

**REGULAR MEETING  
OF THE  
PUTNAM COUNTY LEGISLATURE  
HELD VIA AUDIO WEBINAR PURSUANT TO TEMPORARY EMERGENCY ORDERS**

Tuesday                      June 1, 2021                      7:00 P.M.

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 P.M. by Chairwoman Addonizio who led in the Pledge of Allegiance and Legislative Prayer. Upon roll call, Legislators Montgomery, Gouldman, Nacerino, Albano, Jonke, Castellano, Sayegh, Sullivan and Chairwoman Addonizio were present. Also present was Legislative Counsel Firriolo.

**PROCLAMATION**

Chairwoman Addonizio stated that the following proclamation is for informational purposes and will be mailed to the relevant party.

**JUNE 2021 AS PUTNAM RECYCLES MONTH**

WHEREAS, Putnam County recognizes the value of recycling for resource preservation, waste reduction and litter control; and

WHEREAS, the Keep Putnam Beautiful Initiative has been relaunched to preserve the beauty of Putnam County by removing litter from roadsides and trailways; and

WHEREAS, RecycleRightNY provides education for citizens of Putnam County about proper recycling to bring New York State closer to a waste-free future, and to increase efficiency for the local recycling system to collect, sort, market, and manufacture recyclable materials into new products; and

WHEREAS, the resources available through Recycle Coach will allow for easier access to hyper local recycling and disposal information; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Putnam County Executive and the Putnam County Legislature do hereby proclaim the month of June 2021 as Putnam Recycles Month in Putnam County and encourage citizens of Putnam County to join and raise awareness of the recycling and waste reduction initiatives available.

Item #4 – Approval of Minutes – Regular Meeting – April 6, 2021  
Regular Meeting – May 4, 2021

The minutes were approved as submitted.

Item #5 – Correspondence  
a) County Auditor

There was no activity during this reporting period.

Item #6 – Pre-filed resolutions:

**PERSONNEL COMMITTEE  
(Chairman Jonke, Legislators Nacerino & Sullivan)**

Item #6a – Approval/ Budgetary Transfer (21T080)/ Bureau of Emergency Services/  
Overtime was next. Chairwoman Addonizio recognized Legislator Jonke, Chairman of

the Personnel Committee. On behalf of the members of the Committee, Legislators Nacerino and Sullivan, Legislator Jonke moved the following:

**RESOLUTION #99**

**APPROVAL/ BUDGETARY TRANSFER (21T080)/ BUREAU OF EMERGENCY SERVICES/ OVERTIME**

WHEREAS, the Bureau of Emergency Services Commissioner has requested a budgetary transfer (21T080) to cover overtime costs due to the E911 Consolidation process not yet being completed; and

WHEREAS, the Personnel Committee, the Protective 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:**

13398900 51093	Overtime	70,000
13398900 58002	FICA	<u>5,355</u>
		75,355

**Decrease Estimated Appropriations:**

10199000 54980	Contingency	75,355
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2021 Fiscal Impact - \$75,355

2022 Fiscal Impact - 0 -

**BY ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL AYES. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Item #6b - Approval/ Updated Putnam County Discrimination and Sexual Harassment Prevention Policy Statement and Compliant Procedure was next. On behalf of the Personnel Committee, Legislators Nacerino and Sullivan, Legislator Jonke moved the following:

Legislator Nacerino explained that Putnam County had zero tolerance for discrimination or harassment. She stated that this policy follows the New York State model. She stated that Putnam County is in compliance, and it is good to update these policies as often as we can.

**RESOLUTION #100**

**APPROVAL / UPDATED PUTNAM COUNTY DISCRIMINATION AND SEXUAL HARASSMENT PREVENTION POLICY STATEMENT AND COMPLAINT PROCEDURE**

WHEREAS, the County of Putnam is committed to ensuring a workplace free of discrimination and harassment of any kind, including sexual harassment; and

WHEREAS, by Resolution #180 of 1992, the Putnam County Legislature adopted a Putnam County Policy on Sexual Harassment, and

**WHEREAS, by subsequent resolutions, the Putnam County Legislature adopted updated and revised versions of the Putnam County Discrimination and Sexual Harassment Prevention Policy Statement and Complaint Procedure; and**

**WHEREAS, the Putnam County Personnel Officer has advised the Legislature that, since the last update of the Putnam County Discrimination and Sexual Harassment Prevention Policy Statement and Complaint Procedure in 2018, legislation has been signed expanding the scope and protections offered by the New York State Human Rights Law, and that the state has a new model policy; and**

**WHEREAS, the Putnam County Personnel Department has prepared an updated version of the Putnam County Discrimination and Sexual Harassment Prevention Policy Statement and Complaint Procedure; and**

**WHEREAS, in order to ensure that Putnam County is fully compliant with the new legislation, the newly issued New York State model policy was used as a framework for the update, inserting all Putnam County procedures from the last policy update into the newly revised one; and**

**WHEREAS, to ensure all Putnam County employees are protected, anti-discrimination language was also added to make clear that no discrimination or harassment will be tolerated in Putnam County; and**

**WHEREAS, the Personnel Committee has reviewed and approves the revised policy; now, therefore, be it**

**RESOLVED, that the updated version of the Putnam County Discrimination and Sexual Harassment Prevention Policy Statement and Complaint Procedure is hereby adopted by the Putnam County Legislature in the form attached hereto, provided that the Putnam County Law Department may from time to time amend said Form as it deems necessary, so long as said changes do not materially alter the policies and procedures contained therein; and be it further**

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

**BY ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL AYES. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**PROTECTIVE SERVICES COMMITTEE  
(Chairwoman Nacerino, Legislators Sayegh & Sullivan)**

**Item #6c – Approval/ Budgetary Amendment (21A042)/ Sheriff’s Department/ Central Services Chargeback/ Gasoline was next. Chairwoman Addonizio recognized Legislator Nacerino, Chairwoman of the Protective Services Committee. On behalf of the members of the Committee, Legislators Sayegh and Sullivan, Legislator Nacerino moved the following:**

**Legislator Nacerino stated that the fuel pumps at the Sheriff’s Department are no longer in use and the removal of the fuel tanks is part of the underground storage tank removal program. She stated that a bid has been awarded for the removal of these tanks at the Sheriff’s Department. She stated that moving forward, the Sheriff’s Department will bring their vehicles to the Donald B. Smith Campus to fuel up.**

**RESOLUTION #101**

**APPROVAL/ BUDGETARY AMENDMENT (21A042)/ SHERIFF’S DEPARTMENT/ CENTRAL SERVICES CHARGEBACK/ GASOLINE**

WHEREAS, the gasoline pumps at the Sheriff's Department are no longer in use and all Sheriff vehicles are now utilizing the gasoline pumps located at the Donald B. Smith Campus; and

WHEREAS, the Central Services Department is requesting a budgetary amendment (21A042) to chargeback gasoline usage to the Sheriff's Department; and

WHEREAS, fund transfer (21T076) also covers the 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter "Chargeback for Gasoline" expenses, as well as the projected remaining expenses for 2021, for the Sheriff and Correctional Facility due to the inoperable fuel; and

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

**Increase Revenues:**

10161000 412941	Central Services – Chargeback	66,000
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**Increase Appropriations:**

10161000 54371	Central Services – Gasoline	66,000
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2021 Fiscal Impact – 0 –

2022 Fiscal Impact – 0 –

**BY ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL AYES. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Item #6d – Approval/ Fund Transfer (21T076)/ Sheriff's Department/ Central Services Chargeback Gasoline was next. On behalf of the members of the Protective Services Committee, Legislators Sayegh and Sullivan, Legislator Nacerino moved the following:

**RESOLUTION #102**

**APPROVAL/ FUND TRANSFER (21T076)/ SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT/ CENTRAL SERVICES CHARGEBACK GASOLINE**

WHEREAS, the gasoline pumps at the Sheriff's Department are no longer in use and all Sheriff vehicles are now utilizing the gasoline pumps located at the Donald B. Smith Campus; and

WHEREAS, the Putnam County Sheriff has requested a fund transfer (21T076) to cover 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter "Chargeback for Gasoline" expenses, as well as the projected remaining expenses for 2021, for the Sheriff and Correctional Facility due to the inoperable fuel tanks; and

WHEREAS, budgetary amendment (21A042) set up the appropriate Central Services Chargeback and Gasoline accounts; and

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

RESOLVED, that the following fund transfer be made:

**Decrease:**

17311000 54371	Sheriff Patrol – Gasoline	31,000
14311000 54371	Narcotics – Gasoline	10,000
10315000 54371	Jail General – Gasoline	9,000
10311000 54371	Sheriff Admin – Gasoline	<u>16,000</u>

66,000

**Increase:**

17311000 55371	Sheriff Patrol – Chgback Gasoline	25,000
14311000 55371	Narcotics – Chgback Gasoline	10,000
15311000 55371	Civil – Chgback Gasoline	1,000
16311000 55371	Sheriff Youth – Chgback Gasoline	6,000
13311000 55371	Operations/Comm. Chgback Gasoline	3,000
32311000 55371	BCI – Chgback Gasoline	8,000
10311000 55371	Sheriff Admin. – Chgback Gasoline	8,000
10315000 55371	Jail General – Chgback Gasoline	<u>5,000</u>
		<u>66,000</u>

2021 Fiscal Impact – 0 –

2022 Fiscal Impact – 0 –

**BY ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL AYES. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Item #6e – Approval/ Budgetary Amendment (21A043)/ Sheriff’s Department/ Use of T-Commission Reserve Funds/ Audio Visual Equipment was next. On behalf of the members of the Protective Services Committee, Legislators Sayegh and Sullivan, Legislator Nacerino moved the following:

Legislator Nacerino explained that the purchase of a base station radio for the Narcotics Division will enable the narcotics officers to transmit and receive communications from their office more effectively. She stated that it is under the Sheriff’s purview to authorize expenditures using T-Commission Reserve Funds.

**RESOLUTION #103**

**APPROVAL/ BUDGETARY AMENDMENT (21A043)/ SHERIFF’S DEPARTMENT/ USE OF T-COMMISSION RESERVE FUNDS/ AUDIO VISUAL EQUIPMENT**

WHEREAS, the Putnam County Sheriff has requested a budgetary amendment (21A043) to utilize T-Commission Reserve Funds to purchase a Base Station Radio for the Narcotics Division Office; and

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

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

**Increase Revenue:**

14311000 426605	Sheriff – Comm – T-Commission Use of Reserve	4,958.09
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**Increase Appropriations:**

14311000 52140	Sheriff – Comm – Audio Visual Equipment	4,958.09
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2021 Fiscal Impact – 0 –

2022 Fiscal Impact – 0 –

**BY ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL AYES. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**Item #6f – Approval/ Establish a Police Policy Advisory Board was next. On behalf of the members of the Protective Services Committee, Legislators Sayegh and Sullivan, Legislator Nacerino moved the following:**

**Legislator Nacerino read excerpts from the resolution. She stated that there were comprehensive discussions at the Protective Services Committee meetings to effectively cultivate, articulate and ultimately craft a resolution to establish an advisory board. She thanked everyone for their participation. She was proud to move this forward.**

**Legislator Montgomery stated that it is a defining moment in Putnam County. She thanked everyone for their hard work and efforts. She believed the board will go a long way in strengthening those community police relations. It will help build trust and improve police performance. She stated that policing is most effective when government, community members and police collaborate and share the responsibility of public safety.**

**Legislator Sayegh thanked the volunteers of the board for stepping up and doing so much work and for all their time and effort. She looked forward to their feedback and hoped that we could use this opportunity to better the relationship between law enforcement and the public. She looked forward to working together to make Putnam County even a better place to work, play and raise a family for everyone.**

**Chairwoman Addonizio also thanked the volunteers who were instrumental in bringing this to fruition. She stated that the advisory board is a partnership that promotes and strengthens community police relations, while also addressing public safety concerns. She believed it was important to build a positive and trusting relationship within our community.**

#### **RESOLUTION #104**

#### **APPROVAL/ ESTABLISH A POLICE POLICY ADVISORY BOARD**

**WHEREAS, on June 12, 2020, Governor Andrew M. Cuomo signed Executive Order 203, which directed each local government entity with a police agency to perform a comprehensive review of current police force deployments, strategies, policies, procedures, and practices, and develop a plan to improve such deployments, strategies, policies, procedures, and practices, for the purposes of addressing the particular needs of the communities served by such police agency and promote community engagement to foster trust, fairness, and legitimacy, and to address any racial bias and disproportionate policing of communities of color; and**

**WHEREAS, in accordance with Executive Order 203, Putnam County Executive MaryEllen Odell did convene the head of the local police agency, Sheriff Robert L. Langley, and stakeholders in the community to develop such a plan, which considered evidence-based policing strategies; and**

**WHEREAS, on March 18, 2021, the Putnam County Legislature adopted by resolution such plan, contained in a report entitled "Putnam County Police Policy Comprehensive Review," and Putnam County Executive MaryEllen Odell did sign such**

resolution on March 23, 2021, and did certify compliance with Executive Order 203 in advance of the April 1, 2021, deadline for the County's adoption of such a plan; and

**WHEREAS**, the County of Putnam desires to continue the effort to effectuate the recommendations contained within the Putnam County Police Policy Comprehensive Review report; and

**WHEREAS**, certain members of various stakeholder groups that consulted with Putnam County in performing its review of police policies and procedures expressed a desire to address community policing concerns through communication, and by maintaining an open dialogue, with the Putnam County Sheriff's Office in the form of a public advisory board; and

**WHEREAS**, Sheriff Langley has indicated his willingness to assume responsibility for organizing such a public advisory board on policing; and

**WHEREAS**, the County of Putnam should establish a public advisory board to share concerns of the public; ensure transparency through the free flow of information; promote community engagement to foster trust, fairness, and legitimacy; address any racial bias and disproportionate policing of communities of color; and offer recommendations to the Sheriff regarding police policies and procedures; now, therefore be it

**RESOLVED**, that a special "Putnam County Community Engagement and Police Advisory Board" is hereby created; and be it further

**RESOLVED**, that this Advisory Board shall work directly with the Putnam County Sheriff's Office to share concerns of the public; ensure transparency through the free flow of information; promote community engagement to foster trust, fairness, and legitimacy; address any racial bias and disproportionate policing of communities of color; and offer recommendations to the Sheriff regarding police policies and procedures; and be it further

**RESOLVED**, that this Advisory Board shall consist of an initial group from the members of the stakeholder groups that consulted with Putnam County in the development of the Putnam County Police Policy Comprehensive Review report as follows: *Scott Rhodes, Ronald Reid, Jenie Fu, Matinah Drew and Dennis Cohen*; and be it further

**RESOLVED**, that this Advisory Board shall hold its first meeting no later than thirty (30) days after the effective date of this resolution, which meeting shall be convened by the Sheriff or his designee, or after thirty (30) days by the above-named individuals, for purposes including (but not limited to) organization, the election by members of a Chairperson or Co-chairpersons, a Secretary, and any Vice Chairpersons; and be it further

**RESOLVED**, that this Advisory Board shall create its own rules and bylaws for conducting business, including the determination of a quorum, a procedure for conducting and calling meetings, and a procedure for selecting or electing additional members of the Advisory Board; and be it further

**RESOLVED**, that the members of this Advisory Board shall serve without compensation; and be it further

**RESOLVED**, that while this Advisory Board shall work directly with the Putnam County Sheriff's Office, the Sheriff shall exercise no control over the officers, membership, or business conducted by the Advisory Board; and be it further

**RESOLVED**, that this Advisory Board shall provide a report on the status and progress of its proceedings to the Putnam County Legislature's Protective Services Committee at least annually, provided however that the Advisory Board may request the assistance of, or information from, the Committee at any time; and be it further

**RESOLVED**, that this Advisory Board shall cooperate with the Legislative Committees of the Putnam County Legislature and make available to each Committee's use, upon request, any records and other data it may accumulate or obtain; and be it further

**RESOLVED**, that this Advisory Board may conduct such informal hearings and meetings at any place or places within the County of Putnam for the purpose of obtaining necessary information or other data to assist it in the proper performance of its duties and functions as set forth in this resolution; and be it further

**RESOLVED**, that unless extended by subsequent resolution, this Advisory Board shall be dissolved and terminate all activity on December 31, 2022, on which date the Advisory Board shall deposit all the records of its proceedings with the Clerk of the Legislature; and be it further

**RESOLVED**, that this Advisory Board shall inform the Legislature of its desire to continue its existence by a written request to the Clerk of the Legislature at least 90 days prior to the date this Advisory Board is scheduled to terminate.

**BY ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL AYES. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**Item #6g – Approval/ Adoption of the 2021 Putnam County Hazardous Mitigation Plan was next. On behalf of the members of the Protective Services Committee, Legislators Sayegh and Sullivan, Legislator Nacerino moved the following:**

**Chairwoman Nacerino stated that the Bureau of Emergency Services received notification in May that the NYS Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Services has approved the Putnam County Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan pending adoption for all participating jurisdictions. She stated that the County is required to submit an update every five (5) years and this will supersede the 2015 plan. She stated that once approved it will provide all our towns and villages the ability to approve their municipal plans and apply for grants.**

**Legislator Montgomery believed there was an opportunity to make amendments to this plan after it is adopted. She stated that there is an issue in Putnam Valley with Roaring Brook Dam.**

**RESOLUTION #105**

**APPROVAL/ADOPTION OF THE 2021 PUTNAM COUNTY HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN**

**WHEREAS**, all jurisdictions within Putnam County have exposure to natural hazards that increase the risk to life, property, environment, and the County and local economy; and

**WHEREAS**, pro-active mitigation of known hazards before a disaster event can reduce or eliminate long-term risk to life and property; and

**WHEREAS**, the Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000 (Public Law 106-390) established new requirements for pre and post disaster hazard mitigation programs; and

**WHEREAS**, a coalition of Putnam County municipalities with like planning objectives has been formed to pool resources and create consistent mitigation strategies within Putnam County; and



**WHEREAS, the coalition has completed a planning process that engages the public, assesses the risk and vulnerability to the impacts of natural hazards, develops a mitigation strategy consistent with a set of uniform goals and objectives, and creates a plan for implementing, evaluating and revising this strategy; now therefore be it**

**RESOLVED, that Putnam County adopts in its entirety, the 2021 Putnam County Hazard Mitigation Plan (the “Plan”) as the jurisdiction’s Natural Hazard Mitigation Plan, and resolves to execute the actions identified in the Plan that pertain to this jurisdiction; and be it further**

**RESOLVED, that Putnam County will use the adopted and approved portions of the Plan to guide pre- and post-disaster mitigation of the hazards identified; and be it further**

**RESOLVED, that Putnam County will coordinate the strategies identified in the Plan with other planning programs and mechanisms under its jurisdictional authority; and be it further**

**RESOLVED, that Putnam County will continue its support of the Mitigation Planning Committee as described within the Plan; and be it further**

**RESOLVED, that Putnam County will help to promote and support the mitigation successes of all participants in this Plan; and be it further**

**RESOLVED, that Putnam County will incorporate mitigation planning as an integral component of government and partner operation; and be it further**

**RESOLVED, that Putnam County will provide an update of the Plan no less than every five (5) years.**

**BY ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL AYES. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**HEALTH, SOCIAL, EDUCATIONAL & ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITTEE  
(Chairwoman Sayegh, Legislators Addonizio & Nacerino)**

**Item #6h – Approval/ Budgetary Amendment (21A044)/ Social Services/ Rapid Rehousing was next. Chairwoman Addonizio recognized Legislator Sayegh, Chairwoman of the Health, Social, Educational & Environmental Committee. On behalf of the members of the Committee, Legislators Addonizio and Nacerino, Legislator Sayegh moved the following:**

**Legislator Nacerino stated that this is incoming money to provide resources for the homeless.**

**RESOLUTION #106**

**APPROVAL/ BUDGETARY AMENDMENT (21A044)/ SOCIAL SERVICES/ RAPID REHOUSING**

**WHEREAS, the Commissioner of Social Services has requested a budgetary amendment (21A044) to amend the 2021 budget to include \$45,000 of State Aid allocated to local Social Service Districts to support connectivity to their local Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) and other administrative actions related to Homeless Services Plans; and**

**WHEREAS, this funding will be used to Contract with local Continuum of Care providers for furthering reporting capabilities and HMIS as required by State and Federal governments; and**

WHEREAS, the NYS Office of Temporary and Disability Assistance (OTDA) has extended the ending effective date for expenditures to 8/31/21; and

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

RESOLVED, that the following budgetary amendment be made:

**Increase Appropriations:**

10120000	10155	Rapid Rehousing	
	54646	Contracts	45,000

**Increase Estimated Revenues:**

10120000	10155	Rapid Rehousing	
	436101	Admin Social Services	45,000

2021 Fiscal Impact – 0 –

2022 Fiscal Impact – 0 –

**BY ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL AYES. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Item #6i – Approval/ Budgetary Amendment (21A045)/ Social Services/ Safe Harbor was next. On behalf of the members of the Health, Social, Educational & Environmental Committee, Legislators Addonizio and Nacerino, Legislator Sayegh moved the following:

Chairwoman Addonizio stated that the Safe Harbor project plan addresses the needs of the trafficked and sexually exploited youth. She stated that they raise awareness through billboards, videos, events, and training. She stated that they provide protection and services. She stated that extensive work has been accomplished through Safe Harbor and she cannot stress enough how important this program is.

**RESOLUTION #107**

**APPROVAL/ BUDGETARY AMENDMENT (21A045)/ SOCIAL SERVICES/ SAFE HARBOR**

WHEREAS, the Commissioner of Social Services has requested a budgetary amendment (21A045) to adjust Putnam’s Safe Harbor allocation and to appropriate funds for the purpose of contracting with a provider to address the needs of trafficked and commercially sexually exploited children and youth in accordance with Putnam’s Safe Harbor project plan approved by the NYS Office of Children and Family Services (OCFS); and

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

RESOLVED, that the following budgetary amendment be made:

**Decrease Appropriations:**

10058000		Safe Harbor	
	51000	Personal Services	29,805
	54635	Cell Phones	436
	58001	State Retirement	4,930

58002	Social Security	2,280
58003	Disability Insurance	55
58004	Workmen's Comp	74
58006	Dental Benefits	642
58007	Life Insurance	228
58008	Health Plans	350
58011	Flex Plan	<u>1,087</u>
		<b>39,887</b>

**Decrease Estimated Revenues:**

10058000	Safe Harbor	
436101	Admin Social Services	39,298

**Increase Estimated Revenues:**

10058000	Safe Harbor	
436101	Admin Social Services	33,000

**Increase Appropriations:**

1058000	Safe Harbor	
54646	Contracts	33,000

**Increase Contingency Fund:**

10199000	General Contingency	
54980	General Contingency	589

2021 Fiscal Impact – (\$589)

2022 Fiscal Impact – 0 –

**BY ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL AYES. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**Item #6j – Approval/ Appointments & Re-appointment/ Putnam County Board of Health was next. On behalf of the members of the Health, Social, Educational & Environmental Committee, Legislators Addonizio and Nacerino, Legislator Sayegh moved the following:**

**Legislator Sayegh stated that Legislator Montgomery requested copies of resumes for the proposed appointments to review. She stated, as we are frequently able to review resumes for our mechanical trades' boards, she requested the resumes from the President of the Board of Health Dr. Daniel Doyle who provided them earlier this morning. She stated that it allowed all Legislators to review the credentials of the candidates, as well as to consider the recommendation from our Board of Health. She thanked these well qualified professionals for their willingness to serve on the Board. She stated that Dr. Schoolman is a cardiologist and Dr. Bessen is an orthopaedic surgeon.**

**Legislator Nacerino thanked the candidates for volunteering their time and expertise. She stated that we have a high caliber of candidates, and we are very fortunate that they have chosen to volunteer and lend their time to us.**

**Legislator Montgomery stated that she did request the resumes prior to the Health Committee meeting, and she was surprised that the Health Committee approved the**

appointments without the resumes. She stated that we are in the middle of a pandemic, and these are appointments to the Putnam County Board of Health. She stated that these are individuals that will help us develop policy regarding pandemics and public health. She believed that we should not take this lightly. She believed that we needed to look at how we established policy and advisory boards. She stated that this is by no means a reflection of how she feels personally about the recommendations. She stated that she was sure they were well qualified wonderful people, but unfortunately, she only received their resumes two (2) hours before this meeting.

Legislator Montgomery stated that she would like to make a motion to table this item to allow more time to review the resumes. She stated that we are appointing three (3) members and we only have two (2) resumes. She explained she was not given the opportunity to discuss this during the Health Committee meeting. She stated that it was her understanding that was the place we comment and ask questions.

Legislator Montgomery made a motion to table this item.

Chairwoman Addonizio stated that there was no second on the motion. Motion fails.

Legislator Albano stated that based on the recommendations from the Board of Health he would be voting in favor of these appointments. He stated that these are highly qualified individuals.

Legislator Jonke stated that he has had personal experiences with both Dr. Schoolman and Dr. Bessen. He explained that they have stellar reputations for providing excellent health care service in Putnam County. He did not see any reason not to vote in favor of these very qualified and distinguished individuals.

Legislator Sullivan stated that the Legislature takes these appointments seriously and the Legislators have all had a chance to discuss these appointments with the Health Department. He stated that he fully supports their recommendations.

Legislator Sayegh stated that as the Legislative representative to the Board of Health, she had the opportunity to interview and meet the candidates via a Zoom meeting. She stated that these candidates are highly qualified and emphatically recommended by the Board of Health. She stated that there was a long and drawn-out search to get qualified individuals. She stated that the appointments need to be physicians. She did not know how many physicians that are out there who are able to put time into their day to serve on this Board. She stated that we have found two (2) fantastic candidates. She stated that she took Legislator Montgomery's need to review the resumes quite seriously. She received her email between 4:00 pm and 5:00 pm the night of the Health Committee meeting and scrambled the next day to get resumes. She believed that we did our due diligence, and she would emphatically recommend these three (3) candidates for the Putnam County Board of Health.

Legislator Albano made a motion to call the question; seconded by Legislator Sullivan.

By Roll Call Vote: Eight Ayes. One Nay – Legislator Montgomery. Motion carries.

Chairwoman Addonizio called for a Roll Call Vote on the resolution.

**RESOLUTION #108**

**APPROVAL/ APPOINTMENTS & RE-APPOINTMENT/ PUTNAM COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH**

**RESOLVED, that the following be appointed to the Putnam County Board of Health:**

**Dr. Michael Schoolman, to fill the vacancy of a six (6) year term held by Dr. Joseph Avanzato, said term to expire December 31, 2025.**

**Dr. Herb Bessen, to fill the vacancy of a six (6) year term position held by Dr. Michael Nesheiwat, said term to expire December 31, 2024.**

**And be it further**

**RESOLVED, that the following be re-appointed to the Putnam County Board of Health:**

**Kristin McConnell, be re-appointed for a six (6) year term, said term to expire December 31, 2026.**

**And be it further**

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

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

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

**Item #6k – Approval/ Litigation Settlement / Simeone v. County of Putnam was next. Chairwoman Addonizio recognized Legislator Sullivan, Chairman of the Rules, Enactments & Intergovernmental Relations Committee. On behalf of the members of the Committee, Legislators Albano and Castellano, Legislator Sullivan moved the following:**

**RESOLUTION #109**

**APPROVAL/ LITIGATION SETTLEMENT / SIMEONE V. COUNTY OF PUTNAM**

**WHEREAS, on or about December 17, 2017, the Plaintiff, Joseph Simeone, was injured during a motor vehicle accident involving Deputy Eric Hayes on Route 84 in the Town of Southeast, allegedly as the result of the recklessness and negligence of Deputy Hayes and subsequently commenced a New York State Supreme Court action in the County of Putnam against the County of Putnam, the Putnam County Sheriff's Department and Deputy Eric D. Hayes; and**

**WHEREAS, Plaintiff sought recovery for compensatory damages; and**

**WHEREAS, Plaintiff agreed to a settlement with the County, subject to the Legislature's approval, in which the County agreed to pay Plaintiff the sum of fifteen thousand (\$15,000.00) dollars; and**

**WHEREAS, the County Attorney, the County's outside counsel, James A. Randazzo, and NYMIR's claims representative recommended the settlement as an alternative to trial; and**

**WHEREAS, counsel for the County of Putnam has in fact settled the matter with the Plaintiffs for the sum of fifteen thousand (\$15,000.00) dollars, and the Plaintiff has executed the required Settlement Agreement and General Release which, upon filing with the Court, will discontinue this matter and which will allow Plaintiff to receive his settlement payment; and**

**WHEREAS, the settlement is in the public interest and has avoided the costs of further litigation; now therefore be it**

**RESOLVED, that the settlement of this matter for the sum of fifteen thousand (\$15,000.00) dollars is hereby approved.**

**BY ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL AYES. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**Item #6L – Approval/ Powers of the Rules, Enactments & Intergovernmental Relations Committee to Issue Subpoenas and Administer Oaths was next. On behalf of the members of the Rules, Enactments & Intergovernmental Relations Committee, Legislators Albano and Castellano, Legislator Sullivan moved the following:**

**Legislator Sullivan explained that the Legislature is being proactive. He stated that it is making the process more efficient and reinforcing what is already on the books in related to New York State Law and the Putnam County Charter.**

**Legislator Nacerino stated that she will support this. She stated that nothing really changes. She stated that any Committee or Legislator can proceed as they already have. She stated that this streamlines the process and gives the Rules Committee the ability to delegate the rules and provides uniformity if we so choose to go before the Rules Committee. She stated that it is under the Legislature's authority and realm of responsibility to request certain information. She stated that such information should be forthcoming. She stated that we certainly do not want to resort to issuing a subpoena, but after several attempts to receive requested information that is ignored, the Legislature may have no other choice. She explained that any requested information that is confidential would be regarded as such. She expected that any requested information would be forthcoming so that we can do our job accordingly.**

**Legislator Montgomery questioned if Legislative Counsel Firriolo could clarify something. She brought up an example such as: What if the Health Committee has an issue before them which they discuss and investigate. If the Health Committee determines that no subpoena is necessary or appropriate, she questioned if the Rules Committee, or anyone (1) single member of the Rules Committee, could subpoena of their own volition thereby overruling the decision of the Health Committee.**

**Legislator Counsel Firriolo said, "no." He stated that the Committee issuing the subpoena, whether it is the Rules Committee or the Health Committee, would have to be doing it pursuant to investigation or study that the Committee is performing. He stated that the Rules Committee in Legislator Montgomery's example was not conducting an investigation and would have no need or right to issue a subpoena. He provided an example if the Health Committee was discussing an issue pertaining to a health matter that also involved a matter of litigation. He stated if the Rules Committee which is**

responsible for overseeing litigation also decided to study that same issue because they have concurrent jurisdiction over it, then the Rules Committee could issue a subpoena. He stated that they would not be overruling the Health Committee. They would be exercising their own jurisdiction.

Legislator Montgomery was concerned that the Rules Committee could overrule another Committee.

Legislative Counsel Firriolo stated that the Rules Committee would never overrule another Committee. He stated that the Rules Committee, under this resolution, would have subpoena power on any issue before the Legislature even in another Committee, however, it would have to come before the Rules Committee properly as a matter of business. He stated that the Legislative Manual sets forth the responsibility of each Committee and the Chair of the Legislature determines what issues are studied by Committees. The Chair delegates the issues to the Committees based on the guidance in the Legislative Manual. He stated that under no situation would the Rules Committee ever be overruling another Committee. He stated that they would be required to have their own basis for jurisdiction on a matter before them for study or investigation.

Legislator Montgomery stated that it still appears that we are providing the Rules Committee with subpoena power that could be used as politically motivated power. She did not understand, in the cases before us, why we continue to ask for information that is under investigation and litigation. She stated that we know the information will come out in discovery eventually. She questioned why we would need the information now. She stated that her question from the last meeting is still not answered. She stated that we do not appear to have any method to protect the privacy of our citizens. She believed that any member of the Rules Committee may issue a subpoena even when another Committee assigned to the topic has decided that a subpoena is not appropriate. She questioned why the Rules Committee, or any member of the Committee, should have any more power. She believed this was coming from two (2) issues that we have seen on our agendas that clearly violates or runs the risk of exposing private citizens and their private information.

Chairwoman Addonizio stated that this does not affect the confidentiality. She stated that any information provided to the Legislature remains confidential and is not to be spoken to the public.

Legislator Albano stated that as Legislators we are supposed to do our job and we need to know the facts. He stated if we cannot get the information requested and a subpoena is necessary, if that is within our power, that is what we should do to complete our job. He stated that it was insulting to say that this is politically motivated. He stated that it is his intent to do his job correctly and to have all the facts. He stated that this might be a necessary tool to get all the facts. He stated that, in his 10 years as a Legislator, it was never done, so obviously it would be a rare situation. He stated that there may come a time in the future that we should be aware it is a power that we have. He stated that nobody's personal information would be jeopardized because, like any litigation, it would be confidential. He stated that to give out information that is not correct and to make it appear that we are jeopardizing people's rights is inaccurate.

Legislator Montgomery stated that she would like to respond.

Legislator Sullivan made a motion to call the question; seconded by Legislator Jonke. By Roll Call Vote: All Ayes. Motion Carries.

Chairwoman Addonizio called for a Roll Call Vote on the resolution.

## RESOLUTION #110

### APPROVAL / POWERS OF THE RULES, ENACTMENTS AND INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE TO ISSUE SUBPOENAS AND ADMINISTER OATHS

WHEREAS, New York State County Law Section 209 empowers the Putnam County Legislature to conduct an investigation into any subject matter within its jurisdiction, including the conduct and performance of official duties of any officer or employee paid from County funds, and the accounting for all money or property owned by or under the control of the County; and

WHEREAS, New York State County Law Section 209 further provides that the power to conduct investigations may be delegated to a committee of the Legislature; and

WHEREAS, New York State County Law Section 209 further provides that the Chair of Legislature, and any member of such committee, may issue a subpoena requiring a person to attend before the Legislature or such committee and be examined in reference to any matter within the scope of the investigation, and to produce all books, records, papers and documents material or relevant to the investigation; and

WHEREAS, New York State County Law Section 209 further provides that the Chair of Legislature and any member of such committee may administer the oath to any witness; and

WHEREAS, these powers are also conferred upon the Legislature by the Charter of Putnam County, which provides in Section 2.04(i) that the Legislature is empowered to make or cause to be made such studies, audits, and investigations as it deems to be in the best interest of the County, and in connection therewith to subpoena witnesses, administer oaths, and require the production of bonds, papers, and other evidence deemed necessary; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Legislative Manual, the Rules, Enactments and Intergovernmental Relations Committee has been delegated the responsibility to review and advise the Legislature concerning any suits against the County as well as any litigation of County interest; and

WHEREAS, it has come to the attention of the Legislature that there are suits against the County, as well as incidents involving County employees that potentially expose the County to future suits, which the Legislature desires to study or investigate; and

WHEREAS, certain recent, formal requests made by the Legislature's Standing Committees to Putnam County officials or employees, for information and documentation pertaining to such suits and incidents, have not been complied with; and

WHEREAS, the Legislature has thereby been prevented from performing its proper role in reviewing suits and potential suits, and the circumstances which lead to such suits, which expose the taxpayers of Putnam County to the costs of litigation settlements and potentially catastrophic judgments against the County, which costs must be approved by the Legislature; and

WHEREAS, when formal requests for information, documents, and other materials made to officials and employees of Putnam County are not complied with, the Legislature may wish to exercise its power to subpoena witnesses and materials, as it is empowered to do so by State Law and the County Charter; now, therefore be it



**RESOLVED, that the Rules, Enactments and Intergovernmental Relations Committee, and any member of such committee, is authorized to issue a subpoena requiring any person to attend before the Legislature or a committee of the Legislature and be examined in reference to any matter relevant to any study, audit, or investigation of the Legislature or any of its Standing Committees; and be it further**

**RESOLVED, that the Rules, Enactments and Intergovernmental Relations Committee, and any member of such committee, is authorized to issue a subpoena requiring any person to produce all books, records, papers, documents, and other tangible materials relevant to any study, audit, or investigation of the Legislature or any of its Standing Committees; and be it further**

**RESOLVED, that the Rules, Enactments and Intergovernmental Relations Committee, and any member of such committee, may administer an oath or affirmation to any witness such that testimony given in an investigation shall be subject to penalties for perjury;**

**RESOLVED, that notwithstanding this specific affirmation of subpoena and oath power by the Rules, Enactments and Intergovernmental Relations Committee, the Chair of the Legislature and other committees of the Legislature shall retain their statutory subpoena and oath powers; and be it further**

**RESOLVED, that the subpoena and oath powers of the Rules, Enactments and Intergovernmental Relations Committee shall extend to any subject matter within the jurisdiction of the Legislature, including the conduct and performance of official duties of any officer or employee paid from County funds, and be it further**

**RESOLVED, that in the event any person fails to comply with a legislative subpoena, the Rules, Enactments and Intergovernmental Relations Committee may refer the matter to the County Attorney with a request to initiate an action or special proceeding, as appropriate, in a court of appropriate jurisdiction, to compel compliance with said subpoena.**

**FISCAL IMPACT: None.**

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

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

**Item #6m – Approval/ Budgetary Amendment (21A040)/ Highways & Facilities/ Electric was next. Chairwoman Addonizio recognized Legislator Albano, Chairman of the Physical Services Committee. On behalf of the members of the Committee, Legislators Castellano and Gouldman, Legislator Albano moved the following:**

**RESOLUTION #111**

**APPROVAL/ BUDGETARY AMENDMENT (21A040)/ HIGHWAYS & FACILITIES/ ELECTRIC**

**WHEREAS, the Commissioner of Finance has requested a budgetary amendment (21A040) to properly allocate electric costs between funds; and**

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

**GENERAL FUND:**

**Increase Estimated Appropriations:**

10990100 59010	Transfer to Road Fund	13,200
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**Decrease Estimated Appropriations:**

10511100 54631	Electric	13,200
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**COUNTY ROAD FUND:**

**Increase Estimated Appropriations:**

10331000 54631	Electric	7,100
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10514200 54631	Electric	6,100
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**Increase Estimated Revenues:**

10331000 428601	Interfund Transfer – General Fund	7,100
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10514200 428601	Interfund Transfer – General Fund	6,100
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2021 Fiscal Impact – 0 –

2022 Fiscal Impact – 0 –

**BY ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL AYES. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Item #6n – Approval/ Putnam County’s Proposed Public Transportation Agency Safety Plan in Conformance with and as Required by the U.S. Department of Transportation’s Final Rule (49 C.F.R. PART 673) was next. On behalf of the members of the Physical Services Committee, Legislators Castellano and Gouldman, Legislator Albano moved the following:

**RESOLUTION #112**

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

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

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

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

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

**WHEREAS, the County, as a transit operator, is required to certify on/before July 20, 2021, that it has developed its Safety Plan and such Plan meets all of the requirements of the Final Rule; and**

**WHEREAS, the County, by and through the Department of Planning, Development and Public Transportation, in furtherance of the objectives of 49 C.F.R. Part 673 *et seq.*, has drafted its Safety Plan pursuant to the Final Rule, such Safety Plan attached hereto as Exhibit "A;" now therefore be it**

**RESOLVED, that the County Executive, together with the Putnam County Legislature, support the County's continued participation in approved FTA services, programs and activities, as well as continue to be a recipient of FTA funding and/or financial assistance therefor; and be it further**

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

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

**BY ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL AYES. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**Item #6o – Approval/ Putnam County's Proposed Program Plan in Conformance with and as Required by the U.S. Department of Transportation and Title VI Regulations was next. On behalf of the members of the Physical Services Committee, Legislators Castellano and Gouldman, Legislator Albano moved the following:**

**RESOLUTION #113**

**APPROVAL/ PUTNAM COUNTY'S PROPOSED PROGRAM PLAN IN CONFORMANCE WITH AND AS REQUIRED BY THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION AND TITLE VI REGULATIONS**

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

**WHEREAS, the County of Putnam ("County") is a direct recipient of Federal funding and/or financial assistance, as defined in FTA C 4702.1B (the "Circular"), and, as such, must comply with the mandate of Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 ("Title VI"), which provides, in relevant part, that no person shall, on the ground of race, color or national origin, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be subjected to discrimination under any program or activity by recipient(s) of Federal funding and/or financial assistance; and**

**WHEREAS, the County's prior submission to the FTA of the Putnam County Title VI Program Plan ("Program Plan) was approved by the Putnam County Legislature ("Legislature") by Resolution #102 of 2019; and**

**WHEREAS, the County, by and through the Department of Planning, Development and Public Transportation, in furtherance of the objectives of Title VI and as required by the FTA, has prepared, for submission to and approval by the FTA, an update to its Program Plan, supporting the integration into the County's services, programs and activities the considerations, goals and mandate of Title VI, *et seq.*; and**

**WHEREAS, the Program Plan's objectives include, without limitation, ensuring that the level and quality of public transportation services is provided in a non-discriminatory manner, promoting full and fair participation in public transportation decision-making without regard to race, color or national origin, and ensuring meaningful access to transit-related services, programs and activities by persons with limited English proficiency; now therefore be it**

**RESOLVED, that the County Executive, together with the Putnam County Legislature, support the County's continued participation in approved FTA services, programs and activities, as well as continue to be a recipient of FTA funding and/or financial assistance therefor; and be it further**

**RESOLVED, that the County Executive, together with the Putnam County Legislature, support, approve and authorize the Department of Planning, Development and Public Transportation to submit to the FTA for its review and approval the County's Title VI Program Plan, which conforms to the mandate set forth in the Circular FTA C 4702.1B as required by the FTA; and be it further**

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

**BY ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL AYES. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**Item #6p – Approval/ Application for Grant Funds Available through the U.S. Department of Transportation's Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity ("RAISE") Discretionary Grant Program was next. On behalf of the members of the Physical Services Committee, Legislators Castellano and Gouldman, Legislator Albano moved the following:**

**RESOLUTION #114**

**APPROVAL/ APPLICATION FOR GRANT FUNDS AVAILABLE THROUGH THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION'S REBUILDING AMERICAN INFRASTRUCTURE WITH SUSTAINABILITY AND EQUITY ("RAISE") DISCRETIONARY GRANT PROGRAM**

**WHEREAS, the U.S. Department of Transportation (USDOT), by the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2021, has made available \$1 Billion in discretionary funds for Fiscal Year (FY) 2021 for surface transportation infrastructure projects that, among other things, have a significant local or regional impact, such discretionary funds to be awarded nationwide on a competitive basis under the Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) grant program; and**

**WHEREAS, it is intended that USDOT's FY 2021 RAISE discretionary grant funds will be awarded to multi-modal, multi-jurisdictional projects that have a significant local or regional impact, with particular re-focus on the USDOT's infrastructure goal by guiding strategic investments that enable more efficient movement of people and goods through infrastructure investment projects that will make a positive impact throughout the Nation; and**

**WHEREAS, the FY 2021 RAISE appropriations stem from the program funded and implemented pursuant to the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (the "Recovery Act"), and the deadline for application submission to the USDOT is July 12, 2021; and**

**WHEREAS, Section 5-1(D)(1) of the Putnam County Code requires the County Legislature approve all grant applications prior to their submission and that in the event time is of the essence requiring submission before Legislature approval is obtained for**

such application submission, consideration of the application shall occur at the next Full Legislature Meeting; and

WHEREAS, the County, by and through the Putnam County Department of Planning, Development and Public Transportation, is desirous to competitively seek grant funds through the FY 2021 RAISE grant program and in furtherance thereof proposes to submit a grant application by the July 12, 2021 deadline set forth by the USDOT; and

WHEREAS, the grant funding is eighty (80%) percent reimbursement federal funding and twenty (20%) percent matched funding; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the County Legislature, by and through the Physical Services Committee, together with the County Executive, approves the submission of an application for RAISE grant funding, by and through the Department of Planning, Development and Public Transportation, such application to be submitted on or before July 12, 2021 and subsequently presented to the County Legislature by the Putnam County Department of Planning, Development and Public Transportation for review and ratification thereof.

**BY ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL AYES. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Item #6q – Approval/ Conveyance of Tax Map No.:22.80-1-24/ Town of Kent was next. On behalf of the members of the Physical Services Committee, Legislators Castellano and Gouldman, Legislator Albano moved the following:

**RESOLUTION #115**

**APPROVAL/ CONVEYANCE OF TAX MAP NO.: 22.80-1-24/TOWN OF KENT**

WHEREAS, an unimproved parcel of real property identified as Town of Kent Tax Map No.: 22.80-1-24 was acquired by the County by Tax Deed, which was recorded in the Office of the Putnam County Clerk Office on February 5, 2020, in Liber 2147 at Page 264; and

WHEREAS, said property cannot be improved under existing zoning regulations; and

WHEREAS, Jeffrey Seltzer and Celia Seltzer own the adjacent parcel of property identified as Town of Kent Tax Map No.: 22.80-1-23; and

WHEREAS, Jeffrey Seltzer and Celia Seltzer have offered to purchase Town of Kent Tax Map No.: 22.80-1-24 for the sum of \$100.00; and

WHEREAS, Jeffrey Seltzer and Celia Seltzer have also agreed to merge Town of Kent Tax Map No.: 22.80-1-24 with their property; and

WHEREAS, the Putnam County Administration has reviewed said offer and recommends the acceptance of same; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that pursuant to Section 31-8(B) of the Putnam County Code, the Putnam County Legislature approves the transfer of Town of Kent Tax Map No.: 22.80-1-24 to Jeffrey Seltzer and Celia Seltzer for the sum of \$100.00, together with payment of the appropriate Transfer Tax, Recording Fees, and County, Town, and School Taxes; and be it further

RESOLVED, that upon receipt of said monies, Town of Kent Tax Map No.: 22.80-1-24 shall be conveyed in an “as is” condition by quitclaim deed, which shall provide that it be automatically merged with Town of Kent Tax Map No.: 22.80-1-23; and be it further

**RESOLVED**, that the Putnam County Attorney is authorized to prepare said quitclaim deed, and the Putnam County Executive shall be authorized to execute said quitclaim deed on behalf of the County.

**BY ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL AYES. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**Item #6r – Approval/ Highways & Facilities/ Use of Capital Facility Reserve (21CP02) (Door Replacements – Sheriff’s Department/ Correctional Facility) was next. On behalf of the members of the Physical Services Committee, Legislators Castellano and Gouldman, Legislator Albano moved the following:**

**RESOLUTION #116**

**APPROVAL/ HIGHWAYS & FACILITIES/ USE OF CAPITAL FACILITY RESERVE (21CP02)**  
(Door Replacements – Sheriff’s Department/ Correctional Facility)

**WHEREAS**, the Commissioner of Highways & Facilities has proposed the use of \$65,000 from the Capital Facility Reserve to fund Project #21CP02 – Door Replacements – Sheriff’s Department/ Correctional Facility; and

**WHEREAS**, exterior doors/frames to the Correctional Facility and the Patrol Division, along with the interior lobby entrance door to the Civil Division/Administration, are all in severe disrepair and require replacement, for which project scope is attached; and

**WHEREAS**, the Physical Services Committee has reviewed and approved this request; now therefore be it

**RESOLVED**, that the Putnam County Legislature approves and authorized the expenditure of \$65,000 from the County Facility Reserve fund budget line 55197000 53000 51509 as follows:

**21CP02 – Door Replacements – Sheriff’s Department/Corrections Facility**

**Project cost not to exceed \$65,000**

**BY ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL AYES. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**Item #6s – Approval/ Highways & Facilities/ Use of Capital Facility Reserve/ Amend (20CP03) (Water Systems) was next. On behalf of the members of the Physical Services Committee, Legislators Castellano and Gouldman, Legislator Albano moved the following:**

**Legislator Montgomery stated that, in the future, she would like to see these items separated. She stated that we have small items from commissary funds, which we are not even responsible for allocating, itemized bit by bit. She explained that this big expenditure of Capital Improvements at the Senior Center and the Golf Course combined was not being transparent and she would like to see the projects separated in the future.**

**RESOLUTION #117**

**APPROVAL/ HIGHWAYS & FACILITIES/ USE OF CAPITAL FACILITY RESERVE/ AMEND  
(20CP03) (Water Systems)**

**WHEREAS, by Resolution #81 of 2020, the Putnam County Legislature approved the use of the Capital Facility Reserve fund for project #20CP03 – Water Systems, to allow the continuing design and subsequent implementation of the new treatment system at the Putnam Valley Senior Center at a project cost not to exceed \$135,000; and**

**WHEREAS, the County wishes to continue this program with the completion of the system installation at the Putnam Valley Senior Center, and design completion/approval and system installation at the Putnam County Golf Course; and**

**WHEREAS, the Commissioner of Highways & Facilities has proposed an additional amount of \$70,000 from the Capital Facility Reserve fund for this project, for which project scope is attached; and**

**WHEREAS, the Physical Services Committee has reviewed and approved this request; now therefore be it**

**RESOLVED, that the Putnam County Legislature approves and authorized the expenditure of \$70,000 from the County Facility Reserve fund budget line 55197000 53000 51509 as follows:**

**20CP03 – Water Systems**

**\$135,000 – Approved by Resolution #81 of 2020**

**70,000 – Additional Funding**

**\$205,000 – Project cost not to be exceeded**

**BY ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL AYES. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**Item #6t – Approval/ Highways & Facilities/ Use of Capital Facility Reserve/ Amend (19CP09) (Roof Replacement at Three County Facilities) was next. On behalf of the members of the Physical Services Committee, Legislators Castellano and Gouldman, Legislator Albano moved the following:**

**RESOLUTION #118**

**APPROVAL/ HIGHWAYS & FACILITIES/ USE OF CAPITAL FACILITY RESERVE/ AMEND  
(19CP09) (Roof Replacement at Three County Facilities)**

**WHEREAS, by Resolution #123 of 2019, the Putnam County Legislature approved the use of the Capital Facility Reserve fund for project #19CP09 – Roof Replacements – Cornerstone Park, Salt Shed at Carmel location & Salt Shed at Patterson location, at a cost not to exceed \$99,000; and**

**WHEREAS, the County wishes to continue these efforts and provide ongoing maintenance to roofs and related components throughout our County facilities; and**

**WHEREAS, the Commissioner of Highways & Facilities has proposed an additional amount of \$20,000 from the Capital Facility Reserve fund for this project; and**

**WHEREAS, the Physical Services Committee has reviewed and approved this request; now therefore be it**

**RESOLVED, that the Putnam County Legislature approves and authorized the expenditure of \$20,000 from the County Facility Reserve fund budget line 55197000 53000 51509 as follows:**

**19CP09 – Roof Replacements**

**\$ 99,000 – Approved by Resolution #123 of 2019**  
**20,000 – Additional Funding**  
**\$119,000 - Project cost not to be exceeded**

**BY ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL AYES. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**Item #6u – Approval/ Highways & Facilities/ Use of Capital Facility Reserve/ Amend (19CP08) (Demolition of “The Blue House” 163 Hill Street, Mahopac) was next. On behalf of the members of the Physical Services Committee, Legislators Castellano and Gouldman, Legislator Albano moved the following:**

**RESOLUTION #119**

**APPROVAL/ HIGHWAYS & FACILITIES/ USE OF CAPITAL FACILITY RESERVE/ AMEND (19CP08) (Demolition of “The Blue House” 163 Hill Street, Mahopac)**

**WHEREAS, by Resolution #122 of 2019, the Putnam County Legislature approved the use of the Capital Facility Reserve fund for project #19CP08 – Demolition of “The Blue House” 163 Hill Street Mahopac, at a cost not to exceed \$50,000; and**

**WHEREAS, a County owned building on Austin Road (the Austin Road House) is under a condemnation order and must also be demolished; and**

**WHEREAS, the Commissioner of Highways & Facilities has proposed an additional amount of \$40,000 from the Capital Facility Reserve fund for this demolition, for which project scope is attached; and**

**WHEREAS, the Physical Services Committee has reviewed and approved this request; now therefore be it**

**RESOLVED, that the Putnam County Legislature approves and authorized the expenditure of \$40,000 from the County Facility Reserve fund budget line 55197000 53000 51509 as follows:**

**19CP08 – Demolition of “The Blue House” 163 Hill Street, Mahopac**

**\$ 50,000 – Approved by Resolution #122 of 2019**  
**40,000 – Additional Funding (Demolition of “Austin Road House”)**  
**\$ 90,000 – Project cost not to be exceeded**

**BY ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL AYES. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**Item #6v – Approval/ Authorization for Commissioner of Highways & Facilities to Conduct Public Hearing/ Fair Street (CR60) Reconstruction Project (PIN 8756.09) Town of Carmel was next. On behalf of the members of the Physical Services Committee, Legislators Castellano and Gouldman, Legislator Albano moved the following:**

**RESOLUTION #120**



**APPROVAL/ AUTHORIZATION FOR COMMISSIONER OF HIGHWAYS & FACILITIES TO CONDUCT PUBLIC HEARING/ FAIR STREET (CR60) RECONSTRUCTION PROJECT (PIN 8756.09) TOWN OF CARMEL**

**WHEREAS, the County of Putnam (“County”) is proposing to generally reconstruct an approximately 1.3 mile long section of Fair Street (CR 60) between Route 52 (Gleneida Avenue) and a point approximately 1,300 feet east of the intersection of Fair Street with Hill & Dale Road (CR 44) in the Town of Carmel, County of Putnam, State of New York (P.I.N. 8756.09) (the “Project”); and**

**WHEREAS, the purpose of the Project is to help address traffic operations, traffic congestion, safety concerns and pavement/drainage/bridge conditions along Fair Street (CR 60) in the Town of Carmel; and**

**WHEREAS, the Project is a Locally Administered Federal Aid Transportation Project administered by the County; and**

**WHEREAS, the Project is being progressed by the County Department of Highways and Facilities, with oversight by the New York State Department of Transportation (“NYSDOT”) and in close coordination with the Federal Highway Administration (“FHWA”), in accordance with Federal and State laws, regulations, rules and policies; and**

**WHEREAS, NYSDOT has determined that in order to progress to the Project through the project design phase and right-of-way acquisition phase, it will be necessary for the County to conduct a public hearing on notice to the general public and affected landowners as provided for in the New York Eminent Domain Procedure Law; and**

**WHEREAS, the public hearing must be conducted at a convenient location for the purpose of affording the general public and affected landowners an opportunity to express any objections they may have to the proposed location of the Project; and**

**WHEREAS, at the public hearing, the County must outline the purpose, proposed location or alternate locations of the Project and provide any other information that the County considers pertinent, including maps and property descriptions of the property interests that may be acquired in order to accomplish the Project; and**

**WHEREAS, persons who attend or participate in the public hearing must be given a reasonable opportunity to present oral or written statements and submit other documents concerning the Project; and**

**WHEREAS, a record of the public hearing must be kept, including written statements submitted at and following the public hearing, with such hearing record to be made available to the public for examination without cost during normal business hours at the County’s principal offices and at the office of the Putnam County Clerk and, also, to be reproduced upon written request and payment of the cost thereof; now therefore be it**

**RESOLVED, that the Commissioner of the Putnam County Department of Highways and Facilities is hereby authorized and directed to conduct a public hearing related to the Project; and be it further**

**RESOLVED, that such public hearing will be conducted at a convenient location for the purpose of affording the general public and affected landowners an opportunity to express any objections they may have to the proposed location of the Project; and be it further**

**RESOLVED, that notice of such public hearing shall be published at least ten (10) but not more than thirty (30) days prior to such public hearing in at least two (2) successive issues of the County’s official weekly newspaper, as well as in five (5) successive issues of a daily newspaper of general circulation within the County of Putnam; and be it further**

**RESOLVED, that at least ten (10) but not more than thirty (30) days prior to such public hearing, the Commissioner shall cause to be served, either by personal service or certified mail, return receipt requested, a notice of the purpose, time, date, and location of such public hearing to each assessment record billing owner, or his or her attorney of record, from whom real property interests may be acquired in order to accomplish the Project; and be it further**

**RESOLVED, that notice of such public hearing shall include the purpose, time and location of such public hearing, setting forth the proposed location of the Project including any proposed alternate locations; and be it further**

**RESOLVED, that at the public hearing, the Commissioner of the Putnam County Department of Highways and Facilities and/or his designee(s) shall outline the purpose, proposed location or alternate locations of the Project and provide any other information that may be pertinent to the Project, including maps and property descriptions of the property interests that may be acquired in order to accomplish the Project; and be it further**

**RESOLVED, that persons who attend or participate in the public hearing shall be given a reasonable opportunity to present oral or written statements and submit other documents concerning the Project; and be it further**

**RESOLVED, that a record of the public hearing shall be kept, including written statements submitted at and following the public hearing, with such hearing record to be made available to the public for examination without cost during normal business hours at the County's principal offices and at the office of the Putnam County Clerk and, also, to be reproduced upon written request and payment of the cost thereof.**

**BY ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL AYES. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**Item #6w – Approval/ Authorization for Commissioner of Highways & Facilities to Conduct Public Hearing/ Stoneleigh Avenue and Drewville Road Intersection Reconstruction Project (PIN 8761.97) Town of Carmel was next. On behalf of the members of the Physical Services Committee, Legislators Castellano and Gouldman, Legislator Albano moved the following:**

**RESOLUTION #121**

**APPROVAL/ AUTHORIZATION FOR COMMISSIONER OF HIGHWAYS & FACILITIES TO CONDUCT PUBLIC HEARING/ STONELEIGH AVENUE AND DREWVILLE ROAD INTERSECTION RECONSTRUCTION PROJECT (PIN 8761.97) TOWN OF CARMEL**

**WHEREAS, the County of Putnam (“County”) is proposing to reconstruct the Stoneleigh Avenue/Drewville Road intersection which will include a 130-foot diameter roundabout in the Town of Carmel, County of Putnam, State of New York (P.I.N. 8761.97) (the “Project”); and**

**WHEREAS, the Project will extend along Stoneleigh Avenue approximately 660 feet north and south of the Stoneleigh Avenue/Drewville Road intersection, as well as along an approximately 1200 foot section of Drewville Road; and**

**WHEREAS, the purpose of the Project is to provide capacity and safety improvements to the Stoneleigh Avenue/Drewville Road intersection in the Town of Carmel; and**

**WHEREAS, the Project is a Locally Administered Federal Aid Transportation Project administered by the County; and**

**WHEREAS, the Project is being progressed by the County Department of Highways and Facilities, with oversight by the New York State Department of Transportation (“NYSDOT”) and in close coordination with the Federal Highway Administration (“FHWA”), in accordance with Federal and State laws, regulations, rules and policies; and**

**WHEREAS, NYSDOT has determined that in order to progress to the Project through the project design phase and right-of-way acquisition phase, it will be necessary for the County to conduct a public hearing on notice to the general public and affected landowners as provided for in the New York Eminent Domain Procedure Law; and**

**WHEREAS, the public hearing must be conducted at a convenient location for the purpose of affording the general public and affected landowners an opportunity to express any objections they may have to the proposed location of the Project; and**

**WHEREAS, at the public hearing, the County must outline the purpose, proposed location or alternate locations of the Project and provide any other information that the County considers pertinent, including maps and property descriptions of the property interests that may be acquired in order to accomplish the Project; and**

**WHEREAS, persons who attend or participate in the public hearing must be given a reasonable opportunity to present oral or written statements and submit other documents concerning the Project; and**

**WHEREAS, a record of the public hearing must be kept, including written statements submitted at and following the public hearing, with such hearing record to be made available to the public for examination without cost during normal business hours at the County’s principal offices and at the office of the Putnam County Clerk and, also, to be reproduced upon written request and payment of the cost thereof; now therefore be it**

**RESOLVED, that the Commissioner of the Putnam County Department of Highways and Facilities is hereby authorized and directed to conduct a public hearing related to the Project; and be it further**

**RESOLVED, that such public hearing will be conducted at a convenient location for the purpose of affording the general public and affected landowners an opportunity to express any objections they may have to the proposed location of the Project; and be it further**

**RESOLVED, that notice of such public hearing shall be published at least ten (10) but not more than thirty (30) days prior to such public hearing in at least two (2) successive issues of the County’s official weekly newspaper, as well as in five (5) successive issues of a daily newspaper of general circulation within the County of Putnam; and be it further**

**RESOLVED, that at least ten (10) but not more than thirty (30) days prior to such public hearing, the Commissioner shall cause to be served, either by personal service or certified mail, return receipt requested, a notice of the purpose, time, date, and location of such public hearing to each assessment record billing owner, or his or her attorney of record, from whom real property interests may be acquired in order to accomplish the Project; and be it further**

**RESOLVED, that notice of such public hearing shall include the purpose, time and location of such public hearing, setting forth the proposed location of the Project including any proposed alternate locations; and be it further**

**RESOLVED, that at the public hearing, the Commissioner of the Putnam County Department of Highways and Facilities and/or his designee(s) shall outline the purpose, proposed location or alternate locations of the Project and provide any other information that may be pertinent to the Project, including maps and property descriptions of the**

property interests that may be acquired in order to accomplish the Project; and be it further

RESOLVED, that persons who attend or participate in the public hearing shall be given a reasonable opportunity to present oral or written statements and submit other documents concerning the Project; and be it further

RESOLVED, that a record of the public hearing shall be kept, including written statements submitted at and following the public hearing, with such hearing record to be made available to the public for examination without cost during normal business hours at the County's principal offices and at the office of the Putnam County Clerk and, also, to be reproduced upon written request and payment of the cost thereof.

BY ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL AYES. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

**AUDIT & ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE**  
(Chairman Castellano, Legislators Albano & Gouldman)

Item #6x – Approval/ Local Law to Amend Chapter 41, Section 41-5 of the Code of Putnam County Entitled “Deposit & Investment Policy” was next. Chairwoman Addonizio recognized Legislator Castellano, Chairman of the Audit & Administration Committee. On behalf of the members of the Committee, Legislators Albano and Gouldman, Legislator Castellano moved the following:

**RESOLUTION #122**

**APPROVAL/ LOCAL LAW TO AMEND CHAPTER 41, SECTION 41-5 OF THE CODE OF PUTNAM COUNTY ENTITLED “DEPOSIT & INVESTMENT POLICY”**

**A Local Law to Amend Chapter 41, Section 41-5 of the Code of Putnam County Entitled “Deposit & Investment Policy”**

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

**Section 1.**

**Section 41-5. Designation of Official Depositories.**

**The banks and trust companies authorized for the deposit of monies up to the maximum amounts are:**

<b>DEPOSITORY NAME</b>	<b>MAXIMUM AMOUNT</b>
JP Morgan Chase Bank NA	\$40,000,000
Key Bank	\$40,000,000
M&T Bank	\$40,000,000
People's United Bank NA	\$20,000,000
Putnam County National Bank	\$20,000,000
PCSB Commercial Bank subsidiary of PCSB	\$30,000,000
Signature Bank	\$40,000,000
Sterling Bank	\$20,000,000
TD Bank	\$40,000,000

Tompkins Mahopac National Bank	\$30,000,000
Webster	\$40,000,000
Wells Fargo	\$40,000,000

**Section 2.**

Section 41-10 of the Putnam County Code Entitled “Purchase of Investments”, Subsection 41-10 A(2)(a) is hereby amended to read as follows:

New York Liquid Asset Fund (NYLAF) – PMA Financial Network, LLC.

Subsection A(2)(b) to remain the same.

**Section 3.**

This local law shall take effect immediately.

**BY ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL AYES. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**Item #7 – Other Business**

There was no other business submitted to the meeting.

**Item #8 – Recognition of Legislators**

Legislator Nacerino stated that she found it disturbing and offensive to believe our political affiliation by creating false narratives that our legislation is politically motivated. She stated that certainly was not the case. She stated, on a happier note, she offered congratulations to the class of 2021, to all our graduates on all levels from pre-school and up.

Legislator Montgomery stated that June is Pride Month, and she was sorry that we did not have a proclamation this year for it. She stated that today President Biden declared June as National Pride Month and promised to codify the protection of LGBTQ community into the future. She was excited that Putnam will have its first Pride Parade. She stated that although something was done in 2020, she believed this year makes it official, launching the parade at the County Courthouse at 1:00 on Saturday. She stated that Memorial Day ceremonies were smaller this year, but hearts were still filled with gratitude and love. She stated that we lost too many members of our Veterans community this year who she grew up with and loved very much. She stated that they shaped her community through volunteerism and came to her father’s bedside to make sure he was inducted into the Veterans of Foreign Wars before he passed away. She stated that they will be greatly missed and honored as all Veterans are on Memorial Day.

Legislator Sayegh stated that she takes her job on the Legislature seriously. She stated that it is not for any political gain, but to do the best she can for her district and the people of Putnam County. She believed that Legislator Montgomery has taken over the Legislature with her out of order comments, snide remarks, and unprofessional demeanor towards the Legislature. She stated that the only political motivation she sees during these meetings is the grandstanding and skewing of the narrative of issues by the

minority Legislator. She stated that she takes offense to the fact that we are accused of organizing in a partisan manner when doing the business of Putnam County. She stated that she is open and appreciates the viewpoints of her fellow Legislators, especially those who disagree with her. She stated that she represents her district; Republicans, Democrat, blank voters and not just one (1) party. She stated that time and time again her voice is overshadowed by the grandstanding of one (1) Legislator. She stated that it is not fair to the people of Putnam County, to other Legislators or the process. She stated that we have all been through a lot this past year and she looked forward to getting together with her fellow Legislators in the Legislative chamber and to have respectful, meaningful dialogue to do the business of Putnam County.

Legislator Montgomery stated that she should be given the opportunity to respond to the comments about her. She stated that she made no comments about anyone personally. She stated that she made comments about procedure.

Chairwoman Addonizio tried to restore order to the meeting.

Legislator Sullivan suggested that we adjourn the meeting and to let the Chair control the meeting.

At 8:22 P.M., Chairwoman Addonizio made a motion to adjourn; seconded by Legislator Castellano. All in favor.

Respectfully submitted by Diane Schonfeld, Clerk.