordance with applicable law, including preparation and transmittal of the proposition and abstract in consultation with the County Attorney as required by law; and be it further **RESOLVED**, that the Clerk of the Legislature shall cause this Local Law, if and when finally approved and operative, to be filed and published as required by applicable law.

SUGGESTED BALLOT PROPOSITION

“Shall an amendment to the Putnam County Charter that allows the Legislature to lower the cost to taxpayers by striking or reducing an item of appropriation from the County Executive’s tentative budget pursuant to Charter § 7.04(B)(5) and allows the legislature to override the County Executive’s veto for such items by a simple majority vote of the whole number of its members, rather than by a two-thirds vote, be approved?”

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Committee: **Audit & Admin. Committee**

Resolution # _____

Introduced By _____

Regular Mtg: October 6, 2026

Seconded By _____

Special Mtg: _____

**APPROVAL - BUDGETARY AMENDMENT (26A074) – REAL PROPERTY –
RECOGNITION OF REIMBURSEMENT FUNDS FROM THE OFFICE OF REAL
PROPERTY TAX SERVICES – FOR A REQUIRED COMMERCIAL
APPRAISING CLASS**

WHEREAS, the Director of Real Property has requested a budgetary amendment (26A074) to recognize funds received as reimbursement to the County from the Office of Real Property Tax Services for a Commercial Appraising Class required for certification; and

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

RESOLVED, that the following fund amendment be made:

Increase Revenues:

10135500 430403

Real Property / State Aid

495

Increase Expenses:

10135500 54640

Real Property / Education & Training

495

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: **Audit & Admin. Committee**
 Introduced By _____
 Seconded By _____

Resolution # _____
 Regular Mtg: October 6, 2026
 Special Mtg: _____

APPROVAL - BUDGETARY TRANSFER (26T248) – DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES (DSS) – AMEND THE 2026 DSS BUDGET TO INCLUDE THE ADDITIONAL COUNTY CONTRIBUTION RESULTING IN THE SHIFT IN WEEKLY SHARES PAYMENTS OF PUTNAM’S STATUTORY ANNUAL MEDICAID SHARES

WHEREAS, the Commissioner of DSS has requested a budgetary transfer (26T248) to include the additional County Contribution resulting in the shift in weekly shares payments of Putnam’s Statutory Annual Medicaid Shares; 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:

10085000 54646 DPW Golf/Contracts 105,948

Increase

10610000 54950 Medicaid to State County Contribution 105,948

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: **Other Business**

Introduced By _____

Seconded By _____

Resolution # _____

Regular Mtg: October 6, 2026

Special Mtg: _____

APPROVAL - NO MATCH – GRANT - AUTHORIZING APPLICATION FOR ADDITIONAL FAMILY DEFENSE OR QUALITY IMPROVEMENT FOR FAMILY COURT REPRESENTATION GRANT FUNDING FROM THE NEW YORK STATE OFFICE OF INDIGENT LEGAL SERVICES

WHEREAS, the New York State Office of Indigent Legal Services (“ILS”) has announced the availability of additional funding for eligible counties to increase their annual Family Defense or Quality Improvement for Family Court Representation grant funding by amounts ranging from \$200,000 to \$500,000 annually; and

WHEREAS, this funding opportunity is available to counties that are currently receiving no more than \$250,000 in funding from ILS through a Family Defense or Quality Improvement for Family Court Representation grant contract; and

WHEREAS, ILS intends to distribute up to \$3,000,000 annually to counties whose applications satisfy the requirements set forth in the applicable Request for Applications (“RFA”); and

WHEREAS, ILS has advised that funding will be awarded on a first-come, first-served basis, making timely submission of a qualifying application particularly important; and

WHEREAS, the additional funding awarded to eligible counties will be added to their existing contracts beginning January 2, 2027, with ILS intending to continue such additional funding in future grant contracts subject to approval by the New York State Division of the Budget and the New York State Office of the State Comptroller; and

WHEREAS, the grant funding may be used for purposes including, but not limited to, addressing caseload relief, providing timely access to counsel, promoting interdisciplinary representation, providing training, and supporting infrastructure costs; 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 additional funding would provide an opportunity to further support the Putnam County Legal Aid Society in its ongoing commitment to improving the quality of public defense representation and providing effective representation to individuals and families involved in Family Court proceedings; and

WHEREAS, the deadline for submission of applications pursuant to the RFA is Friday, October 30, 2026, at 5:00 p.m. Eastern Time; and

WHEREAS, the Putnam County Legislature finds that pursuing this grant opportunity is in the best interests of the residents of Putnam County and supports efforts to enhance the quality and availability of Family Court representation; and

WHEREAS, there is no matching fund requirement by the County to accept the grant the aforementioned grant; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Putnam County Legislature hereby authorizes and supports the submission by the Department of Law of its application to the New York State Office of Indigent Legal Services for additional Family Defense or Quality Improvement for Family Court Representation grant funding in an amount of up to \$500,000 annually, or such other amount as may be determined appropriate and permitted under the RFA; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the appropriate County officials are hereby authorized and directed to take all necessary actions to prepare, execute, and submit the application and any required documentation to ILS in accordance with the RFA; and be it further

RESOLVED, that any grant award received pursuant to this application shall be administered in accordance with the terms and conditions established by ILS and all applicable federal, state, and local laws, rules, and regulations; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the appropriate County officials are authorized to execute any agreements, amendments, certifications, or other documents necessary to accept and administer the grant funding, subject to all applicable approvals; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the County Executive, County Attorney, Commissioner of Finance, and/or other appropriate County officials are hereby authorized to take such further actions as may be necessary and appropriate to effectuate the purposes of this Resolution; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Clerk of the Putnam County Legislature is hereby directed to forward certified copies of this Resolution to the appropriate County officials and the Putnam County Legal Aid Society; and be it further

RESOLVED, that this resolution shall take effect immediately.

C. COMPTON SPAIN
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DEPARTMENT OF LAW

MEMORANDUM:

TO: Daniel G. Birmingham, Chair
Putnam County Legislature

FROM: C. Compton Spain *Cesgn*
Putnam County Attorney

DATE: September 24, 2026

RE: Quality Improvement for Family Court Representation Funding

2026 SEP 24 PM 3:57
LEGISLATURE
PUTNAM COUNTY
CARMEL, NY

Please consider placing this matter on the agenda for the October 6, 2026 Full Meeting of the Legislature. A proposed resolution is attached for the Legislature's consideration and approval. Timely consideration is important because the funding made available through the New York State Office of Indigent Legal Services (ILS) will be awarded on a first-come, first-served basis.

ILS has announced the availability of additional funding for counties to increase their annual Family Defense or Quality Improvement for Family Court Representation grant funding by \$200,000 to \$500,000 per year. Please note this grant does not require matching funds from the County.

This funding opportunity is available to counties that are currently receiving no more than \$250,000 in funding from ILS through a Family Defense or Quality Improvement for Family Court Representation grant contract.

ILS plans to distribute up to \$3 million annually to eligible counties whose applications satisfy the RFA requirements. Applications will be reviewed and funded on a first-come, first-served basis, making timely legislative consideration particularly important.

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Daniel G. Birmingham, Chair
Putnam County Legislature

Re: Quality Improvement for Family Court Representation Funding
September 24, 2026

Awardee counties may receive an additional \$200,000 to \$500,000 annually, with the additional funding to be added to their existing contracts beginning January 2, 2027. ILS intends to continue the additional funding in future grant contracts, subject to approval by the New York State Division of the Budget (DOB) and the Office of the State Comptroller (OSC).

As outlined in the RFA, potential uses of the additional grant funding include, but are not limited to:

- Addressing caseload relief;
- Providing timely access to counsel;
- Promoting interdisciplinary representation;
- Providing training and professional development; and
- Supporting necessary infrastructure costs.

These funds would provide an important opportunity to strengthen the quality and availability of Family Court representation and further support the ongoing work of the Putnam County Legal Aid Society in improving the quality of public defense representation.

The application deadline established by ILS is Friday, October 30, 2026, at 5:00 p.m. Eastern Time. However, because the available funding will be distributed on a first-come, first-served basis, it is important that the County act promptly to authorize and support the application process rather than waiting until the application deadline.

Accordingly, I respectfully request that this matter be placed on the October 6, 2026, Full Meeting agenda for consideration.

Thank you for your consideration of this matter and for supporting an opportunity to secure additional resources that will allow the Putnam County Legal Aid Society to continue its commitment to improving the quality of public defense representation.

CCS:jn
Enc.

(Orig Request sent 9-24-26 Fr. County Attorney) CC: All

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September 28, 2026

VIA EMAIL: diane.trabulsy@putnamcountyny.gov

Mr. Daniel G. Birmingham, Chairman
Putnam County Legislature
40 Gleneida Avenue
Carmel, NY 10512

Re: Legislature Approval of Putnam County Legal Aid Grant Application Submission

Dear Chairman Birmingham:

The Putnam County Legal Aid Society, Inc., has prepared an application in response to the NYS Office of Indigent Legal Services' Request for Applications (RFA) announcement regarding "Quality Improvement for Family Court Representation Funding", which was released on September 16, 2026. I am providing the RFA itself, Legal's Aid's Funding Description, and the proposed budget request.

Kindly note that this funding is to be awarded on a "first come, first served" basis, and that Putnam is one of 52 eligible counties; competition for this funding will be fierce. Therefore, we request that the County Legislature approve this grant application promptly so that it can be submitted by the Law Department as soon as possible. This grant does not require an associated County match and therefore has no fiscal impact on Putnam County.

Please contact me if you require further information.

Very truly yours,


Elizabeth Costello, Esq.
Chief Attorney

2026 SEP 28 PM 4:31
LEGISLATURE
PUTNAM COUNTY
CARMEL, NY

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING APPLICATION FOR ADDITIONAL FAMILY DEFENSE OR QUALITY IMPROVEMENT FOR FAMILY COURT REPRESENTATION GRANT FUNDING FROM THE NEW YORK STATE OFFICE OF INDIGENT LEGAL SERVICES

WHEREAS, the New York State Office of Indigent Legal Services (“ILS”) has announced the availability of additional funding for eligible counties to increase their annual Family Defense or Quality Improvement for Family Court Representation grant funding by amounts ranging from \$200,000 to \$500,000 annually; and

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RESOLVED, that the County Executive, County Attorney, Commissioner of Finance, and/or other appropriate County officials are hereby authorized to take such further actions as may be necessary and appropriate to effectuate the purposes of this Resolution; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Clerk of the Putnam County Legislature is hereby directed to forward certified copies of this Resolution to the appropriate County officials and the Putnam County Legal Aid Society.

Quality Improvement for Family Court Representation Funding Description

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This funding would significantly enhance the quality and effectiveness of our Family Court practice. Since late 2023, the Putnam County Legal Aid Society's Family Court Unit has been composed of only two full-time attorneys, and the number of cases continues to steadily increase (for example, our office opened 481 family court cases in 2024; that number rose to 510 in 2025.) Naturally, an increase in case numbers creates increasing challenges in managing already overwhelming caseloads. The requested funding would allow for the hiring of a third full-time family court attorney. This critical staff addition would not only alleviate caseload management issues, it would allow our Family Court Unit to provide additional services to Putnam County Family Court litigants. Because Putnam County Legal Aid has been chronically understaffed, particularly in terms of family court, the Putnam County Probation Department assists potential litigants in filling out and filing family court petitions. As might be expected, with non-attorneys contributing to the submission of these petitions, they are often facially insufficient and frequently require amendment in order to survive motions to dismiss. Adding a full-time attorney to our existing staff would allow Legal Aid to enhance these services, engage in more meaningful motion practice and discovery, and provide much-needed case coverage when colleagues are on trial or otherwise unable to appear. Moreover, the increase in 18-B Counsel rates has further impacted an already limited pool of willing candidates, which could be assuaged by the ability to offer a competitive salary.

As indicated in the attached proposed budget, we also seek to add a dedicated Family Court administrative assistant and paralegal. In Putnam County, Family Court cases are typically scheduled in both morning and afternoon sessions up to four days a week (sometimes five, if an emergency application is filed). In our existing set-up, one administrative assistant handles Family Court and County Court, along with a myriad of other office duties. It's a Herculean task. Therefore, it would be extremely beneficial to

have an administrative assistant assigned solely to Family Court duties, which would include creating the family court case folders; preparing and filing notices of appearance; printing out any additional paperwork, orders, motions, and the like; maintaining the family court office calendar; and submitting prepared orders, motions, etc., to the Court and all counsel. Most importantly, this administrative assistant could help expedite applications for Family Court litigants by prioritizing their intakes. Often, there is very little time separating our receipt of an application and the litigant's first court date; if we have the staff required to expedite those applications, it is more likely that the assigned attorney will be able to assist at a first appearance or even during an *ex parte* application.

In addition, a full-time paralegal is sorely needed. Currently, our family court attorneys do their own legal research and draft their own orders, motions, orders to show cause, amended petitions, letters, etc.—duties a paralegal could assume. The paralegal could also assist in trial and daily caseload preparation, such as preparing exhibits and witness lists and assembling documentation of client compliance and participation in treatment and other required services.

Furthermore, enhanced technology would increase our organization's efficacy. Our budget proposal seeks funding that will outfit the Family Court Unit, including staff, with new computers, printers, scanners, and laptops. Additionally, new subscriptions to Westlaw by CoCounsel would assist in homing in on legal research issues to provide beneficial materials that are not currently accessible.

Finally, adding additional staff will require additional office space. There is currently an available office building that is located mere steps away from the Putnam County Courthouse, where Family Court is located. This space is ideal, as it has several offices and a conference room. It is located in the heart of Carmel, New York, and is within walking distance of Legal Aid's current location, where the Criminal Court Unit and staff would remain. Securing separate Family Court Unit facilities will ensure that our clients, attorneys, and staff have the space and privacy they need.

ATTACHMENT A BUDGET FORM
Quality Improvement for Family Court Representation Funding

County	PUTNAM
Budget Contact Person's Name	COMPTON SPAIN
Phone	845-808-1150
Email Address	COMPTON.SPAIN@PUTNAMCOUNTYNY.GOV
1. Personnel:	
Position/Title	Annual Budget
ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT - FULL TIME	\$ 65,000.00
BENEFITS - ESTIMATE 40%	\$ 26,000.00
PARALEGAL - FULL TIME	\$ 80,000.00
BENEFITS - ESTIMATE 40%	\$ 32,000.00
TRIAL ATTORNEY - FUNDED 50% TO 100%	\$ 55,000.00
BENEFITS - ESTIMATE 40%	\$ 22,000.00
SUPERVISING ATTORNEY - SALARY INCREASE	\$ 10,000.00
FICA	\$ 1,150.00
TRIAL ATTORNEY SALARY INCREASE	\$ 10,000.00
FICA	\$ 765.00
Subtotal Personnel	\$ 301,915.00
2. Contracted/Consultant Services:	
Service	Annual Budget
Subtotal Contractual/Consultant	\$ -
3. OTPS:	
Item	Annual Budget
TECHNOLOGY - NEW COMPUTERS PRINTERS NETWORKING, PCDMS	\$ 50,000.00
WESTLAW & OTHER REFERENCE TOOLS	\$ 20,000.00
OFFICE FURNITURE AND SUPPLIES	\$ 10,000.00
RENTAL OFFICE SPACE - UTILITIES, INTERNET , SIGNAGE ETC	\$ 113,085.00

TRAINING & CLS	\$ 5,000.00
Subtotal OTPS	\$ 198,085.00
CONTRACT TOTAL	\$ 500,000.00

**New York State
Office of Indigent Legal Services**

***Funding Announcement &
Request for Applications***

**Quality Improvement for Family Court
Representation Funding**

**NYS Office of Indigent Legal Services
Request for Applications**

The New York State Office of Indigent Legal Services (“ILS”) and nine-member Indigent Legal Services Board (“Board”) were created in 2010 pursuant to Executive Law §§ 832 and 833. ILS’ statutory mission is “to monitor, study and make efforts to improve the quality of services provided pursuant to Article 18-B of the county law.” Under the direction of and pursuant to the policies established by the Board, ILS assists county governments in the exercise of their responsibility to provide quality representation of persons who are legally entitled to counsel but cannot afford to hire an attorney. The assistance provided by ILS includes distributing State funds and targeting grants to counties and New York City in support of innovative and cost- effective initiatives to enhance the quality of representation provided to people entitled to counsel under County Law Article 18-B.

Timeline for this Request for Applications

RFA Release Date	Wednesday, September 16, 2026
Applications Due By	Friday, October 30, 2026
Anticipated Award Announcement	Rolling, through November 2026
Tentative Funding Start Date	January 1, 2027

Intent of this Request for Applications

ILS announces the availability of funds and is soliciting applications from New York State counties for initiatives to improve the quality of representation provided in Family Court pursuant to County Law Article 18-B. This funding, approved as part of the Indigent Legal Services Board's June 2026 allocation plan, is intended to supplement other sources of ILS and county funding to initiate or expand projects to improve the quality of representation provided in Family Court matters under County Law Article 18-B, via caseload relief, enhanced access to specialized professionals, initiatives to ensure timely access to counsel, and robust training.

Funding and Contract Period

ILS plans to disburse awards ranging from \$200,000 and \$500,000 annually to counties who submit applications that comply with the requirements below **on a first-come, first-served basis**. ILS will amend the awardee counties' current Family Court representation contracts to include the additional funding, starting January 1, 2027. ILS intends to continue the funding awarded via this RFA on an ongoing basis in future Family Court representation contracts for the awardee counties, subject to the continued availability of state appropriations.

Eligibility

Only New York State counties that currently receive no more than \$250,000 a year in funding from ILS via a Family Defense or Quality Improvement for Family Court Representation grant contract are eligible to apply. The list of eligible counties are:

Allegany	Genesee	Orleans	Ulster
Broome	Greene	Oswego	Warren
Cattaraugus	Hamilton	Otsego	Washington
Cayuga	Herkimer	Putnam	Wayne
Chautauqua	Jefferson	Rensselaer	Westchester
Chemung	Lewis	Rockland	Wyoming
Chenango	Livingston	St. Lawrence	Yates
Clinton	Madison	Saratoga	
Columbia	Montgomery	Schenectady	
Cortland	Nassau	Schoharie	
Delaware	Niagara	Schuyler	
Dutchess	Oneida	Seneca	
Essex	Onondaga	Sullivan	
Franklin	Ontario	Tioga	
Fulton	Orange	Tompkins	

Applications must be submitted by an authorized county official or designated employee of the governing body of the applicant county. Eligible counties may only submit one application. There

is no funding match or any other cost to the county necessary to be awarded this grant.

Allowable Expenditures

Potential uses of the grant funding include, but are not limited to the following:

- *Caseload Relief* – Hiring attorneys and other staff to represent clients in County Law Article 18-B Family Court matters and/or initiatives to enhance retention of current staff.
- *Timely Access to Counsel* – Establish new programs or expand existing ones to deliver representation, legal advice, or both to people in Family Court matters even though a petition has not been filed in Family Court, including, for example, representation or legal advice to people being investigated by a Child Protective Services agency. Expenditures may also include community outreach initiatives to cultivate awareness of the right to assigned counsel for people who may be the subject of a child protective services investigation.
- *Interdisciplinary Representation* – Hiring the specialized, non-attorney professionals vital to an interdisciplinary, team-based approach to representation, making funding available to contract with specialized professionals, or both. Expenditures may also be used to hire student interns who can support and contribute to the interdisciplinary team-based approach.
- *Training* – Initiatives to provide access to training and Continuing Legal Education for team members providing representation in County Law Article 18-B Family Court matters.
- *Infrastructure Costs* – Infrastructure costs associated with hiring new staff and improving the quality of Family Court representation programs, including technology, office supplies, equipment, office furniture, space, legal reference materials, electronic legal research, and recruitment costs.

Expenditures must be allowable pursuant to the boilerplate New York State Contract for Grants, which can be found here: <https://www.budget.ny.gov/guide/bprm/h/h-1032-nys-contract-for-grants-2024.pdf>.

Funding for this RFA has been appropriated to improve the quality of County Law Article 18-B Family Court representation and is intended to supplement county resources for delivering such representation. Any funds awarded to a county pursuant to this RFA shall be used to supplement and not supplant any local funds, as defined in paragraph (c) of subdivision 2 of section 98-b of the State Finance Law, or state funds, including any funds distributed by the Office of Indigent Legal Services.

Application Submission

The following components must be included in the application for the submission to be complete:

- Identification of the county requesting funds.
- The authorized county official or designated employee of the applicant county's governing body to whom notification of a grant award shall be sent. Please include a name, title, phone number, mailing address, and email address.
- Written confirmation by the authorized county official or designated employee of the applicant county that if the county is awarded a grant, it will take the necessary steps to negotiate and execute the contract amendment with ILS and will work in good faith to allow the public defense provider or providers to implement the initiatives funded by this award.
- Identification of the public defense provider or providers who will receive the funding. Please include a contact person for each provider, including a name, title, phone number, mailing address, and email address.
- Total amount of funding requested by the county between \$200,000 and \$500,000 per year, in an increment of \$50,000. If the requested amount is not in an increment of \$50,000, ILS may round the award amount up or down to the nearest \$50,000 increment. If funding is intended for more than one public defense provider in the county, please include a breakdown of how much each public defense provider will receive.
- A lined-out budget for how the funding will be used, submitted in a format consistent with the attached budget template in Attachment A. The budget for the proposed project(s) must be consistent with the above-stated intent of the RFA. A fillable Excel spreadsheet version of Attachment A is available to download on the ILS website at: https://www.ils.ny.gov/funding/pending_rfps/index.php.
- A description of how the funding will be used to improve the quality of Family Court representation provided pursuant to County Law Article 18-B.

Please note: an application that does not comply with all the above requirements will be returned to the submitting county within two business days with an explanation of what must be included and re-submitted to be considered timely received.

Applications should be submitted via email to RFP@ils.ny.gov using the subject line **Quality Improvement for Family Court Representation RFA**. All required components of the application listed above must be included in the electronic submission.

Application Selection

ILS will award grants up to a total of \$3,000,000 annually based on complete applications received on a first-come, first-served basis.

Applications will be reviewed and successful applicants will be notified by ILS of funding decisions on a rolling basis. We anticipate making such notifications no later than November 2026. All commitments are subject to the continued availability of state funds.

The contract amendment process and final contracts are subject to the approval of the New York State Attorney General and the Office of State Comptroller (“OSC”). Upon such approvals, the terms of the contract become public information.

As part of the grant award process, the grantee and ILS will establish a mutually agreed upon final budget and work plan, which become the contract deliverables.

ILS reserves the right to negotiate with successful applicants, prior to issuing a contract amendment, regarding work plans, budget line levels, and other issues raised within the application to achieve maximum impact from the grant award. If unable to negotiate the contract with the selected applicants within 60 days from the funding decision notice, ILS may withdraw the award and begin contract negotiations with the next timeliest-received applicant(s).

ATTACHMENT A BUDGET FORM

County	
Budget Contact Person's Name	
Phone	
Email Address	

1. Personnel:	
Position/Title	Annual Budget
Subtotal Personnel	

2. Contracted/Consultant Services:	
Service	Annual Budget
Subtotal Contractual/Consultant	

3. OTPS:	
Item	Annual Budget
Subtotal OTPS	

Total	
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