

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

Tuesday

August 4, 2026

7:00 P.M.

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

Chairman Birmingham welcomed Daniel Venezia, a Patterson resident and member of Carmel Boy Scout Troop 1, who attended the meeting while working toward his Citizenship in the Community merit badge.

PROCLAMATION

Overdose Awareness Day

Legislator Regan presented the proclamation recognizing August 31, 2026 as International Overdose Awareness Day to Putnam County Coroner John F. Bourges.

Coroner Bourges stated that openly recognizing overdose and removing stigma are important to saving lives.

Chairman Birmingham thanked Coroner Bourges and all of the County's coroners for the technical expertise and compassion required in their work.

Item #4 – Acceptance of Minutes – Full Meetings November 5, 2025 & December 3, 2025

Item #5 – Correspondence

a) County Auditor was duly noted.

There was no activity during this reporting period.

Item #6 – Pre-filed resolutions:

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

Item #6a – Approval – Town of Kent – Sales Tax Reallocation was next. On behalf of the members of the Rules, Enactments & Intergovernmental Relations Committee, Legislator Sayegh moved the following:

Chairman Birmingham stated that he would abstain because his law firm represents the Town of Kent in a limited capacity for bond counsel services.

RESOLUTION #195

APPROVAL – TOWN OF KENT SALES TAX FUNDING REALLOCATION

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

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

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

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

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

WHEREAS, the County Executive has reviewed said reallocation; and

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

BY ROLL CALL VOTE: SEVEN AYES. ONE ABSTENTION – LEGISLATOR BIRMINGHAM. LEGISLATOR D'ANGELO WAS ABSENT. MOTION CARRIES.

Item #6b – Approval – Local Law to Amend the Code of the County of Putnam by Adding Subsection E To 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 #196

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

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

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

Section I.

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

CHAPTER 222

TRANSPARENCY ACT

§ 222–1 Title.

§ 222–2 Legislative intent.

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

§ 222–4 Severability.

§ 222–1 Title.

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

§ 222–2 Legislative intent.

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

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

- A. The Putnam County Legislature shall make all meetings of the Legislature or its subcommittees available for public viewing by live video stream whenever**

practicable. A link to the live stream shall be conspicuously posted and made available on the Legislature's website at least eight (8) hours prior to the meeting whenever practicable.

- B. Except in the case of executive sessions held pursuant to N.Y.S. Open Meetings Law § 105, the Legislature shall ensure that members can be heard, seen, and identified at all times when the meeting is being conducted, including but not limited to any motions, proposals, resolutions, and any other matter formally discussed or voted upon.
- C. The County Executive shall pursuant to § 3.04–B of the Charter make all public hearings available for public viewing by live stream, whenever practicable.
- D. Each meeting or hearing that is live streamed shall be recorded and such recordings linked or posted online, to the extent practicable, within five (5) business days following the meeting/hearing and shall remain so available for a minimum of five (5) years thereafter.
- E. Meetings of political committees, conferences and caucuses of members of the County Legislature who are members or adherents of the same political party at which deliberations of County legislative matters are to be discussed shall be publicly noticed and such notice shall contain the date and time and place of such meeting, and such notice shall contain the subject matter proposed to be under discussion. Following such political committee, conference or caucus meeting there shall be a public record of those members of the County Legislature in attendance as well as a synopsis of such items of County legislative matters discussed.

§ 222–4 Severability.

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

Section II.

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

BY POLL VOTE: EIGHT AYES. LEGISLATOR D'ANGELO WAS ABSENT. MOTION CARRIES.

Item #6c – Approval – Amending Legislative Manual to Establish a Legislative Document Printing Reduction Policy was next. On behalf of the members of the Rules, Enactments & Intergovernmental Relations Committee, Legislator Sayegh moved the following:

RESOLUTION #197

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Legislative Document Printing Reduction Policy

- A. All legislative agendas, resolutions, reports, and supporting documentation, except confidential materials as otherwise provided herein, shall continue to be distributed electronically and made available through the County's established electronic systems and public website.**
- B. Printed copies of Committee agenda items and supporting documentation shall be provided to Committee members and Legislators at the first Committee meeting at which such item is formally considered.**
- C. If the same item is considered at a subsequent Committee meeting or meetings, supporting documentation previously distributed shall not be routinely reproduced or redistributed in paper form unless revisions have been made.**
- D. Any revisions, amendments, substitute documents, or newly added supporting materials pertaining to a previously distributed item shall be provided to Legislators in an appropriate format.**

- E. Confidential or non-public supporting materials requiring physical distribution shall be provided in printed form when first considered and thereafter only as necessary or upon request.
- F. Any Legislator may request and shall be provided a printed copy of any agenda item, resolution, supporting documentation, revision, or related material at any time.
- G. Nothing contained herein shall limit the authority of the Chair of the Legislature, Committee Chairs, the Clerk of the Legislature, or legislative staff to provide additional printed materials when operationally necessary or in circumstances where electronic access is unavailable.

and be it further

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

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

BY POLL VOTE: EIGHT AYES. LEGISLATOR D'ANGELO WAS ABSENT. MOTION CARRIES.

Item #6d – Approval – Local Law Adopting the Optional Real Property Tax Exemption for Surviving Spouses of Police Officers Killed in the Line of Duty for County Tax Purposes Only was next. On behalf of the members of the Rules, Enactments & Intergovernmental Relations Committee, Legislator Sayegh moved the following:

Legislator Addonizio explained that the local law would provide a 50% exemption from County real property taxes for qualifying surviving spouses of police officers killed in the line of duty and thanked Legislator D'Angelo for bringing the measure forward.

Legislators Russo stated her support for the exemption and recognition of the officers' families.

Legislator Crowley stated her appreciation for Putnam County's police officers and the work they do.

RESOLUTION #198

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

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

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

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

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

RESOLVED, that the Putnam County Legislature hereby approves the proposed Local Law electing to provide the optional exemption authorized by Section 471 of the New York Real Property Tax Law for County real property taxes only; and be it further

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

BY POLL VOTE: EIGHT AYES. LEGISLATOR D'ANGELO WAS ABSENT. MOTION CARRIES.

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

(Chairwoman Addonizio, Legislators Russo & Sayegh)

Item #6e – Approval – Fund Transfer (26T170) Acting Commissioner of Finance – Title Change and Reclass from Account Clerk to Senior Account Clerk was next. On behalf of the members of the Personnel Committee, Legislator Addonizio moved the following:

RESOLUTION #199

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

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

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

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

RESOLVED, that the following budgetary amendment be made:

Decrease:		
10131000 51000 10120	Personnel/ First Deputy Commissioner	3,336.14
Increase:		
10131000 51000 10121	Personnel/ Senior Account Clerk	3,336.14
	2026 – Fiscal Impact – \$0	
	2027 – Fiscal Impact – \$0	

BY POLL VOTE: EIGHT AYES. LEGISLATOR D'ANGELO WAS ABSENT. MOTION CARRIES.

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

Item #6f – Approval – Department of Public Works – Use of Capital Facility Reserve – (26CP02) (County Park and Fire Training Center – Communications, Security and Access Control) was next. On behalf of the members of the Physical Services Committee, Legislator Gouldman moved the following:

RESOLUTION #200

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Project cost not to exceed \$75,000

BY POLL VOTE: EIGHT AYES. LEGISLATOR D'ANGELO WAS ABSENT. MOTION CARRIES.

Item #6g – Approval – Budgetary Amendment (26A060) – Department of Public Works – Use of Capital Facility Reserve – (26CP02) (County Park and Fire Training Center – Communications, Security and Access Control) was next. On behalf of the members of the Physical Services Committee, Legislator Gouldman moved the following:

RESOLUTION #201

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

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

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

RESOLVED, that the following budgetary amendment be made:

CAPITAL FUND

Increase Estimated Appropriations:

55197000 532602 51509	Capital Expenditures– County Park & Fire Training Center – Communications, Security, and Access Control	75,000
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Increase Estimated Revenues:

51997000 428601 51509	Transfer from General Fund	75,000
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GENERAL FUND:

Increase Appropriations:

10990100 59020	Transfer Out – General Fund	75,000
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Decrease Appropriations:

10990100 54980

General Contingencies

75,000

2026 – Fiscal Impact – \$75,000

2027 – Fiscal Impact – \$0

BY POLL VOTE: EIGHT AYES. LEGISLATOR D'ANGELO WAS ABSENT. MOTION CARRIES.

Item #6h – Approval – Budgetary Amendment (26A061) – Commissioner of Department of Public Works (DPW) – Amend 2026 Consolidated Local Street and Highway Improvement Program (CHIPS) was next. On behalf of the members of the Physical Services Committee, Legislator Gouldman moved the following:

RESOLUTION #202

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

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

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

Increase Estimated Appropriations:

55112000 53000 52606	CHIPS 2026	618,608.52
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Increase Estimated Revenues:

55112000 435011 52606	State Aid – CHIPS 2026	618,608.52
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2026 Fiscal Impact – 0 –

2027 Fiscal Impact – 0 –

BY POLL VOTE: EIGHT AYES. LEGISLATOR D'ANGELO WAS ABSENT. MOTION CARRIES.

Item #6i – Approval – Budgetary Transfer (26T146) – Acting Commissioner of Finance – Fully Fund the Metropolitan Transportation Authority (MTA) Railroad Station Maintenance Costs was next. On behalf of the members of the Physical Services Committee, Legislator Gouldman moved the following:

Legislator Regan objected that the Metropolitan Transportation Authority's request applied a Consumer Price Index increase without itemizing station-maintenance work performed in Putnam County.

Legislator Montgomery agreed that additional information should be requested and noted that the payment was due September 1, 2026.

Legislator Russo noted that the MTA's letter identified the billing period and total station-maintenance charge, but Legislator Regan stated that it did not identify the specific work performed in the County.

RESOLUTION #203

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

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

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

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

RESOLVED, that the following budgetary transfer; be made:

Increase Estimated Appropriations:

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

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

BY POLL VOTE: SIX AYES. TWO NAYS – LEGISLATORS MONTGOMERY AND REGAN. LEGISLATOR D'ANGELO WAS ABSENT. MOTION CARRIES.

Item #6j – Approval – Budgetary Transfer (26T153) – Commissioner of Department of Public Works (DPW) – Reallocate funding from Capital Project (52516) to Purchase El/Pre-K Buses to the Donald B. Smith Campus Building 3 Project (52409) was next. On behalf of the members of the Physical Services Committee, Legislator Gouldman moved the following:

Legislator Sayegh questioned the fiscal-impact figure in the agenda backup.

Auditor Michele Sharkey confirmed that the 2026 and 2027 fiscal impacts should both be zero.

Chairman Birmingham moved to amend the resolution to reflect a zero fiscal impact for 2026; Seconded by Legislator Russo. All in favor. Legislator D'Angelo was absent.

RESOLUTION #204

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

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

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

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

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

RESOLVED, that the following budgetary transfer; be made:

CAPITAL FUND:

Increase Estimated Appropriations:

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

54059000 53000 52516	Preschool & EI Buses	405,803.04
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2026 Fiscal Impact – 0 –

2027 Fiscal Impact – 0 –

BY POLL VOTE: EIGHT AYES. LEGISLATOR D'ANGELO WAS ABSENT. MOTION CARRIES.

Item #6k – Approval– Acceptance of Amendment B For 2025–2026 Snow and Ice Agreement with New York State was next. On behalf of the members of the Physical Services Committee, Legislator Gouldman moved the following:

RESOLUTION #205

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

BY POLL VOTE: EIGHT AYES. LEGISLATOR D'ANGELO WAS ABSENT. MOTION CARRIES.

Item #6I – Approval – Opposing Senate Bill S.4571–B and Assembly Bill A.6577–B Establishing the Floating Solar Incentive and Education Program was next. On behalf of the members of the Physical Services Committee, Legislator Gouldman moved the following:

RESOLUTION #206

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

WHEREAS, the Legislature has been advised by the Putnam County Soil and Water Conservation District that significant questions remain concerning the long-term

environmental, biological, ecological, water quality, and public health impacts associated with large-scale floating solar development, including potential impacts to aquatic habitat, fisheries, aquatic vegetation, dissolved oxygen, water temperature, invasive species management, watershed health, and drinking water resources; and

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

BY POLL VOTE: EIGHT AYES. LEGISLATOR D'ANGELO WAS ABSENT. MOTION CARRIES.

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

Item #6m – Approval – Budgetary Amendment (26A055) – Sheriff – Funding from NYS Sheriffs Association Inc., to cover the cost of Drug Recognition Expert (DRE) Training was next. On behalf of the members of the Protective Services Committee, Legislator Regan moved the following:

Legislator Addonizio supported Drug Recognition Expert training to help officers distinguish impairment caused by drugs or alcohol from a medical condition. Legislator Crowley supported expanding the County’s trained personnel and noted that the expertise could assist neighboring jurisdictions.

RESOLUTION #207

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

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

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

Increase Revenues:

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

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

2026 Fiscal Impact – 0 –

2027 Fiscal Impact – 0 –

BY POLL VOTE: EIGHT AYES. LEGISLATOR D’ANGELO WAS ABSENT. MOTION CARRIES.

Item #6n – Approval – Budgetary Amendment (26A056) – Acting Commissioner of Finance – Reclassify revenue to correct funding streams was next. On behalf of the members of the Protective Services Committee, Legislator Regan moved the following:

RESOLUTION #208

APPROVAL – BUDGETARY AMENDMENT (26A056) – ACTING COMMISSIONER OF FINANCE – RECLASSIFY REVENUE TO CORRECT FUNDING STREAMS

WHEREAS, the Acting Commissioner of Finance requested a Budgetary

Amendment (26A056) to reclassify revenue to correct funding streams;

WHEREAS, the funding will be moved from the Federal Aid Grants account codes to the State Aid account codes; and

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

Increase Revenues:

10431000 430891 10218	MH LGU – State Aid/Homeland Security Domestic Terrorism Prevention Grant	48,749
13311000 430891 10218	Sheriff Comm – State Aid/Homeland Security Domestic Terrorism Prevention Grant	200,664
10398901 430891 10218	EMS Fed– State Aid/Homeland Security Domestic Terrorism Prevention Grant	5,000

Decrease Revenues:

10431000 440891 10218	MH LGU – State Aid/Homeland Security Domestic Terrorism Prevention Grant	48,749
13311000 440891 10218	Sheriff Comm – State Aid/Homeland Security Domestic Terrorism Prevention Grant	200,664
10398901 440891 10218	EMS Fed– State Aid/Homeland Security Domestic Terrorism Prevention Grant	5,000

2026 Fiscal Impact – 0 –

2027 Fiscal Impact – 0 –

BY POLL VOTE: EIGHT AYES. LEGISLATOR D'ANGELO WAS ABSENT. MOTION CARRIES.

Item #6o – Approval – Budgetary Amendment (26A057) – Risk Manager – Recognize Funds Received from State Farm Mutual Automobile Insurance Company – Sheriff's Department Vehicle was next. On behalf of the members of the Protective Services Committee, Legislator Regan moved the following:

RESOLUTION #209

APPROVAL – BUDGETARY AMENDMENT (26A057) – RISK MANAGER – RECOGNIZE FUNDS RECEIVED FROM STATE FARM MUTUAL AUTOMOBILE INSURANCE COMPANY – SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT VEHICLE

WHEREAS, the Risk Manager requested a budgetary amendment (26A057) to recognize funds received from State Farm Mutual Automobile Insurance Company representing payment for the 2023 Chevrolet Suburban involved in an accident on April 9, 2026; and

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

Increase Revenues:

17311000 426801	Sheriff PTL (Patrol)– Insurance Recoveries	822.50
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Increase Expenses:

17311000 54370	Sheriff PTL – Automotive	822.50
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2026 Fiscal Impact – 0 –

2027 Fiscal Impact – 0 –

BY POLL VOTE: EIGHT AYES. LEGISLATOR D'ANGELO WAS ABSENT. MOTION CARRIES.

Item #6p – Approval – Budgetary Amendment (26A059) – Sheriff – Funds Received from the U.S. Capitol Police – Security Provided for the Lawler Town Hall Event at Mahopac High School was next. On behalf of the members of the Protective Services Committee, Legislator Regan moved the following:

Legislator Crowley stated that she would abstain because the reimbursement related to her employment.

RESOLUTION #210

APPROVAL – BUDGETARY AMENDMENT (26A059) – SHERIFF – FUNDS RECEIVED FROM THE US CAPITAL POLICE FOR SECURITY PROVIDED FOR THE LAWLER TOWN HALL EVENT AT MAHOPAC HIGH SCHOOL

WHEREAS, the Sheriff requested a budgetary amendment (26A059) to recognize funds received from the US Capital Police for security provided for the Lawler Town Hall event at Mahopac High School on April 12, 2026; and

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

Increase Revenues:

17311000 422601	Sheriff Patrol – Deputy OS Service	8,257.18
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Increase Expenses:

17311000 51093	Sheriff Patrol – Overtime	7,670.39
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17311000 58002	Sheriff Patrol – Social Security	586.79
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8,257.18

2026 Fiscal Impact – 0 –

2027 Fiscal Impact – 0 –

BY ROLL CALL VOTE: SEVEN AYES. ONE ABSTENTION – LEGISLATOR CROWLEY. LEGISLATOR D'ANGELO WAS ABSENT. MOTION CARRIES.

Item #6q – Approval – Budgetary Amendment (26A062) – Sheriff – Reimbursement related to Drug Recognition Expert (DRE) Recertification from the NYS Sheriffs Association – Oriskany, NY was next. On behalf of the members of the Protective Services Committee, Legislator Regan moved the following:

RESOLUTION #211

APPROVAL – BUDGETARY AMENDMENT (26A062) – SHERIFF – REIMBURSEMENT RELATED TO DRUG RECOGNITION EXPERT RECERTIFICATION FROM THE NYS SHERIFFS ASSOCIATION – ORISKANY, NY

WHEREAS, the Sheriff requested a budgetary amendment (26A062) to recognize funds received from the NYS Sheriffs Association Inc. as reimbursement related to Drug Recognition Expert (DRE) recertification on April 20, 2026 in Oriskany, NY; and

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

Increase Revenues:

32311000 427701	Sheriff BCI – Unclassified	744.24
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Increase Expenses:

32311000 51093	Sheriff BCI – Overtime	691.35
32311000 58002	Sheriff Patrol – Social Security	52.89
		744.24

2026 Fiscal Impact – 0 –

2027 Fiscal Impact – 0 –

BY POLL VOTE: EIGHT AYES. LEGISLATOR D'ANGELO WAS ABSENT. MOTION CARRIES.

Item #6r – Approval – Budgetary Amendment (26A063) – Sheriff – Federal Seized Asset Funds to Replace Two Aging Motorcycles was next. On behalf of the members of the Protective Services Committee, Legislator Regan moved the following:

RESOLUTION #212

APPROVAL – BUDGETARY AMENDMENT (26A063) – SHERIFF – FEDERAL SEIZED ASSET FUNDS TO REPLACE TWO AGING MOTORCYCLES

WHEREAS, the Sheriff requested a budgetary amendment (26A063) to use Federal sized asset funds to replace two (2) aging motorcycles currently in the fleet; and

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

Increase Revenues:

10311000 427151 10251	Sheriff Admin – Federal Proceeds of Seized Assets Proceeds of Seized Assets	65,000
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Increase Expenses:

10311000 52650 10251	Sheriff – Federal Proceeds of Seized Assets – Motor Vehicles	60,000
10311000 54370 10251	Sheriff – Federal Proceeds of Seized Assets – Automotive	5,000
		65,000

2026 Fiscal Impact – 0 –

2027 Fiscal Impact – 0 –

BY POLL VOTE: EIGHT AYES. LEGISLATOR D'ANGELO WAS ABSENT. MOTION CARRIES.

Item #6s – Approval – Budgetary Amendment (26A064) – Acting Commissioner of Finance– Legal Aid – Pass Through Award from NYS Division of Criminal Justice for Aid to Defense Recover Reform – was next. On behalf of the members of the Protective Services Committee, Legislator Regan moved the following:

RESOLUTION #213

APPROVAL – BUDGETARY AMENDMENT (26A064) – ACTING COMMISSIONER OF FINANCE – LEGAL AID – PASS THROUGH AWARD FROM NYS DIVISION OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE FOR AID TO DEFENSE RECOVER REFORM

WHEREAS, the Acting Commissioner of Finance requested a budgetary amendment (26A064) to receive a pass-through award from the NYS Division of Criminal Justice for Aid to Defense Recovery Reform; and

WHEREAS, the County must make this money available to public defense service providers that provide representation in criminal cases. The Putnam County Legal Aid Society performs this function in Putnam County; and

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

Increase Revenues:

25117000 430890 10224	Legal Aid Society – State Aid Other–Aid to Defense Discovery Reform	128,428
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Increase Expenses:

25117000 54951 10224	Legal Aid Society – Aid to Defense Discovery Reform – Aid to Prosecution	128,428
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2026 Fiscal Impact – 0 –

2027 Fiscal Impact – 0 –

BY POLL VOTE: EIGHT AYES. LEGISLATOR D'ANGELO WAS ABSENT. MOTION CARRIES.

Item #6t – Approval – Budgetary Amendment (26A065) – Finance – Sheriff – Correctional Facility Vehicle Purchase – Dormitory Authority of the State of New York (DASNY) was next.

On behalf of the members of the Protective Services Committee, Legislator Regan moved the following:

RESOLUTION #214

APPROVAL – BUDGETARY AMENDMENT (26A065) – FINANCE – SHERIFF – CORRECTIONAL FACILITY VEHICLE PURCHASE – DORMITORY AUTHORITY OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK (DASNY)

WHEREAS, the Sheriff has requested a budgetary amendment (26A065) to receive the DASNY awarded funds to the Putnam County Correctional Facility in the amount of \$100,000; and

WHEREAS, the funds will be used to purchase a specialized inmate specialized transportation vehicle; and

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

RESOLVED, that the following budgetary amendment; be made:

Increase Revenues:

10315000 430890 10253	Jail – State Aid Other – DASNY Grant	100,000
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Increase Expenses:

10315000 52650 10253	Jail – Motor Vehicles over \$25,000–DASNY Grant	72,000
10315000 52150 10253	Jail – Motor Vehicles under \$25,000–DASNY Grant	10,000
10315000 54370 10253	Jail – Automotive – DASNY Grant	18,000
		100,000

2026 Fiscal Impact – 0 –

2027 Fiscal Impact – 0 –

BY POLL VOTE: EIGHT AYES. LEGISLATOR D'ANGELO WAS ABSENT. MOTION CARRIES.

Item #6u – Approval – No Match – Grant Application – Sheriff's Office – FY2026 Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS) Community Policing Development: Microgrants was next. On behalf of the members of the Protective Services Committee, Legislator Regan moved the following:

RESOLUTION #215

APPROVAL – NO MATCH – GRANT APPLICATION – SHERIFF'S OFFICE – FY2026 COMMUNITY ORIENTED POLICING SERVICES (COPS) COMMUNITY POLICING DEVELOPMENT: MICROGRANTS

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

WHEREAS, the Sheriff's Office has requested permission to apply for grant funding through the United States Department of Justice FY2026 Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS) Community Policing Development: Microgrants; and

WHEREAS, this grant application would support a Hudson River Drone as First Responder and Marine Patrol Unmanned Aircraft Systems (UAS) Rescue Pilot Program enhancing the Sheriff's Office ability to support water rescue, missing-person response, remote shoreline assessment, storm and flood response, and critical incident operations along the Putnam County section of the Hudson River; and

WHEREAS, the grant application deadline is August 17, 2026; and

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

RESOLVED, that the Putnam County Legislature approves and authorizes the Putnam County Sheriff's Office to apply for a grant through the United States Department of Justice FY2026 Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS) Community Policing Development: Microgrants.

BY POLL VOTE: EIGHT AYES. LEGISLATOR D'ANGELO WAS ABSENT. MOTION CARRIES.

Item #6v – Approval – No Match – Grant Application – Sheriff's Office – New York State Division of Criminal Justice Services Law Enforcement Technology Grant Program was next. On behalf of the members of the Protective Services Committee, Legislator Regan moved the following:

RESOLUTION #216

APPROVAL – NO MATCH – GRANT APPLICATION – SHERIFF'S OFFICE – THE NEW YORK STATE DIVISION OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE SERVICES LAW ENFORCEMENT TECHNOLOGY GRANT PROGRAM

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

WHEREAS, the Sheriff's Office has requested permission to apply for grant funding through the New York State Division of Criminal Justice Services Law Enforcement Technology Grant Program; and

WHEREAS, the Sheriff will request the maximum allowable amount of \$500,000 to purchase public safety technology equipment, including security cameras, license plate reader sites, Starlink internet connectivity, and other related technology infrastructure; and

WHEREAS, said equipment would improve crime prevention, investigative capability, officer safety, emergency response, and overall public safety operations throughout Putnam County; and

WHEREAS, the grant application deadline is September 2, 2026; and

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

RESOLVED, that the Putnam County Legislature approves and authorizes the Putnam County Sheriff's Office to apply for a grant through the New York State Division of Criminal Justice Services Law Enforcement Technology Grant Program.

BY POLL VOTE: EIGHT AYES. LEGISLATOR D'ANGELO WAS ABSENT. MOTION CARRIES.

Item #6w – Approval –Grant Application – Bureau of Emergency Services – FY2025 Emergency Management Performance Grant (EMPG) Program was next. On behalf of the members of the Protective Services Committee, Legislator Regan moved the following:

Legislator Montgomery supported seeking the annual Emergency Management Performance Grant but questioned using \$35,000 for salaries already included in the 2026 budget.

Legislator Crowley supported obtaining the grant and encouraged review of additional eligible uses in future applications.

RESOLUTION #217

APPROVAL – GRANT APPLICATION – BUREAU OF EMERGENCY SERVICES – FY2025 EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT PERFORMANCE GRANT (EMPG) PROGRAM

WHEREAS, Section 5–1(D)(1) of the Putnam County Code requires Legislative approval of all grant application and renewals that require County matching funds; and

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

WHEREAS, the Commissioner of the Bureau of Emergency Services (BES) has requested permission to apply for the FY2025 Emergency Management Performance Grant (EMPG) Program funding in the amount of \$35,530; and

WHEREAS, the funding is provided by the U.S. Department of Homeland Security, Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA); and

WHEREAS, the New York State Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Services (DHSES) will administer this funding on behalf of FEMA; and

WHEREAS, the performance period for this grant is 36 months, from October 1, 2024 to September 30, 2027, with the possibility of an extension based on need; and

WHEREAS, the grant application deadline of July 7, 2026, was adhered to by the Commissioner of BES; and

WHEREAS, this requires 50% matching funds, which will be offset by salaries; and

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

RESOLVED, that the Putnam County Legislature approves and authorizes the Putnam County Bureau of Emergency Services to apply for a \$ 35,530 grant from the NYS Homeland Security and Emergency Services under the FY2025 Emergency Management Performance Grant (EMPG) Program.

BY POLL VOTE: EIGHT AYES. LEGISLATOR D'ANGELO WAS ABSENT. MOTION CARRIES.

Item #6x – Approval – No Match – Grant Application – Bureau of Emergency Services – FY2025 State Homeland Security Program (SHSP) Grant was next. On behalf of the members of the Protective Services Committee, Legislator Regan moved the following:

RESOLUTION #218

APPROVAL – NO MATCH – GRANT APPLICATION – BUREAU OF EMERGENCY SERVICES – FY2025 STATE HOMELAND SECURITY PROGRAM (SHSP) GRANT

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

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

WHEREAS, the Bureau of Emergency Services has requested permission to apply for grant funding through the FY2025 State Homeland Security Program (SHSP) and State Law Enforcement Terrorism Prevention Program (SLETPP) in the amount \$147,348; and

WHEREAS, the SHSP and SLETPP are designed to build and sustain critical homeland security capabilities across the State; and

WHEREAS, the grant application deadline of July 7, 2026, was adhered to by the Commissioner of BES; and

WHEREAS, the performance period for this grant is 36 months, estimated to be from September 1, 2025, through August 31, 2028; and

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

RESOLVED, that the Putnam County Legislature approves and authorizes the Putnam County Bureau of Emergency Services to apply for a grant under the FY2025 State Homeland Security Program (SHSP) and State Law Enforcement Terrorism Prevention Program (SLETPP).

BY POLL VOTE: EIGHT AYES. LEGISLATOR D'ANGELO WAS ABSENT. MOTION CARRIES.

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

Item #6y – Approval – Budgetary Amendment (26A066) – Health Department – Resuming of School Flu Clinics in the fall of 2026 And Additional Vaccines was next. On behalf of the members of the Health, Social, Educational & Environmental Committee, Legislator Montgomery moved the following:

RESOLUTION #219

APPROVAL – BUDGETARY AMENDMENT (26A066) – HEALTH DEPARTMENT – RESUMING SCHOOL FLU CLINICS IN THE FALL OF 2026 AND ADDITIONAL VACCINES

WHEREAS, the Public Health Director has requested a budgetary amendment (26A066) to fund the resuming of School Flu Clinics in the fall of 2026 and purchase additional vaccines to meet the demand for the public and schools; and

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

RESOLVED, that the following budgetary amendment; be made:

Increase Revenues:

11025000 434011	Health Nursing Flu – State Aid Public Health	6,480
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Increase Expenses:

11025000 54330	Health Nursing Flu – Medical Supplies	18,000
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Decrease County Contingency:

10199000 54980	Contingency	11,520
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2026 Fiscal Impact – \$11,520 –
2027 Fiscal Impact – 0 –

BY POLL VOTE: EIGHT AYES. LEGISLATOR D'ANGELO WAS ABSENT. MOTION CARRIES.

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

Item #6z – Approval – Designation – County of Putnam – Tourist Promotion Agency was next. On behalf of the members of the Economic Development & Energy Committee, Legislator Russo moved the following:

RESOLUTION #220

APPROVAL – DESIGNATION – COUNTY OF PUTNAM – TOURIST PROMOTION AGENCY

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

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

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

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

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

RESOLVED, that this designation shall be effective immediately upon adoption and shall remain in effect until December 31, 2027; and be it further

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

BY POLL VOTE: EIGHT AYES. LEGISLATOR D'ANGELO WAS ABSENT. MOTION CARRIES.

Item #7 – Other Business

Item #7a - Approval – Release Of \$150,000 From Subcontingency for Countywide Food Security Initiative was next.

Chairman Birmingham made a motion to waive the rules and accept the Other Business; Seconded by Legislator Montgomery. All in favor. Legislator D'Angelo was absent.

Legislator Montgomery made a motion to move the following: Seconded by Chairman Birmingham:

Legislator Montgomery explained that the \$150,000 placed in subcontingency at the end of last year was meant to support food pantries, cold-storage needs and prepared-meal distribution through Cornell Cooperative Extension and Second Chance Foods. She stated that the program was County-wide and would help address increased need and anticipated changes to SNAP benefits. She also spoke to the imbalance of services available, many of which are on the eastern side of the County.

Legislator Crowley supported releasing the funds but questioned language emphasizing the western portion of the County and requested equitable County-wide distribution. She questioned how the implementation plan would be reviewed and how services would be directed to Putnam County residents.

Chairman Birmingham stated that future budgets should continue food-security support and that the County should explore mechanisms to assist food pantries directly.

Legislative Counsel explained that the Department of Social Services and Office for Senior Resources would act in cooperation with Cornell Cooperative Extension and Second Chance Foods to identify and facilitate distribution based on need.

Legislator Montgomery made a motion to make the following amendment to the resolution: delete the WHEREAS clause beginning, "WHEREAS, the conclusion of the Meals on Main program has created an additional gap in food access in the western portion of Putnam County"; Seconded by Legislator Regan All in favor. Legislator D'Angelo was absent. Motion carries.

Legislator Montgomery made a motion to make the following amendment to the resolution: delete the RESOLVED clause requiring the administering organization, before disbursement of County funds, to submit an implementation plan identifying participating organizations, intended uses, the program timeline and the distribution strategy; Seconded by Chairman Birmingham. for discussion.

Chairman Birmingham stated he opposed the amendment, stating that the plan would provide useful oversight without delaying the program.

By roll call vote: Two Ayes. Six Nays: Legislators Montgomery, Gouldman, Addonizio, Russo, Crowley and Chairman Birmingham. Legislator D'Angelo was absent. Motion fails.

Martha Elder, Executive Director and Co-Founder of Second Chance Foods, stated that the organization was prepared to implement the initiative with Cornell Cooperative Extension, provide an implementation plan and reports, and direct the funding primarily to Putnam County residents based on need.

Scott Seaman, a Town of Southeast resident and Brewster Board of Education trustee, urged prompt approval because food insecurity is currently affecting local students and families.

RESOLUTION #221

APPROVAL – RELEASE OF \$150,000 FROM SUBCONTINGENCY FOR COUNTYWIDE FOOD SECURITY INITIATIVE

WHEREAS, the Putnam County Legislature previously placed \$150,000 in subcontingency for the purpose of addressing food insecurity and supporting food pantries and food-access programs throughout Putnam County; and

WHEREAS, food pantries and community food programs continue to experience increased demand, higher food-purchasing costs, transportation and distribution challenges, and insufficient refrigeration and freezer capacity; and

WHEREAS, the Putnam County Food System Coalition provides an existing structure through which Cornell Cooperative Extension, Second Chance Foods, food pantries, nonprofit organizations and other community partners collaborate to address food access and distribution throughout the County; and

WHEREAS, the Bountiful Meals program, operated through a partnership between Cornell Cooperative Extension and Second Chance Foods, provides prepared meals that may be distributed through senior centers, libraries, community organizations, food pantries and other accessible locations; and

WHEREAS, the Legislature finds that Bountiful Meals provides an important means of reaching seniors and other residents who may not otherwise access traditional pantry services; and

WHEREAS, the Legislature wishes to establish the purposes, priorities and safeguards governing the expenditure of these funds; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Putnam County Legislature hereby authorizes the release and appropriation of \$150,000 from subcontingency, subject to the necessary budgetary amendment and account designations prepared by the Commissioner of Finance as

necessary to implement this Resolution, for a countywide food–security initiative consistent with the requirements of this resolution; and be it further

RESOLVED, that Budgetary Transfer 26T183 is hereby approved and that the following budgetary transfer be made:

Increase Estimated Appropriations:

25876000 54950

County Contribution – Second Chance Foods	\$50,000
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25875000 54950

County Contribution – Cornell Cooperative	\$100,000
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Decrease Estimated Appropriations:

10199000 54995

Sub Contingency	\$150,000
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Fiscal Impact – 2026: \$0

Fiscal Impact – 2027: \$0

and be it further

RESOLVED, that implementation of this initiative shall occur through the County’s existing agreement with Cornell Cooperative Extension and Second Chance Foods, together with any amendment thereto as may be necessary to implement the purposes of this resolution; and be it further

RESOLVED, that any amendments to the existing agreements expanding the scope of services or funding authorized by this resolution shall be subject to review and approval as to legal form and shall comply with all applicable laws governing County expenditures, auditing and financial controls; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the \$150,000 shall be allocated substantially as follows:

- Up to \$100,000 for pantry stabilization and countywide food purchasing and distribution, including centralized or bulk purchasing, food–purchase credits, reimbursement of eligible and documented food purchases, and distribution to participating Putnam County food pantries; and
- Not less than \$50,000 for the expansion of Bountiful Meals and related prepared–meal services, with a particular focus on seniors and residents affected by the loss of Meals on Main in the western portion of Putnam County;

and be it further

RESOLVED, that any material change to these allocations shall require the prior approval of the Putnam County Legislature; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the pantry–stabilization component shall be administered by Cornell Cooperative Extension and Second Chance Foods with the cooperation of the Department of Social Service and the Office of Senior Resources in identifying and facilitating distribution based on and prioritized by need; and be it further

RESOLVED, that in administering the pantry–stabilization and prepared–meal components, priority shall be given to underserved geographic areas of Putnam County and communities with limited access to food assistance, while maintaining a countywide approach to food purchasing and distribution; and be it further

RESOLVED, that resources shall be distributed in a manner that fairly reflects documented community need and program capacity, including consideration of geographic accessibility, populations served, demand, food–purchasing and distribution needs, and areas affected by the loss of Meals on Main; and be it further

RESOLVED, that refrigeration units, freezer units and related cold-storage equipment shall be eligible expenses when such purchases directly support food purchasing, prepared-meal production or food distribution within Putnam County; and be it further

RESOLVED, that any cold-storage component shall be developed in consultation with the Office for Senior Resources, Cornell Cooperative Extension, Second Chance Foods and other participating organizations, as appropriate; and be it further

RESOLVED, that eligible expenses may include food purchases, prepared meals and meal ingredients, packaging and food-safety supplies, transportation and delivery, refrigeration and freezer equipment and necessary installation costs, meal-production capacity, program coordination and other directly related expenses approved under the existing agreement or any amendment thereto; and be it further

RESOLVED, that prior to the disbursement of County funds, the administering organization shall submit an implementation plan outlining the overall approach to administering the initiative, including the participating organizations, the intended use of funds, the anticipated program timeline, and the general strategy for food and meal distribution throughout Putnam County, consistent with the geographic priorities established by this resolution; and be it further

RESOLVED, that administrative expenses shall be limited to actual and documented costs necessary to administer the initiative and shall not exceed ten percent of the total funding without the prior approval of the Putnam County Legislature; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the administering organization shall provide quarterly reports to the Putnam County Legislature summarizing program activities and expenditures, including funds received and expended, food and prepared meals distributed, participating organizations and locations, geographic areas served, and any material changes to the implementation plan; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the authorized program and expenditure period shall continue through December 31, 2027, and eligible program expenses incurred through that date may be paid from the funds appropriated pursuant to this resolution; and be it further

RESOLVED, that no agreement implementing this resolution shall impose an earlier final expenditure, performance or program-completion deadline, or materially narrow the allocations, geographic priorities or eligible uses authorized by this resolution, without the prior approval of the Putnam County Legislature; and be it further

RESOLVED, that any funds not used for eligible and documented expenses within the authorized program period shall be returned to Putnam County; and be it further

RESOLVED, that a final report and financial accounting shall be submitted to the Putnam County Legislature and the appropriate County departments within 60 days following the conclusion of the program period; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the County shall retain the right to review relevant financial and program records and to recover any funds used for an unauthorized or undocumented expense; and be it further

RESOLVED, that this resolution shall take effect immediately, subject to completion of the necessary budgetary amendment, legal review and any amendment to the existing agreement necessary to implement this resolution.

BY ROLL CALL VOTE: EIGHT AYES. LEGISLATOR D'ANGELO WAS ABSENT. MOTION CARRIES.

Item #7b – Approval – Budgetary Transfer (26T183) Legislature – Funds from Sub Contingency to support Second Chance Foods and Cornell Cooperative Extension was

next. Chairman Birmingham made a motion to waive the rules and accept the other business; Seconded by Legislator Sayegh. All in favor. Legislator D'Angelo was absent. Motion carries.

Legislator Montgomery made a motion to move the following; Seconded by Legislator Addonizio.

Legislator Montgomery stated that the \$150,000 should supplement, rather than replace, existing support for Cornell Cooperative Extension, Second Chance Foods or other organizations and urged continued funding in the 2027 budget.

Chairman Birmingham made a motion to amend the resolution by adding, "RESOLVED, these are supplemental funds, not replacement funds."; Seconded by All in favor. Legislator D'Angelo was absent. Motion carries.

RESOLUTION #222

APPROVAL – BUDGETARY TRANSFER (26T183) – LEGISLATURE – FUNDS FROM SUB CONTINGENCY TO SUPPORT SECOND CHANCE FOODS AND CORNELL COOPERATIVE EXTENSION

WHEREAS, the Acting Commissioner of Finance has prepared budgetary transfer (26T183) to transfer \$150,000 from Sub Contingency to support Second Chance Foods and Cornell Cooperative; and

WHEREAS, the Health, Social, Educational & Environmental Committee has reviewed and approved said budgetary transfer; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, these are supplemental funds, not replacement funds; and be it further RESOLVED, that the following budgetary amendment be made:

Increase Estimated Appropriations:

25876000 54950	County Contribution– Second Chance Foods	50,000
25875000 54950	County Contribution– Cornell Cooperative	100,000

Decrease Estimated Appropriations:

10199000 54995	Sub Contingency	150,000
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2026 – Fiscal Impact – \$0

2027 – Fiscal Impact – \$0

BY ROLL CALL VOTE: EIGHT AYES. LEGISLATOR D'ANGELO WAS ABSENT. MOTION CARRIES.

Item #7c – Approval – Awarding Accounting Firm RFP #02–2026 P.C. Soil & Water Conservation District Funds Special Audit was next. Chairman Birmingham made a motion to waive the rules and accept the Other Business; Seconded by Legislator Sayegh. All in favor. D'Angelo was absent. Motion carries.

Chairman Birmingham made a motion to move the following; Seconded by Legislator Sayegh.

Commissioner of General Services John Tully described the RFP process, including solicitation of proposals, technical scoring by the Legislature's evaluation committee and formula-based cost scoring.

Chairman Birmingham stated that the committee members received the proposals without cost information, completed conflict-of-interest attestations and submitted individual technical scores for aggregation.

Chairman Birmingham made a motion to accept the revised #7c; Seconded by Legislator Sayegh. All in favor. Legislator D'Angelo was absent. Motion carries.

Legislators Montgomery stated the evaluation process was detailed and complicated and recognized departments that review these types of proposals on a regular basis.

Cassandra Roth, Chair of the Putnam County Soil and Water Conservation District Board, questioned how many legislators submitted scores, whether firm names were redacted and how existing County relationships were considered.

Commissioner Tully stated that firm names were not redacted because evaluators had to disclose conflicts and that relevant experience could be considered in technical scoring.

At 8:31pm, Chairman Birmingham made a motion to go into Executive Session to discuss confidential information relating to the proposed contract and invited Legislative Counsel Abissi, Commissioner of General Services Tully and County Auditor Sharkey to attend; Seconded by Legislator Russo. All in favor. Legislator D'Angelo was absent. Motion carries.

At 9:30pm, Chairman Birmingham made a motion to come out of Executive Session; Seconded by Legislators Regan and Crowley. All in favor. Legislator D'Angelo was absent. Motion carries. Chairman Birmingham stated that no action was taken in Executive Session.

Chairman Birmingham made a motion to defer Item #7c for consideration at a Special Full Meeting to be held August 11, 2026; Seconded by Legislator Sayegh. All in favor. Legislator D'Angelo was absent. Motion carries.

RESOLUTION - Tabled

APPROVAL – AWARD OF RFP NO. 02–2026 – PUTNAM COUNTY SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT FUNDS SPECIAL AUDIT

WHEREAS, the County of Putnam issued Request for Proposal No. 02–2026 entitled "Putnam County Soil & Water Conservation District Funds Special Audit" for the procurement of professional accounting services to conduct the special audit authorized

by Resolution No. 85 of 2026; and

WHEREAS, proposals were received and evaluated in accordance with the requirements of the Request for Proposal and the County's Procurement Policy; and

WHEREAS, the Evaluation Committee has recommended award to _____; and

WHEREAS, the County Legislature finds such proposal to be in the best interests of the County; now therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Putnam County Legislature hereby awards RFP No. 02-2026, "Putnam County Soil & Water Conservation District Funds Special Audit," to _____ in the amount of \$_____, subject to execution of a contract approved as to form by the County Attorney and approved by all other officials as required by law; and be it further

RESOLVED, that this award is expressly contingent upon confirmation from the Commissioner of the Department of General Services that all necessary RFP award steps have been completed, and the adoption and effectiveness of the accompanying budgetary resolution appropriating funds for this contract, and no contract shall be executed, nor shall any work commence, unless and until said budgetary resolution has been duly adopted and a purchase order is issued; and be it further

RESOLVED, that subject to this contingency this resolution shall take effect immediately.

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

Chairman Birmingham made a motion to defer Item #7d for consideration at the Special Full Meeting to be held August 11, 2026; Seconded by Legislator Sayegh. All in favor. Legislator D'Angelo was absent. Motion carries.

RESOLUTION -Tabled

APPROVAL – BUDGETARY TRANSFER (26T###) TO FUND RFP NO. 02-2026 – PUTNAM COUNTY SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT FUNDS SPECIAL AUDIT

WHEREAS, by resolution no. ____ adopted on ____, the Putnam County Legislature has awarded RFP No. 02-2026 entitled "Putnam County Soil & Water Conservation District Funds Special Audit"; and

WHEREAS, sufficient appropriated funds are not presently available within the account designated for this professional services contract; and

WHEREAS, the Legislature desires to fund this expenditure solely through an appropriation from the Legislature's own budget and not from any other County department; now therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the 2026 County Budget is hereby amended as follows:

DECREASE

Legislature

Line Item _____

\$ _____

INCREASE

Legislature

Line Item _____

\$ _____

and be it further

RESOLVED, that the source of funding for this budget amendment shall be the Legislature's own appropriations, and no funds shall be transferred from the budget of any other County department for this purpose; and be it further

RESOLVED, that this resolution shall take effect immediately.

Item #7e – Approval – Standard Work Day and Reporting Resolution was next.

Chairman Birmingham made a motion to waive the rules and accept Item #7e as Other Business; Seconded by Legislator Crowley. All in favor Legislator D'Angelo was absent. Motion carries.

Legislator Crowley made a motion to move the following; Seconded by Legislator Russo.

RESOLUTION #223

APPROVAL – STANDARD WORK DAY AND REPORTING RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the New York State and Local Employees' Retirement System requires the County to file the Standard Work Days for elected and appointed employees based on time and attendance records or the records of activities maintained and submitted by these officials to the Clerk of the Legislature, and

WHEREAS, a copy of this report was contained in the following:

- Resolution #195 of 2010 and Resolution #286 of 2010 (one employee only).
- Resolution #190 of 2011.
- Resolution #338 of 2011 correcting Resolution #190 of 2011.
- Resolution #155 of 2012.
- Resolution #218 of 2012 correcting Resolution #155 of 2012.
- Resolution #143 of 2013.
- Resolution #168 of 2014.
- Resolution #226 of 2014 correcting Resolution #143 of 2013.
- Resolution #150 of 2015.
- Resolution #148 of 2016.
- Resolution #156 of 2017.
- Resolution #244 of 2017 reflecting change made on Resolution #226 of 2014 which corrected Resolution #143 of 2013 (one employee only).
- Resolution #170 of 2018.
- Resolution #141 of 2019.
- Resolution #266 of 2019 correcting Resolution #141 of 2019.
- Resolution #115 of 2020.
- Resolution #176 of 2020 correcting Resolution #115 of 2020.

- Resolution #125 of 2021.
- Resolution #209 of 2021 correcting Resolution #125 of 2021.
- Resolution #131 of 2022.
- Resolution #266 of 2022 New ROA submitted.
- Resolution #155 of 2023.
- Resolution #165 of 2024.
- Resolution #207 of 2025.

And

WHEREAS, it is now time to file the report for 2026; now therefore be it
RESOLVED that the County of Putnam hereby established the following as standard work days for the listed elected officials in schedule “A” and will report the following days worked to the New York State and Local Employees’ Retirement system based upon time and attendance records or on the record of activities maintained and submitted by these officials to the Clerk of this body.

BY POLL VOTE: EIGHT AYES. LEGISLATOR D’ANGELO WAS ABSENT. MOTION CARRIES.

Item #7f – Approval – Amending Resolution No. 188 of 2026 regarding Non–PuMA Management–Confidential Active Employee Health Insurance Benefits was next. Chairman Birmingham made a motion to accept Item #7f as Other Business; Seconded by Legislator Sayegh. All in favor. Legislator D’Angelo was absent. Motion carries.

Chairman Birmingham made a motion to move the following; Seconded by Legislator Sayegh.

RESOLUTION #224

APPROVAL – AMENDING RESOLUTION NO. 188 OF 2026 REGARDING NON–PuMA MANAGEMENT–CONFIDENTIAL ACTIVE EMPLOYEE HEALTH INSURANCE BENEFITS

WHEREAS, Resolution No. 321 of 2025 amended the Management/Confidential employee health insurance contribution schedule by establishing that the highest employee health insurance contribution rate shall not exceed seventeen percent (17%); and

WHEREAS, subsection C of Resolution No. 188 of 2026 inadvertently retained the superseded contribution percentages; and

WHEREAS, the Legislature desires to amend Resolution No. 188 of 2026 solely to conform subsection C to Resolution No. 321 of 2025; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that Section C(1) of Resolution No. 188 of 2026 is hereby amended to read as follows:

C. Management Health Insurance

1. Employees Hired Prior to April 11, 2006.

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

Years of County Employment	Amount of Premium Payable by Employee
9+	10%
5–8	15%
0–4	17%

Section C(1)(a) is hereby amended by deleting each reference to 25% and replacing it with 17%, so that the subsection shall otherwise remain unchanged; and be it further

RESOLVED, that except as specifically amended herein, all other provisions of Resolution No. 188 of 2026 shall remain in full force and effect.

BY POLL VOTE: EIGHT AYES. LEGISLATOR D'ANGELO WAS ABSENT. MOTION CARRIES.

Item #8 – Recognition of Public on Agenda Items

Scott Seaman, Brewster Resident, thanked the Legislature for recognizing International Overdose Awareness Day, encouraged continued work on the Stabilization Center and supported resuming school flu clinics.

Cassandra Roth, Chair of the Putnam County Soil and Water Conservation District Board, expressed frustration that the audit award and funding had been postponed and stated that the Soil & Water District continued to seek financial records and answers concerning District funds. She also raised concerns about the RFP process and transparency and supported the real property tax exemption for surviving spouses of police officers killed in the line of duty.

Item #9 – Recognition of Legislators

Chairman Birmingham asked each Committee Chair to recommend a Committee member for appointment as Vice Chair so that the Vice Chair could preside when the Chair was absent or recused.

Legislator Sayegh thanked her colleagues for approving the Legislative Document Printing Reduction Policy and explained that documents would be printed once and retained by Legislators as items progressed through committees and the Full Legislature.

Item #10 – Adjournment

At 9:40pm, there being no further business, Chairman Birmingham entertained a motion to adjourn. The motion was made and seconded. All in favor.