

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

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

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

PROCLAMATIONS

Designating July 20 –July 26, 2026 as “Putnam County 4–H Showcase Week”

Legislator Sayegh presented the proclamation to Stefanie Hubert, Executive Director of Cornell Cooperative Extension of Putnam County.

Executive Director Hubert thanked the Legislature for its continued support and invited the community to the Putnam County 4-H Showcase on July 25 and 26, 2026. She highlighted youth and adult exhibits, Revolutionary War reenactments and the event's first corgi races.

Item #4 – Correspondence

- a) County Auditor was duly noted.

There was no activity during this reporting period.

Item #5 – Pre–filed resolutions:

**BUDGET & FINANCE COMMITTEE
(All Legislators)**

Item #5a – Approval – 2027 Decentralized Budget Review Process for Preparation and Adoption of the 2027 County Budget was next. On behalf of the members of the Budget & Finance Committee, Chairman Birmingham moved the following:

Chairman Birmingham explained that the annual process provides the Administration with the Legislature's policy and practice guidelines for preparing the Tentative Budget. He noted additions requiring all departmental requests to be shown and requesting greater detail concerning County vehicles.

RESOLUTION #155

APPROVAL – 2027 DECENTRALIZED BUDGET REVIEW PROCESS

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.

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

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

(Chairwoman Addonizio, Legislators Russo & Sayegh)

Item #5b: Approval – Budgetary Transfer (26T132) – Sheriff – Reallocate monies to fund Special Patrol Officers (SPO) to move personnel resources to security and administrative duties was next. On behalf of the members of the Personnel Committee, Legislator Russo moved the following:

RESOLUTION #156

APPROVAL – BUDGETARY TRANSFER (26T132) – SHERIFF – REALLOCATE MONIES TO FUND SPECIAL PATROL OFFICERS (SPO) TO MOVE PERSONNEL RESOURCES TO SECURITY AND ADMINISTRATIVE DUTIES

WHEREAS, the Sheriff requested a Budgetary Transfer (26T132) to move personnel resources to security and administrative duties; 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 Appropriations:

13311000 51094	Sheriff Communications – Temporary	115,648
13311000 58002	Sheriff Communications – FICA	8,847
		124,495

Decrease Appropriations:

15311000 51000 15103	Personnel Services – Civil Division (Deputy)	9,957
15311000 58002	FICA – Civil Division	762
17311000 51000 17115	Personnel Services – Road Patrol (Deputy)	34,441
17311000 51000 17137	Personnel Services – Road Patrol (Deputy)	36,499

17311000 51000 17140	Personnel Services – Road Patrol (Deputy)	34,751
17311000 58002	FICA – Road Patrol	8,085
		124,495

2026 Fiscal Impact – 0 –
2027 Fiscal Impact – 0 –

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

Item #5c: Approval – Fund Transfer (26T137) – Emergency Services – Funding to Cover 911 Dispatch Center Overtime was next. On behalf of the members of the Personnel Committee, Legislator Russo moved the following:

RESOLUTION #157

APPROVAL – FUND TRANSFER (26T137) – EMERGENCY SERVICES – FUNDING TO COVER 911 DISPATCH CENTER OVERTIME

WHEREAS, the Emergency Services requested a Fund Transfer (26T137) – Emergency Services to cover 911 Dispatch Center Overtime; and

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

RESOLVED, that the following budgetary amendment; be made:

Decrease:		
13398900 54520	E911 Phone Equipment	100,000

Increase:		
13398900 51093	Overtime	100,000

2026 Fiscal Impact – 0 –
2027 Fiscal Impact – 0 –

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

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

Item #5d: Approval – Local Law to Amend Chapter 55, Section 55–12 of the Putnam County Code Entitled “Board of Ethics Establishment; Qualifications of Members; Appointment of Members; Term of Office” was next. On behalf of the members of the Rules, Enactments & Intergovernmental Relations Committee, Legislator Sayegh moved the following:

Legislator D'Angelo supported the proposal. He explained that all five members were nominated by the County Executive, subject only to confirmation by the Legislature. Under proposed Section 55-12(A), the County Executive would nominate two members, the Chairman of the Legislature would nominate one member, the full Legislature would nominate one member and the Minority Leader would nominate one member, with every nominee subject to confirmation by a majority of the full Legislature. He stated that distributing the nominations would improve the Board's independence, balance, transparency and public credibility.

Legislator Crowley proposed an amendment to Section 55-12(A) and subsection (i) so that the County Executive would nominate two members and the full Legislature, acting at large, would nominate the remaining three members. Her amendment would remove the separate nominations by the Chairman and Minority Leader, with each Legislator having an equal opportunity to participate in the nomination process. She stated that the amendment would make the process collaborative and nonpartisan and would base appointments on a candidate's integrity, experience and commitment to service.

Legislator Crowley made a motion to make the aforementioned amendment; Seconded by Legislator Russo.

Legislator Sayegh agreed that the process required greater transparency and checks and balances. She emphasized the immediate need for a functioning Board.

Legislative Counsel Abissi confirmed that a substantive amendment would require the amended local law to age for ten days, but that the Legislature could adopt the proposal as presented and consider additional amendments later.

Legislator Montgomery opposed eliminating the Minority Leader's designated nomination, stating that one minority nomination out of five would provide balance while the majority of the Legislature retained confirmation authority.

Legislator Regan stated that the local law had been reviewed in committee and that a substantive amendment would delay adoption because the revised local law would have to be returned to committee and age for ten days.

Legislator D'Angelo stated that his priority is establishing a functioning Board and that he could accept the amendment if it secured passage.

Legislator Regan stated that only two of the five Board positions were filled and urged adoption of the proposal that had been approved by the Rules Committee.

Chairman Birmingham stated that the amendment would also require conforming revisions throughout Section 55-12 because subsection (i) would otherwise be inconsistent with paragraph A. He opposed delaying creation of the new appointment structure and stated that further amendments could be considered at a later Rules Committee meeting.

By roll call vote: Three Ayes. Five Nays: Legislator D'Angelo, Legislator Montgomery, Legislator Regan, Legislator Sayegh, and Chairman Birmingham. Legislator Addonizio was absent. Motion failed.

Legislator Russo proposed an amendment to subsection i(4) by changing the sentence stating that Seat 4 would be selected by the “Chair Legislature” to state that “Seat four shall be selected by the Full Legislature,” thereby conforming subsection i(4) to the appointment structure stated in Section 55-12(A).

Legislator Russo made a motion to make the proposed amendment; Seconded by Chairman Birmingham.

Chairman Birmingham explained that per Legislative Counsel Abissi, Section 55-12(A) controlled and that the inconsistent wording in subsection i(4) was an obvious typographical or scrivener’s error. Legislative Counsel Abissi stated that the correction was ministerial, did not change the substance of the proposed local law and did not require the local law to age for another ten days.

By roll call vote: Eight Ayes. Legislator Addonizio was absent. Motion carries.

Legislator Gouldman proposed an amendment to Section 55-12(A) by deleting the sentence stating: “If the Legislature is controlled by only one political party, the nomination shall instead be made by the leader of the largest non-controlling political party based on voter registration.” Legislator Gouldman stated that, as both a Legislator and a political party chair, he did not believe a party chair should be authorized to make a Board of Ethics nomination because a party chair is selected by members of that party rather than by all County voters.

Legislator Gouldman made a motion to make the proposed amendment; Seconded by Legislator Russo.

Legislator D’Angelo stated that the proposed alternative resembled other governmental structures in which political parties submit nominees, but emphasized that the nominee would not be appointed unless confirmed by a majority of the full Legislature.

Legislator Russo agreed that the provision would expressly assign a governmental nomination to a political party official and supported its deletion.

Legislators Montgomery opposed deleting the provision, stating that it preserved minority participation if the Legislature were controlled entirely by one party and still left final approval with the Legislature.

Legislator Regan stated regardless, there will be some level of politics involved because the elected officials putting the nominations forward will be associated with a political party.

Chairman Birmingham stated that in the history of the Putnam County Legislature, it had only been controlled entirely by one political party from 2015 through 2018 during the nearly fifty years since adoption of the County Charter. He stated that the provision would therefore apply only in an uncommon circumstance, would affect only one of the five nominations and would not prevent the full Legislature from accepting or rejecting the nominee.

By roll call vote: Three Ayes. Five Nays: Legislator D'Angelo, Legislator Montgomery, Legislator Regan, Legislator Sayegh, and Chairman Birmingham. . Legislator Addonizio was absent. Motion fails.

Legislator Crowley made a motion to postpone the proposed local law; Seconded by Legislator Russo.

By roll call vote: Three Ayes. Five Nays: Legislator D'Angelo, Legislator Montgomery, Legislator Regan, Legislator Sayegh and Chairman Birmingham. Legislator Addonizio was absent. Motion fails.

Legislator D'Angelo urged adoption of the amended local law so the County could establish a five-member Board of Ethics, noting that further amendments could be considered later.

Legislator Sayegh also supported adoption but stated that the Rules Committee should subsequently address the transparency of the application and interview process so the full Legislature could review the individuals who applied, rather than receiving only the nominees selected for confirmation.

RESOLUTION #158

APPROVAL/ LOCAL LAW TO AMEND CHAPTER 55, SECTION 55–12 OF THE PUTNAM COUNTY CODE ENTITLED “BOARD OF ETHICS ESTABLISHMENT; QUALIFICATIONS OF MEMBERS; APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS; TERM OF OFFICE”

WHEREAS, the Putnam County Legislature finds that balance of powers between branches of government is a core protection grounded in our nation’s foundational documents; and

WHEREAS, the Putnam County Legislature finds that accountability to an ethical code and ethical standards should hold both branches of government equally accountable; and

WHEREAS, if the candidates for the ethics board are unilaterally selected by one branch of government even with confirmation required, there is an unconscious bias built into the selection process; and

WHEREAS, the Legislature hereby seeks to remedy this issue, by amending the County Ethics Code; now therefore be it

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

Section 1.

Chapter 55, Section 55–12 of the Putnam County Code is hereby amended to read as follows:

§ 55–12 Board of Ethics establishment; qualifications of members; appointment of members; term of office.

A. A Board of Ethics is hereby created consisting of five (5) members. Two (2) members

shall be nominated by the County Executive, one (1) member shall be nominated by the Chairman of the Legislature, one (1) member shall be nominated by simple majority vote of the full Legislature, and one (1) member shall be nominated by the Minority Leader of the Legislature. If the Legislature is controlled by only one political party, the nomination shall instead be made by the leader of the largest non-controlling political party based on voter registration. All nominations must be confirmed by a simple majority vote of the Legislature to be selected for appointment. For purposes of this section, "Minority Leader" means the legislator who belongs to the political party that does not control the Legislature and has the greatest number of registered voters.

Any Board of Ethics established prior to this enactment under a different appointment process is hereby dissolved, and a new Board shall be appointed in accordance with this section.

i. The selections for nominations shall be for specific designated seats as follows:

1. Seat one shall be selected by the County Executive
2. Seat two shall be selected by the Chair of the Legislature
3. Seat three shall be selected by the County Executive
4. Seat four shall be selected by the Full Legislature
5. Seat five shall be selected by the Minority Leader

ii. Should any seat become vacant, it shall be filled in the same manner as specifically designated.

B. The members of the Board of Ethics shall reside in the County of Putnam.

C. No member of the Board of Ethics may be an appointed officer or employee of the County.

D. No Board of Ethics member shall hold office in a political party or be employed or act as a lobbyist or hold elected office in the County.

E. Board members will serve for a two (2) year term, beginning from their date of appointment.

F. A Board of Ethics member shall serve until his or her successor has been appointed.

G. The members of the Board of Ethics shall not receive compensation but shall be reimbursed for reasonable expenses incurred in the performance of their official duties.

H. Any hearing to be held, must be heard before and voted on by the entire Board of Ethics by majority vote. In the case of a conflict of interest in any matter, the ethics complaint giving rise to the conflict shall be referred to another County's Board of Ethics. At no time shall a single outside counsel be called upon to render an opinion in place of the Board of Ethics. A conflict of interest may be raised by any member of the board, any complainant, or any subject of a complaint. Any such conflict must be voted on and a written decision rendered as to whether the board believes it can be fair and impartial by an appearance of impropriety standard. If the board determines it cannot be fair and impartial in the handling of any ethics complaint, referral to another County's Board of Ethics shall be requested by

the Board of Ethics, and such referral shall be coordinated by the Confidential Secretary of the Ethics Board.

Section 2. This Local Law shall take effect immediately.

BY ROLL CALL VOTE: FIVE AYES. THREE NAYS – LEGISLATORS CROWLEY, GOULDMAN AND RUSSO. LEGISLATOR ADDONIZIO WAS ABSENT. MOTION CARRIES.

Item #5e: Approval – Local Law to Amend the Code of the County of Putnam by Adding Chapter 222, Entitled “Transparency Act” was next. On behalf of the members of the Rules, Enactments & Intergovernmental Relations Committee, Legislator Sayegh moved the following:

RESOLUTION #159

APPROVAL – LOCAL LAW TO AMEND THE CODE OF THE COUNTY OF PUTNAM BY ADDING CHAPTER 222, ENTITLED “TRANSPARENCY ACT”

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

Section I.

Chapter 222 of the Code of the County of Putnam is hereby added as provided hereinafter:

CHAPTER 222

TRANSPARENCY ACT

§ 222–1 Title.

§ 222–2 Legislative intent.

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

§ 222–4 Severability.

§ 222–1 Title.

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

§ 222–2 Legislative intent.

The Legislature finds that County processes and resources are often confusing and/or hard to locate. The Legislature wants taxpayers to have easy access to information and the ability to access and understand the County process. It is further the Legislature’s intent to provide transparency in County government by ensuring Legislative meetings and Executive public hearings are available to the public through a readily accessible live streaming platform, except in the event of technology failure.

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

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

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

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

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

§ 222–4 Severability.

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

Section II.

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

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

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

Item #5f: Approval – Hudson Valley Public Health Collaborative New York State Association of County Health Officials (NYSACHO) Immunization Action Plan Award was next. On behalf of the members of the Health, Social, Educational & Environmental Committee, Legislator Montgomery moved the following:

RESOLUTION #160

APPROVAL – HUDSON VALLEY PUBLIC HEALTH COLLABORATIVE NEW YORK STATE ASSOCIATION OF COUNTY HEALTH OFFICIALS (NYSACHO) IMMUNIZATION ACTION PLAN AWARD

WHEREAS, Section 5–2 (E) of the Putnam County Code provides that an applicant of any grant application that does not require any County matching funds shall notify the

Putnam County Legislature of the submission of a grant application. In the event the Legislature objects to such grant application, the applicant shall withdraw it forthwith; and

WHEREAS, Section 5-1 (D) of the Putnam County Code provides in the case where time is of the essence and Legislative approval before submission is not possible, that an application be made and shall be furnished to the Legislature for consideration; and

WHEREAS, The New York State Association of County Health Officials (NYSACHO) is a not-for-profit association with 501(c)(3) tax-exempt status, representing local health departments (LHDs) in New York State; and

WHEREAS, NYSACHO, with support from the New York State Department of Health (NYSDOH), intends to award up to twenty (20) grants, in amounts of up to \$5,000 each, to support local Immunization Action Plan projects; and

WHEREAS, the grant with an application deadline of May 1, 2026 required is no matching funds on the part of the County; and

WHEREAS, Putnam County and regional partners including Orange, Rockland, Westchester, Sullivan counties through their respective health departments collaboratively produced a Hudson Valley Regional Community Health Assessment; and

WHEREAS, in such document several data indicators pointed to declines in immunization rates that impact communities across the region; and

WHEREAS, NYSACHO will provide funding in the amount of \$25,000, to The Hudson Valley Public Health Collaborative (HVPHC) via the Putnam County Department of Health to support the Immunization Action Plan Projects, as described in The Hudson Valley Public Health Collaborative (HVPHC) application; and

WHEREAS, the Health Committee has reviewed and approved of this grant application; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Putnam County Legislature approves and authorizes the Putnam County Department of Health to accept the award for the Immunization Action Plan project as outlined in the grant application.

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

Item #5g: Approval – Budgetary Amendment (26A049) – Public Health Director – NYS Association of County Health Officials (NYSACHO) Immunization Action Plan Award was next. On behalf of the members of the Health, Social, Educational & Environmental Committee, Legislator Montgomery moved the following:

RESOLUTION #161

APPROVAL – BUDGETARY AMENDMENT (26A049) – PUBLIC HEALTH DIRECTOR – NYS ASSOCIATION OF COUNTY HEALTH OFFICIALS (NYSACHO) IMMUNIZATION ACTION PLAN AWARD

WHEREAS, the Public Health Director requested a Budgetary Amendment (26A049) to adjust the Health Department Budget to ensure the Health Department provides programs which align with the approved uses of the funds; and

WHEREAS, the Health, Social, Educational & Environmental Committee and the Audit & Administration Committee have reviewed and approved said budgetary amendment; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the following budgetary amendment; be made:

Increase Estimated Appropriations:

11017000 54646 10244 NYSACHO Immunization Action Plan Contracts 25,000

Increase Estimated Revenues:

11017000 44401B 10244 NYSACHO Immunization Action Plan Grant 25,000

2026 Fiscal Impact – 0 –

2027 Fiscal Impact – 0 –

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

Item #5h: Approval – Budgetary Transfer (26T139) – Public Health Director – Funding for Deputy Director position – Prorated Effective June 1, 2026 was next. On behalf of the members of the Health, Social, Educational & Environmental Committee, Legislator Montgomery moved the following:

RESOLUTION #162

APPROVAL – BUDGETARY TRANSFER (26T139) – PUBLIC HEALTH DIRECTOR – FUNDING FOR DEPUTY DIRECTOR POSITION – PRORATED EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2026

WHEREAS, the Public Health Director requested a Budgetary Transfer (26A046) to fund a salary, prorated to June 1, 2026, of a new position in the County Health Department, Deputy Director; 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 Estimate Appropriations:

10401000 51000 (122) Personnel Services – Admin Deputy Director 80,245

Decrease Estimated Appropriations:

**12401000 51000 (102) Personnel Services – Environmental Health 80,245
Director**

2026 Fiscal Impact – 0 –

2027 Fiscal Impact – 0 –

BY ROLL CALL VOTE: SIX AYES. TWO NAYS – LEGISLATORS MONTGOMERY AND BIRMINGHAM. LEGISLATOR ADDONIZIO WAS ABSENT. MOTION CARRIES.

PROTECTIVE SERVICES COMMITTEE

(Chairman Regan, Legislators Addonizio & Montgomery)

Item #5i: Approval – Budgetary Amendment (26A046) – Sheriff – Use of T-Commission Reserve Funds – Purchase Furniture for Renovated Conference Room was next. On behalf of the members of the Protective Services Committee, Legislator Regan moved the following:

RESOLUTION #163

APPROVAL – BUDGETARY AMENDMENT (26A046) – SHERIFF – USE OF T-COMMISSION RESERVE FUNDS – PURCHASE FURNITURE FOR RENOVATED CONFERENCE ROOM

WHEREAS, the Sheriff requested a Budgetary Amendment (26A046) to use T-Commission Reserve Funds to purchase furniture for renovated conference room in the Sheriff's Office and Correctional Facility; and

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

Increase Revenue:

10315000 426605	Sheriff– Jail– T Commission Use of Reserve	9,790.49
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Increase Appropriations:

10315000 52110	Sheriff– Jail– Furniture & Furnishings	9,790.49
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2026 Fiscal Impact – 0 –

2027 Fiscal Impact – 0 –

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

Item #5j: Approval – Budgetary Amendment (26A050) – Commissioner Bureau of Emergency Services account for the Statewide Interoperable Communications Targeted Grant received was next. On behalf of the members of the Protective Services Committee, Legislator Regan moved the following:

RESOLUTION #164

BUDGETARY AMENDMENT (26A050) – COMMISSIONER OF BUREAU OF EMERGENCY SERVICES ACCOUNT FOR THE STATEWIDE INTEROPERABLE COMMUNICATIONS TARGETED GRANT RECEIVED

WHEREAS, the Commissioner of Bureau of Emergency Services requested a Budgetary Amendment (26A050) to account for the Statewide Interoperable Communications Targeted Grant received; and

WHEREAS, the Legislature was notified of the application for this non-matching grant at the Protective Services Committee meeting on June, 10, 2025; and

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

Increase Estimated Appropriations:

53097000 53000 51601	Interoperable Communications Targeted Grant	3,000,000
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Increase Estimated Revenues:

53097000 433971 51601	State Aid – Interoperable Communications Targeted Grant	3,000,000
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2026 Fiscal Impact – 0 –
2027 Fiscal Impact – 0 –

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

Item #5k: Approval – No Match – Grant Application – Bureau Of Emergency Services – SFY2025 & SFY2026 Statewide Interoperable Communications Grant (SICG) Program was next. On behalf of the members of the Protective Services Committee, Legislator Regan moved the following:

RESOLUTION #165

APPROVAL – NO MATCH – GRANT APPLICATION – BUREAU OF EMERGENCY SERVICES – SFY2025 & SFY2026 STATEWIDE INTEROPERABLE COMMUNICATIONS GRANT (SICG) PROGRAM

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

WHEREAS, Section 5–1 (D) of the Putnam County Code provides in the case where time is of the essence and Legislative approval before submission is not possible, that an application be made and shall be furnished to the Legislature for consideration; and

WHEREAS, the Bureau of Emergency Services has requested approval for the grant application under the SFY2025 & SFY2026 Statewide Interoperable Communications Grant (SICG) Program; and

WHEREAS, the total State Budget for 2025 & 2026 (State Fiscal Years 2025 & 2026) appropriates \$45 million each fiscal year in grants, which is appropriated from the Statewide Public Safety Communications Account and is distributed on a formula basis among the counties that apply; and

WHEREAS, this grant is a 100% reimbursement grant with no matching funds required; and

WHEREAS, the funds would be used towards Radio Communications; and

WHEREAS, the Grant Performance Period is from 1/01/2026 through 12/31/2030; and

WHEREAS, the application deadline: June 17, 2026 by 5:00pm; and

WHEREAS, the Protective Services Committee has considered and approved of this grant application; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Putnam County Legislature approves and authorizes the Putnam County Bureau of Emergency Services to apply for this grant under the SFY2025 & SFY2026 Statewide Interoperable Communications Grant (SICG) Program.

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

Item #5L: Approval – No Match – Grant Application – Bureau Of Emergency Services – SFY2025 & SFY2026 Public Safety Answering Point (PSAP) Operations Grant Program was next. On behalf of the members of the Protective Services Committee, Legislator Regan moved the following:

RESOLUTION #166

APPROVAL – NO MATCH – GRANT APPLICATION – BUREAU OF EMERGENCY SERVICES – SFY2025 & SFY2026 PUBLIC SAFETY ANSWERING POINT (PSAP) OPERATIONS GRANT PROGRAM

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

WHEREAS, Section 5–1 (D) of the Putnam County Code provides in the case where time is of the essence and Legislative approval before submission is not possible, that an application be made and shall be furnished to the Legislature for consideration; and

WHEREAS, the Bureau of Emergency Services has requested approval for the grant application under the SFY2025 & SFY2026 Public Safety Answering Point (PSAP) Operations Grant; and

WHEREAS, the total State Budget for 2025 & 2026 (State Fiscal Years 2025 & 2026) appropriates \$10 million each fiscal year, a combined allocation total of \$20 million in grants to eligible applicants in support of operations and improvements of PSAPs; and

WHEREAS, the PSAP Operations Grant Program supports an awardee's existing operations and also encourages the development of Next Generation 911 (NG911) technologies and Geographic Information System (GIS) data needed for NG911; and

WHEREAS, this grant is a 100% reimbursement grant with no matching funds required; and

WHEREAS, the Grant Performance Period is from 1/01/2026 through 12/31/2028; and

WHEREAS, the application deadline: June 5, 2026 by 5:00pm; and

WHEREAS, the Protective Services Committee has considered and approved of this grant application; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Putnam County Legislature approves and authorizes the Putnam County Bureau of Emergency Services to apply for this grant under the SFY2025 & SFY2026 Public Safety Answering Point (PSAP) Operations Grant Program.

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

Item #5m: Approval – Confirmation – Re-Appointments – Putnam County Emergency Services Safety Advisory Board – Cuomo, DiMarco, Prentice & Lewis was next. On behalf of the members of the Protective Services Committee, Legislator Regan moved the following:

RESOLUTION #167

APPROVAL – CONFIRMATION – RE-APPOINTMENTS – PUTNAM COUNTY EMERGENCY SERVICES SAFETY ADVISORY BOARD – CUOMO, DIMARCO, PRENTICE & LEWIS

WHEREAS, Section 25–38 of the Putnam County Code provides for the appointment of members of the Putnam County Emergency Services Safety Advisory Board by the County Executive subject to confirmation by the Putnam County Legislature; and

WHEREAS, the County Executive has re-appointed the following:

Robert Cuomo, Chairman, representing the Bureau of Emergency Services, for a three (3) year term commencing January 1, 2026, said term to expire December 31, 2028.

Frank DiMarco, representing the Chief's Association, for a three (3) year term commencing January 1, 2026, said term to expire December 31, 2028.

Nat Prentice, representing the Putnam County Community for a three (3) year term commencing January 1, 2026, said term to expire December 31, 2028.

Catherine Lewis, representing the EMS Council for a three (3) year term commencing January 1, 2026, said term to expire December 31, 2028.

WHEREAS, the Protective Services Committee of the Putnam County Legislature has reviewed and approved said appointments; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that pursuant to Section 25–38(B) of the Putnam County Code, the Putnam County Legislature hereby confirms the above appointments to the Putnam County Emergency Services Safety Advisory Board made by the County Executive; and be it further

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

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

Item #5n: Approval – Confirmation – Appointment – Putnam County Emergency Services Safety Advisory Board – Bradley was next. On behalf of the members of the Protective Services Committee, Legislator Regan moved the following:

RESOLUTION #168

APPROVAL – CONFIRMATION – APPOINTMENT – PUTNAM COUNTY EMERGENCY SERVICES SAFETY ADVISORY BOARD – BRADLEY

WHEREAS, Section 25–38 of the Putnam County Code provides for the appointment of members of the Putnam County Emergency Services Safety Advisory Board by the County Executive subject to confirmation by the Putnam County Legislature; and

WHEREAS, the County Executive has appointed the following:

Robert Bradley, as the EMS Council Representative, filling an unexpired three (3) year term, said to expire December 31, 2026.

WHEREAS, the Protective Services Committee of the Putnam County Legislature has reviewed and approved said appointments; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that pursuant to Section 25–38(B) of the Putnam County Code, the Putnam County Legislature hereby confirms the above appointments to the Putnam County Emergency Services Safety Advisory Board made by the County Executive; and be it further

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

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

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

Item #5o: Approval – Budgetary Amendment (26A047) – Finance – Donation From Enoch Crosby Chapter NSDAR and Vincent T. Dacquino – Restoration Of Sybil Ludington Statue was next. On behalf of the members of the Physical Services Committee, Legislator Gouldman moved the following:

RESOLUTION #169

APPROVAL – APPROVAL – BUDGETARY AMENDMENT (26A047) – FINANCE – DONATIONS FROM: ENOCH CROSBY CHAPTER NSDAR AND VINCENT T. DACQUINO – RESTORATION OF SYBIL LUDINGTON STATUE

WHEREAS, Commissioner of Finance requested a Budgetary Amendment (26A047) to adjust the capital budget to account for a donation from Enoch Crosby Chapter NSDAR and Vincent T. Dacquino to fund the restoration of the Sybil Ludington Statue (Sybil Statue); and

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

CAPITAL FUND:

Increase Appropriations:

55197000 53000 52522	Outside Donations – Sybil Statue Renovation	1,150
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Increase Revenues:

55197000 427051 52522	Capital Expenditures – Sybil Statue Renovation	1,150
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**2026 Fiscal Impact – 0 –
2027 Fiscal Impact – 0 –**

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

Item #5p: Approval – Budgetary Amendment (26A048) – Department of Public Works (DPW) – Funds to cover costs incurred for the Capital Project – 50309 – Maybrook Bikeway II, Phase A – PIN 8756.84 “Bridge 5” project as was next. On behalf of the members of the Physical Services Committee, Legislator Gouldman moved the following:

RESOLUTION #170

APPROVAL – BUDGETARY AMENDMENT (26A048) – DEPARTMENT PUBLIC WORKS (DPW) – FUNDS TO COVER COSTS INCURRED FOR THE CAPITAL PROJECT – 50309 – MAYBROOK BIKEWAY II, PHASE A – PIN 8756.84 “BRIDGE 5” PROJECT

WHEREAS, Commissioner of Department of Public Works requested a Budgetary Amendment (26A048) to cover the overall funding shortfall of \$437,960.00 related to Capital Project 50309 – Maybrook Bikeway II, Phase A – PIN 8756.84 “Bridge 5” 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:

GENERAL FUND:

Increase Estimated Appropriations:

10990100 59020	Transfer to Capital Fund	437,960
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Increase Estimated Revenues:

10131000 427112	Use of Capital Reserve	437,960
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CAPITAL FUND:

Increase Estimated Appropriations:

55997000 53000 50309	Maybrook Bikeway II Phase A Pin 8756.84	437,960
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Increase Estimated Revenues:

55997000 428601 50309	Transfer From General Fund	437,960
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2026 Fiscal Impact – 0 –

2027 Fiscal Impact – 0 –

Item #5q: Approval – Utility Easement – Carmel Tax Map #53.19–1–12 & 64.7–1–5 (Stocum Avenue and Brook Street) was next. On behalf of the members of the Physical Services Committee, Legislator Gouldman moved the following:

RESOLUTION #171

APPROVAL – UTILITY EASEMENT – CARMEL TAX MAP # 53.19–1–12 & 64.7–1–5 (Stocum Avenue & Brook Street)

WHEREAS, the County is currently the record owner of certain parcels of real property located on Stocum Avenue and Brook Street in the Town of Carmel, County of Putnam and State of New York, which are identified as Tax Map Parcel Nos.: 53.19–1–12 & 64.7–1–5 (hereinafter the “Parcels”); and

WHEREAS, the Town of Carmel is currently undertaking the Stocum Avenue Bridge replacement project in the vicinity of the Parcels, which involves the replacement of a certain culvert near Kirk Lake that was severely damaged by a storm affecting the region on July 9, 2023 (hereinafter the “Project”); and

WHEREAS, as part of the Project the Town of Carmel has requested that the New York State Electric and Gas Corporation relocate the existing electric line on the Parcels; and

WHEREAS, New York State Electric and Gas Corporation has furnished a proposed utility easement, which permits the New York State Electric and Gas Corporation to relocate the existing electric line on the Parcels; and

WHEREAS, the Putnam County Department of Public Works engineers have reviewed the proposed utility easement (a copy of which is attached hereto and made a part hereof as Exhibit "A"), and have determined same to be acceptable; and

WHEREAS, the Putnam County Attorney has reviewed and approved the proposed utility easement as to form; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that Putnam County Legislature hereby approves and authorizes the subject utility easement in the form and content attached hereto and made a part hereof as Exhibit "A"; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Putnam County Executive is authorized to execute said utility easement on behalf of the County, which shall thereafter be recorded in the Putnam County Clerk's Office, Division of Land Records; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the County Attorney is authorized to take whatever legal action is necessary to effectuate said utility easement in the manner approved herein and as written; and be it further

RESOLVED, that this Resolution shall take effect immediately.

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

Item #5r: Approval/Rescinding Resolutions #319 Of 2019 And #280 Of 2021 Authorizing Sale of County Property Pursuant to Chapter 31 of the Putnam County Code / 34 Gleneida Ave, Town of Carmel for \$600,000 was next. On behalf of the members of the Physical Services Committee, Legislator Gouldman moved the following:

RESOLUTION #172

APPROVAL – RESCINDING RESOLUTIONS #319 of 2019 AND #280 of 2021 AUTHORIZING SALE OF COUNTY PROPERTY PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 31 OF THE PUTNAM COUNTY CODE – 34 GLENEIDA AVE, TOWN OF CARMEL FOR \$600,000

WHEREAS, the County is the fee owner of a certain improved parcel of real property identified as 34 Gleneida Avenue, Carmel, New York (portion of Town of Carmel Tax Map Number 44.18–1–28.1) (hereinafter the "Property"); and

WHEREAS, the Property is no longer needed for use by the County; and

WHEREAS, the County recognizes the inherent value and utility of property within the County complex; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Resolution #319 of 2019, the Putnam County Legislature previously authorized the County Executive to offer the Property for sale through the applicable Multiple Listing Service utilizing the services of a licensed real estate broker under contract with the County; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Resolution #280 of 2021, the Putnam County Legislature previously approved the property to be offered for sale at \$600,000.00; and

WHEREAS, the Property has been listed on the applicable Multiple Listing Service; and

WHEREAS, by and through that listing County has received an offer from a prospective purchaser for the Property which the Putnam County Legislature has rejected finding that it is not in the best interests of the County to sell the property; and

WHEREAS, the Legislature has reviewed all available options and has hereby:

RESOLVED, that Resolutions #319 of 2019 and Resolution #280 of 2021 are hereby rescinding, and the Multiple Listing Service lists should be immediately taken down; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the County Executive is no longer authorized execute any Contract for the Sale of the Property; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the County Attorney is authorized to take all necessary steps to effect the terms of this Resolution.

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

Item #5s: Approval – Putnam County’s Annual Public Transportation Agency Safety Plan Update in Conformance with and as Required by the U.S. Department of Transportation’s Final Rule (49 C.F.R. Part 673) was next. On behalf of the members of the Physical Services Committee, Legislator Gouldman moved the following:

RESOLUTION #173

APPROVAL – PUTNAM COUNTY’S ANNUAL PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION AGENCY SAFETY PLAN UPDATE IN CONFORMANCE WITH AND AS REQUIRED BY THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION’S FINAL RULE (49 C.F.R. PART 673)

WHEREAS, the U.S. Department of Transportation, by and through the Federal Transit Administration (“FTA”), provides funding and/or financial assistance to transit providers to, among other things, develop new transportation systems and improve, maintain and operate existing systems; and

WHEREAS, the County of Putnam (“County”) is a direct recipient of FTA funding and/or financial assistance and, as such, must comply with FTA rules and regulations, more particularly, as set forth in 49 C.F.R. Part 673 *et seq.* (“Final Rule”); and

WHEREAS, the Final Rule requires that recipients of FTA grant funds and/or financial assistance under 49 U.S.C. Sec. 5307 and operate a public transportation system must develop a Public Transportation Agency Safety Plan (“Safety Plan”) that includes the processes and procedures necessary for implementing Safety Management Systems (“SMS”); and

WHEREAS, the SMS components of the Safety Plan include, without limitation, safety management policy, safety risk management, safety assurance, and safety promotion; and

WHEREAS, the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law amends FTA’s final rule under 49 U.S.C. Sec. 5329(d)(5) to require recipients receiving Section 5307 funding and serving an urbanized area greater than 200,000 to establish a Safety Committee. As such, the County will continue to utilize MV Transportation’s previously established Committee consisting of three management and three frontline employee representatives; and

WHEREAS, in September 2024, FTA published General Directive 24–1 which requires transit agencies as part of their Safety Plan to conduct a safety risk assessment related to assaults on transit workers using the Safety Management System (SMS) processes, identify safety risk mitigations or strategies necessary as a result of the safety risk assessment; and provide information to FTA on how they are assessing, mitigating, and monitoring the safety risk associated with assaults on transit workers; and

WHEREAS, the County, as a transit operator, is required to certify annually that it has developed/ updated its Safety Plan and such Plan meets all of the requirements of the Final Rule; and

WHEREAS, the County, by and through the Department of Planning, Development and Public Transportation, in furtherance of the objectives of 49 C.F.R. Part 673 *et seq.*,

has updated its Safety Plan pursuant to the Final Rule, such Safety Plan attached hereto as Exhibit "A;" now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the County Executive, together with the Putnam County Legislature, hereby supports the County's continued participation in approved FTA services, programs and activities, as well as continuing to support the County's actions to meet eligibility requirements in order to receive FTA funding and financial assistance; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the County Executive, together with the Putnam County Legislature, hereby supports and approves for submission by the Department of Planning, Development and Public Transportation to the FTA the County's Safety Plan for review and approval, which Safety Plan is attached hereto as "Exhibit A;" and be it further

RESOLVED, that this resolution shall take effect immediately.

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

Item #5t: Approval – SEQRA – Putnam County Agricultural District was next. On behalf of the members of the Physical Services Committee, Legislator Gouldman moved the following:

Chairman Birmingham clarified that this resolution addressed only the environmental review required by the State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQRA). He stated that approval would not determine whether any individual parcel would be included in the Agricultural District.

RESOLUTION #174

APPROVAL – SEQRA – PUTNAM COUNTY AGRICULTURAL DISTRICT

WHEREAS, the New York State Department of Agriculture and Markets as Lead Agency for the Agricultural Districts Program has conducted a programmatic review of the environmental effects of Agricultural Districts and has concluded that there is little likelihood of significant adverse environmental impacts resulting from the formation or modifications of such districts; and

WHEREAS, it is the responsibility of the County to review the site-specific proposals under consideration to determine if unique circumstances exist which increase the likelihood of environmental significance; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Agriculture and Markets recommends that the County Legislative body serve as the Lead Agency to ensure compliance with the requirement of the State Environmental Quality Review Act as it is the only other agency required to undertake an action except for the Department of Agriculture and Markets; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Putnam County Legislature declares itself to be the lead agency to ensure compliance with the requirements of the State Environmental Quality Review Act; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Putnam County Legislature, as Lead Agency, hereby determines that the site-specific parcels contained in the proposed Agriculture District modifications will not have a significant adverse effect on the environment and that a Draft Environmental Impact Statement will not be prepared; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Putnam County Legislature, as lead agency, hereby accepts and adopts the Negative Declaration prepared in connection with the proposed Agriculture District modifications, a copy of which is annexed hereto and made a part hereof.

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

Item #5u: Approval – Inclusion of Parcel(s) In Putnam County Agricultural District – Town of Kent, The Ferguson's Farm was next. On behalf of the members of the Physical Services Committee, Legislator Gouldman moved the following:

RESOLUTION #175

APPROVAL – INCLUSION OF PARCEL(s) IN PUTNAM COUNTY AGRICULTURAL DISTRICT – TOWN OF KENT, THE FERGUSON'S FARM

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

WHEREAS, by Resolution #193 of 2011, after the 8th year anniversary of the formation of the district, the Putnam County Legislature modified said Putnam County Agricultural District #1, and

WHEREAS, by Resolution #244 of 2003, the Putnam County Legislature established the month of November in which a landowner may request inclusion in the Putnam County 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, November 19, 2019 marked the second 8-Year Anniversary of the formation of this district requiring the Putnam County Legislature to review this district and either continue, terminate or modify the district created; and

WHEREAS, by Resolution #204 of 2019 the Putnam County Legislature determined that the Putnam County Agricultural District No. 1 remained the same in accordance with the recommendations of the Putnam County Agriculture and Farmland Protection Board to consist of 157 parcels with a total acreage of 5,113.9 acres; and

WHEREAS, in 2026, requests were presented to the Putnam County Legislature to modify the existing Agricultural District in the County of Putnam by including the following parcel (s) in the District:

Town of Kent

The Ferguson's Farm (Nicole and Kyle Ferguson) – Parcel ID #: 43.-2-13

Total Acreage: 7 acres

WHEREAS, pursuant to Article 25 AA of the Agriculture and Market Law, section 303-b, a public hearing on the requests was conducted by the Putnam County Legislature on July 7, 2026; and

WHEREAS, the Putnam County Agriculture and Farmland Protection Board considered the requests for inclusion and reported that certain parcels applying for inclusion would serve the public interest by assisting in maintaining a viable agricultural industry within the District and recommended the inclusion of said parcels in the Putnam County Agricultural District; and

WHEREAS, the Physical Services Committee of the Putnam County Legislature reviewed and considered the recommendations made by the Putnam County Agriculture & Farmland Protection Board; and

WHEREAS, the Putnam County Legislature has considered the comments of the speakers at the public hearing, the recommendations of the Putnam County Agricultural and Farmland Protection Board, the recommendations of the Physical Services Committee, the various letters in support and in opposition to the inclusion of these parcels in the modification of the Agricultural District; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Putnam County Legislature hereby accepts and adopts the findings provided by the Putnam County Agriculture and Farmland Protection Board; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Putnam County Legislature hereby includes in the Putnam County Agricultural District the following Parcel Identified parcel(s):

Town of Kent

The Ferguson's Farm (Nicole and Kyle Ferguson) – Parcel ID #: 43.-2-13

Total Acreage: 7 acres

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

Item #5v: Approval – Inclusion of Parcel(s) In Putnam County Agricultural District – Towns of Kent & Carmel, Crooked Fence Farm was next. On behalf of the members of the Physical Services Committee, Legislator Gouldman moved the following:

RESOLUTION #176

APPROVAL – INCLUSION OF PARCEL(s) IN PUTNAM COUNTY AGRICULTURAL DISTRICT – TOWNS OF KENT & CARMEL, CROOKED FENCE FARM

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

WHEREAS, by Resolution #193 of 2011, after the 8th year anniversary of the formation of the district, the Putnam County Legislature modified said Putnam County Agricultural District #1, and

WHEREAS, by Resolution #244 of 2003, the Putnam County Legislature established the month of November in which a landowner may request inclusion in the Putnam County 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, November 19, 2019 marked the second 8-Year Anniversary of the formation of this district requiring the Putnam County Legislature to review this district and either continue, terminate or modify the district created; and

WHEREAS, by Resolution #204 of 2019 the Putnam County Legislature determined that the Putnam County Agricultural District No. 1 remained the same in accordance with the recommendations of the Putnam County Agriculture and Farmland Protection Board to consist of 157 parcels with a total acreage of 5,113.9 acres; and

WHEREAS, in 2026, requests were presented to the Putnam County Legislature to modify the existing Agricultural District in the County of Putnam by including the following parcel (s) in the District:

Town of Kent

Crooked Fence Farm (Stephen and Mariana Brophy) – Parcel ID #: 43.–2–44

Total Acreage: 104.53 acres

Town of Carmel

Crooked Fence Farm (Stephen and Mariana Brophy) – Parcel ID #:43.–1–33

Total Acreage: 7.66 acres

WHEREAS, pursuant to Article 25 AA of the Agriculture and Market Law, section 303–b, a public hearing on the requests was conducted by the Putnam County Legislature on July 7, 2026; and

WHEREAS, the Putnam County Agriculture and Farmland Protection Board considered the requests for inclusion and reported that certain parcels applying for inclusion would serve the public interest by assisting in maintaining a viable agricultural industry within the District and recommended the inclusion of said parcels in the Putnam County Agricultural District; and

WHEREAS, the Physical Services Committee of the Putnam County Legislature reviewed and considered the recommendations made by the Putnam County Agriculture & Farmland Protection Board; and

WHEREAS, the Putnam County Legislature has considered the comments of the speakers at the public hearing, the recommendations of the Putnam County Agricultural and Farmland Protection Board, the recommendations of the Physical Services Committee, the various letters in support and in opposition to the inclusion of these parcels in the modification of the Agricultural District; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Putnam County Legislature hereby accepts and adopts the findings provided by the Putnam County Agriculture and Farmland Protection Board; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Putnam County Legislature hereby includes in the Putnam County Agricultural District the following Parcel Identified parcel(s):

Town of Kent

Crooked Fence Farm (Stephen and Mariana Brophy) – Parcel ID #: 43.–2–44

Total Acreage: 104.53 acres

Town of Carmel

Crooked Fence Farm (Stephen and Mariana Brophy) – Parcel ID #:43.–1–33

Total Acreage: 7.66 acres

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

Item #5w: Approval – Inclusion of Parcel(s) In Putnam County Agricultural District – Town of Carmel, Teakettle Farm was next. On behalf of the members of the Physical Services Committee, Legislator Gouldman moved the following:

RESOLUTION #177

APPROVAL – INCLUSION OF PARCEL(s) IN PUTNAM COUNTY AGRICULTURAL DISTRICT – TOWN OF CARMEL, TEAKETTLE FARM

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

WHEREAS, by Resolution #193 of 2011, after the 8th year anniversary of the formation of the district, the Putnam County Legislature modified said Putnam County Agricultural District #1, and

WHEREAS, by Resolution #244 of 2003, the Putnam County Legislature established the month of November in which a landowner may request inclusion in the Putnam County 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, November 19, 2019 marked the second 8-Year Anniversary of the formation of this district requiring the Putnam County Legislature to review this district and either continue, terminate or modify the district created; and

WHEREAS, by Resolution #204 of 2019 the Putnam County Legislature determined that the Putnam County Agricultural District No. 1 remained the same in accordance with the recommendations of the Putnam County Agriculture and Farmland Protection Board to consist of 157 parcels with a total acreage of 5,113.9 acres; and

WHEREAS, in 2026, requests were presented to the Putnam County Legislature to modify the existing Agricultural District in the County of Putnam by including the following parcel (s) in the District:

Town of Carmel

Teakettle Farm (Rubeena Jabeen) – Parcel ID #: 372000 76.17–1–6

Total Acreage: 4.37 acres

WHEREAS, pursuant to Article 25 AA of the Agriculture and Market Law, section 303–b, a public hearing on the requests was conducted by the Putnam County Legislature on July 7, 2026; and

WHEREAS, the Putnam County Agriculture and Farmland Protection Board considered the requests for inclusion and reported that certain parcels applying for inclusion would serve the public interest by assisting in maintaining a viable agricultural industry within the District and recommended the inclusion of said parcels in the Putnam County Agricultural District; and

WHEREAS, the Physical Services Committee of the Putnam County Legislature reviewed and considered the recommendations made by the Putnam County Agriculture & Farmland Protection Board; and

WHEREAS, the Putnam County Legislature has considered the comments of the speakers at the public hearing, the recommendations of the Putnam County Agricultural and Farmland Protection Board, the recommendations of the Physical Services Committee, the various letters in support and in opposition to the inclusion of these parcels in the modification of the Agricultural District; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Putnam County Legislature hereby accepts and adopts the findings provided by the Putnam County Agriculture and Farmland Protection Board; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Putnam County Legislature hereby includes in the Putnam County Agricultural District the following Parcel Identified parcel(s):

Town of Carmel

Teakettle Farm (Rubeena Jabeen) – Parcel ID #: 372000 76.17–1–6

Total Acreage: 4.37 acres

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

Item #5x: Approval – Inclusion of Parcel(s) In Putnam County Agricultural District – Town of Patterson, 84 Ludingtonville Rd, LLC. was next. On behalf of the members of the Physical Services Committee, Legislator Gouldman moved the following:

Legislator Sayegh stated that she had visited the property and supported the applicant's plans, but did not believe the parcel was yet operating as a farm. She noted that agricultural activities could continue under local zoning and that the applicant could reapply in the future.

Legislator Russo expressed concerns about the parcel's size, proximity to neighboring property, shared driveway and the practical effect of a greenhouse or farm stand at the location.

Legislator Montgomery stated that Agricultural District inclusion recognizes viable agricultural land and does not approve a particular land use or displace municipal zoning and code enforcement authority.

Legislator Sayegh clarified that the applicant had granted the easement to the neighboring property. She stated this property originally failed the vote taken by the AFBP and it was retaken.

Chairman Birmingham and Legislative Counsel Abissi discussed the shared-driveway easement.

RESOLUTION – Failed

APPROVAL – INCLUSION OF PARCEL(s) IN PUTNAM COUNTY AGRICULTURAL DISTRICT – TOWN OF PATTERSON, 84 LUDINGTONVILLE RD, LLC.

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

WHEREAS, by Resolution #193 of 2011, after the 8th year anniversary of the formation of the district, the Putnam County Legislature modified said Putnam County Agricultural District #1, and

WHEREAS, by Resolution #244 of 2003, the Putnam County Legislature established the month of November in which a landowner may request inclusion in the Putnam County 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, November 19, 2019 marked the second 8-Year Anniversary of the formation of this district requiring the Putnam County Legislature to review this district and either continue, terminate or modify the district created; and

WHEREAS, by Resolution #204 of 2019 the Putnam County Legislature determined that the Putnam County Agricultural District No. 1 remained the same in accordance with the recommendations of the Putnam County Agriculture and Farmland Protection Board to consist of 157 parcels with a total acreage of 5,113.9 acres; and

WHEREAS, in 2026, requests were presented to the Putnam County Legislature to modify the existing Agricultural District in the County of Putnam by including the following parcel (s) in the District:

Town of Patterson

84 Ludingtonville Rd, LLC. (Joseph Aquilia) – Parcel ID #: 22.12-1-5

Total Acreage: 1.19

WHEREAS, pursuant to Article 25 AA of the Agriculture and Market Law, section 303-b, a public hearing on the requests was conducted by the Putnam County Legislature on July 7, 2026; and

WHEREAS, the Putnam County Agriculture and Farmland Protection Board considered the requests for inclusion and reported that certain parcels applying for inclusion would serve the public interest by assisting in maintaining a viable agricultural industry within the District and recommended the inclusion of said parcels in the Putnam County Agricultural District; and

WHEREAS, the Physical Services Committee of the Putnam County Legislature reviewed and considered the recommendations made by the Putnam County Agriculture & Farmland Protection Board; and

WHEREAS, the Putnam County Legislature has considered the comments of the speakers at the public hearing, the recommendations of the Putnam County Agricultural and Farmland Protection Board, the recommendations of the Physical Services Committee, the various letters in support and in opposition to the inclusion of these parcels in the modification of the Agricultural District; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Putnam County Legislature hereby accepts and adopts the findings provided by the Putnam County Agriculture and Farmland Protection Board; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Putnam County Legislature hereby includes in the Putnam County Agricultural District the following Parcel Identified parcel(s):

Town of Patterson

84 Ludingtonville Rd, LLC. (Joseph Aquilia) – Parcel ID #: 22.12-1-5

Total Acreage: 1.19

BY ROLL CALL VOTE: TWO AYES. SIX NAYS – LEGISLATORS CROWLEY, D'ANGELO, REGAN, RUSSO, SAYEGH, BIRMINGHAM. LEGISLATOR ADDONIZIO WAS ABSENT. MOTION FAILED.

Item #5y: Approval – Inclusion of Parcel(s) In Putnam County Agricultural District – Town of Patterson, High Point Equestrian was next. On behalf of the members of the Physical Services Committee, Legislator Gouldman moved the following:

Legislator Russo stated that she supported farming and equestrian uses but was concerned about a prior wetlands issue and vehicle activity at the property that appeared unrelated to the horse operation. She stated that she would vote no at this time.

Legislator Montgomery emphasized that Agricultural District inclusion does not override State wetlands regulation or local zoning and should not be denied based on assumptions about future activity.

Legislator Sayegh stated that the owner had promptly addressed the wetlands issue when notified and appeared attentive to the property, animals and surrounding land.

RESOLUTION #178

APPROVAL – INCLUSION OF PARCEL(s) IN PUTNAM COUNTY AGRICULTURAL DISTRICT – TOWN OF PATTERSON, HIGH POINT EQUESTRIAN

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

WHEREAS, by Resolution #193 of 2011, after the 8th year anniversary of the formation of the district, the Putnam County Legislature modified said Putnam County Agricultural District #1, and

WHEREAS, by Resolution #244 of 2003, the Putnam County Legislature established the month of November in which a landowner may request inclusion in the Putnam County 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, November 19, 2019 marked the second 8-Year Anniversary of the formation of this district requiring the Putnam County Legislature to review this district and either continue, terminate or modify the district created; and

WHEREAS, by Resolution #204 of 2019 the Putnam County Legislature determined that the Putnam County Agricultural District No. 1 remained the same in accordance with the recommendations of the Putnam County Agriculture and Farmland Protection Board to consist of 157 parcels with a total acreage of 5,113.9 acres; and

WHEREAS, in 2026, requests were presented to the Putnam County Legislature to modify the existing Agricultural District in the County of Putnam by including the following parcel (s) in the District:

Town of Patterson

High Point Equestrian (Firas Bridges) – Parcel ID #: 372400 36.–3–10

Total Acreage: 75 acres

WHEREAS, pursuant to Article 25 AA of the Agriculture and Market Law, section 303–b, a public hearing on the requests was conducted by the Putnam County Legislature on July 7, 2026; and

WHEREAS, the Putnam County Agriculture and Farmland Protection Board considered the requests for inclusion and reported that certain parcels applying for

inclusion would serve the public interest by assisting in maintaining a viable agricultural industry within the District and recommended the inclusion of said parcels in the Putnam County Agricultural District; and

WHEREAS, the Physical Services Committee of the Putnam County Legislature reviewed and considered the recommendations made by the Putnam County Agriculture & Farmland Protection Board; and

WHEREAS, the Putnam County Legislature has considered the comments of the speakers at the public hearing, the recommendations of the Putnam County Agricultural and Farmland Protection Board, the recommendations of the Physical Services Committee, the various letters in support and in opposition to the inclusion of these parcels in the modification of the Agricultural District; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Putnam County Legislature hereby accepts and adopts the findings provided by the Putnam County Agriculture and Farmland Protection Board; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Putnam County Legislature hereby includes in the Putnam County Agricultural District the following Parcel Identified parcel(s):

Town of Patterson

High Point Equestrian (Firas Bridges) – Parcel ID #: 372400 36.–3–10

Total Acreage: 75 acres

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

Item #5z: Approval – Inclusion of Parcel(s) In Putnam County Agricultural District – Town of Patterson, Hidden Hope Farm was next. On behalf of the members of the Physical Services Committee, Legislator Gouldman moved the following:

RESOLUTION #179

APPROVAL – INCLUSION OF PARCEL(s) IN PUTNAM COUNTY AGRICULTURAL DISTRICT – TOWN OF PATTERSON, HIDDEN HOPE FARM

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

WHEREAS, by Resolution #193 of 2011, after the 8th year anniversary of the formation of the district, the Putnam County Legislature modified said Putnam County Agricultural District #1, and

WHEREAS, by Resolution #244 of 2003, the Putnam County Legislature established the month of November in which a landowner may request inclusion in the Putnam County 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, November 19, 2019 marked the second 8–Year Anniversary of the formation of this district requiring the Putnam County Legislature to review this district and either continue, terminate or modify the district created; and

WHEREAS, by Resolution #204 of 2019 the Putnam County Legislature determined that the Putnam County Agricultural District No. 1 remained the same in accordance with

the recommendations of the Putnam County Agriculture and Farmland Protection Board to consist of 157 parcels with a total acreage of 5,113.9 acres; and

WHEREAS, in 2026, requests were presented to the Putnam County Legislature to modify the existing Agricultural District in the County of Putnam by including the following parcel (s) in the District:

Town of Patterson

Hidden Hope Farm (Shannon Nitti) – Parcel ID #: 24.–1–62

Total Acreage: 18.61 acres

WHEREAS, pursuant to Article 25 AA of the Agriculture and Market Law, section 303–b, a public hearing on the requests was conducted by the Putnam County Legislature on July 7, 2026; and

WHEREAS, the Putnam County Agriculture and Farmland Protection Board considered the requests for inclusion and reported that certain parcels applying for inclusion would serve the public interest by assisting in maintaining a viable agricultural industry within the District and recommended the inclusion of said parcels in the Putnam County Agricultural District; and

WHEREAS, the Physical Services Committee of the Putnam County Legislature reviewed and considered the recommendations made by the Putnam County Agriculture & Farmland Protection Board; and

WHEREAS, the Putnam County Legislature has considered the comments of the speakers at the public hearing, the recommendations of the Putnam County Agricultural and Farmland Protection Board, the recommendations of the Physical Services Committee, the various letters in support and in opposition to the inclusion of these parcels in the modification of the Agricultural District; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Putnam County Legislature hereby accepts and adopts the findings provided by the Putnam County Agriculture and Farmland Protection Board; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Putnam County Legislature hereby includes in the Putnam County Agricultural District the following Parcel Identified parcel(s):

Town of Patterson

Hidden Hope Farm (Shannon Nitti) – Parcel ID #: 24.–1–62

Total Acreage: 18.61 acres

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

Item #5aa: Approval – Inclusion of Parcel(s) In Putnam County Agricultural District – Town of Southeast, CQW, LLC. was next. On behalf of the members of the Physical Services Committee, Legislator Gouldman moved the following:

Legislator Regan requested information from colleagues who had visited the property.

Legislator Sayegh stated that she had visited the property, observed significant improvements and found the owner attentive to neighboring properties and the land.

Legislator Crowley questioned if there was an active violation on this property.

Legislator Regan expressed concern that extensive written material from an attorney and a resident had been received shortly before the meeting, leaving insufficient time for review.

Chairman Birmingham stated that he would vote against the inclusion of this parcel because of the issues raised during the public hearing and the late-submitted material. He noted that the parcel could be reconsidered during the Agricultural District review the following year.

Legislative Counsel Abissi explained that the Legislature's adopted review criteria were nonexclusive, that no single factor was a sole basis for exclusion and that applicants were to be given an opportunity to cure an adverse factor.

Legislator Montgomery stated that the applicant had taken corrective action and that local zoning and code-enforcement authority would remain in effect.

RESOLUTION #180

APPROVAL – INCLUSION OF PARCEL(s) IN PUTNAM COUNTY AGRICULTURAL DISTRICT – TOWN OF SOUTHEAST, CQW, LLC.

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

WHEREAS, by Resolution #193 of 2011, after the 8th year anniversary of the formation of the district, the Putnam County Legislature modified said Putnam County Agricultural District #1, and

WHEREAS, by Resolution #244 of 2003, the Putnam County Legislature established the month of November in which a landowner may request inclusion in the Putnam County 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, November 19, 2019 marked the second 8-Year Anniversary of the formation of this district requiring the Putnam County Legislature to review this district and either continue, terminate or modify the district created; and

WHEREAS, by Resolution #204 of 2019 the Putnam County Legislature determined that the Putnam County Agricultural District No. 1 remained the same in accordance with the recommendations of the Putnam County Agriculture and Farmland Protection Board to consist of 157 parcels with a total acreage of 5,113.9 acres; and

WHEREAS, in 2026, requests were presented to the Putnam County Legislature to modify the existing Agricultural District in the County of Putnam by including the following parcel (s) in the District:

Town of Southeast

CQW, LLC. (Christine Walsh) – Parcel ID #: 68.13–1–1.2

Total Acreage: 20.69 acres

WHEREAS, pursuant to Article 25 AA of the Agriculture and Market Law, section 303–b, a public hearing on the requests was conducted by the Putnam County Legislature on July 7, 2026; and

WHEREAS, the Putnam County Agriculture and Farmland Protection Board considered the requests for inclusion and reported that certain parcels applying for inclusion would serve the public interest by assisting in maintaining a viable agricultural industry within the District and recommended the inclusion of said parcels in the Putnam County Agricultural District; and

WHEREAS, the Physical Services Committee of the Putnam County Legislature reviewed and considered the recommendations made by the Putnam County Agriculture & Farmland Protection Board; and

WHEREAS, the Putnam County Legislature has considered the comments of the speakers at the public hearing, the recommendations of the Putnam County Agricultural and Farmland Protection Board, the recommendations of the Physical Services Committee, the various letters in support and in opposition to the inclusion of these parcels in the modification of the Agricultural District; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Putnam County Legislature hereby accepts and adopts the findings provided by the Putnam County Agriculture and Farmland Protection Board; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Putnam County Legislature hereby includes in the Putnam County Agricultural District the following Parcel Identified parcel(s):

Town of Southeast

CQW, LLC. (Christine Walsh) – Parcel ID #: 68.13–1–1.2

Total Acreage: 20.69 acres

BY ROLL CALL VOTE: SIX AYES. TWO NAYS – LEGISLATORS RUSSO AND BIRMINGHAM. LEGISLATOR ADDONIZIO WAS ABSENT. MOTION CARRIES.

Item #5bb: Approval – Inclusion of Parcel(s) In Putnam County Agricultural District – Town of Southeast, Dingle Ridge Pollinator Farm was next. On behalf of the members of the Physical Services Committee, Legislator Gouldman moved the following:

RESOLUTION #181

APPROVAL – INCLUSION OF PARCEL(s) IN PUTNAM COUNTY AGRICULTURAL DISTRICT – TOWN OF SOUTHEAST, DINGLE RIDGE POLLINATOR FARM

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

WHEREAS, by Resolution #193 of 2011, after the 8th year anniversary of the formation of the district, the Putnam County Legislature modified said Putnam County Agricultural District #1, and

WHEREAS, by Resolution #244 of 2003, the Putnam County Legislature established the month of November in which a landowner may request inclusion in the Putnam County 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, November 19, 2019 marked the second 8–Year Anniversary of the formation of this district requiring the Putnam County Legislature to review this district and either continue, terminate or modify the district created; and

WHEREAS, by Resolution #204 of 2019 the Putnam County Legislature determined that the Putnam County Agricultural District No. 1 remained the same in accordance with the recommendations of the Putnam County Agriculture and Farmland Protection Board to consist of 157 parcels with a total acreage of 5,113.9 acres; and

WHEREAS, in 2026, requests were presented to the Putnam County Legislature to modify the existing Agricultural District in the County of Putnam by including the following parcel (s) in the District:

Town of Southeast

Dingle Ridge Pollinator Farm (Lisa Ricci) – Parcel ID #: 69.17–1–18.1

Total Acreage: 16.67 acres

WHEREAS, pursuant to Article 25 AA of the Agriculture and Market Law, section 303–b, a public hearing on the requests was conducted by the Putnam County Legislature on July 7, 2026; and

WHEREAS, the Putnam County Agriculture and Farmland Protection Board considered the requests for inclusion and reported that certain parcels applying for inclusion would serve the public interest by assisting in maintaining a viable agricultural industry within the District and recommended the inclusion of said parcels in the Putnam County Agricultural District; and

WHEREAS, the Physical Services Committee of the Putnam County Legislature reviewed and considered the recommendations made by the Putnam County Agriculture & Farmland Protection Board; and

WHEREAS, the Putnam County Legislature has considered the comments of the speakers at the public hearing, the recommendations of the Putnam County Agricultural and Farmland Protection Board, the recommendations of the Physical Services Committee, the various letters in support and in opposition to the inclusion of these parcels in the modification of the Agricultural District; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Putnam County Legislature hereby accepts and adopts the findings provided by the Putnam County Agriculture and Farmland Protection Board; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Putnam County Legislature hereby includes in the Putnam County Agricultural District the following Parcel Identified parcel(s):

Town of Southeast

Dingle Ridge Pollinator Farm (Lisa Ricci) – Parcel ID #: 69.17–1–18.1

Total Acreage: 16.67 acres

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

Item #5cc: Approval – Inclusion of Parcel(s) In Putnam County Agricultural District – Town of Southeast, Twin Oak Ventures LLC. was next. On behalf of the members of the Physical Services Committee, Legislator Gouldman moved the following:

RESOLUTION #182

APPROVAL – INCLUSION OF PARCEL(s) IN PUTNAM COUNTY AGRICULTURAL DISTRICT – TOWN OF SOUTHEAST, TWIN OAK VENTURES LLC.

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

WHEREAS, by Resolution #193 of 2011, after the 8th year anniversary of the formation of the district, the Putnam County Legislature modified said Putnam County Agricultural District #1, and

WHEREAS, by Resolution #244 of 2003, the Putnam County Legislature established the month of November in which a landowner may request inclusion in the Putnam County 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, November 19, 2019 marked the second 8-Year Anniversary of the formation of this district requiring the Putnam County Legislature to review this district and either continue, terminate or modify the district created; and

WHEREAS, by Resolution #204 of 2019 the Putnam County Legislature determined that the Putnam County Agricultural District No. 1 remained the same in accordance with the recommendations of the Putnam County Agriculture and Farmland Protection Board to consist of 157 parcels with a total acreage of 5,113.9 acres; and

WHEREAS, in 2026, requests were presented to the Putnam County Legislature to modify the existing Agricultural District in the County of Putnam by including the following parcel (s) in the District:

Town of Southeast

Twin Oak Ventures LLC. (Devon and Jonathan Corrigan) – Parcel ID #: 57.-2-52.4

Total Acreage: 48.88

WHEREAS, pursuant to Article 25 AA of the Agriculture and Market Law, section 303-b, a public hearing on the requests was conducted by the Putnam County Legislature on July 7, 2026; and

WHEREAS, the Putnam County Agriculture and Farmland Protection Board considered the requests for inclusion and reported that certain parcels applying for inclusion would serve the public interest by assisting in maintaining a viable agricultural industry within the District and recommended the inclusion of said parcels in the Putnam County Agricultural District; and

WHEREAS, the Physical Services Committee of the Putnam County Legislature reviewed and considered the recommendations made by the Putnam County Agriculture & Farmland Protection Board; and

WHEREAS, the Putnam County Legislature has considered the comments of the speakers at the public hearing, the recommendations of the Putnam County Agricultural and Farmland Protection Board, the recommendations of the Physical Services Committee, the various letters in support and in opposition to the inclusion of these parcels in the modification of the Agricultural District; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Putnam County Legislature hereby accepts and adopts the findings provided by the Putnam County Agriculture and Farmland Protection Board; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Putnam County Legislature hereby includes in the Putnam County Agricultural District the following Parcel Identified parcel(s):

Town of Southeast

Twin Oak Ventures LLC. (Devon and Jonathan Corrigan) – Parcel ID #: 57.-2-52.4

Total Acreage: 48.88

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

Item #5dd: Approval – Inclusion of Parcel(s) In Putnam County Agricultural District – Town of Putnam Valley, Clara Patunga Farm was next. On behalf of the members of the Physical Services Committee, Legislator Gouldman moved the following:

Legislator Crowley stated that she had supported the parcel as a startup farm the prior year but had not observed sufficient progress and would not support inclusion this year.

Legislators Sayegh also cited limited progress and stated that they would vote no, while expressing hope that the orchard would continue to develop.

Legislator Russo agreed and stated not much had changed since the prior year.

Legislative Counsel Abissi clarified that an orchard may qualify as a startup farm for five years.

Legislator Montgomery stated that farming takes time and commended the applicant for continuing the effort.

RESOLUTION – Failed

APPROVAL – INCLUSION OF PARCEL(s) IN PUTNAM COUNTY AGRICULTURAL DISTRICT – TOWN OF PUTNAM VALLEY, CLARA PATUNGA FARM

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

WHEREAS, by Resolution #193 of 2011, after the 8th year anniversary of the formation of the district, the Putnam County Legislature modified said Putnam County Agricultural District #1, and

WHEREAS, by Resolution #244 of 2003, the Putnam County Legislature established the month of November in which a landowner may request inclusion in the Putnam County 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, November 19, 2019 marked the second 8-Year Anniversary of the formation of this district requiring the Putnam County Legislature to review this district and either continue, terminate or modify the district created; and

WHEREAS, by Resolution #204 of 2019 the Putnam County Legislature determined that the Putnam County Agricultural District No. 1 remained the same in accordance with the recommendations of the Putnam County Agriculture and Farmland Protection Board to consist of 157 parcels with a total acreage of 5,113.9 acres; and

WHEREAS, in 2026, requests were presented to the Putnam County Legislature to modify the existing Agricultural District in the County of Putnam by including the following parcel (s) in the District:

Town of Putnam Valley

Clara Patunga Farm (Andrew Wulkan) – Parcel ID #: 72.12–1–6
Total Acreage: 1.7

WHEREAS, pursuant to Article 25 AA of the Agriculture and Market Law, section 303–b, a public hearing on the requests was conducted by the Putnam County Legislature on July 7, 2026; and

WHEREAS, the Putnam County Agriculture and Farmland Protection Board considered the requests for inclusion and reported that certain parcels applying for inclusion would serve the public interest by assisting in maintaining a viable agricultural industry within the District and recommended the inclusion of said parcels in the Putnam County Agricultural District; and

WHEREAS, the Physical Services Committee of the Putnam County Legislature reviewed and considered the recommendations made by the Putnam County Agriculture & Farmland Protection Board; and

WHEREAS, the Putnam County Legislature has considered the comments of the speakers at the public hearing, the recommendations of the Putnam County Agricultural and Farmland Protection Board, the recommendations of the Physical Services Committee, the various letters in support and in opposition to the inclusion of these parcels in the modification of the Agricultural District; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Putnam County Legislature hereby accepts and adopts the findings provided by the Putnam County Agriculture and Farmland Protection Board; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Putnam County Legislature hereby includes in the Putnam County Agricultural District the following Parcel Identified parcel(s):

Town of Putnam Valley

Clara Patunga Farm (Andrew Wulkan) – Parcel ID #: 72.12–1–6
Total Acreage: 1.7

BY ROLL CALL VOTE: FOUR AYES. FOUR NAYS – LEGISLATORS CROWLEY, REGAN, RUSSO, AND SAYEGH. LEGISLATOR ADDONIZIO WAS ABSENT. MOTION FAILED.

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

Item #5ee: Approval – APAP Land Management LLC / Payments in Lieu of Taxes (PILOT) Agreement / Industrial Development Agency (IDA) was next. On behalf of the members of the Economic Development & Energy Committee, Legislator Russo moved the following:

Chairman Birmingham thanked Industrial Development Agency (IDA) Chairman Bill Nulk and the IDA’s volunteer members. He noted that legislative approval was not required by statute but that the IDA had requested approval from each taxing jurisdiction.

Legislator Crowley supported the project, noting that it would allow an existing business to expand.

Legislator Russo stated that retaining existing businesses and tax revenue was important to attracting additional businesses.

Legislator Regan stated that PILOT agreements encourage investment, employment and construction activity in Putnam County.

RESOLUTION #183

APPROVAL – APAP LAND MANAGEMENT PROJECT – PAYMENTS IN LIEU OF TAXES (PILOT) AGREEMENT – INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AGENCY (IDA)

WHEREAS, the Putnam County Legislature is in receipt of a request on behalf of Apap Land Management LLC, at 1912 Route 22, in the Town of Southeast, seeking Putnam County's involvement in a real property tax abatement program and payment in lieu of taxes ("PILOT") agreement in connection with certain improvements (the building & fixtures); and

WHEREAS, the Putnam County Legislature authorizes the County's participation in the proposed PILOT Agreement and approves the following County tax abatement schedule set forth below; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to General Municipal Law Article 18–A, including § 874, the Putnam County Industrial Development Agency is authorized to and the County consents to participate in the proposed PILOT agreement wherein it provides tax exemptions and requires payments in lieu of taxes, which shall be remitted to each effected tax jurisdiction within 30 days of receipt under GML 874; and

WHEREAS, the project is being done with the financial assistance of the Putnam County Industrial Agency ("IDA"); and

WHEREAS, the Economic Development & Energy Committee of the Putnam County Legislature has reviewed and approves that IDA financing and associated tax abatement programs, coupled with agreements for payments to local municipalities and school districts in lieu of taxes, are an appropriate way to encourage commerce to grow and prosper in this region, as well to encourage job growth and business retention, while at the same time avoiding a complete loss of revenue resulting from the potential "tax exempt" status of the transaction; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, the Putnam County Legislature hereby authorizes and approves the following tax abatement schedule to be applied only to so much of the assessed valuation of the Apap Land Management LLC, at 1912 Route 22, in the Town of Southeast applicable solely to the improvements made pursuant to the IDA benefits package contemplated hereunder:

Year 1	50%
Year 2	45%
Year 3	40%
Year 4	35%
Year 5	30%
Year 6	25%
Year 7	20%
Year 8	15%
Year 9	10%
Year 10	5%

And be it further

RESOLVED, that the Clerk of the Putnam County Legislature shall forward a certified copy of this resolution to the Putnam County Industrial Development Agency, the Assessor of the Town of Southeast and the Town of Southeast Receiver of Taxes.

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

Item #5ff: Approval – Kinsley Group Inc. / Payments in Lieu of Taxes (PILOT) Agreement / Industrial Development Agency (IDA) was next. On behalf of the members of the Economic Development & Energy Committee, Legislator Russo moved the following:

RESOLUTION #184

**APPROVAL – KINSLEY GROUP INC. – PAYMENS IN LIEU OF TAXES (PILOT) AGREEMENT
– INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AGENCY (IDA)**

WHEREAS, the Putnam County Legislature is in receipt of a request on behalf of Kinsley Group Inc., at the 20 Fields Lane Project, in the Town of Southeast, seeking Putnam County’s involvement in a real property tax abatement program and payment in lieu of taxes (“PILOT”) agreement in connection with certain improvements (the building & fixtures); and

WHEREAS, the Putnam County Legislature authorizes the County’s participation in the proposed PILOT Agreement and approves the following County tax abatement schedule set forth below; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to General Municipal Law Article 18–A, including § 874, the Putnam County Industrial Development Agency is authorized to and the County consents to participate in the proposed PILOT agreement wherein it provides tax exemptions and requires payments in lieu of taxes, which shall be remitted to each effected tax jurisdiction within 30 days of receipt under GML 874; and

WHEREAS, the project is being done with the financial assistance of the Putnam County Industrial Agency (“IDA”); and

WHEREAS, the Economic Development & Energy Committee of the Putnam County Legislature has reviewed and approves that IDA financing and associated tax abatement programs, coupled with agreements for payments to local municipalities and school districts in lieu of taxes, are an appropriate way to encourage commerce to grow and prosper in this region, as well to encourage job growth and business retention, while at the same time avoiding a complete loss of revenue resulting from the potential “tax exempt” status of the transaction; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, the Putnam County Legislature hereby authorizes and approves the following tax abatement schedule to be applied only to so much of the assessed valuation of the Kinsley Group Inc., at the 20 Fields Lane Project, in the Town of Southeast applicable solely to the improvements made pursuant to the IDA benefits package contemplated hereunder:

Year 1	50%
Year 2	45%
Year 3	40%
Year 4	35%
Year 5	30%
Year 6	25%
Year 7	20%
Year 8	15%
Year 9	10%
Year 10	5%

And be it further

RESOLVED, that the Clerk of the Putnam County Legislature shall forward a certified copy of this resolution to the Putnam County Industrial Development Agency, the Assessor of the Town of Southeast and the Town of Southeast Receiver of Taxes.

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

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

Item #5gg: Approval – Reallocation of ARPA Funds from Stabilization Center to County–Wide Paving Projects was next. On behalf of the members of the Audit & Administration Committee, Legislator Crowley moved the following:

Legislator Montgomery asked whether the resolution accurately reflected that the County Executive executed the termination for convenience on June 8, 2026.

Legislative Counsel Abissi stated that the resolution and legislative record accurately memorialized the sequence of events.

Legislator Montgomery stated that she understood the need to avoid losing the funds but opposed the reallocation because she believed greater efforts should have been made to retain the funds for mental-health purposes.

Chairman Birmingham agreed that the contract was not terminated until the County Executive acted on June 8, 2026. He supported the reallocation, stating that the Legislature had exhausted available options to preserve the community services use and now needed to ensure that the ARPA funds were timely spent.

RESOLUTION #185

APPROVAL – REALLOCATION OF ARPA FUNDS FROM STABILIZATION CENTER TO COUNTY–WIDE PAVING PROJECTS

WHEREAS, Putnam County allocated its American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds pursuant to Resolution# 135 of 2022, with a focus on infrastructure related to school safety, mental health, substance abuse, food insecurity, clean water, roads, bridges and buildings; and

WHEREAS, a budgetary amendment was made pursuant to Resolution #135 of 2022 wherein \$2,500,000 was appropriated for a Stabilization Center; and

WHEREAS, Putnam County issued an RFP for the establishment and operation of a 24 hour a day, 7 day per week Crisis Stabilization Center in Putnam County to which People USA responded; and

WHEREAS, Putnam County contracted with People USA to establish and operate a 24–hour a day, 7 day per week Crisis Stabilization Center in Putnam County and that the County would provide \$2,500,000 in ARPA funding for the project; and

WHEREAS, any ARPA funds need to be expended prior to the December 31, 2026 deadline set by the U.S. Treasury; and

WHEREAS, the County and People USA agreed to a June 1, 2026 deadline in the contract to allow the County time to reallocate the funds timely if needed; and

WHEREAS, the U.S. Treasury allows ARPA recipients to reallocate ARPA funds to a new contract after the December 31, 2024 deadline if the recipient and contractor mutually agree to terminate the contract for convenience; and

WHEREAS, due to circumstances beyond the County's control, it has become clear that People USA will not be able to perform under the contract to deliver a 24 hour a day, 7 day per week Crisis Stabilization Center in Putnam County, and that People USA has not expended the funds by the June 1, 2026 in accordance with the terms of the contract; and

WHEREAS, on June 8, 2026 the Putnam County Executive executed a termination of convenience of the contract, due to circumstances beyond the County's control, and a copy of that termination was forwarded to the Putnam County Legislature on June 9, 2026; and

WHEREAS, the Putnam County Legislature believed there was uncertainty as to whether the funds could be reallocated prior to the full rescission of the contract, which did not occur until June 8, 2026; and

WHEREAS, upon receipt of the fully executed termination of the agreement, the Putnam County Legislature had all documentation required to approve the requested reallocation; and

WHEREAS, the Administration requests that the remaining funds (\$2,147,000) be reallocated to ARPA-eligible County-wide paving projects; and

WHEREAS, that paving is an allowable use of ARPA funds; and

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

WHEREAS, the County Executive has reviewed and recommended said reallocation; and

WHEREAS, the Rules, Enactments & Intergovernmental. Relations and Audit & Administration Committees have reviewed and approved of this request; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that \$2,147,000 of ARPA funds from the Stabilization Center project be reallocated to County-wide paving projects.

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

Item #5hh: Approval – Budgetary Amendment (26A052) – Finance – Reallocate ARPA Funding from the Stabilization Center Project to the County-wide paving project and Reverse Budgetary Amendment (26A026) Approved by R116/2026 was next. On behalf of the members of the Audit & Administration Committee, Legislator Crowley moved the following:

Legislator Crowley stated that the reallocation required substantial coordination and would fund needed County road repairs. She added that separate funds remained available for a future stabilization or mobile-crisis initiative.

Legislator Montgomery clarified that her opposition reflected her preference to preserve the original mental health use and did not mean that she favored forfeiting the ARPA funds.

Legislator Regan stated that efforts had been made to preserve the original use, although those efforts were unsuccessful.

RESOLUTION #186

APPROVAL – BUDGETARY AMENDMENT (26A052) – FINANCE – REALLOCATE ARPA FUNDING FROM THE STABILIZATION CENTER PROJECT TO THE COUNTY-WIDE PAVING PROJECT AND REVERSE BUDGETARY AMENDMENT (26A026) APPROVED BY R#116/2026

WHEREAS, Commissioner of Finance requested a Budgetary Amendment (26A052) to Reallocate ARPA Funding from the Stabilization Center Project to the County-wide paving project and Reverse Budgetary Amendment (26A026) Approved by R116/2026; and

WHEREAS, the Rules, Enactments & Intergovernmental Relations Committee voted to have a budgetary amendment created to reverse budgetary amendment (26A026) approved by R#116/2026, reallocating the ARPA Funding from the Stabilization Center Project to the County- Wide Paving Project' and

WHEREAS, the Audit & Administration Committee has reviewed and approved budgetary amendment (26A052); now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the following budgetary amendment; be made:

Capital Projects

Decrease Estimated Appropriations:

55197000 53000 52512	Capital Project–Paving Maintenance	2,147,000
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Decrease Estimated Revenues:

55197000 428601 52512	Transfer from General Fund	2,147,000
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General Fund

Decrease Estimated Appropriations:

1099901000 59020	Transfer to Capital Fund	2,147,000
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Decrease Estimated Revenues:

10131000 427161	Use of Fund Balance	2,147,000
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Increase Estimated Appropriations:

55197000 53000 52420	ARPA – Paving	2,147,000
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Decrease Estimated Appropriations:

58989000 53000 52225	ARPA – Stabilization Center	2,147,000
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Increase Estimated Revenues:

55197000 428601 52420	ARPA – Interfund Transfer	2,147,000
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Decrease Estimated Revenues:

58989000 428601 52225	ARPA – Interfund Transfer	2,147,000
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2026 Fiscal Impact – 0 –
2027 Fiscal Impact – 0 –

**BY ROLL CALL VOTE: SEVEN AYES. ONE NAY – LEGISLATOR MONTGOMERY.
LEGISLATOR ADDONIZIO WAS ABSENT. MOTION CARRIES.**

Item #5ii: Approval – Budgetary Amendment (26A054) – Historian – Grant Award through the New York State 250th Commemoration Commission and New York State Education Department to Support “Revolutionary Putnam County” Initiatives was next. On behalf of the members of the Audit & Administration Committee, Legislator Crowley moved the following:

RESOLUTION #187

APPROVAL – BUDGETARY AMENDMENT (26A054) HISTORIAN – GRANT AWARD THROUGH NYS 250TH COMMEMORATION COMMISSION AND NYS EDUCATION DEPARTMENT TO SUPPORT “REVOLUTIONARY PUTNAM COUNTY” INITIATIVES

WHEREAS, Commissioner of Finance requested a Budgetary Amendment (26A054) on behalf of the Putnam County Historian to receive grant funding, of which the application of said no-match grant was approved by Resolution #68 of 2026; and

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

RESOLVED, that the following budgetary amendment; be made:

Increase Revenues:

10751000 430890 10235	Historian – State Aid – REV250	15,000
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Increase Expenses:

10751000 54685 10235	Historian – Special Projects – REV250	15,000
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2026 Fiscal Impact – 0 –

2027 Fiscal Impact – 0 –

**BY POLL VOTE: SEVEN AYES. LEGISLATOR D’ANGELO WAS ABSENT FOR THE VOTE.
LEGISLATOR ADDONIZIO WAS ABSENT. MOTION CARRIES.**

Item #6 – Other Business

Item #6a: Approval – Amending County Policy on Non-PuMA Management-Confidential Active Employee and Current Retiree Health Insurance Benefits to Supersede Resolution #123 of 2026 and Any Prior Resolutions was next. Chairman Birmingham moved the item; Seconded by Legislator Regan:

Chairman Birmingham explained that the prior resolution had inadvertently incorporated an outdated contribution schedule. He stated that this housekeeping correction incorporated the current schedule and did not change the policy’s underlying substance.

RESOLUTION #188

APPROVAL – AMENDING COUNTY POLICY ON NON-PuMA MANAGEMENT–

CONFIDENTIAL ACTIVE EMPLOYEE AND CURRENT RETIREE HEALTH INSURANCE BENEFITS TO SUPERSEDE RESOLUTION #123 OF 2026 AND ANY PRIOR RESOLUTIONS

WHEREAS, the Putnam County Legislature has previously considered the issues surrounding the costs of health insurance and has considered: comprehensive health insurance contribution structure; and

WHEREAS, the County Legislature recognizes that the high cost of health insurance offered to both Retirees and Non–PuMA Management/Confidential Employees has added a significant burden to the operating budget of the County in recent years; and

WHEREAS, the County Legislature has previously adopted several Resolutions in which it outlined various plans for providing health insurance to both Retirees and non-PuMA Management/Confidential Employees; and

WHEREAS, the Legislature previously based its policies relative to retiree health insurance contributions on years of service, but now determines that contribution percentages based upon the amount of a Retiree's pension benefit would be more equitable; and

WHEREAS, the Putnam County Legislature further adopted Resolution #135 of 2006, which clarified the premiums to be charged to a surviving spouse of a Retiree, and the Legislature does not wish to amend such structure at this time; and

WHEREAS, the Legislature feels that it would be prudent to adopt a Resolution containing the entire policy relative to retiree and Non–PuMA Management/Confidential Employee health insurance contributions; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, THE COUNTY LEGISLATURE OF THE COUNTY OF PUTNAM, NEW YORK, HEREBY RESOLVES AS FOLLOWS:

A. Legislative Findings and Intent:

The County of Putnam previously established a program of post–retirement health insurance benefits for certain employees by subsidizing a portion of the cost of health insurance premiums for certain classes of Retirees. In addition, some Retirees receive Medicare Part B reimbursement which results in a net profit to some Retirees.

This Legislature hereby finds and determines that the costs of such County subsidized benefits have steadily increased over the past ten years, in some cases by double digit percentages. The rising cost of State and Federal mandates couple with pension benefits and existing employees and retiree health insurance benefits can no longer be sustained, especially in light of the State imposed tax cap.

The Legislature hereby finds and determines that it is now necessary to establish a uniform policy with respect to post–retirement health insurance benefits for those persons who have previously retired from County service, as well as for those currently employed by the County of Putnam, as well as for contributions from existing employees toward the cost of providing health insurance.

B. Definitions:

"Allowable Service Time" That amount of time an employee has been employed by the State of New York or any of its political subdivisions (excluding the County), or school districts, or that amount of time such employee has accrued as a full–time active member

of the United States Armed Forces, or any combination thereof.

County Service Time: The amount of time an employee has been employed by the government of Putnam County, New York.

"Eligible Employee" Any person who has a) accrued at least twenty-five (25) years of County Service Time; OR b) accrued a combination of County Service Time and Allowable Service Time totaling twenty-five (25) years; however, under this calculation, allowable service time cannot be more than 12 years OR who meets the requirements of Sections (0)(2) (a), (b), (c), or (d) of this Resolution.

"Initially Hired": That point in time when a person first entered into the employ of the County of Putnam.

"Post-Retirement Health Insurance Benefit": That percentage of health insurance premium which the County shall subsidize, as the Legislature shall from time to time determine by resolution, for the post-retirement health insurance of an Eligible Employee.

"Retiree": Any Individual who has retired from County of Putnam service, and who receives health insurance benefits through the County of Putnam as of the effective date of this Resolution, except as provided for in Section (D)(1)(d) below.

"Surviving Spouse of a Retiree": Any individual who was covered for health insurance benefits as a dependent of a Retiree who is now deceased.

C. Management Health Insurance

1. Employees Hired Prior to April 11, 2006.

Any employee of the County classified in the Management/Confidential category and employed by the County as of midnight on April 10, 2006, and who elected to participate in the County employee health insurance program shall pay a portion of the premium cost of such health insurance coverage pursuant to the following schedule:

Years of County Employment Amount of Premium Payable by Employee

9+ 10%

5-8 15%

0-4 25%

- a. Any person hired as a Management/Confidential employee by the County effective April 11, 2006, and who elects to participate in the County employee health insurance program shall pay 25% of the premium cost; which sum shall not be diminished during such employee's term of employment, except as provided for in the following section. Any employee hired after the effective date of this Resolution shall work minimum of thirty (30) hours per week on an annual basis to be eligible for the County employee health insurance program. Employees promoted from non-Management-Confidential classification to Management-Confidential classification subsequent to the effective date of this Resolution, who elect to participate in the County employee health insurance program and who work a minimum of thirty (30) hours per week on an annual basis, shall pay a portion of the premium cost of such health insurance coverage

pursuant to the schedule outlined in subsection (a) above, based upon their years of service.

D. Retiree Health Insurance Benefits

1. General Policy.

- a. All current Retirees shall be provided a retirement health insurance benefit in accordance with the following contribution schedule:

<u>Annual Amount of Pension Benefit</u>	<u>Amount of Premium Payable by Retiree</u>
\$65,000 and higher	30%
\$52,500 – \$64,999	25%
\$40,000 – \$52,499	21.5%
\$30,000 – \$39,999	18%
\$20,000 – \$29,999	13%
\$10,000 – \$19,999	10%
\$0 – \$9,999	8%

2. Specific Provisions and Exceptions.

- a. Any individual hired prior to April 1, 1975 shall be entitled to health insurance benefits upon retirement in accordance with this Resolution so long as he or she was an Employee of the County of Putnam at the time of retirement and had a minimum of five (5) years of Allowable Service and/or County Service Time
- b. Any individual hired after April 1, 1975 but before January 1 , 1982 shall be entitled to health insurance benefits upon retirement in accordance with this Resolution so long as he or she was an Employee of the County of Putnam at the time of retirement and had a minimum of ten (10) years of and/or County Service Time Allowable Service
- c. Any individual hired after January 1, 1982 but before January 1 , 2005 shall be entitled to health insurance benefits upon retirement in accordance with this Resolution so long as he or she was an Employee of the County of Putnam at the time of retirement and had a minimum of fifteen (15) years of Allowable Service and/or County ServiceTime.
- d. Any individual hired on January 1, 2005 or thereafter shall be entitled to health insurance benefits upon retirement in accordance with this Resolution so long as he or she was an Employee of the County of Putnam at the time of retirement and had a minimum of twenty- five (25) years of Allowable Service and/or County Service Time.
- e. Any Post-Retirement Health Insurance Benefits granted herein shall not be construed to be an entitlement. Such benefits may be altered or eliminated as the Legislature may from time to time determine by resolution, and may include differential rates based on the date of hire, age at date of retirement and/or length of service.
- f. With respect to any persons having already retired from County employment,

post- Retirement Health Insurance Benefits cannot be the subject of collective bargaining between the County and any collective bargaining unit, as said Retirees are not be represented by said bargainingunits.

- g. Dual Family Coverage shall not be permissible under this Policy. Proof that not secondary or additional coverage is applicable may be sought by the County and shall be required to be provided by any Retiree or Retiree Surviving Spouse.
- h. The provisions of this Section shall be applicable to any Retiree, with the exception of a Retiree who had been a member of the Putnam County PBA as an Active Employee for the period covered by the Award referenced below and thereafter. The Post-Retirement Health Insurance Benefits for such Retirees shall continue to be governed by the "Final and Binding Opinion and Award of the Tripartite Arbitration Panel" of the New York State Public Employment Relations Board, dated February 15, 2007, or applicable Collective Bargaining Agreement between the County of Putnam and the Putnam County PBA .
- i. The provisions of this Section shall also not apply to anyone who has been or will be appointed by the Sheriff of Putnam County to the title of Lieutenant or Captain of the following Law Enforcement Divisions:
 - (1) Civil Division;
 - (2) Road Patrol Division;
 - (3) Communications Division; and
 - (4) Bureau of Criminal Investigation Division.

E. Retiree Requirements:

1. General Provisions:

- a. Any Employee who files for retirement subsequent to the adoption of this Resolution and who is otherwise eligible for health insurance benefits in retirement shall provide the County of Putnam with a copy of the letter from the New York State and Local Retirement System which outlines the completed calculations and the final retirement allowance for said newly retired Employee within ten (10) business days of receipt of said letter.
- b. All Retirees shall be required to provide the Putnam County Commissioner of Finance with a W-2, 1099 or other proof of income Form by no later than March 1st of each year, so that said Retiree's exact contribution can be calculated.
- c. Failure to comply with the provisions of this Section shall result in a calculation of the Retiree's Health Insurance costs at the maximum contribution rate of thirty percent (30%).

F. Retiree Surviving Spouse:

1. General Provisions:

Ten (10) separate Surviving Spouses of Retirees who became eligible for health insurance coverage prior to January 1, 2005 shall continue to receive coverage at the fixed cost per month as outlined in a schedule maintained by the Commissioner of Finance. The surviving spouse of a Retiree who became eligible for health insurance coverage by the County on or after January 1, 2005, shall continue to be covered under the Retiree's

contribution requirement during the month of death of the Retiree and for three (3) months thereafter. The Retiree Surviving Spouse may then elect to continue the health insurance coverage by paying one-half (50%) of the actual cost of the health insurance coverage for the remainder of that calendar year. For the Retiree Surviving Spouse of a Retiree who became eligible for health insurance benefits on or after January 1 , 2005, every year the rate paid by the Retiree Surviving Spouse shall be adjustable. Once the County has been notified by the health insurance provider of the cost of the health insurance premium for the upcoming calendar year, whether it be an increase or decrease in the cost of the policy from the previous year, the Retiree Surviving Spouse may continue such coverage by paying one-half (50%) of the premium being charged to Putnam County for that calendar year.

G. Severability:

In the event that any provision of this Resolution shall be deemed illegal, invalid or unenforceable by a court of competent jurisdiction or agency of the State of New York, such holding shall not render the remaining provisions of this Resolution invalid or otherwise unenforceable.

H. Affordable Care Act implications:

In the event that any provision of this Resolution shall be deemed to be in violation of the Affordable Care Act by a court of competent jurisdiction or agency of the State of New York or the Federal government, such holding shall not render the remaining provisions of this Resolution invalid or otherwise unenforceable.

I. Exclusive Subject Matter:

Notwithstanding any prior rule, regulation, resolution or procedure heretofore such prior rule, regulation, resolution or procedure with respect to the matters described herein. Post-Retirement Health Insurance Benefits offered herein shall be independent of, and not necessarily related to, any retirement benefits or years of and Local Employees' Retirement System or the New York State and local Police and Fire Retirement System.

J. Personnel Department Distribution:

The Director of Personnel is hereby authorized and directed to distribute a copy of this Resolution to all current County employees, Retirees and all persons entering the employment of the County of Putnam subsequent to the adoption hereof.

K. Effective Date:

This resolution shall take effect immediately, and shall supersede all prior resolutions.

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

Item #6b: Approval – Rescind Resolution #153 Of 2026 – Motor Fuel Sales Tax Adjustment

was next. Chairman Birmingham moved the item; Seconded by Legislator Crowley:

Chairman Birmingham explained that the New York State Department of Taxation and Finance advised the County that the repeal date in Resolution #153 of 2026 did not coincide with the end of a State sales-tax quarter. He stated that Resolution #153 therefore had to be rescinded and replaced, while the September 1, 2026 effective date of the fuel-tax reduction would remain unchanged.

Legislator Regan asked when the prior resolution would cease to be effective.

Chairman Birmingham explained that it would remain in effect until the County Executive signed the rescinding resolution and that the replacement resolution would reinstate the \$3-per-gallon cap.

RESOLUTION #189

APPROVAL – RESCIND RESOLUTION #153 OF 2026 – MOTOR FUEL SALES TAX ADJUSTMENT

RESOLVED, resolution #153 of 2026 approved by the Full Legislature at the June 2, 2026, meeting is hereby rescinded as the repeal date must end on a sales tax quarter as required by statute; and be it further

RESOLVED, the matter is authorized to be presented again in accordance with applicable statutory procedures and governance requirements.

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

Item #6c: Approval – Motor Fuel Sales Tax Adjustment was next. Chairman Birmingham moved the item; Seconded by Legislator Crowley:

Chairman Birmingham explained that the replacement resolution was substantively the same as the prior measure except for a September 1, 2028 expiration date aligned with the end of the State sales-tax quarter. He stated that the date had been confirmed with the New York State Department of Taxation and Finance.

RESOLUTION #190

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 September 1, 2026, and shall expire and be deemed repealed on September 1, 2028.

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

Item #7 – Recognition of Public on Agenda Items

Nick Fannin, a Carmel resident, thanked the Legislature for its detailed review of the Agricultural District applications. Regarding Item #5d, he urged careful consideration of long-term changes to the Ethics Board appointment process and opposed allowing a political party chair to make a nomination.

Cassandra Roth, member of the public, supported prompt establishment of a fully functioning Ethics Board and stated that minority-party participation did not require the nominee to belong to that party. She also discussed the Soil and Water Conservation District's role as a resource to municipalities and applicants and urged continued respect for the Agricultural and Farmland Protection Board's expertise and volunteer work.

Item #8 – Recognition of Legislators

Legislator Montgomery stated that the adopted Ethics Board structure made each nominating source public while preserving confirmation by the full Legislature. She commended the Legislature's work on the evening's difficult matters.

Legislator Sayegh thanked the Agricultural and Farmland Protection Board and those who participated in the site visits. She stated that the Legislature must consider the Board's recommendations while retaining its responsibility to independently vote on each parcel.

Legislator D'Angelo recognized the organizers, businesses and community members who supported Lake Carmel's Independence Day fireworks display and America's Revolution 250 celebration.

Legislator Russo recognized the Town of Patterson's Independence Day fireworks display and thanked those who attended the return of the restored Sybil Ludington statue to Lake Gleneida. She also expressed support for adoption of the Transparency Act.

Legislator Gouldman emphasized the importance of supporting small farms and agriculture in Putnam County and throughout New York State.

Chairman Birmingham recognized Sybil Ludington's historical significance and thanked the IT Department for supporting the Legislature's live-streaming and archival efforts.

Legislator Regan recognized the life and advocacy of Lauren Shields, a young organ-donation advocate with LiveOn NY who had recently passed away.

There being no further business, at 9:39pm Chairman Birmingham entertained a motion to adjourn in Lauren Shields' memory. Legislator D'Angelo made a motion to adjourn; Seconded by Legislator Crowley. All in favor.