

THE PUTNAM COUNTY LEGISLATURE

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October 23, 2025

Ms. Diane Trabulsy
Clerk of the Legislature
40 Gleneida Avenue
Carmel, New York 10512

RE: Report of the Budget & Finance Committee on the 2026 Tentative Budget

Dear Madam Clerk:

The Putnam County Budget & Finance Committee has completed its review of the 2026 Putnam County Budget. Pursuant to Section 7.04 B (3) of the Putnam County Charter, I hereby submit this report to you from the Budget & Finance Committee.

The Committee has completed its review of the 2026 Tentative Budget as submitted by the County Executive to the Legislature on October 1, 2025. The County Executive presented the Tentative Budget to the Budget & Finance Committee on Wednesday, October 1, 2025. As explained in the County Executive's presentation, the 2026 Executive Budget has kept the Property Tax Levy flat. It was further presented as interest rates skyrocketed the decision to use the capital reserve funds to finance major projects instead of relying on costly borrowing was made. That decision, as reported, continues to save millions related to future interest payments and is accounted for in the tentative 2026 Budget. Additionally, it maintains the county's strong financial condition, which reflects positively on the county's AA1 bond rating from Moody's. Immediately following the County Executive's presentation, the Budget & Finance Committee held a Public Hearing.

Commencing on October 6, 2025, the Tentative Budget was reviewed by the appropriate Legislative Committees. Input was received from the Administration, Department Heads and County Elected Officials. Each Committee then submitted its proposed revisions and adjustments to the Budget & Finance Committee for additional review and approval on October 20, 2025. The modifications that were approved by the Budget & Finance Committee are outlined in the attached "Schedule A".

Upon recommendation of the Health, Social, Educational & Environmental Committee, the Budget & Finance Committee moved the Office of Senior Resources Copier Chargebacks to the correct budget line.

The Rules, Enactments & Intergovernmental Relations Committee (Rules Committee) proposed an increase in the Putnam Arts Council lines by a total of \$4,043 bringing the County Contribution to their requested amount of \$75,000. The Rules Committee proposed an increase in County Contribution for the Second Chance Foods and Putnam Recreation Programs.

The Budget and Finance Committee further increased County Contribution lines for Career Support Solutions, Hudson Valley Shakespeare, Garrison Arts Center, and Boscobel.

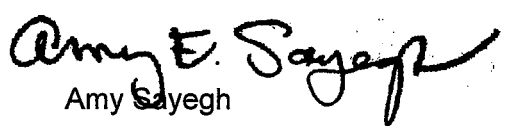
The Personnel Committee approved restoring salaries to the requested amount for several positions as specified in the attached Schedule A. The Personnel Committee also approved a salary increase to specified positions per the Catapult Executive Consulting Company Salary Survey (Catapult Survey). As a reference, the Catapult Survey was presented to the members of the Legislature at the September 18, 2025, Personnel Committee Meeting. The Budget & Finance Committee approved these requests.

During the Budget & Finance Committee meeting, Legislator Jonke proposed a "Homeowner Tax Relief Rebate". After discussion and consultation with County Attorney Abissi the title was amended and approved to be "Homeowner Tax Relief Program". Attorney Abissi advised a program such as this would require a collaboration of many, beginning with the County Executive. Legislator Jonke stated that he agreed with Attorney Abissi and appealed to the County Executive to join the Legislature to make this happen. The Budget and Finance Committee approved this request, moving \$6,500,000 from Fund Balance to Subcontingency.

The Budget & Finance Committee also made a few minor adjustments at the request of the Administration to properly reflect accounts as information became available to them.

The entire budget process ran smoothly, and although the Budget & Finance Committee made slight changes as outlined in the attached "Schedule A," a fiscally sound budget has been compiled through the combined efforts between the Administration and the Legislature. The County Executive's proposed 2026 Tentative Budget kept the real property tax increase within the New York State Tax Cap. The resulting budget will also allow the County to continue to provide the necessary services and programs to meet the health, safety and welfare needs of the Putnam County residents.

Sincerely,



Amy Sayegh
Chairwoman,

Putnam County Budget & Finance Committee

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SCHEDULE "A"

Office of Senior Resources

(Move Copier Chargebacks to
Correct budget line)

	FROM:	TO:
Senior Services		
Chargeback Copier Lease		
10677200 55561 10116	1,500	0
OSR Putnam Senior Corps		
Chargeback Copier Lease		
10677300 55561	1,000	0
OSR Personal Care Services		
Chargeback Copier Lease		
10677500 55561	1,000	0
Expanded In Home Services		
Chargeback Copier Lease		
10677600 55561	1,000	0
OSR Adult Day Services		
Chargeback Copier Lease		
10677700 55561	1,000	0
WIN Program		
Chargeback Copier Lease		
10677800 55561	1,000	0
OSR General		
Chargeback Copier Lease		
10677900 55561	1,000	0
Senior Services		
Chargeback Copier Lease		
10677200 55561	2,502	10,002

A DIFFERENCE OF: 0

Adjust Revenue Accordingly.

Contribution to the Arts

	FROM:	TO:
Advertising		
25091000 54664	4,435	5,000
County Contribution		
25091000 54950	14,413	15,000

A DIFFERENCE OF: 1,152

Putnam Arts Council

County Contribution
25756000 54950

52,109

55,000

A DIFFERENCE OF: 2,891

A TOTAL DIFFERENCE OF: 4,043

Adjust Revenue Accordingly.

Putnam Recreation Programs (PRP)

County Contribution
25647000 54950

FROM:

TO:

15,450

25,000

A DIFFERENCE OF: 9,550

Adjust Revenue Accordingly.

Second Chance Foods

County Contribution
25876000 54950

FROM:

TO:

10,300

20,000

A DIFFERENCE OF: 9,700

Adjust Revenue Accordingly.

Career Support Solutions

County Contribution
25648000 54950

FROM:

TO:

15,340

30,000

A DIFFERENCE OF: 14,660

Adjust Revenue Accordingly.

Hudson Valley Shakespeare

County Contribution
25879000 54950

FROM:

TO:

0

10,000

A DIFFERENCE OF: 10,000

Adjust fringes and revenue accordingly.

Garrison Arts Center

	FROM:	TO:
County Contribution		
25877000 54950	0	10,000

A DIFFERENCE OF: 10,000

Adjust fringes and revenue accordingly.

Boscobel

	FROM:	TO:
County Contribution		
25878000 54950	0	10,000

A DIFFERENCE OF: 10,000

Adjust fringes and revenue accordingly.

Office For Disabilities

	FROM:	TO:
Coordinator Office for Individuals with Disabilities		
10198900 51000 (102)	38,001	41,897
(Restore to requested amount)		

FICA		
10198900 58002	0	298

A DIFFERENCE OF: 4,194

Mental Health LGU Administration

Coordinator Office for Individuals with Disabilities		
10431000 51000 (102)	56,999	62,844

FICA		
10431000 58002	0	447

A DIFFERENCE OF: 6,292

A TOTAL DIFFERENCE OF: 10,486

Adjust fringes and revenue accordingly.

Mental Health - SPOA

	FROM:	TO:
SPOA Coordinator (Adults) 10033000 51000 (102) (Restore to requested amount)	99,928	104,928

FICA 10033000 58002	0	383
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A DIFFERENCE OF: 5,383

Adjust fringes and revenue accordingly.

Mental Health - OASAS Abatement

	FROM:	TO:
Dual Recovery Coordinator 10431000 51000 10206 (103) (Restore to requested amount)	92,338	97,338

FICA 10431000 58002 10206	0	383
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A DIFFERENCE OF: 5,383

Revenue OASAS Abatement Funds Adjust with Dual Recovery Coordinator 10431000 434983 10206	(0)	(5,383)
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A DIFFERENCE OF: (5,383)

A TOTAL DIFFERENCE OF: 0

Adjust fringes and revenue accordingly.

Mental Health – Co-Response Team Grant

	FROM:	TO:
Crisis Intervention Specialist (Law Enforcement) 10431000 51000 10211 (102) (Restore to requested amount)	92,338	97,338

FICA 10431000 58002 10211	0	383
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A DIFFERENCE OF: 5,383

Adjust fringes and revenue accordingly.

DSS – Services

	FROM:	TO:
Director of Child/Family Services		
10102000 51000 (101)	128,779	133,779
(Restore to requested amount)		

FICA		
10102000 58002	0	383

A DIFFERENCE OF: 5,383

Adjust fringes and revenue accordingly.

Youth Bureau

	FROM:	TO:
Deputy Youth Director		
10731000 51000 (112)	87,000	97,200
(Restore to requested amount)		

FICA		
10731000 58002	0	780

A DIFFERENCE OF: 10,980

Adjust fringes and revenue accordingly.

County Auditor

	FROM:	TO:
County Auditor		
10132000 51000 (101)	137,905	150,000

FICA		
10132000 58002	0	925

Subcontingency		
10199000 54981	10,089	0

A DIFFERENCE OF: 2,931

Adjust fringes and revenue accordingly.

County Auditor

	FROM:	TO:
Audit Manager		
10132000 51000 (102)	76,305	87,000

FICA		
10132000 58002	0	818

A DIFFERENCE OF: 11,513

Adjust fringes and revenue accordingly.

County Auditor

	FROM:	TO:
Deputy County Auditor		
10132000 51000 (103)	113,368	127,000

FICA		
10132000 58002	0	1,043

A DIFFERENCE OF: 14,675

Adjust fringes and revenue accordingly.

Legislature

	FROM:	TO:
Deputy Clerk		
10101001 51000 (114)	76,761	87,000
(Reclass from Administrative Assistant)		

FICA		
10101001 58002	0	783

A DIFFERENCE OF: 11,022

Adjust fringes and revenue accordingly.

Office of Senior Resources

	FROM:	TO:
Caseworker Assistant (OSR)		
(PT – 25 HPW)		
10677200 51000 (159)	39,535	43,934

FICA		
10677200 58002	0	337

A DIFFERENCE OF: 4,399

Adjust fringes and revenue accordingly.

Historian

	FROM:	TO:
County Historian 10751000 51000 (101)	56,077	80,000
FICA 10751000 58002	0	1,830

A DIFFERENCE OF: 25,753

Adjust fringes and revenue accordingly.

Department of General Services (DGS)

	FROM:	TO:
Commissioner 10134500 51000 (101)	153,458	156,437
FICA 10134500 58002	0	228

A DIFFERENCE OF: 3,207

Adjust fringes and revenue accordingly.

ADJUSTMENTS – CHARGEBACK REVENUE**Sheriff Security Services - DSS**

	FROM:	TO:
Central Services Internal Chgbks 19005060 412941	(68,789)	(82,076)

Road Machinery Fund

Central Services Internal Chgbks 10513000 412941	(344,450)	(363,980)
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Transit PART Bus System

Central Services Internal Chgbks 95630000 412941	(100,000)	0
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Insurance Expense

Central Services Internal Chgbks (Insurance) 10191500 412941	0	(4,200)
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A DIFFERENCE OF: (62,983)

ADJUSTMENTS – CHARGEBACK EXPENSES

County Clerk

Chargeback Travel 10141000 55675	400	0
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Personnel

Chargeback Travel 10143000 55675	400	0
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Historian

Chargeback Travel 10751000 55675	200	0
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Planning

Chargeback Printing Forms 10802000 55311	100	0
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Health Administration

Chargeback Auto All County Vehicle 10401000 55870	200	0
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Health Early Intervention

Chargeback Auto All County Vehicle 10405900 55870	200	0
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Health Nursing

Chargeback Auto All County Vehicle 11401000 55870	400	0
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Health EHS Drinking H2O Supply

Chargeback Auto All County Vehicle 12022000 55870	400	0
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Health EHS ATUPA

Chargeback Auto All County Vehicle 12023000 55870	600	0
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Health EHS

Chargeback Auto All County Vehicle 12401000 55870	1,400	0
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Health EHS State – NYC DEP Envir Project

**Chargeback Auto All County Vehicle
12401002 55870 10050**

200

0

A DIFFERENCE OF: (4,500)

Sheriff's Office

FROM:

TO:

Buckle Up Grant

**Buckle Up CFDA20.604
Revenue
17311002 443899 10024**

(4,400)

0

**Overtime
17311002 51093 10024**

4,400

0

**State Retirement
17311002 58001 10024**

1,157

0

**FICA
17311002 58002 10024**

337

0

**Workers Compensation
17311002 58004 10024**

60

0

A TOTAL DIFFERENCE OF: (1,554)

Adjust fringes and revenue accordingly.

County Planning:

FROM:

TO:

**Agricultural Board
10802000 54554**

1,000

0

A DIFFERENCE OF: (1,000)

Legislature:

**Agricultural Board
10101001 54554**

0

2,500

A DIFFERENCE OF: 2,500

A TOTAL DIFFERENCE OF: 1,500

Adjust fringes and revenue accordingly.

Tourism**FROM:****TO:****Advertising – Retitle: Promotion & Development
10641000 54664****60,000****60,000****A DIFFERENCE OF: 0****Adjust fringes and revenue accordingly.****Soil & Water****FROM:****TO:****State Aid Soil and Water
10874500 439101****(60,000)****0****A DIFFERENCE OF: (60,000)****Adjust fringes and revenue accordingly.****Finance Department****FROM:****TO:****Subcontingency
Homeowner Tax Relief Program
10199000 54990****0****6,500,000****Department of Finance
Use of Fund Balance
10131000 427161****6,575,011****13,075,011****A DIFFERENCE OF: 0****Adjust fringes and revenue accordingly.**