

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

Tuesday September 3, 2024 7:00 P.M.

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 P.M. by Chairman Jonke who requested Legislator Gouldman lead in the Pledge of Allegiance and Legislator Addonizio lead in the Legislative Prayer. Upon roll call, Legislators Montgomery, Gouldman, Addonizio, Nacerino, Ellner, Castellano, Sayegh, Crowley and Chairman Jonke were present. Also present was Legislative Counsel Firriolo.

PROCLAMATIONS

Chairman Jonke recognized Legislator Sayegh who presented the “20th Anniversary of the Putnam County Medical Reserve Corps” proclamation to Commissioner of Health Dr. Michael Nesheiwat, Public Health Emergency Preparedness Coordinator Connie Bueti, MRC Program Assistant Carla Taylor and longtime MRC volunteer Susan Moore.

20th ANNIVERSARY OF THE PUTNAM COUNTY MEDICAL RESERVE CORPS

WHEREAS, the Putnam County Medical Reserve Corps (MRC) is a wholly volunteer program, founded in July 2004 and has been in existence for 20 years; and

WHEREAS, Putnam County MRC volunteers build resilience and strengthen county public health emergency preparedness capabilities; and

WHEREAS, Putnam County MRC volunteers collaborate, engage and train to keep skills current as a public health response entity; and

WHEREAS, Putnam County MRC volunteers continue to maintain and improve overall county healthiness and preparedness by participating in various public health initiatives such as influenza clinics and educational activities; and

WHEREAS, Putnam County MRC volunteer services have proven a monetary and economic value to the county; and

WHEREAS, Putnam County MRC volunteers rose to the challenge, worked on the frontlines, selflessly donated their time and talents, supplemented the public health response, assisted in providing thousands of vaccines and were instrumental in saving lives during the COVI D-19 pandemic; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that Putnam County Executive Kevin Byrne and the Putnam County Legislature do hereby proclaim the 20th Anniversary of the MRC and recognize the importance of this volunteer group in the county.

Chairman Jonke recognized Legislator Nacerino who presented the “Recognizing Sheriff’s Week” proclamation to Putnam County Sheriff Kevin McConville and Undersheriff Thomas Lindert.

RECOGNIZING SHERIFF’S WEEK – SEPTEMBER 15-21, 2024

WHEREAS, the Office of Sheriff has been an integral part of the criminal justice system in New York State and in Putnam County throughout our history, having been established in the State's first constitution in 1777 and continued in every succeeding Constitution, and having been one of the original Constitutional offices upon the founding of our County; and

WHEREAS, despite changes in its function, status, and powers during its long history, the Office of Sheriff has maintained a continuous existence, preserved its distinguishing heritage, and continued to be an essential component of our criminal justice community; and

WHEREAS, the Office of Sheriff has evolved into a modern, professional, full-service law enforcement and corrections agency, manned by well trained police officers and correctional officers using state-of-the-art technology and applying the latest and most advanced theories and practices in the fields of law enforcement and corrections; and

WHEREAS, the Office of Sheriff is unique in the community, and the duties of the Office go far beyond the traditional role of "Keeper of the Peace," and extend into many facets of public service, beyond law enforcement and corrections, to include providing security in our courts, dispatching emergency services, and handling civil process for our courts; and

WHEREAS, as a Constitutionally empowered Office directly responsible to the People, the ancient Office of Sheriff remains, even today, responsive and accountable to the public it serves; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting to celebrate the historical contributions of the Office of Sheriff and the significant role that the Sheriffs play in our modern criminal justice system; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Putnam County Executive and Putnam County Legislature do recognize the important services provided to the citizens of this County by Sheriff Kevin McConville and the members of the Sheriff's Office, and do hereby proclaim September 15-21, 2024 to be Sheriffs' Week in Putnam County.

Chairman Jonke recognized Legislator Ellner who presented the "National Recover Month" proclamation to Commissioner of Social Services Sara Servadio and Dual Recovery Coordinator of Social Services Lauren Johnson.

NATIONAL RECOVERY MONTH – SEPTEMBER 2024

**WHEREAS, behavioral health is an essential part of one's overall wellness; and
WHEREAS, strategies for the prevention of mental health and substance use disorders work, treatment is effective, and people successfully recover; and**

WHEREAS, preventing and actively addressing mental health and substance use disorders is essential to achieving healthy lifestyles as defined by each person; and

WHEREAS, the recovery of individuals helps improve their own health, the health of their loved ones, and of the entire community; and

WHEREAS, we must normalize help seeking behaviors for everyone, and encourage the implementation of preventive measures, recognize the signs of distress, and support those in need in seeking treatment and recovery support services; and

WHEREAS, to help more people achieve and sustain long-term recovery, the Putnam County Executive and the Putnam County Legislature invite all residents of Putnam County to participate in National Recovery Month; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Putnam County Executive and the Putnam County Legislature do hereby proclaim September 2024 as *National Recovery Month* and together with the Putnam County Department of Mental Health, the Prevention Council of Putnam and the Putnam County Communities that Care Coalition encourage all Putnam County residents to observe this month with appropriate programs, activities, and ceremonies to support this year's *Recovery Month*.

Chairman Jonke recognized Legislator Montgomery who presented the "Recognizing the Putnam County Youth Bureau & Haldan School District on their Youth-Led 9/11 Memorials" proclamation to Youth Bureau Executive Director Janeen Cunningham and Brewster High School Senior Zoe Juncaj.

**RECOGNIZING THE PUTNAM COUNTY YOUTH BUREAU &
HALDANE SCHOOL DISTRICT ON THEIR YOUTH-LED 9/11 MEMORIALS**

WHEREAS, On September 11, 2001, the peace and security of our Nation was shattered by terrorist attacks that killed nearly 3,000 innocent people. Nineteen terrorists hijacked four commercial airplanes, crashing them into both the north and south towers of the World Trade Center in New York City, the United States Pentagon in Virginia, and in the pristine fields of Shanksville, Pennsylvania; and

WHEREAS, although the terrorists' goal was to tear at the fabric of our nation, arising from the very ashes of that tragedy came a remarkable spirit of unity, compassion, and determination that will never be forgotten. Many brave individuals tirelessly participated in an extraordinarily difficult and dangerous rescue and recovery effort, in some cases voluntarily putting their own well-being at risk. Each year the anniversary of the attacks is a sacred day both in Putnam County and throughout the country as citizens honor the memory of all who were lost on that day; and

WHEREAS, the Putnam County Youth Bureau recognizes the importance of introducing this tradition to the younger members of our community. The Youth Bureau will host their 4th Annual Youth-Led 9/11 Memorial where youth volunteers will commemorate the 23rd anniversary of the September 11, 2001 attacks on our country by reading aloud the names of all who lost their lives on that day. This year the Putnam County Youth Bureau, in partnership with Haldane School District, expands its reach by synchronizing youth-led memorials on both sides of the county in honor of our fallen heroes; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Putnam County Executive and the Putnam County Legislature hereby recognize the efforts of the Putnam County Youth Bureau and Haldane School District and encourage residents of Putnam County to participate in the Youth-Led 9/11 Memorials. The public is invited to attend the memorial at the Putnam County Bureau of Emergency Services while the memorial at Haldane School District will be limited to students, faculty, and community officials.

Item #4 – Acceptance of Minutes – Regular Meeting – July 2, 2024
Regular Meeting – August 6, 2024
Special Meeting – August 20, 2024

The minutes were accepted as submitted.

Item #5 – Correspondence

a) County Auditor was duly noted.

Item #6 – Pre-filed resolutions:

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE
(Chairman Jonke, Legislators Castellano & Nacerino)

Item #6a – Approval – Fund Transfer (24T224) – Sheriff’s Department – Corrections – Correct Personnel Line was next. On behalf of the Personnel Committee, Legislators Castellano and Nacerino, Chairman Jonke moved the following:

RESOLUTION #190

APPROVAL – FUND TRANSFER (24T224) – SHERIFF’S DEPARTMENT – CORRECTIONS – CORRECT PERSONNEL LINE

WHEREAS, the Putnam County Sheriff has requested a fund transfer (24T224) to correct personnel line to cover Sergeant’s Salary in Corrections Department; and
WHEREAS, the Personnel 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:		
10315000 51000 10129	Jail General Personnel	1,925
10315000 58002	Jail General FICA	<u>147</u>
		2,072

Increase:		
10315001 51000 10032 (10111)	Jail Federal Pers – SCAAP	1,925
10315001 58002 10032	Jail Federal FICA – SCAAP	<u>147</u>
		2,072

2024 Fiscal Impact – 0 –
2025 Fiscal Impact – 0 –

BY POLL VOTE: ALL AYES. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

PROTECTIVE SERVICES COMMITTEE
(Chairwoman Nacerino, Legislators Addonizio & Sayegh)

Item #6b – Approval – Fund Transfer (24T223) – Emergency Services – Temporary was next. Chairman Jonke recognized Legislator Nacerino, Chairwoman of the Protective Services Committee. On behalf of the members of the Committee, Legislators Addonizio and Sayegh, Legislator Nacerino moved the following:

RESOLUTION #191

APPROVAL – FUND TRANSFER (24T223) – EMERGENCY SERVICES – TEMPORARY

WHEREAS, the Commissioner of Emergency Services has requested a fund transfer (24T223) to the Temporary line to cover County Fire Instructors training for the remainder of 2024; 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:		
10398900 54540	Radio Communications	20,000

Increase:		
10398900 51094	Temporary	20,000

2024 Fiscal Impact – 0 –

2025 Fiscal Impact – 0 –

BY POLL VOTE: ALL AYES. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Item #6c – Approval – Support for Creation of a Rescue Task Force – Bureau of Emergency Services was next. On behalf of the members of the Protective Services Committee, Legislators Addonizio and Sayegh, Legislator Nacerino moved the following:

Legislator Nacerino read excerpts from the resolution. She also stated that we will approve inviting back Putnam Lake Fire Department Chief Michael Cairney, who brought this initiative forward, along with the Putnam County Sheriff Kevin McConville and Commissioner of Emergency Services Robert Lipton. She stated there were presently three (3) teams in place: the Alpha Team which covers Putnam Lake, Brewster and Patterson, the Bravo Team which covers Kent, Carmel and Lake Carmel, and the Charlie Team which covers Philipstown. She stated that there will be an update at the next Protective Services meeting. She believed that the teams served a very important service in the event of an emergency.

Legislator Montgomery stated that she would like to see the police involved in this task force. She explained that she was aware from the police that represent her district, that nobody knows the Village of Cold Spring area and buildings better than the police. She believed that in the event of an emergency situation, she would rely on the expertise of the local police or task force like this. She understands that everything needs to be worked out. She did not believe in putting this together before it is established. She stated that there are a lot of unknown about this still. However, she was in favor of it and has spoke to many of the leadership in her district. She stated that the fire departments are eager for this Task Force.

Chairman Jonke stated that the resolution is in support of the idea and the details need to be worked out. He explained that it would be discussed in future Committee meetings.

Legislator Montgomery explained that it was important to be trained in incident command and the National Incident Management System which she believed we should all be using and trained for.

RESOLUTION #192

APPROVAL - SUPPORT FOR CREATION OF A RESCUE TASK FORCE - BUREAU OF EMERGENCY SERVICES

WHEREAS, Putnam County over the last several decades has established a number of specialized response teams to support local fire departments accomplish their mission to protect the health and safety of County residents; and

WHEREAS, there exists in Putna County a need for a Rescue Task Force in order to support Police, Fire, EMS, and the community when sophisticated resources and specially trained personnel are required to assist residents and/or visitors needing rescue; and

WHEREAS, General Municipal Law section 209-bb authorizes Putnam County to establish, maintain, and supervise municipal-wise and inter-municipal specialized teams, and to appropriate and expend such sums as are deemed necessary to establish and maintain specialized teams, composed of volunteer firefighters, volunteer ambulance workers or municipal employees for purposes including training for, or responding to, a man-made or natural disaster; and

WHEREAS, this Task Force will comprise of volunteers from the County's fire departments and ambulance corps who have expressed interest in being part of such a task force; and

WHEREAS, the County will obtain authorization from the volunteer fire departments, communities, and ambulance corps for these personnel to participate on a County sponsored Rescue Task Force while being covered under the home department's insurance; and

WHEREAS, the Putnam County Sheriff's Department will assist in the specialized training of the Rescue Task Force to remove victims from danger; and

WHEREAS, the need to have a Rescue Task Force is becoming increasingly important in order for Putnam County to be prepared in case of an incident; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to General Municipal Law section 209-bb, the Putnam County Legislature conducted a public hearing on September 3, 2024 regarding the creation of a Putnam County Rescue Task Force, and the Legislature has duly considered any public comment received at said hearing; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Putnam County Legislature does hereby authorize the Commissioner of the Bureau of Emergency Services to create a Rescue Task Force and oversee the training, equipping, and operations of said task force.

BY POLL VOTE: ALL AYES. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

**HEALTH, SOCIAL, EDUCATIONAL & ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITTEE
(Chairwoman Sayegh, Legislators Crowley & Gouldman)**

Item #6d - Approval – Budgetary Amendment (24A075) – Social Services – Child Advocacy Center (CAC) – Repurposing Grant Funding was next. Chairman Jonke recognized Legislator Sayegh, Chairwoman of the Health, Social, Educational & Environmental Committee. On behalf of the members of the Committee, Legislators Crowley and Gouldman, Legislator Sayegh moved the following:

RESOLUTION #193

APPROVAL – BUDGETARY AMENDMENT (24A075) – SOCIAL SERVICES – CHILD ADVOCACY CENTER (CAC) – REPURPOSING GRANT FUNDING

WHEREAS, the Commissioner of Social Services has requested a budgetary amendment (24A075) to amend the 2024 DSS budget to repurpose grant funds previously allocated to the Forensic Interviewer / Community Outreach Worker that has been vacant for the majority of 2024; and

WHEREAS, these expenses are funded in accordance with three (3) contracts awarded to the Child Advocacy Center; 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:

22070000	*OEOP CAC 1 *OCFS TIER 1 Grant	
52110	Furniture & Furnishings	2,300
54410	Supplies & Materials	902
54640	Education & Training	2,250
22070000 10221	OEOP CAC 1 – *MDT CAC Program	
54640	Education & Training	12,326
54989	Miscellaneous	11,200
22071000	OEOP VICTIM – CRIME VICTIM GRANT	
52110	Furniture & Furnishings	2,710
52140	Audio & Visual	14,526
54640	Education & Training	<u>13,000</u>
		59,214

Decrease Appropriations:

22070000	OEOP CAC 1 OCFS TIER 1 GRANT	
51000 (601302104)	Salary Forensic Interviewer / Community Outreach Worker (vacant)	3,523
58002	FICA	1,929
22070000 10221	OEOP CAC 1 – MDT CAC PROGRAM	
52140	Audio Visual Equipment	14,526
54710	Bldg Maintenance & Repairs	9,000
22071000	OEOP VICTIM – CRIME VICTIM GRANT	
51000 (601302104)	Salary Forensic Interviewer / Community Outreach Worker (vacant)	25,106
58002	FICA	<u>5,130</u>
		59,214

**2024 Fiscal Impact – 0 –
2025 Fiscal Impact – 0 –**

*OEOP – Office of Equal Opportunity Programs
OCFS – Office of Children & Family Services

MDT – Multi-Disciplinary Team

BY POLL VOTE: ALL AYES. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Item #6e – Approval – Budgetary Amendment (24A076) – Social Services – Co-Response Team Crisis Intervention Specialist – Opioid Abatement Funds was next. On behalf of the members of the Health, Social, Educational & Environmental Committee, Legislators Crowley and Gouldman, Legislator Sayegh moved the following:

RESOLUTION #194

APPROVAL – BUDGETARY AMENDMENT (24A076) – SOCIAL SERVICES – CO-RESPONSE TEAM CRISIS INTERVENTION SPECIALIST – OPIOID ABATEMENT FUNDS

WHEREAS, the Commissioner of Social Services has requested a budgetary amendment (24A064) to purchase items needed by the Co-Response Team’s Crisis Intervention Specialist utilizing Opioid Abatement funds; and

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

RESOLVED, that the following budgetary amendment be made:

Increase Estimated Revenues:

10431000	MH LGU	
434983 10206	OASAS Abatement Funds	4,300

Increase Appropriations:

10431000 10206	*MH LGU – OASAS Abatement	
52110	Furniture & Furnishings	2,500
52130	Computer Equipment	300
52180	Other Equipment	<u>1,500</u>
		4,300

2024 Fiscal Impact – 0 –

2025 Fiscal Impact – 0 –

*MH – Mental Health

LGU – Local Government Unit

OASAS – NYS Office of Addiction Services & Support

BY POLL VOTE: ALL AYES. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

**PHYSICAL SERVICES COMMITTEE
(Chairman Ellner, Legislators Castellano & Crowley)**

Item #6f – Approval – Grant Application – Crest Grant Program – Putnam County Office Building ADA Compliant Bathrooms was next. Chairman Jonke recognized Legislator Ellner, Chairman of the Physical Services Committee. On behalf of the members of the Committee, Legislators Castellano and Crowley, Legislator Ellner moved the following:

RESOLUTION #195

APPROVAL - GRANT APPLICATION - CREST GRANT PROGRAM - PUTNAM COUNTY OFFICE BUILDING ADA COMPLIANT BATHROOMS

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

WHEREAS, by and through the State of New York and the Office of Senator Peter Harckham, the County has the opportunity to apply for a Community Resiliency, Economic Sustainability and Technology Program (CREST) Grant in the amount of \$200,000 administered by the Dormitory Authority of the State of New York (“DASNY”) for installation of ADA compliant bathrooms at the County Office Building (one per floor); and

WHEREAS, the purpose of the grant funds is to subsidize the costs associated with the Project; and

WHEREAS, there is no matching fund requirement by the County to accept the CREST grant for the Project; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Legislature authorizes and approves the County’s submission, by the Department of Planning, Development and Public Transportation, of its application for a \$200,000 grant administered through DASNY and awarded by the CREST Grant Program for the Project; and be it further

RESOLVED, that this resolution shall take effect immediately.

BY POLL VOTE: ALL AYES. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Item #6g – Approval – Ratification of Application for Grant Funds Available Through the NYSERDA Clean Energy Communities Program and NY SWIMS Initiative was next. On behalf of the members of the Physical Services Committee, Legislators Castellano and Crowley, Legislator Ellner moved the following:

RESOLUTION #196

APPROVAL/RATIFICATION OF APPLICATION FOR GRANT FUNDS AVAILABLE THROUGH THE NYSERDA CLEAN ENERGY COMMUNITIES PROGRAM AND NY SWIMS INITIATIVE

WHEREAS, NYSERDA has allocated Putnam County \$125,000, \$10,000 and \$5,000 respectively in Clean Energy Communities funding to invest in future-focused clean energy solutions; and

WHEREAS, the County has identified opportunities to utilize the funding toward energy efficient window upgrades at the Donald B. Smith Campus and the purchase of electric landscaping equipment; and

WHEREAS, as part of the NYS SWIMS initiative, Putnam County is eligible for \$30,000 of funding as part of an initiative to support municipal swimming facilities in underserved communities; and

WHEREAS, the County is desirous to utilize the funds to enhance the lifeguard training program for both the County and its municipal partners; and

WHEREAS, both funding opportunities require applications to apply the funding to eligible projects, and the deadline for application submissions for the SWIMS grant application is due Friday, August 9, 2024, and the NYSERDA grant funding is awarded on a rolling basis until the funding is fully allocated; and

WHEREAS, both grant funding opportunities are one hundred (100%) percent State funding; and

WHEREAS, Section 5-1(D)(1) of the Putnam County Code requires the 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 Legislature, by and through the Physical Services Committee, approves the County's application for NYSERDA and SWIMS grant funding that have been submitted; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the County Executive, together with the County Legislature, supports the County's applications to NYSERDA and SWIMS in connection with the costs associated with window replacements, electric landscaping equipment and the lifeguard training program, is hereby accepted, approved and ratified by the County Legislature.

BY POLL VOTE: ALL AYES. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Item #6h – Approval – Ratification – Sale of Carmel Tax Map No.:63.-1-6 to Next Highest Bidder at the 2024 Real Property Tax Sale was next. On behalf of the members of the Physical Services Committee, Legislators Castellano and Crowley, Legislator Ellner moved the following:

Chairman Jonke explained that this is a landlocked parcel, and the highest bidder made an error in the amount he wanted to bid. He stated that the parcel will now go to the second highest bidder who is the owner of the adjacent property. He stated that this will place this parcel back on the tax rolls and will be merged with the contiguous property.

RESOLUTION #197

APPROVAL – RATIFICATION - SALE OF CARMEL TAX MAP NO.: 63.-1-6 TO NEXT HIGHEST BIDDER AT THE 2024 REAL PROPERTY TAX SALE

WHEREAS, on July 10, 2024, the County of Putnam held a public auction for its 2024 Real Property Tax Sale wherein the County received bids on the parcels offered; and

WHEREAS, the highest bidder on Lot # 5 of the auction, a parcel known as Carmel Tax Map No.: 63.-1-6, made a transpositional error on the date of the auction by bidding \$160,000 when the intent was to be for \$1,600; and

WHEREAS, after careful consideration with the Chairman of the Physical Committee, Legislative Counsel, and the County Attorney, the bid was removed from the ratification of sale by the Legislature on August 6, 2024 due to such error; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the terms and conditions of the auction, the parcel shall be offered to the next highest bidder at the discretion of the County; and

WHEREAS, the next highest bidder is an adjoining property owner who bid at \$1,500.00; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Putnam County Legislature approves the sale of the property located in the Town of Carmel and identified as Carmel Tax Map No. 63.-1-6 to the next highest bidder from the auction held on July 10, 2024; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Putnam County Legislature, on behalf of the County of Putnam, hereby accepts the bid of the next highest bidder on the parcel located in the Town of Carmel and identified as Carmel Tax Map No. 63.-1-6, previously known as Lot # 5 at the tax auction held on July 10, 2024; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the County Attorney is authorized to prepare a deed for each parcel to the highest bidder, said deed to be executed on behalf of the County by the County Executive; and be it further

RESOLVED, that upon delivery of the balance of the purchase price as indicated in the bid, along with the appropriate transfer tax, fees, and any property taxes due, as specified in the promulgated Terms and Conditions of the auction, the County Attorney is hereby authorized to deliver said deed to the next highest bidder; and be it further

RESOLVED, that in the event the highest bidder fails to complete the transaction as specified in the promulgated Terms and Conditions of the auction, the County Attorney is authorized to complete the transaction with the next highest bidder in the same manner as set for the above.

BY POLL VOTE: ALL AYES. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Item #6i – Approval – Offer County Property for Sale Utilizing at Public Auction Pursuant to Chapter 31 of the Putnam County Code - 100 Zimmer Road, Town of Southeast was next. On behalf of the members of the Physical Services Committee, Legislators Castellano and Crowley, Legislator Ellner brought forward the following:

APPROVAL - OFFER COUNTY PROPERTY FOR SALE UTILIZING AT PUBLIC AUCTION PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 31 OF THE PUTNAM COUNTY CODE - 100 ZIMMER ROAD, TOWN OF SOUTHEAST

WHEREAS, the County is in title to the property listed in the attached Schedule “A”;
and

WHEREAS, an unimproved parcel of real property identified as Town of Southeast Tax Map No.: 45.-1-60 was acquired by the County by bargain and sale deed from the Town of Southeast, which was recorded in the Office of the Putnam County Clerk on March 3, 2011, in Liber 1871 at Page 291; and

WHEREAS, said property is not needed for use by the County or another municipality; and

WHEREAS the Commissioner of Finance and Commissioner of Planning recommend that said parcels be offered for sale at public auction pursuant to Section 31-4(A)(4) of the Putnam County Code; and

WHEREAS, the Putnam County Legislature has reviewed this matter and has determined that the property is not needed for use by the County or another municipality; and

WHEREAS, the Putnam County Legislature has further determined that it would be most beneficial to offer said property for sale at public auction; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that said property is not needed for use by the County or another municipality; and be it further

RESOLVED, that pursuant to the authority vested in the Putnam County Legislature in Section 31-4 of the Putnam County Code, it is the further determination of the Putnam

County Legislature that it would be most financially advantageous to the County to offer the property for sale at public auction utilizing the services of an auction house under contract with the County; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Putnam County Legislature accepts the attached appraisal, which is attached hereto and made a part hereof as Schedule "A"; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the County Executive is authorized to offer the Property for sale at public auction utilizing the services of an auction house under contract with the County; and be it further

RESOLVED, that pursuant to Section 31-4 of the Putnam County Code, the initial offer amount of the Property shall be in an amount not less than \$290,000.00 to be hereinafter determined by the Putnam County Executive based on the appraisal and comparative market analysis, and with the advice and approval of the Legislature; and be it further

RESOLVED, that this Resolution shall take effect immediately.

Chairman Jonke made a motion to accept the revised item amending the second to last RESOLVED clause based on the response received from the County Executive on August 29, 2024. He stated that the initial offer amount on the property shall be in the amount of \$290,000. Seconded by Legislator Ellner.

Legislator Ellner stated that the amended resolution streamlines the process, starting the bid process at a pre-determined amount of \$290,000 which would eliminate the need of this going back to Committee.

On the motion and second to accept the revised; all in favor.

Chairman Jonke called for a vote on the resolution as revised.

RESOLUTION #198

APPROVAL - OFFER COUNTY PROPERTY FOR SALE UTILIZING AT PUBLIC AUCTION PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 31 OF THE PUTNAM COUNTY CODE - 100 ZIMMER ROAD, TOWN OF SOUTHEAST

WHEREAS, the County is in title to the property listed in the attached Schedule "A"; and

WHEREAS, an unimproved parcel of real property identified as Town of Southeast Tax Map No.: 45.-1-60 was acquired by the County by bargain and sale deed from the Town of Southeast, which was recorded in the Office of the Putnam County Clerk on March 3, 2011, in Liber 1871 at Page 291; and

WHEREAS, said property is not needed for use by the County or another municipality; and

WHEREAS the Commissioner of Finance and Commissioner of Planning recommend that said parcels be offered for sale at public auction pursuant to Section 31-4(A)(4) of the Putnam County Code; and

WHEREAS, the Putnam County Legislature has reviewed this matter and has determined that the property is not needed for use by the County or another municipality; and

WHEREAS, the Putnam County Legislature has further determined that it would be most beneficial to offer said property for sale at public auction; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that said property is not needed for use by the County or another municipality; and be it further

RESOLVED, that pursuant to the authority vested in the Putnam County Legislature in Section 31-4 of the Putnam County Code, it is the further determination of the Putnam County Legislature that it would be most financially advantageous to the County to offer the property for sale at public auction utilizing the services of an auction house under contract with the County; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Putnam County Legislature accepts the attached appraisal, which is attached hereto and made a part hereof as Schedule "A"; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the County Executive is authorized to offer the Property for sale at public auction utilizing the services of an auction house under contract with the County; and be it further

RESOLVED, that pursuant to Section 31-4 of the Putnam County Code, the initial offer amount of the Property shall be in an amount of \$290,000.00 as determined by the Putnam County Executive based on the appraisal and comparative market analysis, with the advice of and as approved by the Legislature; and be it further

RESOLVED, that this Resolution shall take effect immediately.

BY POLL VOTE: ALL AYES. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

**RULES, ENACTMENTS & INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE
(Chairwoman Addonizio, Legislators Ellner & Nacerino)**

Item #6j – Approval – County Clerk - Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) Mobile Equipment ARPA Funding Reallocation was next. On behalf of the members of the Rules, Enactments & Intergovernmental Relations Committee, Legislators Ellner and Nacerino, Legislator Addonizio moved the following:

Legislator Addonizio thanked County Clerk Michael Bartolotti for bringing this forward. She stated that our residents will truly benefit from this project.

Legislator Montgomery also thanked the County Clerk. She stated that this is something that has long been promised throughout her experience in local government. She stated that this will translate into services on the western side of the County. She was looking forward to seeing this in the towns of Philipstown and Putnam Valley.

Legislator Ellner concurred. He believed it was a wonderful idea and allows the DMV to go anywhere in the County. He stated that the County Clerk stated that there is approximately a one (1) year lead time, and the equipment must be purchased by NYS.

Legislator Montgomery stated that maybe there is an opportunity for us to put a little pressure on our New York State officials to express the need.

Chairman Jonke thanked County Clerk Bartolotti and his staff for taking this initiative which will best serve the public in Putnam County.

RESOLUTION #199

APPROVAL – COUNTY CLERK - DEPARTMENT OF MOTOR VEHICLES (DMV) MOBILE EQUIPMENT ARPA FUNDING REALLOCATION

WHEREAS, Putnam County allocated its American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds pursuant to Resolution # 135 of 2022, with a focus on infrastructure, related to school safety, mental health, substance abuse, food insecurity, clean water, roads, bridges and buildings to aid in the recovery from the COVID 19 pandemic; and

WHEREAS, a budgetary amendment was made pursuant to Resolution #135 of 2022 wherein \$303,707 was appropriated for Highway Infrastructure Studies; and

WHEREAS, the County Clerk has requested a portion of these funds (\$31,039) be used to purchase mobile equipment from the N.Y.S Department of Motor Vehicles for the Putnam County Department of Motor Vehicles in order to have more flexibility to process DMV transactions throughout the County and to better serve County residents.

WHEREAS, the County consultant has indicated that the DMV Mobile Equipment Project is a an allowable use of ARPA funds; and

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

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

WHEREAS, the *Rules, Enactments and Intergovernmental Relations Committee* has reviewed and approved of this request; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that \$31,039 of ARPA funds from the Highway Infrastructure Studies appropriation be reallocated to the DMV Mobile Equipment Project.

BY POLL VOTE: ALL AYES. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Item #6k – Approval - Budgetary Amendment (24A077) County Clerk - Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) Mobile Equipment ARPA Reallocation was next. On behalf of the members of the Rules, Enactments & Intergovernmental Relations Committee, Legislators Ellner and Nacerino, Legislator Addonizio moved the following:

RESOLUTION #200

APPROVAL - BUDGETARY AMENDMENT (24A077) – COUNTY CLERK - DEPARTMENT OF MOTOR VEHICLES (DMV) MOBILE EQUIPMENT ARPA REALLOCATION

WHEREAS, by Resolution #135 of 2022, ARPA funding of \$303,707 was appropriated for Highway Infrastructure Studies; and

WHEREAS, the County Clerk has requested that ARPA funds be used to purchase computer equipment and peripherals necessary to effectuate a mobile solution for the Putnam County Department of Motor Vehicles; and

WHEREAS, as the County approaches the 12/31/24 deadline set forth by the US Treasury to commit funds, Resolution #199 of 2024 reallocated a portion of the ARPA funds (\$31,039) towards the purchase of this equipment; and

WHEREAS, the Commissioner of Finance has requested a budgetary amendment (24A077) to reallocate said ARPA funding; and

WHEREAS, the Rules, Enactments & Intergovernmental Relations Committee and the Audit & Administration Committee have reviewed and approved said budgetary amendment; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the following budgetary amendment be made:

CAPITAL FUND:

Increase Appropriations:
51997000 53000 52419 Capital – ARPA DMV Mobile Equipment 31,039

Increase Estimated Revenues:
51997000 428601 52419 Transfer In – General 31,039

Decrease Appropriations:
55197000 53000 52229 Capital – ARPA Highway Infrastructure Studies 31,039

Decrease Estimated Revenues:
55197000 428601 52229 Transfer In – General 31,039

GENERAL FUND:

Increase Appropriations:
10990100 59020 52419 Transfer Out – Capital (ARPA – DMV
Mobile Equipment) 31,039

Increase Estimated Revenues:
10131000 449898 52419 Federal Aid – ARPA CFDA 21.027 31,039

Decrease Appropriations:
10990100 59020 52229 Transfer Out – Capital (ARPA Highway
Infrastructure Studies) 31,039

Decrease Estimated Revenues:
10131000 449898 52229 Federal Aid – ARPA CFDA 21.027 31,039

2024 Fiscal Impact – 0 –
2025 Fiscal Impact – 0 –

BY POLL VOTE: ALL AYES. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Item #6L – Approval – Local Law to Amend the Charter of Putnam County by Amending Article 8, Section 8.01 Entitled “Department of Law – County Attorney” was next. On behalf of the members of the Rules, Enactments & Intergovernmental Relations Committee, Legislators Ellner and Nacerino, Legislator Addonizio brought forward the following:

Chairman Jonke made a motion to table this item; seconded by Legislator Ellner.

Chairman Jonke asked if there were any comments.

Chairman Jonke stated that this will be sent back to Committee. He stated that he will propose an amendment that would exclude the current County Attorney during this term.

On the motion and second to table; all in favor.

Legislative Clerk Schonfeld stated that Legislator Crowley stated that she was a no vote on the motion to table.

APPROVAL - LOCAL LAW TO AMEND THE CHARTER OF PUTNAM COUNTY BY AMENDING ARTICLE 8, SECTION 8.01 ENTITLED "DEPARTMENT OF LAW – COUNTY ATTORNEY"

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

Section 1.

Section 8.01 of the Charter of the County of Putnam is hereby amended to read as follows:

§ 8.01 – Department of Law – County Attorney

There shall be a Department of Law under the direction of a County Attorney who shall be appointed by the County Executive, subject to confirmation by the County Legislature. At the time of his or her appointment, and throughout his or her term of office, the County Attorney shall be and remain duly licensed and entitled to practice law in the State of New York. He or she shall be appointed on the basis of his or her legal experience and other qualifications for the responsibilities of his or her office. The County Attorney may be removed by the County Executive, subject to a two-thirds vote of concurrence by the County Legislature. The County Attorney may also be removed by the County Legislature by a two-thirds vote of the Legislature. The County Attorney shall not engage in any private practice nor be employed by any private law firm or other governmental entity in his or her field of expertise of employment. This restriction on employment by the County Attorney shall not be applicable to the County Attorney serving at the time this law takes effect.

Section 2.

This Local Law shall take effect immediately, as provided by law, upon filing with the New York State Secretary of State.

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

Item #6m – Approval – Fund Transfer (24T250) – Office for Senior Resources – Contracts was next. Chairman Jonke recognized Legislator Castellano, Chairman of the Audit & Administration Committee. On behalf of the members of the Committee, Legislators Ellner and Gouldman, Legislator Castellano moved the following:

RESOLUTION #201

APPROVAL – FUND TRANSFER (24T250) – OFFICE FOR SENIOR RESOURCES – CONTRACTS

WHEREAS, the Director of Office for Senior Resources has requested a fund transfer (24T250) to cover Contractor payment from July – December 2024; and

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

RESOLVED, that the following fund transfer be made:

Decrease:		
10762000 54989 10166	Miscellaneous	23,040

Increase:		
10762000 54646 10166	Contracts	23,040

2024 Fiscal Impact – 0 –
2025 Fiscal Impact – 0 –

BY POLL VOTE: ALL AYES. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Item #6n – Approval – Budgetary Transfer (24T256) – Sheriff’s Department, Emergency Services and Social Services, Mental Health – Domestic Terrorism Prevention (DTP) – Grant Program – Threat Assessment and Management Teams (TAM) - Two (2) Part-Time Threat Assessment Analysts – Temporary was next. On behalf of the members of the Audit & Administration Committee, Legislators Ellner and Gouldman, Legislator Castellano moved the following:

RESOLUTION #202

APPROVAL – BUDGETARY TRANSFER (24T256) – SHERIFF’S DEPARTMENT, EMERGENCY SERVICES AND SOCIAL SERVICES, MENTAL HEALTH - DOMESTIC TERRORISM PREVENTION (DTP) – GRANT PROGRAM – THREAT ASSESSMENT AND MANAGEMENT TEAMS (TAM) - TWO (2) PART-TIME THREAT ASSESSMENT ANALYSTS – TEMPORARY

WHEREAS, by Resolution #60 of 2024, the Putnam County Legislature allocated for the \$172,413 Grant award received under the Domestic Terrorism Prevention (DTP) Grant Program; and

WHEREAS, the Putnam County Sheriff has requested a budgetary transfer (24T256) to reallocate \$70,000 of said grant award to increase the Temporary line to cover funding for two (2) Part-Time (TAM) Threat Assessment Analysts positions; and

WHEREAS, the proposed positions were discussed at the Personnel Committee meeting held on June 18, 2024; and

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

RESOLVED, that the following budgetary transfer be made:

GENERAL FUND:

Increase Appropriations:		
13311000 51094 10218	Sheriff Communications – Temporary	70,000

Decrease Appropriations:		
13311000 51093 10218	Sheriff Communications – Overtime	70,000

2024 Fiscal Impact – 0 –
2025 Fiscal Impact – 0 –

BY POLL VOTE: ALL AYES. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Item #7 – Other Business

Chairman Jonke made a motion to add Item #7a to the agenda; seconded by Legislator Addonizio. All in favor.

Item #7a – Approval – Authorization - Legislators to Attend September New York State Association of Counties Conference was next. Chairman Jonke made a motion to move the following:

RESOLUTION #203

APPROVAL - AUTHORIZATION - LEGISLATORS TO ATTEND SEPTEMBER NEW YORK STATE ASSOCIATION OF COUNTIES CONFERENCE

WHEREAS, seven (7) Legislators have requested permission to attend the New York State Association of Counties Conference to be held in Monticello, New York in September 2024 for registration and lodging total expenditure of approximately \$1,234 per person; and

RESOLVED, that the Putnam County Legislature authorizes seven (7) Legislators to attend the New York State Association of Counties Conference to be held in Monticello, New York in September 2024.

BY POLL VOTE: ALL AYES. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Chairman Jonke made a motion to add Item #7b to the agenda; seconded by Legislator Addonizio. All in favor.

Item #7b – Approval – Rescind Resolution #177 of 2024 and Approve Revised Budgetary Amendment (24A070) – DPW – Fair Street Reconstruction Project PIN 8768.09 was next. Chairman Jonke made a motion to move the following:

RESOLUTION #204

APPROVAL – RESCIND RESOLUTION #177 OF 2024 AND APPROVE REVISED BUDGETARY AMENDMENT (24A070) – DPW – FAIR STREET RECONSTRUCTION PROJECT PIN 8768.09

WHEREAS, the Commissioner of DPW requested a budgetary amendment (24A070) to adjust the Capital Budget for the Fair Street Reconstruction Project based on the most recent Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Amendment: MHS23-39; and

WHEREAS, the Physical Services Committee and the Audit & Administration Committee reviewed and approved said budgetary amendment in July of 2024; and

WHEREAS, by Resolution #177 of 2024, the Putnam County Legislature approved said request; and

WHEREAS, the Commissioner of Finance has now revised budgetary amendment (24A070) to correct certain account numbers; and

WHEREAS, the Commissioner of Finance has requested that Resolution #177 of 2024 be rescinded and revised accordingly; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the following revised budgetary amendment be made:

CAPITAL FUND:

Increase Appropriations:

55997000 53000 51622	Capital Expenditures – Fair St. PIN 8756.09	3,707,500
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Increase Estimated Revenues:

55997000 445971 51622	Federal Aid – Fair Street PIN 8756.09	2,966,000
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55997000 428601 51622	Transfer In – General Fund	741,500
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Decrease Appropriations:

55197000 53000 52210	Capital Expenditures – Farmers Mills Rd Bridge – PIN 8757.67	506,000
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Decrease Estimated Revenues:

55197000 445971 52210	Federal Aid – Farmers Mills Rd Bridge PIN 8757.67	404,800
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05000 45710M 52210	Bond Proceeds – FY2022	101,200
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GENERAL FUND:

Increase Appropriations:

10990100 59020 51622	Transfer Out – Capital Fund	741,500
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Increase Estimated Revenues:

10131000 424011	Interest Earnings	741,500
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2024 Fiscal Impact – 0 –

2025 Fiscal Impact – 0 –

BY POLL VOTE: ALL AYES. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Item #8 – Recognition of Public on Agenda Items

There were no members of the public that wished to speak.

Item #9 - Recognition of Legislators

Legislator Nacerino congratulated all those children and staff returning to school. She wished everyone a safe and joyful school year.

Legislator Montgomery stated that it is also Suicide Prevention Month. She stated that in Putnam County we are sadly on track to surpass last year's suicide numbers. She stated that thankfully our Social Services Department is putting measures in place to enhance prevention and post prevention services. She stated that we need to address this public health crisis. She stated that the Legislature has the opportunity to do that during our

October Budget meetings by investing in services across the County. She stated that it is time to remember lives lost to suicide and acknowledge the millions more who experience suicidal thoughts, and the many individuals, families and communities that have been impacted by suicide.

There being no further business, at 7:42 P.M., Chairman Jonke made a motion to adjourn; seconded by Legislator Ellner. All in favor.

Respectfully submitted by Diane Schonfeld, Clerk.