

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

Tuesday                      April 4, 2017                      7:00 P.M.

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The meeting was called to order at 7:03 P.M. by Chairwoman Nacerino who requested Legislator Albano lead in the Pledge of Allegiance. Chairwoman Nacerino requested Legislator LoBue lead in the Legislative Prayer. Upon roll call, Legislators Scuccimarra, Gouldman, Addonizio, Albano, Jonke, Castellano, LoBue, Sullivan and Chairwoman Nacerino were present. Also present was Legislative Counsel Representative First Deputy County Attorney, Andrew Negro.

**PROCLAMATIONS**

Chairwoman Nacerino recognized Legislator Jonke who presented the “Alcohol Awareness Month” proclamation to Commissioner of Social Services Michael Piazza, Sheriff Donald B. Smith, Doreen Lockwood - Project Coordinator for Partnership for Success (National Council on Alcoholism & Other Drug Dependencies (NCADD)), Steven and Susan Salomone – Executive Directors of Drug Crisis in our Backyard, Naura Slavinski – Armes Acres, Arlene Seymour – Putnam Family and Community Services, and Frank Pellegrino – St. Christopher’s Inn.

**APRIL 2017 AS ALCOHOL AWARENESS MONTH**

**WHEREAS**, alcohol is the most commonly used addictive substance in the United States. One in every 12 adults (17.6 million people) suffer from alcohol abuse or dependence; and

**WHEREAS**, underage drinking presents an enormous public health issue and alcohol is the drug of choice among children and adolescents. Annually, approximately 5,000 youth under the age of 21 die from motor vehicle crashes, other unintentional injuries, homicides, and suicides that involve underage drinking; 100,000 persons die each year from alcohol-related causes: drinking and driving crashes, other accidents, falls, fires, alcohol-related homicides and suicides; and

**WHEREAS**, tragic health, social, and economic problems result from the use of alcohol by youth. Underage drinking is a causal factor in a host of serious problems, including traumatic injury, violent and property crime, high risk sex, fetal alcohol syndrome, alcohol poisoning, and need for treatment for alcohol abuse and dependence; and

**WHEREAS**, the 2016 Communities That Care Prevention Needs Assessment Survey reports that 47.4% of Putnam County youth grades 8-12 have used alcohol in their lifetime; and

**WHEREAS**, young people who begin drinking before the age of 15 are four times more likely to develop alcohol dependence and are two and half times more likely to become abusers of alcohol than those who begin drinking at age 21; and

**WHEREAS**, over 7 million children live in a household where at least one parent is dependent on or has abused alcohol; and

**WHEREAS, alcohol-related problems cost America \$224 billion in lost productivity, absenteeism, healthcare costs, crime, and family-related problems; and**

**WHEREAS, the typical American will see 100,000 beer commercials before he or she turns 18; now therefore be it**

**RESOLVED, that the Putnam County Executive and the Putnam County Legislature do hereby proclaim April 2017 as Alcohol Awareness Month and along with the Putnam Communities That Care Coalition and all substance abuse prevention and treatment providers in Putnam County encourage all residents to increase their awareness of alcohol use disorders, the dangers of alcohol abuse, the success of prevention and treatment programs, especially for our youth, and to support and encourage referrals for treatment of individuals when an alcohol use disorder is suspected or present.**

**Chairwoman Nacerino recognized Legislator Albano who presented the “Child Abuse Prevention” proclamation to Commissioner of Social Services Michael Piazza. Commissioner Piazza then introduced individuals present at the meeting who are involved in providing these services every day: Frank Moracco – Director of Child & Family Services, MaryBeth Ross – Safe Harbour Program, Jennifer Siclari – DSS Caseworker, Ana Cabrera – Caseworker, Maureen Hildebrand – DSS Caseworker, Renee Jarrett – Caseworker Supervisor, Dorinda Cataldo – Clinical Director of Putnam Northern Westchester Woman’s Resource Center, Faye Thorpe – DSS Attorney, Alison Lusardi – CPS Supervisor, Zulay Soto – CPS Caseworker and Putnam County Sheriff.**

#### **APRIL AS CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH**

**WHEREAS, preventing child abuse and neglect is a community problem that depends on involvement among people throughout Putnam County; and**

**WHEREAS, child abuse and neglect not only directly harm children, but also increases the likelihood of long-term physical and mental health problems, alcohol and substance abuse, continued family violence, and criminal behavior; and**

**WHEREAS, the majority of child abuse cases stem from situations and conditions that are preventable in an engaged and supportive community; and**

**WHEREAS, the Department of Social Services Child Protective Services, Child Welfare Services, Legal Division, and Child Advocacy Center of Putnam County are deeply committed to serving child abuse victims and their families with sensitivity, understanding, and compassion and providing services necessary to help healing begin; and**

**WHEREAS, the Department of Social Services Child Protective Services, Child Welfare Services, Legal Division, and Child Advocacy Center of Putnam County especially this month should be commended and recognized for working with schools, faith communities, civic organizations, law enforcement, and the business community to implement prevention programs to ensure the physical, mental, and emotional health and well-being of the children of Putnam County; now therefore be it**

**RESOLVED, that the Putnam County Executive and the Putnam County Legislature do hereby proclaim April 2017 as Child Abuse Prevention Month in**

**Putnam County and call upon all citizens to increase their efforts to support families, thereby preventing child abuse and strengthening the communities in which we live.**

**Legislator Albano presented the “Healthy Teen Brain Day” proclamation to Commissioner of Social Services Michael Piazza, Sheriff Donald B. Smith, Doreen Lockwood - Project Coordinator for Partnership for Success (National Council on Alcoholism & Other Drug Dependencies (NCADD)), Steven and Susan Salomone – Executive Directors of Drug Crisis in our Backyard, Naura Slavinski – Armes Acres, Arlene Seymour – Putnam Family and Community Services, and Frank Pellegrino – St. Christopher’s Inn.**

#### **HEALTHY TEEN BRAIN DAY – APRIL 20, 2017**

**WHEREAS, Our youth are our greatest joy and our hope for the future so it is necessary for us to support them in making safe and healthy decisions, while creating a supportive environment that safeguards their future; and**

**WHEREAS, Many of our youth are making very healthy and safe decisions to remain marijuana-free and providing leadership in their schools and communities to help other youth remain marijuana-free; and**

**WHEREAS, There is strong objective evidence that marijuana is harmful to the adolescent brain, with the potential to cause distorted perceptions, difficulty with thinking and problem solving, disrupted learning and memory, and impaired reaction time, attention span, judgment, balance and coordination; and**

**WHEREAS, It is with special pleasure that we join with the youth and adult leaders of the Putnam Communities That Care Coalition in celebrating the first “Healthy Teen Brain Day” to applaud and support our youth who are making healthy decisions; and**

**WHEREAS, On behalf of the citizens of Putnam County, we are pleased and proud to join all associated with the inception of “Healthy Teen Brain Day” and urge all citizens to acknowledge this very important day.**

**RESOLVED, that the Putnam County Executive and the Putnam County Legislature do hereby proclaim Wednesday, April 20, 2017 to be Healthy Teen Brain Day in Putnam County and proudly join my fellow residents in marking this very special occasion.**

**Chairwoman Nacerino recognized Legislator Jonke who presented the “Developmental Disabilities & Autism Awareness” proclamation to Caitlyn Delina and Jason McDonnell – representatives of PARC.**

#### **MARCH 2017 AS DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES AWARENESS MONTH & APRIL 2017 AS AUTISM AWARENESS MONTH**

**WHEREAS, PARC is an integral part of our community, serving both as a business as well as a human services agency with the mission to empower individuals to achieve their highest quality of life; and**

**WHEREAS, for sixty three years, PARC has been the leading provider of services for children and adults with developmental disabilities from birth through advanced age; and**

**WHEREAS, PARC is one of the leading employers in Putnam County and also offers Vocational Training and Vocational Rehabilitation to participants so they can provide quality work to the business community, training employees in both supported and competitive placements and preparing high school special education students with the skills needed to enter the workforce; and**

**WHEREAS, PARC educates and assists children with autism and special needs through its Preschool to reach their fullest potential and retain their success through their participation in the public school system; and**

**WHEREAS, PARC's residential program provides a family atmosphere for more than 130 people in both homes and apartments throughout Putnam County; and**

**WHEREAS, PARC's clinic provides a support system for both PARC participants and their families through individual, group, and vocational counseling; now therefore be it**

**RESOLVED, that the Putnam County Executive and the Putnam County Legislature do hereby proclaim March 2017 and April 2017 as Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month and Autism Awareness Month, respectively, and recognize and commend PARC on its Sixty Third Anniversary and for the valuable services this agency provides to people with disabilities, their families, and the business community.**

**Chairwoman Nacerino recognized Legislator Scuccimarra who presented the "German American Social Club of Peekskill & Putnam Valley as a Comfort Station" proclamation to Gerald Schramek – President of the German American Social Club.**

**RECOGNIZING THE GERMAN AMERICAN SOCIAL CLUB OF PEEKSKILL & PUTNAM VALLEY AS A COMFORT STATION**

**WHEREAS, the German American Social Club of Peekskill and Putnam Valley was founded as a gathering place for German American residents to collectively celebrate the traditions that are customary in Germany; and**

**WHEREAS, The German American Social Club has evolved into an organization that serves not only the German American residents, but all residents of Putnam Valley; and**

**WHEREAS, The German American Social Club has upgraded their facility with the addition of a state-of-the-art generator, a handicap accessible bathroom, heating and cooling services, and food preparation procedures and now wishes to be recognized as a comfort station for residents during times of emergency; now therefore be it**

**RESOLVED, that the Putnam County Executive and the Putnam County Legislature do hereby recognize the German American Social Club of Peekskill and Putnam Valley as a benevolent organization with an enormous focus on serving the residents of Putnam Valley by providing a comfort station during times of emergency.**

**Chairwoman Nacerino recognized Legislator Sullivan who presented the "National Library Week" proclamation to Carol Donick – Director of the Kent Public Free Library.**

**NATIONAL LIBRARY WEEK – APRIL 9 – 15, 2017**

**Whereas, libraries are the hearts and hubs of their communities, providing essential and valued resources, collections, and programs for all ages and demographics; and**

Whereas, libraries are continually evolving to meet the needs of their communities by offering opportunities to learn through both traditional services and new technologies; and

Whereas, libraries provide gathering places for neighbors, friends, newcomers, and entrepreneurs so they can come together to share ideas and enrich their communities; and

Whereas, libraries employ trained, tech-savvy professionals who provide their communities with Internet access, technology training, and access to downloadable content like e-books and magazines; and

Whereas, libraries offer services such as job-seeking resources, homework help, storytimes, literacy classes, parenting workshops, and summer reading programs; and

Whereas, libraries value, promote, and practice sound sustainability measures that ensure economical services, conserve resources, reduce long-term energy costs, and protect the environment; and

Whereas, libraries, librarians, library staff, and library supporters across America are celebrating National Library Week; now therefore be it

**RESOLVED**, that the Putnam County Executive and the Putnam County Legislature do hereby proclaim the week of April 9 – 15, 2017 as National Library Week. We encourage all county residents to visit their local libraries to take advantage of the wealth of library resources our libraries provide.

Chairwoman Nacerino recognized Legislator Addonizio who presented the “National Telecommunicators’ Week” proclamation to Commissioner of the Bureau of Emergency Services Anthony Sutton, Deputy Commissioner Robert Lipton, Supervisor of E911 Center Cindy Jacobsen and Telecommunicator (Dispatcher) Edward Scott.

#### **NATIONAL TELECOMMUNICATORS’ WEEK – APRIL 9 – 15, 2017**

**WHEREAS**, emergencies that require police, fire or emergency medical service responses can occur at any time of the day and in any conditions; and

**WHEREAS**, when a Putnam County resident dials 911 in an emergency, their first and most critical contact is with a telecommunications operator at the County’s 911 Center; and

**WHEREAS**, the prompt response of police officers, firefighters, EMT’s and paramedics is dependent on the operator efficiently gathering critical information from the caller and correctly dispatching the appropriate first responders to the scene of the emergency; and

**WHEREAS**, the protection of life and the preservation of property is dependent upon the 911 Center operators professional performance of their duties; and

**WHEREAS**, 911 operators are the single vital link for insuring the safety of our police officers, firefighters and emergency medical services while monitoring their activities by radio, and by providing them with updated information; and

**WHEREAS**, each dispatcher has exhibited compassion, understanding and professionalism beyond the call of duty while providing guidance to callers in emergency procedures; and

**WHEREAS**, this guidance includes comforting a child whose parent has passed out, or providing CPR instructions to a caller whose spouse has collapsed, or coaching a dad in the emergency delivery of his child all the while awaiting the arrival of the first responders; and

**WHEREAS, the operators have contributed substantially to the apprehension of criminals; to the suppression of fires; and to the treatment of patients; now therefore be it**

**RESOLVED, that the Putnam County Executive and the Putnam County Legislature do hereby proclaim the week of April 9<sup>th</sup> through April 15, 2017 to be Telecommunicators' Week in Putnam County, in honor of the men and women whose diligence and professionalism keep our County and its citizens safe.**

**Chairwoman Nacerino recognized Legislator Scuccimarra who presented the "Peers Influence Peers" proclamation to President Frank Reale. Mr. Reale introduced the following representatives present at the meeting: Ian, Jacob, Athena, Emily and Vice President Stephen Velichko.**

#### **APRIL 2017 AS PEERS INFLUENCE PEERS MONTH**

**WHEREAS, the use of alcohol and illegal drugs cause serious health, social, and educational problems for our young people; and one in four high school girls will suffer from an abusive relationship before they graduate; and**

**WHEREAS, it has been empirically proven that substance abuse is significantly involved in the three leading causes of death for young people – car crashes, homicides, and suicides – and is also a major factor in school dropouts, violence, and vandalism as well as HIV/AIDS, teenage pregnancy, rapes, and sexual assaults; and**

**WHEREAS, the recent upturns in drug and alcohol usage, as documented in state and national surveys, show that we must target effective prevention strategies at key population groups, such as middle and high school students; and**

**WHEREAS, the Peers Influence Peers Partnership has demonstrated a great deal of initiative and sophistication in developing proactive media messages against dating and domestic violence as well as alcohol and other drug use; and**

**WHEREAS, that work, which has been aired through numerous schools and cable TV systems throughout our state, has won praise from many authorities; now therefore be it**

**RESOLVED, that the Putnam County Executive and the Putnam County Legislature do hereby recognize April 2017 as PEERS INFLUENCE PEERS MONTH in hope that this declaration and a joint effort of all agencies and authorities to encourage young people to help others by encouraging them to live safe and healthy lives, may one day rid our children and their children's children of the scourge of drug and alcohol abuse.**

**Chairwoman Nacerino recognized Legislator Addonizio who presented the "Teen Driver Safety Awareness" proclamation to Putnam County Sheriff Donald B. Smith and Patrick Perry - Traffic Safety Board representative.**

#### **APRIL 2017 AS TEEN DRIVER SAFETY AWARENESS MONTH**

**WHEREAS, statistics and experience demonstrate that the greatest danger to our youth in Putnam County, and throughout our country, are the dangers posed from traffic crashes; and**

**WHEREAS, highway crash statistics inform us that although teen drivers make up only 7% of the driving population, they comprise 18% of the injury related automobile crashes; and**

**WHEREAS, the leading cause of accidental deaths to our youthful population throughout the United States are automobile accidents; and**

**WHEREAS, analysis shows us that the reasons for teen overrepresentation in injury related automobile crashes include: driver inexperience, excessive speed, unnecessary risk taking, inattentive driving, and use of alcohol and drugs; and**

**WHEREAS, in Putnam County, we have too often experienced a tragedy with the death of a teen driver at the wheel. Many of these deaths have occurred during the spring and summer months with a high incidence rate during the period leading up to prom season; and**

**WHEREAS, all accidents are preventable and crash rates can be lowered through the use of education and awareness programs through the use of our school systems, law enforcement programs and youth services organizations such as Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, Junior RTC programs and the Civil Air Patrol, just to name a few; and**

**WHEREAS, these programs work best when there is a period set aside for local government at every level, our school districts and churches, synagogues, and youth service organizations coming together to provide these educational programs; now therefore be it**

**RESOLVED, that the Putnam County Executive and the Putnam County Legislature do hereby proclaim April 2017 as Teen Driver Safety Awareness Month in Putnam County. We encourage all levels of government, our school districts, law enforcement, our churches and synagogues, our youth service organizations and all the citizens of Putnam County to support programs that promote teen driver safety awareness in Putnam County thereby protecting one of our most precious resources, our children and grandchildren.**

**Chairwoman Nacerino recognized Legislator Sullivan who presented the “Women’s History” proclamation.**

### **MARCH AS WOMEN’S HISTORY MONTH**

**Whereas, March has been declared “Women’s History Month” by the State of New York and the Congress of the United States of America; and**

**Whereas, 2017 marks the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the State of New York granting women full political rights through the passage of the Suffrage Act; an act that led to the passage of the 19<sup>th</sup> Amendment to the United States Constitution granting full suffrage to all woman Nationwide; and**

**Whereas, the County of Putnam does hereby officially recognize the unique and important contributions that women have made to New York State, its counties, and the United States at large; and**

**Whereas, Putnam County is served by many women who work together to improve the representation and participation of women in all areas of government and provide a network of support for women in local government; and**

**Whereas, today, many women hold various leadership positions within Putnam County Government, bringing the diverse experiences of women into county issues and public policy; now therefore be it**

**RESOLVED, that the Putnam County Executive and the Putnam County Legislature do hereby proclaim March as “Women’s History Month” and commends the efforts that women leaders have on our society as a whole.**

The minutes were approved as submitted.

Item #5 – Correspondence

- a) County Auditor was duly noted.

Item #6 – Pre-filed resolutions:

**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT & ENERGY COMMITTEE**  
(Chairwoman Addonizio, Legislators Gouldman & Sullivan)

Item #6a – Approval Budgetary Transfer (17T035)/Commissioner of Finance/Putnam County Visitors Bureau/Subcontingency was next. Chairwoman Nacerino recognized Legislator Addonizio, Chairwoman of the Economic Development & Energy Committee. On behalf of the members of the Committee, Legislators Gouldman and Sullivan, Legislator Addonizio moved the following:

Legislator LoBue made a motion to TABLE this item.

There was no second.

Legislator LoBue explained that during the Committee meeting she asked several questions, one which was whether or not the Visitors Bureau was in compliance with the State's requirements. She stated that she was told, "yes". She stated that she would like to see that verified. She stated that when she asked another question during the meeting, Deputy Director Frank Smith stated that, under advice of counsel, he was not allowed to answer that question. She stated that the Legislature appropriates funding for this agency and she believed that they needed to answer to us. She stated that she does not know if there is a cost related to this counsel. She requested another month to do our due diligence. She stated that if everything is in proper order, this request for funding could go to the next Full Legislative meeting and the funding could be released from subcontingency.

Legislator Addonizio stated that there is a new Director, Bruce Conklin at the Visitors Bureau. She believed that they needed to be in compliance in order to receive the "I Love New York" matching funds. She questioned Legislative Counsel Representative First Deputy County Attorney, Andrew Negro if that was correct.

Legislative Counsel Representative First Deputy County Attorney, Andrew Negro stated that this was his understanding.

Legislator Addonizio state that the funds are released to the Visitors Bureau in increments of \$11,833 per month.

Legislator Albano stated that he was in support of releasing the funds. He explained that there are new members of the Visitors Bureau and he believed that we needed to support them. He believed that Spring-time was the season to encourage tourism in Putnam County.

Legislator Scuccimarra believed that the Visitors Bureau was in compliance. She encouraged Legislator LoBue to attend a Board meeting to see how well this new group works together. She stated that new Director Bruce Conklin, a native of Putnam Valley,



has a lot of good ideas. She believed they needed the funds. She stated that at the last Economic Development meeting, she believed that they answered all of the questions asked.

Legislator LoBue clarified that at the Economic Development meeting, she questioned Deputy Director Smith if the previous accounts were paid and he told me that he was not at liberty to answer due to advice from Counsel. She believed that they were not in financial compliance with their taxes. She stated that they did not file their 990's.

Legislator Scuccimarra stated that they did.

Legislator Sullivan believed that it was important that the Visitors Bureau receive their funds. He stated that there is a new Board in place and a new Director. He stated that tourism is upon us and without these funds we might miss this season. He stated that he has attended some of their Board meetings and he believes that they appear to be in order. He stated that he believed that they did tell us that they filed their 990 tax return. He believed that they are moving forward and they are as compliant as they need to be.

Legislator Castellano stated that one of the great things about tourism for the people of Putnam County is that reports show, for every dollar that is spent on tourism we get \$7.00 back. He stated that we are approaching the tourism season. He believed that the Visitors Bureau has complied with everything that we have asked of them.

Chairwoman Nacerino echoed the sentiments expressed for moving forward with this budgetary transfer. She believed that we needed to give the new Director and this new Board a vote of confidence and give them the ability to do what they are intending to do with tourism. She stated that without the proper funding they would not be able to implement the programs that we all come to enjoy and improve our quality of life in Putnam County.

#### **RESOLUTION #63**

#### **APPROVAL BUDGETARY TRANSFER /COMMISSIONER OF FINANCE/ PUTNAM COUNTY VISITORS BUREAU/ SUBCONTINGENCY**

**WHEREAS, the Commissioner of Finance has requested a budgetary transfer (17T035) to transfer funds earmarked in subcontingency for the Putnam County Visitors Bureau in order for it to continue operations in 2017; and**

**WHEREAS, the Economic Development & Energy 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:**

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| <b>25641000 54950</b> | <b>Contracts</b> | <b>100,000</b> |
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**Decrease Estimated Appropriations:**

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| <b>10199000 54996</b> | <b>Subcontingency</b> | <b>100,000</b> |
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**2017 Fiscal Impact – 0 –**

**2018 Fiscal Impact – 0 –**

**BY ROLL CALL VOTE: EIGHT AYES. ONE NAY – LEGISLATOR LOBUE. MOTION CARRIES.**

**RULES, ENACTMENTS & INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE  
(Chairman Sullivan, Legislators Addonizio & Albano)**

**Item #6b – Approval/Confirmation/ Appointment/ Putnam County Board of Ethics was next. Chairwoman Nacerino recognized Legislator Sullivan, Chairman of the Rules, Enactments & Intergovernmental Relations Committee. On behalf of the members of the Committee, Legislators Addonizio and Albano, Legislator Sullivan moved the following:**

**RESOLUTION #64**

**APPROVAL/CONFIRMATION/ APPOINTMENT/ PUTNAM COUNTY BOARD OF ETHICS**

**RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the County Executive, the Putnam County Legislature confirms the following appointment to the Putnam County Board of Ethics:**

**Gregory J. Amato, for a three (3) year term, said term to expire December 31, 2019.**

**And be it further**

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

**BY POLL VOTE: ALL AYES. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**PROTECTIVE SERVICES COMMITTEE  
(Chairman Gouldman, Legislators Castellano & Jonke)**

**Item #6c – Approval/Confirmation/Appointments/ Putnam County Emergency Services Safety Advisory Board was next. Chairwoman Nacerino recognized Legislator Gouldman, Chairman of the Protective Services Committee. On behalf of the members of the Committee, Legislators Castellano and Jonke, Legislator Gouldman moved the following:**

**RESOLUTION #65**

**APPROVAL/CONFIRMATION/ APPOINTMENTS/ PUTNAM COUNTY EMERGENCY SERVICES SAFETY ADVISORY BOARD**

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

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

**Patti Frische, as Alternate, for a two (2) year term, said term to expire December 31, 2018; and**

**WHEREAS, the County Executive has appointed the following:**

**Amber Stickle, as Alternate, for a two (2) year term, said term to expire December 31, 2018.**

**Now therefore be it**

**RESOLVED, that the Putnam County Legislature hereby confirms the appointments to the Putnam County Emergency Services Safety Advisory Board; and be it further**

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

**BY POLL VOTE: ALL AYES. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**Item #6d – Approval/2017 STOP DWI Plan was next. On behalf of the members of the Protective Services Committee, Legislators Castellano and Jonke, Legislator Gouldman moved the following:**

**RESOLUTION #66**

**APPROVAL/2017 STOP DWI PLAN**

**WHEREAS, the STOP-DWI Coordinator has submitted his 2017 STOP-DWI Plan, and**

**WHEREAS, the Plan has been reviewed and approved by the Protective Services Committee; and**

**WHEREAS, the Putnam County Legislature has reviewed the 2017 STOP DWI Plan; and**

**WHEREAS, the Putnam County Legislature recommends its adoption as proposed by the STOP DWI Coordinator; now therefore be it**

**RESOLVED, that the Putnam County Legislature hereby accepts and approves the 2017 STOP DWI Plan as per the attached:**

**BY POLL VOTE: ALL AYES. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**Item #6e – Approval/ Memorialization/ NYSAC Resolution Calling on State Lawmakers and the Governor to Work to Reform Indigent Legal Services and Fund the County Share of Public Defense, which is a State Responsibility was next. On behalf of the members of the Protective Services Committee, Legislators Castellano and Jonke, Legislator Gouldman moved the following:**

**RESOLUTION #67**

**APPROVAL/ MEMORIALIZATION/ NYSAC RESOLUTION CALLING ON STATE LAWMAKERS AND THE GOVERNOR TO WORK TO REFORM INDIGENT LEGAL**

**SERVICES AND FUND THE COUNTY SHARE OF PUBLIC DEFENSE, WHICH IS A STATE RESPONSIBILITY**

**WHEREAS, the United States Supreme Court held in Gideon v. Wainwright that the right to counsel for one charged with a crime is fundamental and that it is the State's constitutional responsibility to supply lawyers for those unable to afford them; and**

**WHEREAS, in 1965 the State of New York delegated this State responsibility to counties; and**

**WHEREAS, the decision to place responsibility at the County level in the State of New York has resulted in a system by which the County and local property taxpayers are burdened with most costs for this State responsibility; and**

**WHEREAS, the shift of costs for this State mandated service has become so imbalanced that the counties of New York now cover more than 80% of the cost; and**

**WHEREAS, implementation of the constitutional right to counsel under Gideon is a State, not a County, obligation; and**

**WHEREAS, in 2015 New York State entered into an agreement to settle the Hurrell-Harring vs. State of New York lawsuit and since has begun to expend substantial amounts of State funds to create a more equitable system of indigent representation in only the five settlement counties, therefore creating an unequal system of justice in the remaining counties of the State; and**

**WHEREAS, the Hurrell-Harring settlement requires the parties involved in the suit to provide additional indigent defense services and costly increases including first arraignment counsel, case load caps for public defenders, and additional staff and support for public defenders; and**

**WHEREAS, by entering into such agreement and funding additional service in only the five settlement counties, the State acknowledges that it is constitutionally required to fund public defense services for mandated representation; and**

**WHEREAS, requiring counties subject to a State-imposed tax cap to finance the State's obligation to provide public defense services imposes a significant and unsustainable financial burden on counties dependent on real property taxes to fund needed services; and**

**WHEREAS, in the 2016 State Legislative Session the New York State Senate and Assembly passed historic legislation entitled Public Defense Mandate Relief Act (S.8114/A.10706), which will require New York State to reimburse all counties for expenditures made fulfilling the State's obligation to provide representation for those financially unable to afford counsel commencing in 2017 and incrementally reaching 100% by 2023 and thereafter; and**

**WHEREAS, Putnam County appreciates the State Senate and the State Assembly for recognizing and addressing this need by passing the Public Defense Mandate Relief Act; and**

**WHEREAS, on December 31, 2017, Governor Cuomo vetoed the Public Defense Mandate Relief Act (S.8114/A.10706); and**

**WHEREAS, in the Governor's veto message he states this legislation would unfairly shift this tax burden from the counties to the State; and**

**WHEREAS, the opposite is true; the State has been shifting these federally-mandated costs to the counties since 1965; now therefore be it**

**RESOLVED, that Putnam County calls on Governor Cuomo to include language in his 2017-18 State Budget that reforms indigent legal defense services and provides mandate relief that lowers costs for County property taxpayers; and be it further**

**RESOLVED, that the Clerk of the Putnam County Legislature forward copies of this resolution to Governor Andrew M. Cuomo, Senate Majority Leader John Flanagan,**

**Assembly Speaker Carl Heastie, Senator Susan Serino, Senator Terrence Murphy, Assemblywoman Sandra Galef, Assemblyman Kevin Byrne and NYSAC.**

**BY POLL VOTE: ALL AYES. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**Item #6f – Approval/Memorialization/ NYSAC Resolution Calling on Governor Cuomo and the New York State Legislature to Pass Legislation that would Promote the Use of Video Conferencing for Court Appearances for Inmates Held at a County Jail was next. On behalf of the members of the Protective Services Committee, Legislators Castellano and Jonke, Legislator Gouldman moved the following:**

**Chairwoman Nacerino stated that she would be voting “no” for this. She stated that she has reservations about having an inmate’s rights taken away to not have the ability to speak with a Judge face to face.**

**Legislator LoBue concurred. It is asking the State to violate a defendant’s right before they appear in court before a Judge. She believed that we would also be opening the County up for litigation.**

**Legislator Scuccimarra stated that she would be voting “yes” on this. She believed that video conferencing was being used more and more all around the State. She stated that it was not an infringement on an inmate’s rights. She stated that they still see a Judge, it is just through a camera. She believed it would be a cost savings in the Sheriff’s Department for overtime by not bringing inmates to the courts all over the County. She also believed it was a safety aspect as well.**

**Legislator Albano stated that he would support this. He believed that it was a matter of efficiency, and cost savings. He stated that the result would be the same except that it can be done in a quick and efficient manner so that everyone will have the potential to benefit.**

**Legislator Addonizio stated that she would be supporting this resolution. She believed that the inmates would still have the right to refuse the video conference.**

**Legislator Sullivan stated that he would also be supporting this resolution. He stated that constituents are constantly looking at us to find ways to make government more efficient and save taxpayer’s monies. He explained that several years ago when this was put forth through the Commission on Fiscal Vision and Accountability, it was highly reviewed by the District Attorney, the Sheriff and the towns that agreed to participate. He stated that several hundred thousand dollars was spent on equipment. He believed it was an efficiency of government that taxpayers want to see. He stated that certainly people have the right to appear before a Judge, however, he believed there were plenty of cases where inmates do not need to appear before the Judge, therefore saving taxpayer money.**

**Chairwoman Nacerino agreed on the standpoint of efficiency. However, she had strong reservations about the determination not being made by the inmate to have the option of a face to face arraignment with a Judge.**

Legislator LoBue believed it would have been smart for this resolution to be passed before the County invested so much money on the equipment.

**RESOLUTION #68**

**APPROVAL/MEMORIALIZATION/ NYSAC RESOLUTION CALLING ON GOVERNOR CUOMO AND THE NEW YORK STATE LEGISLATURE TO PASS LEGISLATION THAT WOULD PROMOTE THE USE OF VIDEO CONFERENCING FOR COURT APPEARANCES FOR INMATES HELD AT A COUNTY JAIL**

WHEREAS, under current law, video conferencing of inmates for arraignment or other court appearances is permitted in several counties, but is actually not in practice because the law requires the inmate to agree to such an appearance; and

WHEREAS, many counties have state of the art video conferencing systems which are not used for inmate court appearances, simply because inmates routinely chose to be transported to court rather than make an appearance by video conference; and

WHEREAS, expanding the use of video conferencing for court appearances would save much time and County taxpayer expense by avoiding transporting inmates to court for minor or routine matters, make courtrooms safer, and avoid problems which might happen when inmates are transported by auto or van to a courtroom many miles away from the jail; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, Putnam County supports Senate Bill #S.554 & Assembly Bill #A.4581 to promote the full and expanded use of video conferencing for court appearances for inmates held at a County jail; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the applicable Judge in the presiding court, and not the inmate, should make the determination as to whether video conferencing is appropriate for the particular court appearance to be made; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Clerk of the Putnam County Legislature forward copies of this resolution to Governor Andrew M. Cuomo, Senate Majority Leader John Flanagan, Assembly Speaker Carl Heastie, Senator Susan Serino, Senator Terrence Murphy, Assemblywoman Sandra Galef, Assemblyman Kevin Byrne and NYSAC.

**BY ROLL CALL VOTE: SEVEN AYES. TWO NAYS – LEGISLATORS LOBUE & CHAIRWOMAN NACERINO. MOTION CARRIES.**

Item #6g – Approval/Memorization/NYSAC Resolution Calling on Governor Cuomo and the New York State Legislature to Pass Legislation that Would Allow all Counties the Option for their Local Correctional Facility to Detain Persons Under Arrest Being Held for Arraignment was next. On behalf of the members of the Protective Services Committee, Legislators Castellano and Jonke, Legislator Gouldman moved the following:

**RESOLUTION #69**

**APPROVAL/MEMORIALIZATION/NYSAC RESOLUTION CALLING ON GOVERNOR CUOMO AND THE NEW YORK STATE LEGISLATURE TO PASS LEGISLATION THAT WOULD ALLOW ALL COUNTIES THE OPTION FOR THEIR LOCAL CORRECTIONAL FACILITY TO DETAIN PERSONS UNDER ARREST BEING HELD FOR ARRAIGNMENT**

WHEREAS, this legislation would permit the use of local correctional facilities by various police agencies as a holding cell for pre-arraignment prisoners; and

**WHEREAS, under the current law, 21 counties have State authority for the detention of persons under arrest being held for arraignment in any court located in the County; and**

**WHEREAS, these 21 counties had to go directly to the New York State Legislature for individual State authority; and**

**WHEREAS, the remaining 36 counties would like to have the option to provide detention for persons under arrest being held for arraignment in any court located in that County; and**

**WHEREAS, this legislation will assist counties in their continuous efforts to insure that counsel for all parties are present at all crucial proceedings, including arraignment and other initial appearances; and**

**WHEREAS, allowing for the best utilization of County resources and staff allocations; now therefore be it**

**RESOLVED, that Putnam County calls on Governor Cuomo and the New York State Legislature to pass legislation that would allow all counties the option for their local correctional facility to detain persons under arrest being held for arraignment; and be it further**

**RESOLVED, that the Clerk of the Putnam County Legislature forward copies of this resolution to Governor Andrew M. Cuomo, Senate Majority Leader John Flanagan, Assembly Speaker Carl Heastie, Senator Susan Serino, Senator Terrence Murphy, Assemblywoman Sandra Galef, Assemblyman Kevin Byrne and NYSAC.**

**BY POLL VOTE: ALL AYES. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**Item #6h – Approval/Memorialization/NYSAC Resolution Urging New York State to Fully Fund All Costs Related to Raising the Age of Criminal Responsibility and Ensure that Any Statutory or Administrative Changes Fully Recognize the Responsibility of Locally Elected District Attorneys to Promote Public Safety, Maintain Victims’ Rights and Ensure Accountability in the Justice System was next. On behalf of the members of the Protective Services Committee, Legislators Castellano and Jonke, Legislator Gouldman moved the following:**

**RESOLUTION #70**

**APPROVAL/MEMORIALIZATION/NYSAC RESOLUTION URGING NEW YORK STATE TO FULLY FUND ALL COSTS RELATED TO RAISING THE AGE OF CRIMINAL RESPONSIBILITY AND ENSURE THAT ANY STATUTORY OR ADMINISTRATIVE CHANGES FULLY RECOGNIZE THE RESPONSIBILITY OF LOCALLY ELECTED DISTRICT ATTORNEYS TO PROMOTE PUBLIC SAFETY, MAINTAIN VICTIMS’ RIGHTS AND ENSURE ACCOUNTABILITY IN THE JUSTICE SYSTEM**

**WHEREAS, the Governor is prioritizing fundamental reform of the juvenile justice system in New York State, including a statutory change to the age of criminal responsibility; and**

**WHEREAS, structural changes to raising the age of criminal responsibility will require a significant investment in services based on a children and families social services model; and**

**WHEREAS, these services will produce the need for job-training skills, high school equivalency education, transportation, drug and alcohol treatment, family and**

individual counseling, coordinated mental health services, case management, and other interventions resulting in higher expenses; and

WHEREAS, many regions of the State currently do not have adequate capacity to provide such services in their local communities; and

WHEREAS, the State currently caps funding for foster care and youth detention, and also limits reimbursement for other child welfare and probation costs, resulting in a significant unfunded mandate on counties which will grow worse if the State changes the age of criminal responsibility while not also providing full funding to alleviate these new costs; and

WHEREAS, the Governor's SFY 2017-18 budget proposal seeks again to raise the age of criminal responsibility, but it no longer provides 100 percent State funding for the new costs that will be incurred by counties and New York City; and

WHEREAS, the new proposal appears to provide no fiscal reimbursement to New York City at all for the increased costs related to this proposal; and

WHEREAS, the Governor's budget estimates that in excess of \$100 million in new local government costs would be created under this initiative; and

WHEREAS, without State reimbursement for New York City costs and only partial reimbursement for new costs incurred by the 57 counties, this proposal creates a new unfunded mandate on counties and New York City; and

WHEREAS, locally elected District Attorneys are responsible for protecting the public safety, maintaining victim's rights and ensuring accountability for all in the criminal justice system; and

WHEREAS, the District Attorney's Association of the State of New York has, in the past, provided recommendations to State legislative leaders on their proposals to reform the juvenile justice system including; 1) providing local prosecutorial consent for the removal of all violent felonies and some non-violent felonies from criminal court to family court, 2) not allowing adjustment for violent and serious non-violent felonies, 3) any new presumption for granting youthful offender status should be limited to certain classes of non-violent felony offenses, 4) reduced sentencing should not be offered for certain violent crimes and 5) ensuring that some level of secure detention options be maintained for certain cases; and

WHEREAS, these recommendations are intended to preserve the delicate balance between offender rehabilitation and accountability, and public safety; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that Putnam County calls on the State of New York to fully cover all new costs associated with changing the age of criminal responsibility for counties and New York City to avoid the imposition of a new unfunded mandate on local taxpayers; and be it further

RESOLVED, that fiscal caps must be removed for foster care and youth detention as part of this age of criminal responsibility reform; and be it further

RESOLVED, that Putnam County urges the Legislature to reject the Governor's State foster care match reduction as proposed in his SFY 2017-18 budget which also shifts more costs to counties and New York City; and be it further

RESOLVED, that Putnam County also urges the Legislature to reject the Governor's budget proposal to shift more foster care tuition costs to New York City; and be it further

RESOLVED, that State funding must be provided to build capacity for infrastructure and services under child welfare and probation services, and to identify mental health and drug and alcohol issues and strategies to minimize absences without leave from the education system; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the State must also reverse State budget reimbursements rate cuts it made to counties for local child welfare services, restoring the State



reimbursement rate to 65% from the current 62% level to ensure counties have more resources to provide critical services to children and families in need of services; and be it further

**RESOLVED**, that recommendations from local District Attorneys should be provided due consideration and inclusion if the reform proposal moves forward; and be it further

**RESOLVED**, that there will need to be flexibility in recognition of the differences between small and large counties and rural versus urban areas, such that, a staggered roll-out may be appropriate in some counties depending on local conditions and service capacity; and be it further

**RESOLVED**, that the Clerk of the Putnam County Legislature forward copies of this resolution to Governor Andrew M. Cuomo, Senate Majority Leader John Flanagan, Assembly Speaker Carl Heastie, Senator Susan Serino, Senator Terrence Murphy, Assemblywoman Sandra Galef, Assemblyman Kevin Byrne and NYSAC.

**BY POLL VOTE: ALL AYES. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Chairwoman Nacerino made a motion to accept the additional material submitted to the meeting; seconded by Legislator Albano. All in favor.

Item #6i – Approval/Memorialization/Urging New York State to Fund Probation Departments and Other Impacted County Departments and Agencies the Full Costs Associated with Raising the Age of Criminal Responsibility to 18 Years of Age was next. On behalf of the members of the Protective Services Committee, Legislators Castellano and Jonke, Legislator Gouldman moved the following:

**RESOLUTION #71**

**APPROVAL/MEMORIALIZATION/URGING NEW YORK STATE TO FUND PROBATION DEPARTMENTS AND OTHER IMPACTED COUNTY DEPARTMENTS AND AGENCIES THE FULL COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH RAISING THE AGE OF CRIMINAL RESPONSIBILITY TO 18 YEARS OF AGE**

**WHEREAS**, Governor Cuomo signed Executive Order 131 on April 9, 2014 to establish the Commission on Youth, Public Safety and Justice instructing the Commission to develop a concrete plan to raise the age of criminal responsibility in New York State and make specific recommendations on how the juvenile and criminal justice systems can better serve youth, improve outcomes and protect communities; and

**WHEREAS**, the Commission completed its report on December 31, 2014 recommending raising the age of criminal responsibility from age 16 to age 18 over a two (2) year period to be completed in a phased in approach; and

**WHEREAS**, the Division of Criminal Justice Statistics reveal the number of arrests among 16 and 17 year olds statewide in calendar year 2015 was 27,281 and that under the proposed change these youth will now be shifted from the criminal courts to local Probation Departments for Intake and Diversion services; and

**WHEREAS**, the Governor's proposal recommends that the violation level offenses of Harassment, 2<sup>nd</sup> Degree and Disorderly Conduct shall also be diverted to Probation Departments for Intake and Adjustment services, thus adding substantially to the workload of Probation staff; and

**WHEREAS, the Governor's proposal recommends Probation Departments provide a continuum of diversion services that range from minimal intervention for low risk youth and evidence based service for high risk youth; and**

**WHEREAS, Probation Departments will not be able to absorb the influx of youth requiring Intake and Diversion services at current staffing levels and will require additional staff to perform these duties; and**

**WHEREAS, these added burdens to County Probation Departments come as the State share of probation costs has fallen from 46.5% in 1990 to 9% in 2016; and**

**WHEREAS, other County Departments and agencies may be similarly affected by the increase in the age of criminal responsibility in areas that range from juvenile detention to community support services, and do not have alternative sources of income to support the cost of additional responsibilities and services; and**

**WHEREAS, counties cannot absorb the financial cost associated with raising the age without 100% funding of the additional staff and services required by the Governor's proposal; and**

**WHEREAS, we need the State to enact language in statute to hold counties harmless for the costs, now and in the future, associated with the Raise the Age initiative; and**

**WHEREAS, the State should provide the necessary policies and resources to help children and youth at risk in order to prevent their entry into the criminal justice system; and**

**WHEREAS, the funding proposal stipulates that only counties who do not exceed the 2% tax cap and can demonstrate to the Division of Budget that funding related services is a fiscal hardship may apply for a waiver of the local share requirement of an expense otherwise incurred; now therefore be it**

**RESOLVED, that the Putnam County Legislature insists the State Legislature enact legislation that fully, permanently and unambiguously obligates the State to pay for 100% of all new costs incurred by Probation Departments and other County Departments and agencies affected by raising the age of criminal responsibility; and be it further**

**RESOLVED, that language be included to set aside designated funds from which counties can draw, eliminating the need for counties to exceed their 2% tax cap; and be it further**

**RESOLVED, that the Clerk of the Putnam County Legislature forward copies of this resolution to Governor Andrew M. Cuomo, Senate Majority Leader John Flanagan, Assembly Speaker Carl Heastie, Senator Susan Serino, Senator Terrence Murphy, Assemblywoman Sandra Galef, Assemblyman Kevin Byrne and NYSAC.**

**BY POLL VOTE: ALL AYES. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**Item #6j – Approval/Memorialization/In Support of Assembly Bill #A.711 / To Amend the Volunteer Firefighters' Benefit Law in Relation to the Expansion of Coverage to Include Cancer of the Lymphatic or Hematological Systems, the Digestive, Urinary, Prostate, Neurological, Breast or Reproductive Systems or Melanoma was next. On behalf of the members of the Protective Services Committee, Legislators Castellano and Jonke, Legislator Gouldman moved the following:**

**RESOLUTION #72**

**APPROVAL/MEMORIALIZATION / IN SUPPORT OF ASSEMBLY BILL #A.711 / TO AMEND THE VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTERS' BENEFIT LAW IN RELATION TO THE EXPANSION OF**

**COVERAGE TO INCLUDE CANCER OF THE LYMPHATIC OR HEMATOLOGICAL SYSTEMS, THE DIGESTIVE, URINARY, PROSTATE, NEUROLOGICAL, BREAST OR REPRODUCTIVE SYSTEMS OR MELANOMA**

WHEREAS, it has been indicated in occupational medicine literature that firefighters are exposed to many known and suspected carcinogens every time they respond to a fire scene; and

WHEREAS, numerous studies have measured levels of chemical carcinogens at structural and vehicle fires, and from the personal protective clothing of responding firefighters, at concentrations that are considered hazardous and well in excess of permissible workplace levels; and

WHEREAS, those carcinogens include polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons (PAHs) in soot and tars; benzene; formaldehyde; 1,4-butadiene; arsenic; polychlorinated biphenyls (PCBs); dioxins; asbestos; and diesel engine exhaust; and

WHEREAS, the uncontrolled environment conditions that occur during the knockdown and overhaul phases at fire scenes routinely expose firefighters to those toxic chemicals; and

WHEREAS, studies of cancer in career firefighters find significant associations between firefighting and certain forms of cancer; and

WHEREAS, the evidence is strongest for increased risk of brain, digestive tract (colorectal, stomach), genitourinary tract (bladder, kidney, testicles, prostate), lymphohematopoietic (leukemia, Non-Hodgkin's lymphoma, multiple myeloma), skin (melanoma) and lung cancers among volunteer firefighters; and

WHEREAS, the current presumptive cancer legislation covering career firefighters was enacted on the results of said studies; and

WHEREAS, volunteer firefighters are seeking to have presumptive cancer coverage similar to career firefighters; and

WHEREAS, presumptive cancer legislation is the top legislative agenda for New York's volunteer firefighters, and the volunteer fire service of Putnam County has urged the Putnam County Legislature to support Assembly Bill #A.711; and

WHEREAS, the Protective Services Committee has reviewed this legislation and found it in Putnam County's best interest; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that Putnam County calls upon Governor Cuomo and the New York State Assembly to enact Assembly Bill #A.711 amending the Volunteer Firefighters' Benefit Law in Relation to the Expansion of Coverage to Include Cancer of the Lymphatic or Hematological Systems, the Digestive, Urinary, Prostate, Neurological, Breast or Reproductive Systems or Melanoma; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Clerk of the Putnam County Legislature shall forward copies of this resolution to Governor Andrew M. Cuomo, Assembly Speaker Carl Heastie, Assemblywoman Sandra Galef, and Assemblyman Kevin Byrne.

**BY POLL VOTE: ALL AYES. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**PHYSICAL SERVICES COMMITTEE  
(Chairman Albano, Legislators Castellano & Scuccimarra)**

Item #6k – Approval/Highways & Facilities/ Use of Capital Reserve/ County Facility Renovations was next. Chairwoman Nacerino recognized Legislator Albano, Chairman of the Physical Services Committee. On behalf of the members of the Committee, Legislators Castellano and Scuccimarra, Legislator Albano moved the following:

**RESOLUTION #73**

**APPROVAL/HIGHWAYS & FACILITIES/ USE OF CAPITAL RESERVE/ COUNTY FACILITY RENOVATIONS**

WHEREAS, by Resolution #165 of 2015 Putnam County established a County Facility Renovation Capital Project in the amount of \$1,500,000 from a settlement with NYMIR regarding the Deskovic matter; and

WHEREAS, by Resolution #169 of 2016 the Putnam County Legislature approved the use of this Capital Project fund for projects, CP-1 County Office Building Façade and CP-2 Historic Courthouse Building Management System, for a total expenditure not to exceed \$110,000; and

WHEREAS, the Commissioner of Highways & Facilities has proposed the use of this Capital Project fund for projects, CP-3 Putnam County Golf Club Upgrades, CP-4 Sheriff's Department Elevated Walkway Project and CP-5, for which project scopes are attached to the Resolution; and

WHEREAS, the Physical Services Committee has reviewed and approved these projects; and

WHEREAS, the Legislature through the Physical Services Committee has received a scope of these projects and a preliminary cost estimate of these projects; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Putnam County Legislature approves and authorizes the expenditure of \$350,000 from the County Facility Renovation Capital Project budget line 55197000 53000 51509 as follows:

**CP-3 Putnam County Golf Club Upgrades**

Project cost not to exceed \$250,000

**CP-4 Sheriff's Department – Elevated Walkway Project**

Project cost not to exceed \$50,000

**CP-5 Highways & Facilities Department – Heating & Air Conditioning Upgrades**

Project cost not to exceed \$50,000

**BY POLL VOTE: ALL AYES. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Item #6L – Approval/Temporary Easement Agreement with Metro-North Commuter Railroad Company/ Southeast Tax Map #56.15-1-5 was next. On behalf of the members of the Physical Services Committee, Legislators Castellano and Scuccimarra, Legislator Albano moved the following:

**RESOLUTION #74**

**APPROVAL/TEMPORARY EASEMENT AGREEMENT WITH METRO-NORTH COMMUTER RAILROAD COMPANY/ SOUTHEAST TM # 56.15-1-5**

**WHEREAS, the County is the fee owner of a certain parcel of vacant real property in the Town of Southeast, County of Putnam, and State of New York, designated as Town of Southeast Tax Map Number 56.15-1-5 (hereinafter the "Property"); and**

**WHEREAS, Metro-North Commuter Railroad Company (hereinafter "MNR") is undertaking to replace the Prospect Hill Road Bridge (BIN 2224040), which spans MNR property and facilities adjacent to the Property (hereinafter the "Prospect Hill Road Bridge Project"); and**

**WHEREAS, in furtherance of the Prospect Hill Road Bridge Project, MNR will need to utilize a certain portion of the Property for, among other things, access, excavation, and placing fill; and**

**WHEREAS, the County desires to grant permission to MNR to utilize said portion of the Property for such purposes;**

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

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

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

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

**RESOLVED, that this Resolution shall take effect immediately.**

**BY POLL VOTE: ALL AYES. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**Item #6m – Approval/Memorialization/ NYSAC Resolution Commending Governor Andrew Cuomo and State Legislators on Adopting a Transportation Capital Plan and Urging a Continued and Increasing Commitment to Assisting Counties in Maintaining their Local Infrastructure was next. On behalf of the members of the Physical Services Committee, Legislators Castellano and Scuccimarra, Legislator Albano moved the following:**

**RESOLUTION #75**

**APPROVAL/MEMORIALIZATION/ NYSAC RESOLUTION COMMENDING GOVERNOR ANDREW CUOMO AND STATE LEGISLATORS ON ADOPTING A TRANSPORTATION CAPITAL PLAN AND URGING A CONTINUED AND INCREASING COMMITMENT TO ASSISTING COUNTIES IN MAINTAINING THEIR LOCAL INFRASTRUCTURE**

**WHEREAS, Governor Andrew Cuomo and State Legislators are to be commended for adopting a Department of Transportation five-year capital plan that includes \$21.1 billion in funding to improve State and local highway, bridge, rail, port, airport and downstate suburban and upstate transit infrastructure; and**

**WHEREAS, this new State Transportation Plan also provides additional support for local governments to maintain and improve roads and bridges with a multi-year funding commitment for the Consolidated Local Streets and Highway Improvement Program (CHIPS) and enhanced State assistance to local governments through BRIDGE NY and PAVE NY initiatives; and**

**WHEREAS, while this additional funding is most welcomed and already being put to good use, and counties still struggle to raise enough funding for the maintenance and replacement of this aging and ailing infrastructure; and**

**WHEREAS, locally owned roads and bridges account for 87 percent of the State's 110,000 miles of roadways and 50 percent of the State's 18,000 bridges; and**

**WHEREAS, thirty-four percent (34%) of local bridges are deficient and forty-eight percent (48%) of road pavements are rated fair or poor; and**

**WHEREAS, a recently updated needs assessment report of local highway and bridge infrastructure, commissioned by the NYS Town Superintendents of Highways, found that the local system pavement and bridge needs over the next 15-year period is estimated at \$34.8 billion; and**

**WHEREAS, given the State Comptroller's determination that local governments spend about \$1 billion a year on infrastructure, this leaves an unfunded \$1.3 billion annual needs gap; and**

**WHEREAS, a safe and efficient infrastructure is necessary for trade, economic development and revitalization, job creation and retention, schools, agriculture, businesses, health and hospital facilities and emergency responders, as well as the general traveling public; now therefore be it**

**RESOLVED, that Putnam County commends Governor Cuomo and the New York State Legislature for their budget actions to enhance State investments in local roads, bridges and culverts; and be it further**

**RESOLVED, that Putnam County urges State leaders to continue to work in partnership with local governments to provide the necessary and proper funding to New York's counties by including in the 2017-18 State budget: an additional \$150 million for CHIPS base level; \$50 million more annually for BRIDGE NY; and a larger allocation of the BRIDGE NY funds for culverts so that counties have the ability to better maintain their infrastructure now and well into the future; and be it further**

**RESOLVED, that the Clerk of the Putnam County Legislature forward copies of this resolution to Governor Andrew M. Cuomo, Senate Majority Leader John Flanagan, Assembly Speaker Carl Heastie, Senator Susan Serino, Senator Terrence Murphy, Assemblywoman Sandra Galef, Assemblyman Kevin Byrne and NYSAC.**

**BY POLL VOTE: ALL AYES. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**Item #6n – Approval/Memorialization/NYSAC Resolution Calling on the President and Members of the New York State Congressional Delegation to Direct Infrastructure Stimulus Investments to Counties and Local Governments was next. On behalf of the members of the Physical Services Committee, Legislators Castellano and Scuccimarra, Legislator Albano moved the following:**

**RESOLUTION #76**

**APPROVAL/MEMORIALIZATION/NYSAC RESOLUTION CALLING ON THE PRESIDENT AND MEMBERS OF THE NEW YORK STATE CONGRESSIONAL DELEGATION TO DIRECT INFRASTRUCTURE STIMULUS INVESTMENTS TO COUNTIES AND LOCAL GOVERNMENTS**

**WHEREAS, President Donald J. Trump and members of Congress have proposed a Federal infrastructure package that would improve the nation's economy and strengthen infrastructure systems in communities across the Country; and**

**WHEREAS, the American Society of Civil Engineers (ASCE) reported startling facts about New York's infrastructure, including that within the State there are 403 high hazard dams, 2,169 bridges that are structurally deficient, and that approximately 60 percent of the major roads are of a poor or mediocre quality; and**

**WHEREAS, the ASCE also estimates that within the next 20 years that \$27 billion is needed to upgrade drinking water systems in the State, and \$29.7 billion is needed for wastewater systems; and**

**WHEREAS, locally owned roads and bridges account for 87 percent of the State's 110,000 miles of roadways and 50 percent of the State's 18,000 bridges. These locally owned and aging roads and bridges are deteriorating at a rapid rate as counties struggle to find adequate funding for their maintenance, replacement, and upgrading; and**

**WHEREAS, a safe and efficient infrastructure is necessary for trade, economic development and revitalization, job creation and retention, schools, agriculture, businesses, health and hospital facilities and emergency responders, as well as the general traveling public; and**

**WHEREAS, the ASCE estimates that New York alone will require nearly \$200 billion in infrastructure investment over the next decade to repair, replace, and upgrade critical transportation, water and utility and health systems; now therefore be it**

**RESOLVED, that Putnam County calls upon the President and members of the New York State delegation to direct an appropriate share of any Federal infrastructure investment to counties and local governments who oversee the majority of road, bridge, water, sewer, and airport systems in New York State; and be it further**

**RESOLVED, that County and local government representatives should have an active voice in any decision-making body that determines how these infrastructure funds are allocated; and be it further**

**RESOLVED, that the Clerk of the Putnam County Legislature forward copies of this resolution to President Donald J. Trump, Senator Charles E. Schumer, Senator Kristen Gillibrand, Congressman Sean Patrick Maloney, Governor Andrew M. Cuomo, Senate Majority Leader John Flanagan, Assembly Speaker Carl Heastie, Senator Susan Serino, Senator Terrence Murphy, Assemblywoman Sandra Galef, Assemblyman Kevin Byrne and NYSAC.**

**BY POLL VOTE: ALL AYES. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**HEALTH, SOCIAL, EDUCATIONAL & ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITTEE  
(Chairwoman Scuccimarra, Legislators Addonizio & Gouldman)**

**Item #60 – Approval/ Intent to Join the Hudson River Waterfront Alliance was next. Chairwoman Nacerino recognized Legislator Scuccimarra, Chairwoman of the Health, Social, Educational & Environmental Committee. On behalf of the members of the Committee, Legislators Addonizio and Gouldman, Chairwoman Scuccimarra moved the following:**

**RESOLUTION #77**

**APPROVAL/INTENT TO JOIN THE HUDSON RIVER WATERFRONT ALLIANCE**

**WHEREAS, the Hudson River is a federally designated American Heritage River for which special consideration must be given to the effects of actions taken on, around or within the River on the natural, historic, economic and cultural needs of the**

surrounding communities; and

WHEREAS, in June 2016, the U.S. Coast Guard announced that it was soliciting comments and concerns from the public in an Advanced Notice of Public Rulemaking (ANPRM), Docket #USCG-2016-0132, on a proposal to establish a large number of anchorage grounds for commercial vessels in the Hudson River – 43 berths in 10 locations from Yonkers to Kingston – at the request of shipping industry; and

WHEREAS, by Resolution #197 of 2016, which was adopted by the Putnam County Legislature (“Legislature”) on October 4, 2016, the Legislature strongly opposed the adoption of proposed United States Coast Guard Rule 2016-0132 and urged the scheduling of public hearings throughout the Hudson River Valley; and

WHEREAS, the Hudson River Waterfront Alliance (“HRWA”) was created in recognition of the concern for the economic vitality, environmental health and public safety of the Hudson River and its surrounding communities; and

WHEREAS, the HRWA is committed to the collaborative examination of the local and regional impacts of the proposed anchorages sites; to providing information regarding the proposal to residents and stakeholders; and to utilizing its collective resources to protect and preserve the interest of the Hudson River Communities;

WHEREAS, the Legislature believes that joining the HRWA and signing the associated Pledge strengthens the Alliance and permits the County to be a more active participant in the examination of the local and regional impacts of the proposed anchorages sites and the protection of the interests of the Hudson River Communities; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Putnam County Legislature hereby expresses its intent to join the Hudson River Waterfront Alliance; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Chairwoman of the Putnam County Legislature is hereby authorized to sign the Pledge on behalf of the County; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Clerk of the Putnam County Legislature shall forward copies of this Resolution and the Pledge to the City of Yonkers.

**BY POLL VOTE: ALL AYES. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**Item #7 – Other Business**

**Item #7a – Approval/Support of State Legislation Introduced to Safeguard the Hudson River and Surrounding Communities was next. Legislator Scuccimarra moved the following; seconded by Legislator Castellano.**

**RESOLUTION #78**

**APPROVAL/SUPPORT OF STATE LEGISLATION INTRODUCED TO SAFEGUARD THE HUDSON RIVER AND SURROUNDING COMMUNITIES**

WHEREAS, the Hudson River is a federally designated American Heritage River for which special consideration must be given to the effects of actions taken on, around or within the River on the natural, historic, economic and cultural needs of the surrounding communities; and

WHEREAS, in June 2016, the U.S. Coast Guard announced that it was soliciting comments and concerns from the public in an Advanced Notice of Public Rulemaking (ANPRM), Docket #USCG-2016-0132, on a proposal to establish a large number of anchorage grounds for commercial vessels in the Hudson River – 43 berths in 10 locations from Yonkers to Kingston – at the request of shipping industry; and



**WHEREAS, by Resolution #197 of 2016, which was adopted by the Putnam County Legislature (“Legislature”) on October 4, 2016, the Legislature strongly opposed the adoption of proposed United States Coast Guard Rule 2016-0132 and urged the scheduling of public hearings throughout the Hudson River Valley; and**

**WHEREAS, on March 13, 2017 and March 21, 2017, respectively, Senator Sue Serino and Assemblymember Didi Barrett proposed legislation (S. 5197/A. 6825) which seeks to safeguard the Hudson River by bolstering the state’s ability to exercise its jurisdiction over the river. Specifically, it amends the state’s navigation law relating to the establishment of “tanker-avoidance zones” to consider waterfront communities and significant natural habitats, in addition to navigation safety; and**

**WHEREAS, the result of this legislation is that the State will be in a stronger position to prevent anchorages from being sited at points that pose a clear and direct threat to the environment, quality of life and local economic development goals;**

**WHEREAS, the bill has been sent to the Environmental Conservation Committee in each house; now therefore be it**

**RESOLVED, that the Putnam County Legislature fully supports this legislation and hereby urges the State to adopt S. 5197/A. 6825; and be it further**

**RESOLVED, that the Clerk of the Putnam County Legislature shall forward copies of this Resolution to Governor Andrew M. Cuomo, Senate Majority Leader John Flanagan, Assembly Speaker Carl Heastie, Senator Sue Serino, Senator Terrance Murphy, Assemblywoman Sandra Galef, Assemblyman Kevin Byrne and to the City of Yonkers.**

**BY POLL VOTE: ALL AYES. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**Item #6p – Approval/Memorialization/NYSAC Resolution Calling on Governor Andrew M. Cuomo and Members of the New York State Legislature to Urge the President and Congress to Increase Federal Funding to Localities to Combat the Spread of the Zika Virus in the United States was next. On behalf of the members of the Health, Social, Educational & Environmental Committee, Legislators Addonizio and Gouldman, Legislator Scuccimarra moved the following:**

#### **RESOLUTION #79**

**APPROVAL/MEMORIALIZATION/NYSAC RESOLUTION CALLING ON GOVERNOR ANDREW M. CUOMO AND MEMBERS OF THE NEW YORK STATE LEGISLATURE TO URGE THE PRESIDENT AND CONGRESS TO INCREASE FEDERAL FUNDING TO LOCALITIES TO COMBAT THE SPREAD OF THE ZIKA VIRUS IN THE UNITED STATES**

**WHEREAS, the Zika virus is a mosquito-transmitted infection related to dengue fever, yellow fever and West Nile virus. It was discovered in the Zika forest in Uganda in 1947 and is believed to be common across Africa and Asia; and**

**WHEREAS, Zika is spread mostly by the bite of an infected Aedes species mosquito (Ae. Aegypti and Ae. Albopictus); and**

**WHEREAS, there are more than 749 confirmed cases of the Zika virus across New York State; and**

**WHEREAS, though the majority of those infected have no symptoms, and those who do usually recover within a week, Zika can have devastating impacts on a pregnancy; and**

**WHEREAS, Zika can be passed from a pregnant woman to her fetus, and can cause certain birth defects including congenital microcephaly and other serious brain defects, and has neurological impact on adults; and**

**WHEREAS, there is no vaccine or medicine for Zika, which means prevention of the Zika virus and control of the Aedes species mosquito population is of the utmost importance; and**

**WHEREAS, for prevention and mosquito control to be effective, federal funding needs to be allocated to State and local entities as soon as possible; and**

**WHEREAS, the World Health Organization (WHO) has designated Zika as a chronic threat; and**

**WHEREAS, on November 9, 2016, the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) announced a funding opportunity providing up to \$66.1 million available to support prevention activities and treatment services for health conditions related to the Zika virus; and**

**WHEREAS, Congress authorized this funding in the Continuing Appropriations and Military Construction, Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2017, and Zika Response and Preparedness Act (P.L. 114-223), but more funding is still needed; now therefore be it**

**RESOLVED, that Putnam County calls on the Governor and the State Legislature to urge the United States Congress to take immediate action to approve additional funding to fight the spread of Zika; and be it further**

**RESOLVED, that the Clerk of the Putnam County Legislature forward copies of this resolution to Governor Andrew M. Cuomo, Senate Majority Leader John Flanagan, Assembly Speaker Carl Heastie, Senator Susan Serino, Senator Terrence Murphy, Assemblywoman Sandra Galef, Assemblyman Kevin Byrne and NYSAC.**

**BY POLL VOTE: ALL AYES. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**Item #6q – Approval/Memorialization/NYSAC Resolution Urging the Governor and Legislature to Gradually Restore the 50/50 State/County Cost-Sharing for the Safety Net Program, to Increase Shelter Grant Reimbursements to Counties and to Provide Sufficient Resources to Provide Safe and Secure Housing was next. On behalf of the members of the Health, Social, Educational & Environmental Committee, Legislators Addonizio and Gouldman, Legislator Scuccimarra moved the following:**

#### **RESOLUTION #80**

**APPROVAL/MEMORIALIZATION/NYSAC RESOLUTION URGING THE GOVERNOR AND LEGISLATURE TO GRADUALLY RESTORE THE 50/50 STATE/COUNTY COST-SHARING FOR THE SAFETY NET PROGRAM, TO INCREASE SHELTER GRANT REIMBURSEMENTS TO COUNTIES AND TO PROVIDE SUFFICIENT RESOURCES TO PROVIDE SAFE AND SECURE HOUSING**

**WHEREAS, the 2011-12 State Budget dramatically lowered the State's fiscal responsibility in the Safety Net Program by shifting the cost to 71 percent County / 29 percent State, severing the historic 50 percent State / 50 percent County partnership; and**

**WHEREAS, this continues a long line of State legislative actions that has transferred the State's constitutional and fiscal responsibility to care for the needy to County taxpayers, while providing counties virtually no control over eligibility for services and benefit levels; and**

**WHEREAS, the Safety Net funding shift also builds upon recent trends where the State has leveraged significant saving from maximizing available federal resources largely for State financial plan purposes, at the expense of local property taxpayers; and**

**WHEREAS, the net effect of this State practice forces local property taxes to be higher than they should because available savings are being spent by the State rather than used to lower the cost of State mandates which can provide direct relief to local property taxpayers; and**

**WHEREAS, nearly half of the states do not have Safety Net programs and New York is one of only 11 states that provide benefits to childless adults that do not have some disability; and**

**WHEREAS, most other states do not require counties to fund such a large share of public assistance costs; and**

**WHEREAS, counties in New York are required to finance the vast majority of Safety Net costs, putting in twice as much funding as the State; and**

**WHEREAS, State data through May 2016 indicates that non-federally participating Safety Net costs continue to grow faster than federally participating TANF costs; and**

**WHEREAS, counties believe the rising cost of providing shelter assistance to recipients is a major contributor to this increase; and**

**WHEREAS, enhanced shelter assistance and State reimbursement, along with more permanent affordable housing, are essential components necessary to achieve State goals of reducing homelessness and providing stability for families and individuals in need; now therefore be it**

**RESOLVED, that Putnam County calls on the State to gradually restore the historic 50/50 State/County cost sharing for the Safety Net program over a five-year period, starting with an increase in County reimbursement for shelter assistance in order to help alleviate the lack of affordable housing alternatives in many areas of the State, while also lowering the local property tax burden for homeowners and small businesses; and be it further**

**RESOLVED, that the Clerk of the Putnam County Legislature forward copies of this resolution to Governor Andrew M. Cuomo, Senate Majority Leader John Flanagan, Assembly Speaker Carl Heastie, Senator Susan Serino, Senator Terrence Murphy, Assemblywoman Sandra Galef, Assemblyman Kevin Byrne and NYSAC.**

**BY POLL VOTE: ALL AYES. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**Item #6r – Approval/Memorialization/ NYSAC Resolution Urging the Governor and Legislature to Maintain our Mutual Goals of Not Shifting New Costs to Counties, While Maintaining Reasonable Local Flexibility over Administrative Functions, as the State Realigns Medicaid Administrative Functions and Human Services Programs was next. On behalf of the members of the Health, Social, Educational & Environmental Committee, Legislators Addonizio and Gouldman, Legislator Scuccimarra moved the following:**

**RESOLUTION #81**

**APPROVAL/MEMORIALIZATION/ NYSAC RESOLUTION URGING THE GOVERNOR AND LEGISLATURE TO MAINTAIN OUR MUTUAL GOALS OF NOT SHIFTING NEW COSTS TO COUNTIES, WHILE MAINTAINING REASONABLE LOCAL FLEXIBILITY OVER ADMINISTRATIVE FUNCTIONS, AS THE STATE REALIGNS MEDICAID ADMINISTRATIVE FUNCTIONS AND HUMAN SERVICES PROGRAMS**

**WHEREAS, the State Department of Health continues its multi-year effort to take over the administrative responsibilities of the Medicaid program from county government as a way to provide improved consistency in the administration of Medicaid and to reduce administrative burdens for counties and New York City; and**

**WHEREAS, counties support efforts to streamline government operations in ways that can improve the delivery of services and responsiveness to recipients' needs, while not shifting new costs to County taxpayers; and**

**WHEREAS, the State has enacted a cap in reimbursement to counties and New York City related to Medicaid administrative claiming, and for many counties this cap continues to be in place prior to the actual State takeover of a significant portion of local Medicaid administrative functions; and**

**WHEREAS, local departments of social services (DSS) continue to be required to take on additional administrative responsibilities; and**

**WHEREAS, policies have evolved such that the local DSS role is shrinking in terms of eligibility determinations, but simultaneously increasing in terms of home care assessments and responsibilities; and**

**WHEREAS, capped reimbursement with minimal relief from administering the State's Medicaid program creates significant fiscal and liability concerns for counties and is counterproductive in the current property tax cap environment; and**

**WHEREAS, counties also struggle with administering all other human services programs mandated by the State especially since State financial support for local social services district administrative costs was essentially eliminated several years ago to help balance State budget shortfalls; now therefore be it**

**RESOLVED, that until the State Medicaid administrative takeover is complete Putnam County urges the Governor and the Legislature to hold County property taxpayers harmless by maintaining the State funding level of the current Medicaid administration cap, continuing to prioritize State resources within the Office of Health Insurance Programs to facilitate the transition and preventing any shifting of costs if the State falls short in its attempt to takeover local Medicaid administrative functions; and be it further**

**RESOLVED, that the State should not reduce counties' Medicaid administrative funding caps without a verifiable and commensurate reduction in local administrative responsibilities to avoid cost shifts; and no district shall be required to perform Medicaid functions unless performance of those functions is cost and liability neutral to the district; and be it further**

**RESOLVED, the Department of Health should continue to provide specific time frames to counties and New York City to ease the transition of personnel currently associated with the Medicaid program on the local level; and be it further**

**RESOLVED, the State should abstain from enacting new caseload staffing requirements and administrative edicts on local social service districts until such time that they fully fund these initiatives; and be it further**

**RESOLVED, that the Clerk of the Putnam County Legislature forward copies of this resolution to Governor Andrew M. Cuomo, Senate Majority Leader John Flanagan, Assembly Speaker Carl Heastie, Senator Susan Serino, Senator Terrence Murphy, Assemblywoman Sandra Galef, Assemblyman Kevin Byrne, the State Department of Health and NYSAC.**

**BY POLL VOTE: ALL AYES. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**Item #6s – Approval/Memorialization/ NYSAC Resolution Calling on the Office of Alcoholism and Substance Abuse Services and the Governor of the State of New York to Provide State Funding to Support the Treatment of Individuals with Substance Use Disorders who are Incarcerated in County Jails, in Order to Help Combat the Heroin and Opioid Abuse Epidemic and Other Addictions, Save Lives, and Reduce the Rate of Recidivism was next. On behalf of the members of the Health, Social, Educational & Environmental Committee, Legislators Addonizio and Gouldman, Legislator Scuccimarra moved the following:**

**RESOLUTION #82**

**APPROVAL/MEMORIALIZATION/ NYSAC RESOLUTION CALLING ON THE OFFICE OF ALCOHOLISM AND SUBSTANCE ABUSE SERVICES AND THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK TO PROVIDE STATE FUNDING TO SUPPORT THE TREATMENT OF INDIVIDUALS WITH SUBSTANCE USE DISORDERS WHO ARE INCARCERATED IN COUNTY JAILS, IN ORDER TO HELP COMBAT THE HEROIN AND OPIOID ABUSE EPIDEMIC AND OTHER ADDICTIONS, SAVE LIVES, AND REDUCE THE RATE OF RECIDIVISM**

**WHEREAS, the rise in heroin and prescription opioid addiction and overdose-related deaths continue to be a major epidemic across New York State; and**

**WHEREAS, substance use disorders, including heroin and opioid addiction, are very common among incarcerated individuals; and**

**WHEREAS, according to the National Center on Addiction and Substance Abuse at Columbia University, 65 percent of individuals incarcerated in jails and prisons in the U.S. meet the medical criteria for a substance use disorder and only 11 percent receive any treatment for substance abuse while incarcerated; and**

**WHEREAS, without access to substance use disorder treatment while incarcerated, many individuals start using drugs again immediately upon release from incarceration; and**

**WHEREAS, in the first two weeks after an individual with a substance use disorder is released from jail, the risk of a fatal drug overdose is much higher than at any other time, resulting in individuals dying from overdoses in high numbers after they are released from incarceration or getting re-arrested for drug-related crimes; and**

**WHEREAS, Article 41 of the Mental Hygiene Law charges the Local Governmental Unit (LGU) with the responsibility for the planning, development, implementation and oversight of services to individuals with mental illness, substance use disorders and developmental disabilities at the local level; and**

**WHEREAS, the LGU works closely with local correctional facilities, community providers and other stakeholders to improve in-jail behavioral health treatment, facilitate community linkages upon reentry and reduce recidivism with very limited resources; and**

**WHEREAS, while the Office of Mental Health provides some State aid to counties for the provision of mental health services in the jails, there is no comparable funding provided by the State for incarcerated individuals with substance use disorders; and**

**WHEREAS, State funding is needed to help provide access to comprehensive substance use disorder services in the jails, including screening and assessment at entry, education and counseling services, peer support, medication assisted treatment and discharge planning to continue treatment post-incarceration; and**

**WHEREAS, access to substance use disorder treatment in jails, especially to medication assisted treatment for individuals with opioid addiction, is critical for positive post-release outcomes; now therefore be it**

**RESOLVED**, that Putnam County calls on the Governor and the Office of Alcoholism and Substance Abuse Services to help combat the heroin and opioid epidemic, save lives and reduce the rate of recidivism, by providing State funding for the treatment of incarcerated individuals with substance use disorders in our County jails; and be it further

**RESOLVED**, that the Clerk of the Putnam County Legislature forward copies of this resolution to Governor Andrew M. Cuomo, Senate Majority Leader John Flanagan, Assembly Speaker Carl Heastie, Senator Susan Serino, Senator Terrence Murphy, Assemblywoman Sandra Galef, Assemblyman Kevin Byrne, the Office of Alcoholism and Substance Abuse Services and NYSAC.

**BY POLL VOTE: ALL AYES. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**PERSONNEL COMMITTEE**  
(Chairwoman Nacerino, Legislators Albano & Jonke)

Item #6t – Approval/Calling on the Stated To Increase the Salary Cap for Retired Public Employees Seeking County Employment was next. On behalf of the members of the Personnel Committee, Legislators Albano and Jonke, Chairwoman Nacerino moved the following:

**RESOLUTION #83**

**APPROVAL/MEMORIALIZATION/ NYSAC RESOLUTION CALLING ON THE STATE TO INCREASE THE SALARY CAP FOR RETIRED PUBLIC EMPLOYEES SEEKING COUNTY EMPLOYMENT**

**WHEREAS**, under current state law a retired public employee may earn up to \$30,000 if retained/rehired to state or local government position without this salary impacting their retirement benefits; and

**WHEREAS**, any retired public employee salary amount over \$30,000.00 will result in a decrease in pension payments for the employee; and

**WHEREAS**, the \$30,000 cap was set last in 2007, with the intent of minimizing misuse, while at the same time providing enough incentive for employees with broad experience and institutional knowledge to be retained in a government service capacity; and

**WHEREAS**, this cap has not been adjusted since 2007 to keep pace with inflation rates or cost of living adjustments; and

**WHEREAS**, every county has unique challenges when hiring for certain skilled or knowledge based positions due to each county having different populations, economics, and demographics; and

**WHEREAS**, county governments are being asked to provide more services with less funding, a goal that becomes more difficult when those that best understand local government service needs are retiring and either are replaced by someone with less experience or in some cases not being replaced at all; and

**WHEREAS**, in 2016 a bill was introduced (S.2447D (Farley)/A.6786D (McDonald)) that recognizes adjusting this cap modestly to \$35,000 to keep pace with inflation and provided the State and the local governments more hiring options when they seek to fill a position that requires unique skill sets, government experience, and, in some cases reduces health insurance costs as the person is already retired; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that Putnam County calls on the Governor and the Legislature to place into the 2017/2018 State Budget the bill language found in S.2447D/A6786D; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Clerk of the Putnam County Legislature forward copies of this resolution to Governor Andrew M. Cuomo, Senate Majority Leader John Flanagan, Assembly Speaker Carl Heastie, Senator Susan Serino, Senator Terrence Murphy, Assemblywoman Sandra Galef, Assemblyman Kevin Byrne and NYSAC.

BY POLL VOTE: EIGHT AYES. ONE NAY – LEGISLATOR LOBUE. MOTION CARRIES.

**AUDIT & ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE**  
(Chairman Castellano, Legislators Jonke & Sullivan)

Item #6u – Approval/Budgetary Amendment (17A010)/Commissioner of Finance/Use of Fund Balance was next. Chairwoman Nacerino recognized Legislator Castellano, Chairman of the Audit & Administration Committee. On behalf of the members of the Committee, Legislators Jonke and Sullivan, Legislators Castellano moved the following:

**RESOLUTION #84**

**APPROVAL/BUDGETARY AMENDMENT /COMMISSIONER OF FINANCE/ USE OF FUND BALANCE**

WHEREAS, by Resolution #191 of 2016, the Putnam County Legislature approved and authorized a \$180,000 Bond for a New Security System for the Jail; and

WHEREAS, by Resolution #192 of 2016, the Legislature approved budgetary amendment (16A055) to account for this New Security System for the Jail; and

WHEREAS, by Resolution #203 of 206, the Putnam County Legislature approved and authorized a \$350,000 Bond to pay a settled claim pursuant to a Stipulation of Settlement in the Matter of Partenza-Mahoney, Inc. v. the County of Putnam; and

WHEREAS, by Resolution #204 of 2016, the Legislature approved budgetary amendment (16A066) to account for this Litigation Settlement; and

WHEREAS, the Commissioner of Finance has requested a budgetary amendment (17A010) to utilize Fund Balance rather than bonded funds for these two projects, as there will be a cost savings due to the avoidance of interest expense; and

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

RESOLVED, that the following budgetary amendment be made:

**GENERAL FUND:**

**Increase Estimated Appropriations:**

|                |                          |         |
|----------------|--------------------------|---------|
| 10990100 59020 | Transfer to Capital Fund | 530,000 |
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**Increase Estimated Revenues:**

|                 |                     |         |
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| 10131000 427161 | Use of Fund Balance | 530,000 |
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**CAPITAL FUND:**

**Increase Estimated Revenues:**

|                       |                                    |                |
|-----------------------|------------------------------------|----------------|
| 53197000 428601 51620 | Interfund Transfer – Jail Security | 180,000        |
| 53197000 428601 51621 | Interfund Transfer – Inland Court  | <u>350,000</u> |

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|                                     |                      | 530,000        |
| <b>Decrease Estimated Revenues:</b> |                      |                |
| 05000 45710G 51620                  | Bond Proceeds – 2016 | 180,000        |
| 05000 45710G 51621                  | Bond Proceeds – 2016 | <u>350,000</u> |
|                                     |                      | 530,000        |

2017 Fiscal Impact – 0 –  
2018 Fiscal Impact – 0 –

**BY POLL VOTE: ALL AYES. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**Item #6v – Approval/Budgetary Amendment (17A011)/Commissioner of Finance/Reclassification Per Office of State Comptroller Chart of Accounts was next. On behalf of the members of the Audit & Administration Committee, Legislators Jonke and Sullivan, Legislator Castellano moved the following:**

**RESOLUTION #85**

**APPROVAL/BUDGETARY AMENDMENT /COMMISSIONER OF FINANCE/  
RECLASSIFICATION PER OFFICE OF STATE COMPTROLLER CHART OF ACCOUNTS**

**WHEREAS, the Commissioner of Finance has requested budgetary amendment (17A011) to account for the reclassification per the Office of State Comptroller Chart of Accounts; and**

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

**RESOLVED, that the following budgetary amendment be made:**

|                                     |                     |        |
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| <b>Increase Estimated Revenues:</b> |                     |        |
| V9710000 427161                     | Use of Fund Balance | 88,072 |

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| <b>Decrease Estimated Revenues:</b> |                      |        |
| V9710000 427111                     | Debt Service Reserve | 88,072 |

2017 Fiscal Impact – 0 –  
2018 Fiscal Impact – 0 –

**BY POLL VOTE: ALL AYES. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**Item #6w – Approval/SEQRA Determination was next. On behalf of the members of the Audit & Administration Committee, Legislators Jonke and Sullivan, Legislator Castellano moved the following:**

**RESOLUTION #86**

**APPROVAL/ SEQRA DETERMINATION**



WHEREAS, the Putnam County Legislature is considering a \$1,000,000 Bond issue for the Reconstruction and/or Resurfacing of Various County Highways and/or parking areas in Putnam County, New York; and

WHEREAS, this action has been determined to be a Type II Action in accordance with 6 NYCRR Part 617.5(c)(1) “maintenance or repair involving no substantial changes in an existing structure or facility, and 6 NYCRR Part 617.5(c)(4) “repaving of existing highways not involving the addition of new travel lanes”; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Putnam County Legislature accepts the determination that this project is a Type II Action and pursuant to the State Environmental Quality Review Act §617.6(a)(1)(i), there is no further environmental review necessary.

BY POLL VOTE: ALL AYES. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Item #6x – Approval/Bond Resolution/ Reconstruction and/or Resurfacing Various County Highways was next. On behalf of the members of the Audit & Administration Committee, Legislators Jonke and Sullivan, Legislator Castellano moved the following:

Legislator Castellano read the roads that would be included in the bond:

1. Oscawana Lake Road from Tinker Hill to Oscawana Heights
2. Baldwin Road from 6n to Route 6
3. Croton Falls Road from Route 6 to Shear Hill Road
4. West Shore Drive
5. North Lake Blvd.
6. Drewville Road from Route 6 to Stoneleigh
7. Sections of Peaceable Hill Road
8. Sections of Gypsy Trail Road
9. Sections of Snake Hill Road

RESOLUTION #87

#### EXTRACT OF MINUTES

Meeting of the County Legislature of  
the County of Putnam, New York

April 4, 2017

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A regular meeting of the County Legislature of the County of Putnam, New York, was held at the Historic County Courthouse, Gleneida Avenue, Carmel, New York, on April 4, 2017, at 7 o'clock P.M. (Prevailing Time).

The following Legislators were present: Scuccimarra, Gouldman, Addonizio, Albano, Jonke, Castellano, LoBue, Sullivan and Chairwoman Nacerino.

There were absent: None

Also present: Diane Schonfeld, Clerk of the County Legislature  
Andrew Negro, First Deputy County Attorney  
Legislative Representative

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Legislator Castellano offered the following resolution and moved its adoption:

**BOND RESOLUTION OF THE COUNTY OF PUTNAM, NEW YORK, ADOPTED APRIL 4, 2017, AUTHORIZING THE RECONSTRUCTION AND/OR RESURFACING OF VARIOUS COUNTY HIGHWAYS AND/OR PARKING AREAS; STATING THE ESTIMATED TOTAL COST THEREOF IS \$1,000,000; APPROPRIATING SAID AMOUNT THEREFOR, AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$1,000,000 SERIAL BONDS OF SAID COUNTY TO FINANCE SAID APPROPRIATION.**

**THE COUNTY LEGISLATURE OF THE COUNTY OF PUTNAM, NEW YORK, HEREBY RESOLVES (by the favorable vote of not less than two-thirds of all the members of said Legislature) AS FOLLOWS:**

**Section 1. The County of Putnam, New York (herein called "County"), is hereby authorized to reconstruct and/or resurface various County highways and/or parking areas. The estimated total cost thereof, including preliminary costs and costs incidental thereto and to the financing thereof, is \$1,000,000 and said amount is hereby appropriated therefor. The plan of financing, includes the issuance of \$1,000,000 serial bonds of the County to finance said appropriation, and the levy and collection of taxes on all the taxable real property in the County to pay the principal of said bonds and the interest thereon as the same shall become due and payable.**

**Section 2. Bonds of the County in the principal amount of \$1,000,000 are hereby authorized to be issued pursuant to the provisions of the Local Finance Law, constituting Chapter 33-a of the Consolidated Laws of the State of New York (herein called "Law"), to finance said appropriation.**

**Section 3. The period of probable usefulness of the object or purpose for which said bonds are authorized to be issued, within the limitations of Section 11.00 a. 20 of the Law, is fifteen (15) years.**

**Section 4. The proceeds of the bonds herein authorized and any bond anticipation notes issued in anticipation of said bonds may be applied to reimburse the County for expenditures made after the effective date of this resolution for the purpose**

for which said bonds are authorized. The foregoing statement of intent with respect to reimbursement is made in conformity with Treasury Regulation Section 1.150-2 of the United States Treasury Department.

Section 5. Each of the bonds authorized by this resolution, and any bond anticipation notes issued in anticipation of the sale of said bonds, shall contain the recital of validity as prescribed by Section 52.00 of the Law and said bonds, and any notes issued in anticipation of said bonds, shall be general obligations of the County, payable as to both principal and interest by general tax upon all the taxable real property within the County. The faith and credit of the County are hereby irrevocably pledged to the punctual payment of the principal of and interest on said bonds, and any notes issued in anticipation of the sale of said bonds, and provision shall be made annually in the budget of the County by appropriation for (a) the amortization and redemption of the bonds and any notes in anticipation thereof to mature in such year and (b) the payment of interest to be due and payable in such year.

Section 6. Subject to the provisions of this resolution and of the Law and pursuant to the provisions of Section 21.00 relative to the authorization of the issuance of bonds having substantially level or declining annual debt service, Section 30.00 relative to the authorization of the issuance of bond anticipation notes or the renewals thereof, and Sections 50.00, 56.00 to 60.00 and 168.00 of the Law, the powers and duties of the County Legislature relative to authorizing bond anticipation notes, or the renewals thereof, and relative to providing for substantially level or declining annual debt service, and prescribing the terms, form and contents, and as to the sale and issuance of the bonds herein authorized, and of any bond anticipation notes issued in anticipation of said bonds, and the renewals of said notes, as well as to executing agreements for credit enhancements, are hereby delegated to the Commissioner of Finance, the chief fiscal officer of the County.

Section 7. The validity of the bonds authorized by this resolution, and of any notes issued in anticipation of the sale of said bonds, may be contested only if:

(a) such obligations are authorized for an object or purpose for which the County is not authorized to expend money, or

(b) the provisions of law which should be complied with at the date of the publication of such resolution, or a summary thereof, are not substantially complied with,

and an action, suit or proceeding contesting such validity is commenced within twenty days after the date of such publication, or

(c) such obligations are authorized in violation of the provisions of the constitution.

Section 8. This bond resolution shall take effect upon the approval of the Putnam County Executive, and the Clerk of the County Legislature is hereby authorized and directed to publish the foregoing resolution, in summary, together with a Notice attached in substantially the form prescribed by §81.00 of the Law in "*The Putnam County Courier*," "*The Putnam Press*," and "*The Putnam County News & Recorder*," three newspapers, each having a general circulation in the County and hereby designated as the official newspapers of the County for such publications.

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The adoption of the foregoing resolution was duly put to a vote on roll call, which resulted as follows:

**AYES:** Legislators Addonizio, Albano, Castellano, Gouldman, Jonke, LoBue, Scuccimarra, Sullivan and Chairwoman Nacerino.

**NOES: NONE**

**The resolution was declared adopted.**

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**CERTIFICATE**

**I, Diane Schonfeld, Clerk to the County Legislature of the County of Putnam, State of New York, HEREBY CERTIFY that the Resolution No. \_\_\_\_-2017 contained in the foregoing annexed extract from the minutes of a meeting of the County Legislature of said County of Putnam duly called and held on April 4, 2017, has been compared by me with the original minutes as officially recorded in my office in the Minute Book of said County Legislature and is a true, complete and correct copy thereof and of the whole of said original Resolution, which was duly adopted by the County Legislature of the County of Putnam on April 4, 2017 and approved by the County Executive on April \_\_\_\_, 2017.**

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the corporate seal of said County of Putnam this \_\_\_\_ day of April, 2017.**

**(SEAL)**

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**Diane Schonfeld  
Clerk to the County Legislature**

**NOTICE**

The resolution, a summary of which is published herewith, has been adopted on April 4, 2017, and the validity of the obligations authorized by such resolution may be hereafter contested only if such obligations were authorized for an object or purpose for which the COUNTY OF PUTNAM, New York, is not authorized to expend money or if the provisions of law which should have been complied with as of the date of publication of this Notice were not substantially complied with, and an action, suit or proceeding contesting such validity is commenced within twenty days after the publication of this Notice, or such obligations were authorized in violation of the provisions of the constitution.

Diane Schonfeld  
Clerk to the County Legislature

**BOND RESOLUTION OF THE COUNTY OF PUTNAM, NEW YORK,  
ADOPTED APRIL 4, 2017, AUTHORIZING THE RECONSTRUCTION  
AND/OR RESURFACING OF VARIOUS COUNTY HIGHWAYS AND/OR  
PARKING AREAS; STATING THE ESTIMATED TOTAL COST  
THEREOF IS \$1,000,000; APPROPRIATING SAID AMOUNT  
THEREFOR, AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$1,000,000  
SERIAL BONDS OF SAID COUNTY TO FINANCE SAID  
APPROPRIATION.**

**Object or purpose:** to reconstruct and/or resurface various County highways and/or parking areas

**Period of probable usefulness:** fifteen (15) years

**Amount of obligations to be issued:** \$1,000,000

A complete copy of the bond resolution summarized above shall be available for public inspection during normal business hours at the office of the Clerk to the Legislature, at the County Office Building, 40 Gleneida Avenue, Carmel, New York.

**Dated:** April 4, 2017  
Carmel, New York

Item #6y – Approval/Memorialization/NYSAC Resolution Urging the State to Enact Legislation to Ensure a Fair and Level Playing Field for All Retailers by Addressing Loopholes in Internet Sales Tax Collection Practices was next. On behalf of the members of the Audit & Administration Committee, Legislators Jonke and Sullivan, Legislator Castellano moved the following:

**RESOLUTION #88**

**APPROVAL/MEMORIALIZATION/NYSAC RESOLUTION URGING THE STATE TO ENACT LEGISLATION TO ENSURE A FAIR AND LEVEL PLAYING FIELD FOR ALL RETAILERS BY ADDRESSING LOOPHOLES IN INTERNET SALES TAX COLLECTION PRACTICES**

**WHEREAS, the State has identified significant loopholes in certain internet-based sales tax collection practices and the State estimates that as much as \$200 million annually in State and local sales taxes are not being collected; and**

**WHEREAS, the ongoing expansion and maturity of internet-based retailing, or e-commerce, continues to dramatically outpace the annual growth in physical storefront retail sales with e-commerce growing at a 15 percent annual rate compared to “Main Street” local storefronts retail growing at about 2 percent per year; and**

**WHEREAS, the Governor has proposed legislation to correct this inequity by requiring marketplace providers that facilitate online transactions to collect the sales tax that is changing current rules regarding sales tax nexus; and**

**WHEREAS, enacting such legislation will streamline sales tax collection practices and reduce burdens on small vendors and improve compliance; and**

**WHEREAS, providing for an easy to use platform for large highly experienced internet transaction facilitators to collect sales tax on behalf of their participating vendors will provide a fairer and more balanced marketplace for local “bricks and mortar” New York based retailers, as well as New York based online vendors; and**

**WHEREAS, these improvements recognize the changing retail marketplace and will provide more stability in sales tax collections for the State and local governments while enhancing fairness in the overall retail market that supports locally owned and operated New York businesses; now therefore be it**

**RESOLVED, that Putnam County calls on the State to enact legislation that treats all marketplace providers as persons required to collect sales taxes, therefore reducing the need for many vendors to collect this tax on their own and creating a more level playing field for retailers; and be it further**

**RESOLVED, that the Clerk of the Putnam County Legislature forward copies of this resolution to Governor Andrew M. Cuomo, Senate Majority Leader John Flanagan, Assembly Speaker Carl Heastie, Senator Susan Serino, Senator Terrence Murphy, Assemblywoman Sandra Galef, Assemblyman Kevin Byrne, and NYSAC.**

**BY POLL VOTE: ALL AYES. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**Item #6z – Approval/Memorization/ NYSAC Resolution Calling on State Legislative Leaders to Reform the Home Rule Revenue Process by Enacting a 4-Year Authorization Period for All Local Sales Tax Extenders in 2017 with a Goal of making this Local Renewal Authority Permanent was next. On behalf of the members of the Audit & Administration Committee, Legislators Jonke and Sullivan, Legislator Castellano moved the following:**

**RESOLUTION #89**

**APPROVAL/MEMORIALIZATION/ NYSAC RESOLUTION CALLING ON STATE LEGISLATIVE LEADERS TO REFORM THE HOME RULE REVENUE PROCESS BY ENACTING A 4-YEAR AUTHORIZATION PERIOD FOR ALL LOCAL SALES TAX EXTENDERS IN 2017 WITH A GOAL OF MAKING THIS LOCAL RENEWAL AUTHORITY PERMANENT**

**WHEREAS, counties continue to face significant challenges in balancing their budgets while also meeting the goals of the property tax cap; and**

**WHEREAS, counties must administer and pay for more than 40 State programs that can consume up to 85 percent of a County's entire budget; and**

**WHEREAS, counties' ability to raise revenues from the property tax are limited by the State imposed property tax cap, which resulted in an inflation growth factor of only .73 percent in 2016 and .68 percent in 2017 (three times smaller than the State's self-imposed two percent spending cap); and**

**WHEREAS, locally raised revenues are necessary to implement and deliver State mandated programs as well as local public health and safety, economic development, and "quality of life" services demanded and expected in our communities; and**

**WHEREAS, counties often share the local sales tax with other local governments, where more than one out of every four local sales tax dollars collected are passed through to cities, towns, and villages to help pay for services delivered by these municipalities, or to directly lower the amount of property taxes levied in these jurisdictions; and**

**WHEREAS, the pass through of local sales tax revenue from counties to cities, towns, villages and school districts will approach \$1.8 billion in 2016; and**

**WHEREAS, State required renewals every two years creates a significant amount of work to manage the process for both the State and County elected officials and staff to satisfy drafting the necessary legislation , providing notices and conducting public meetings, and the need to set aside legislative time to act on bills locally and at the State level; and**

**WHEREAS, New York City has been granted permanent authority to control their local sales tax rate without State legislative review; and**

**WHEREAS, enacting a 4-year authorization period still allows for appropriate State legislative review; and**

**WHEREAS, the longer authorization period proposed would cut in half the administrative expense and duplication of effort to process the necessary paperwork, forms, legislative hearings, filings and notices, resulting in improved government operations and fiscal savings at both the State and local levels; now therefore be it**

**RESOLVED, that Putnam County calls upon the Governor and State Legislature to reform the home rule process so it works as efficiently as possible for local taxpayers, eliminates unnecessary and duplicative legislative activity at the State and local level, provides more stability to County finances, while retaining recurring local legislative review; and be it further**

**RESOLVED, the State should, upon the next renewal of local sales tax rates, provide a four year (rather than a two year) authorization for all counties; and be it further**

**RESOLVED, the State should work to make this a permanent local authorization that requires periodic local renewals to ensure appropriate review by elected officials; and be it further**

**RESOLVED, that the Clerk of the Putnam County Legislature forward copies of this resolution to Governor Andrew M. Cuomo, Senate Majority Leader John Flanagan, Assembly Speaker Carl Heastie, Senator Susan Serino, Senator Terrence Murphy, Assemblywoman Sandra Galef, Assemblyman Kevin Byrne, and NYSAC.**

**BY POLL VOTE: EIGHT AYES. ONE NAY – LEGISLATOR LOBUE. MOTION CARRIES.**

**Item #6aa – Approval/Authorizing the Implementation, and funding in the First Instance 100% of the Federal-aid and State-aid Eligible Costs, of a Transportation Federal-aid**

and/or State-aid Transportation Project, and appropriating Funds Therefore. – PIN 8761.69 Fairfield Drive over Putnam Lake Outlet – Culvert Replacement – Town of Patterson was next. On behalf of the members of the Audit & Administration Committee, Legislators Jonke and Sullivan, Legislator Castellano moved the following:

**RESOLUTION #90**

**AUTHORIZING THE IMPLEMENTATION, AND FUNDING IN THE FIRST INSTANCE 100% OF THE FEDERAL-AID AND STATE-AID ELIGIBLE COSTS, OF A TRANSPORTATION FEDERAL-AID AND/OR STATE-AID TRANSPORTATION PROJECT, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFORE.**

WHEREAS, a Project for the Culvert Replacement of Fairfield Drive over Putnam Lake Outlet in the Town of Patterson, Putnam County, identified as PIN 8761.69 (the “Project”) is eligible for funding under Title 23 U.S. Code, as amended, that calls for the apportionment of the costs such program to be borne at the ratio of 0% Federal funds and 100% non-federal funds; and

WHEREAS, Putnam County will design, let and construct the Project; and

WHEREAS, Putnam County desires to advance the Project by making a commitment of 100% of the non-federal share of the costs of preliminary engineering, right-of-way incidental, right-of-way acquisition, construction, construction inspection and construction supervision.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Putnam County Legislature duly convened does hereby RESOLVE, that the Putnam County Legislature hereby approves the above-subject project; and it is hereby further

RESOLVED, that the Putnam County Legislature hereby authorizes Putnam County to pay in the first instance 100% of the federal and non-federal share of the cost of preliminary engineering, right-of-way incidental, right-of-way acquisition, construction, construction inspection and construction supervision work for the Project or portions thereof; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Putnam County Legislature hereby agrees that Putnam County shall be responsible for all cost of the project which exceed the amount of the NY Bridge Funding awarded to Putnam County; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the sum of \$750,000 is hereby appropriated and made available to cover the cost of participation in the above phase of the Project; and be it further

RESOLVED, that in the event the full federal and non-federal share costs of the project exceeds the amount appropriated above, the Putnam County Legislature shall convene as soon as possible to appropriate said excess amount immediately upon the notification by the Putnam County Executive thereof; and be it further

RESOLVED, that Putnam County hereby agrees that construction of the Project shall begin no later than eighteen (18) months after award and that the project shall be completed within three (3) years of commencing construction; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Putnam County Executive be and is hereby authorized to execute all necessary Agreements, certifications or reimbursement requests for Federal Aid and/or State-Aid on behalf of Putnam County with the New York State Department of Transportation in connection with the advancement or approval of the Project an providing for the administration of the Project and the municipality’s first instance funding of project costs and permanent funding of the local share of federal-aid and state-aid eligible Project costs and all Project costs within appropriations therefore that are not so eligible, and be it further



**RESOLVED**, that in addition to the Putnam County Executive, the following municipal titles: Commissioner of Highways & Facilities, Deputy Commissioner of Highway & Facilities, County Engineer, Supervisor of Planning & Design, Commissioner of Finance are also authorized to executive any necessary Agreements or certifications on behalf of the Municipality/Sponsor, with NYSDOT in connection with the advancement or approval of the project identified in the State/Local Agreement; and be it further

**RESOLVED**, that a certified copy of this resolution be filed with the New York State Commissioner of Transportation by attaching it to any necessary Agreement in connection with the Project; and be it further

**RESOLVED**, this Resolution shall take effect immediately.

**BY POLL VOTE: ALL AYES. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**Item #6bb – Approval/Budgetary Amendment (17A018)/Highways & Facilities/Bridge NY Project / PIN 8761.69 Fairfield Drive over Putnam Lake/ Town of Patterson was next. On behalf of the members of the Audit & Administration Committee, Legislators Jonke and Sullivan, Legislator Castellano moved the following:**

**RESOLUTION #91**

**APPROVAL/BUDGETARY AMENDMENT /HIGHWAYS & FACILITIES/ BRIDGE NY PROJECT / PIN 8761.69 FAIRFIELD DRIVE OVER PUTNAM LAKE/ TOWN OF PATTERSON**

**WHEREAS**, the Commissioner of Highways & Facilities has requested a budgetary amendment (17A018) to adjust the budget of the Bridge NY Project – a Project for the Culvert Replacement of Fairfield Drive over Putnam Lake Outlet in the Town of Patterson, Putnam County, identified as PIN 8761.69; and

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

**RESOLVED**, that the following budgetary amendment be made:

**CAPITAL FUND:**

**Increase Estimated Appropriations:**

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| <b>55197000 53000 51712</b> | <b>PIN 8761.69 Fairfield Drive</b> | <b>750,000</b> |
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**Increase Estimated Revenues:**

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| <b>55197000 435899 51712</b> | <b>State Aid – Bridge NY PIN 8761.69</b> | <b>750,000</b> |
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**2017 Fiscal Impact – 0 –**

**2018 Fiscal Impact – 0 –**

**BY POLL VOTE: ALL AYES. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**Item #7 – Other Business**

**This item was addressed after Item #6o.**

**Item #8 – Recognition of Public**

**Mr. Patrick Perry informed the public that Margaret Pataki, recently passed away at 101 years old.**

**President of the Hudson Valley Volunteer Firefighters Association, Jeff Bergstrom thanked the Legislature for approving the memorializing resolution pertaining to the Cancer Bill.**

**Member of the Brewster Fire Department, Ed Butler also thanked the Legislature for approving the memorializing resolution pertaining to the Cancer Bill.**

**Director Fireman's Association of the State of New York (FASNY), Santo "Chan" S. Rivera thanked the Legislature for passing this legislation for the Volunteer Firefighters. He stated that FASNY supports over 100,000 volunteers in the State of New York. He explained that this Bill was approved in the Senate and that the Assembly needs to pass it as well. He asked that the Legislature send this to the Assembly representatives urging them to pass this critical Bill. He explained that the cost to the families affected by cancer is heartbreaking.**

**Nancy Montgomery, Village of Cold Spring Councilwoman thanked the Legislature for passing the resolution calling on the Office of Alcoholism and Substance Abuse for funding for the support for the treatment of individuals with substance abuse. She stated that knowing first hand and witnessing the detox of a loved one in jail is horrific. She also encouraged the Legislature to look into other ways of dealing with this crisis. She stated that Dutchess County has a stabilization center. She stated that she is concerned about the treatment of minors in regard to this crisis. She stated that, while there are great resources in Putnam County, she did not believe there were enough. She believed that we needed to look at how many children are being affected by this crisis. She believed there was a lot more to do. She stated that there is a Federal initiative on the table which pertains to treatment instead of incarceration which many communities are adopting.**

#### **Item #9 – Recognition of Legislators**

**Legislator Scuccimarra stated, as Mr. Perry mentioned before, Margaret Pataki passed away in her sleep at age 101 on April 3<sup>rd</sup>. She stated that she is the mother of Governor George and Professor Lewis. She has six (6) grandchildren and 10 great grandchildren.**

**There being no further business, at 8:20 P.M., Chairwoman Nacerino made a motion to adjourn in memory of Mrs. Pataki; seconded by Legislator LoBue. All in favor.**

**Respectfully submitted by Diane Schonfeld, Clerk of the Putnam County Legislature.**