

**YEAR END MEETING  
OF THE  
PUTNAM COUNTY LEGISLATURE  
HELD IN ROOM 318  
PUTNAM COUNTY OFFICE BUILDING  
CARMEL, NEW YORK 10512**

Thursday December 19, 2024  
(Immediately following Audit & Admin. Mtg. starting @ 6:30 P.M.)

The meeting was called to order at 6:58 P.M. by Chairman Jonke who requested Legislator Castellano lead in the Pledge of Allegiance and Legislator Nacerino lead in the Legislative Prayer. Upon roll call, Legislators Gouldman, Addonizio, Nacerino, Ellner, Castellano, Sayegh, Crowley and Chairman Jonke were present. Legislator Montgomery was absent. Also present was Legislative Counsel Firriolo.

Item #4 – Acceptance of Minutes – Regular Mtg – October 1, 2024  
Special Mtg – November 12, 2024

The minutes were accepted as submitted.

Item #5 – Pre-filed resolutions:

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

Item #5a – Approval – Fund Transfer (24T466) – Sheriff’s Department – Jail Overtime was next. On behalf of the members of the Personnel Committee, Legislators Castellano and Nacerino, Chairman Jonke moved the following:

**RESOLUTION #354**

**APPROVAL – FUND TRANSFER (24T466) – SHERIFF’S DEPARTMENT – JAIL OVERTIME**

WHEREAS, the Putnam County Sheriff has requested a fund transfer (24T466) to cover Overtime costs incurred from September through December 2024 due to five (5) Corrections Officer vacancies; 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 10121	Pers – Correction Officer	15,756
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**Increase:**

10315000 51093	Jail – Overtime	15,756
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2024 Fiscal Impact – 0 –

2025 Fiscal Impact – 0 –

**BY POLL VOTE: ALL AYES. LEGISLATOR MONTGOMERY WAS ABSENT. MOTION CARRIES.**

**Item #5b - Approval/ Local Law Establishing the 2025 Salary of Certain Elected Officials Serving for Fixed Terms was next. On behalf of the members of the Personnel Committee, Legislators Castellano and Nacerino, Chairman Jonke moved the following:**

**RESOLUTION #355**

**A LOCAL LAW ESTABLISHING THE 2025 SALARY OF CERTAIN ELECTED OFFICIALS SERVING FOR FIXED TERMS**

**BE IT ENACTED BY THE PUTNAM COUNTY LEGISLATURE AS FOLLOWS:**

**Section 1.**

**Section 201 of the County Law and Municipal Home Rule Law, Section 24 (2)(h), requires that salary increases of fixed term officers shall be established by Local Law, subject to permissive referendum.**

**Section 2.**

**The annual salary of the hereinafter designated County Officers elected for a fixed term is hereby set the following amounts effective January 1, 2025:**

<b>Michael Bartolotti</b> <b>Putnam County Clerk .....</b>	<b>\$152,391</b>
<b>Kevin McConville</b> <b>Putnam County Sheriff .....</b>	<b>.\$175,061</b>
<b>John Bourges</b> <b>Putnam County Coroner.....</b>	<b>\$ 26,394</b>
<b>Michael Nesheiwat</b> <b>Putnam County Coroner.....</b>	<b>\$ 26,394</b>
<b>Toni Addonizio</b> <b>Putnam County Legislator .....</b>	<b>\$ 46,770</b>
<b>Erin Crowley</b> <b>Putnam County Legislator .....</b>	<b>\$ 46,770</b>
<b>Greg Ellner</b> <b>Putnam County Legislator .....</b>	<b>\$ 46,770</b>
<b>William Gouldman</b> <b>Putnam County Legislator.....</b>	<b>\$ 46,770</b>
<b>Paul Jonke</b>	

Putnam County Legislator ..... \$ 46,770

Amy Sayegh

Putnam County Legislator ..... \$ 46,770

- Additional Stipend for Legislature Chairperson..... \$ 11,693

Section 3.

**THIS LOCAL LAW SHALL TAKE EFFECT FORTY-FIVE DAYS AFTER ITS PASSAGE AND IS SUBJECT TO PERMISSIVE REFERENDUM.**

**BY ROLL CALL VOTE: SEVEN AYES. ONE NAY – LEGISLATOR CROWLEY. LEGISLATOR MONTGOMERY WAS ABSENT. MOTION CARRIES.**

Item #5c - Approval/ Local Law Establishing the 2025 Salaries of Certain Appointed Officers Serving for Fixed Terms was next. On behalf of the members of the Personnel Committee, Legislators Castellano and Nacerino, Chairman Jonke moved the following:

**RESOLUTION #356**

**A LOCAL LAW ESTABLISHING THE 2025 SALARIES OF CERTAIN APPOINTED OFFICERS SERVING FOR FIXED TERMS**

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

Section 1.

Section 201 of the County Law and Municipal Home Rule Law, Section 24 (2)(h), requires that certain salary increases of fixed term officers be established by Local Law, subject to permissive referendum.

Section 2.

The annual salaries of the hereinafter designated County Officers appointed for a fixed term are hereby set at the following amounts effective January 1, 2025:

Paul Eldridge..... Personnel Officer	\$158,600
Michael Nesheiwat..... Interim Commissioner of Health	\$226,050
Sara Servadio ..... Commissioner of Social Services/Mental Health/Youth Bureau	\$162,312
Patricia McLoughlin..... Director of Real Property Tax Services	\$109,799
Kelly Primavera .....	\$107,343

**Commissioner Board of Elections**

Catherine Croft ..... **\$107,343**  
Commissioner Board of Elections

Diane Schonfeld..... **\$119,973**  
Clerk of the Legislature

**Section 3.**

**THIS LOCAL LAW SHALL TAKE EFFECT FORTY-FIVE DAYS AFTER ITS PASSAGE AND IS SUBJECT TO PERMISSIVE REFERENDUM.**

**BY POLL VOTE: ALL AYES. LEGISLATOR MONTGOMERY WAS ABSENT. MOTION CARRIES.**

Item #5d - Approval/ 2025 Salaries for Officers and Employees Paid from County Funds was next. On behalf of the members of the Personnel Committee, Legislators Castellano and Nacerino, Chairman Jonke moved the following:

**RESOLUTION #357**

**APPROVAL/ 2025 SALARIES FOR OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES PAID FROM COUNTY FUNDS**

**WHEREAS, Pursuant to Section 2.04 of the Putnam County Charter and Section 201 of the NYS County Law, the Putnam County Legislature must fix by resolution the compensation of all officers and employees paid from County funds; now therefore be it**

**RESOLVED, that the salaries for fiscal year 2025 for all officers and employees, or their successors, who are not members of bargaining units or whose salaries are not required to be set by Local Law are hereby set at the amounts listed attached; and be it further**

**RESOLVED, that these employees will also be paid any benefits and/or receive incentive payments resulting from the Putnam County Flex Plan; and be it further**

**RESOLVED, that the Commissioner of Finance is authorized to determine the method of pay out of monies as herein described.**

**BY POLL VOTE: ALL AYES. LEGISLATOR MONTGOMERY WAS ABSENT. MOTION CARRIES.**

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

Item #5e – Approval – Fund Transfer (24T456) – Department of Social Services – Reflect Projected Costs through 12/31/24 – Committee for Special Education and Adoption Subsidy, Federally Participating was next. On behalf of the members of the Health, Social, Educational & Environmental Committee Committee, Legislators Sayegh, Crowley and Gouldman, Chairman Jonke moved the following:

**RESOLUTION #358**

**APPROVAL – FUND TRANSFER (24T456) – DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES – REFLECT PROJECTED COSTS THROUGH 12/31/24 – COMMITTEE FOR SPECIAL EDUCATION AND ADOPTION SUBSIDY, FEDERALLY PARTICIPATING**

WHEREAS, the Commissioner of Social Services has requested a fund transfer (24T456) to reflect projected costs through 12/31/24 for Committee for Special Education and Adoption Subsidy, Federally Participating accounts; and

WHEREAS, the Health, Social, Educational & Environmental 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:**

10610900 54495	Payments to Recipients	150,000
10610900 54493	Payments to Recipients	148,000
10611900 54415	Adopt Sub FNP (Adoption Subsidy, Federally Non-Participating)	<u>1,500</u>
		299,500

**Increase:**

10611900 54114	Committee for Special Education	298,000
10611900 54416	Adopt Sub FP (Adoption Subsidy, Federally Participating)	<u>1,500</u>
		299,500

2024 Fiscal Impact – 0 –

2025 Fiscal Impact – 0 –

**BY POLL VOTE: ALL AYES. LEGISLATOR MONTGOMERY WAS ABSENT. MOTION CARRIES.**

Item #5f – Approval – Fund Transfer (24T457) – Department of Social Services – Reflect Projected Costs through 12/31/24 – Day Care was next. On behalf of the members of the Health, Social, Educational & Environmental Committee, Legislators Sayegh, Crowley and Gouldman, Chairman Jonke moved the following:

**RESOLUTION #359**

**APPROVAL – FUND TRANSFER (24T457) – DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES – REFLECT PROJECTED COSTS THROUGH 12/31/24 – DAY CARE**

WHEREAS, the Commissioner of Social Services has requested a fund transfer (24T457) to reflect projected costs through 12/31/24 for Day Care; and

WHEREAS, the Health, Social, Educational & Environmental 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:

<b>Decrease:</b>		
<b>10610900 54436</b>	<b>EAF JD/PINS (Emergency Assistance to Families, Juvenile Delinquent/Person In Need of Supervision)</b>	<b>250,000</b>
<b>10610900 54435</b>	<b>EAF FC (Emergency Assistance to Families, Foster Care)</b>	<b>150,000</b>
<b>10607000 54471</b>	<b>Day Care</b>	<b>70,000</b>
<b>10607000 54670</b>	<b>Travel Non Employee</b>	<b><u>50,000</u></b>
		<b>520,000</b>

<b>Increase:</b>		
<b>10605500 54471</b>	<b>Day Care</b>	<b>520,000</b>

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

**BY POLL VOTE: ALL AYES. LEGISLATOR MONTGOMERY WAS ABSENT. MOTION CARRIES.**

**Item #5g – Approval – Fund Transfer (24T458) – Department of Social Services – Reflect Projected Costs Through 12/31/24 – Day Care – Committee for Special Education was next. On behalf of the members of the Health, Social, Educational & Environmental Committee, Legislators Sayegh, Crowley and Gouldman, Chairman Jonke moved the following:**

**RESOLUTION #360**

**APPROVAL – FUND TRANSFER (24T458) – DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES – REFLECT PROJECTED COSTS THROUGH 12/31/24 – DAY CARE – COMMITTEE FOR SPECIAL EDUCATION**

**WHEREAS, the Commissioner of Social Services has requested a fund transfer (24T458) to reflect projected costs through 12/31/24 for Day Care and Committee for Special Education; and**

**WHEREAS, the Health, Social, Educational & Environmental 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:**

<b>Decrease:</b>		
<b>10610900 54493</b>	<b>Payments to Recipients</b>	<b>20,000</b>
<b>10611900 54420</b>	<b>Foster Care FNP (Federally Non-Participating)</b>	<b>200,000</b>
<b>10610900 54435</b>	<b>EAF Foster Care (Emergency Assistance to Families)</b>	<b>150,000</b>
<b>10612300 54414</b>	<b>JD/PINS FC FNP (Juvenile Delinquent/ Person In Need of Supervision – Foster Care)</b>	<b><u>100,000</u></b>
		<b>470,000</b>

**Increase:**

10605500 54471	Day Care	20,000
10611900 54114	Committee for Special Education	<u>450,000</u>
		470,000

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

**BY POLL VOTE: ALL AYES. LEGISLATOR MONTGOMERY WAS ABSENT. MOTION CARRIES.**

**Item #5h – Approval – Re-Appointment – Putnam County Board of Health was next. On behalf of the members of the Health, Social, Educational & Environmental Committee, Legislators Sayegh, Crowley and Gouldman, Chairman Jonke moved the following:**

**RESOLUTION #361**

**APPROVAL – RE-APPOINTMENT – PUTNAM COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH**

**RESOLVED, that Dr. Daniel Doyle be re-appointed to the Putnam County Board of Health for a six (6) year term, said term to expire on December 31, 2029.**

**And be it further**

**RESOLVED, that this re-appointment comply with any requirements to file an Oath of Office pursuant to the New York Stated Public Officers Law.**

**BY POLL VOTE: ALL AYES. LEGISLATOR MONTGOMERY WAS ABSENT. MOTION CARRIES.**

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

**Item #5i – Approval – Budgetary Amendment (24A122) – DPW – Insurance Recovery – Guardrail Damages – Crane Road was next. On behalf of the members of the Physical Services Committee, Legislator Ellner, Castellano and Crowley, Chairman Jonke moved the following:**

**RESOLUTION #362**

**APPROVAL – BUDGETARY AMENDMENT (24A122) – DPW – INSURANCE RECOVERY – GUARDRAIL DAMAGES – CRANE ROAD**

**WHEREAS, the Department of Public Works has been compensated \$5,317.16 for guardrail damage resulting from an accident that occurred on Crane Road; and**

**WHEREAS, the Commissioner of DPW requested a budgetary amendment (24A122) to utilize these funds to offset overtime costs; 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:**

<b>Increase Revenues:</b>		
10511000 426801	DPW Rd/Bridges – Insurance Recoveries	5,317.16
<b>Increase Expenses:</b>		
10511000 51093	DPW Rd/Bridges – Overtime	4,587.18
10511000 58002	DPW Rd/Bridges – Social Security	379.98
10511000 54647	DPW Rd/Bridges – Sub-Contractors	<u>350.00</u>
		<u>5,317.16</u>
	2024 Fiscal Impact – 0 –	
	2025 Fiscal Impact – 0 –	

**BY POLL VOTE: ALL AYES. LEGISLATOR MONTGOMERY WAS ABSENT. MOTION CARRIES.**

**Item #5j – Approval – Putnam County Veterans Memorial Park Revised Fee Schedule – Department of Public Works was next. On behalf of the members of the Physical Services Committee, Legislators Ellner, Castellano and Crowley, Chairman Jonke made a motion to accept the revised schedule; seconded by Legislator Sayegh. All in favor.**

**Legislator Ellner explained that the only change on the Revised Fee Schedule pertained to Overnight Camping. It was changed to “Overnight stay on premises (during events only with written permission).” He stated that all other items remained the same and no dollar amounts were changed.**

**RESOLUTION #363**

**APPROVAL – PUTNAM COUNTY VETERANS MEMORIAL PARK REVISED FEE SCHEDULE – DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS**

**WHEREAS, by Resolution #143 of 2017, the Putnam County Legislature approved an amendment to Resolution #27 of 2009; the fee schedule for usage of the Putnam County Veterans Memorial Park; and**

**WHEREAS, the park fees had remained unchanged since 2017; and**

**WHEREAS, by Resolution #325 of 2024, the County recognized the contributions made by Putnam County employees and first responders and the Putnam County Legislature approved a change in the fee schedule to reflect same; and**

**WHEREAS, DPW has proposed further amendments, and forwarded the attached 2025 Park Fee Schedule; and**

**WHEREAS, the new proposed fee schedule has been reviewed and approved by the Deputy Commissioner of Parks and the Putnam County Veterans Memorial Park Advisory Board; and**

**WHEREAS, the Physical Services Committee has reviewed and approved said fee schedule; now therefore be it**

**RESOLVED, that the Putnam County Legislature approves the attached revised Putnam County Park Fees schedule.**

**BY POLL VOTE: ALL AYES. LEGISLATOR MONTGOMERY WAS ABSENT. MOTION CARRIES.**



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

Item #5k – Approval – Budgetary Amendment (24A121) – Sheriff’s Office – Reimbursement – Carmel & Brewster Summer School – NYS Stop DWI Foundation Inc. Drug Recognition Expert (DRE) Callouts – Deputy Outside Services was next. On behalf of the members of the Protective Services Committee, Legislators Nacerino, Addonizio and Sayegh, Chairman Jonke moved the following:

**RESOLUTION #364**

**APPROVAL – BUDGETARY AMENDMENT (24A121) – SHERIFF’S OFFICE – REIMBURSEMENT – CARMEL & BREWSTER SUMMER SCHOOL – NYS STOP DWI FOUNDATION INC. DRUG RECOGNITION EXPERT (DRE) CALLOUTS – DEPUTY OUTSIDE SERVICES**

WHEREAS, the Putnam County Sheriff has received reimbursement for Deputy Outside Services provided for Carmel & Brewster School District Summer School, NYS Stop DWI Foundation Inc. (DRE) Callouts, Universal Television Traffic Detail and Holiday DWI Crackdown; and

WHEREAS, the Putnam County Sheriff has requested a budgetary amendment (24A121) to recognize revenue received from services rendered by the Putnam County Sheriff’s Office that exceed their 2024 adopted budget; and

WHEREAS, said funds will cover overtime expenses for the respective departments; 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:**

16311000 422601	Sheriff Youth – Deputy Outside Services	45,729.72
14311000 443890	Sheriff Narcotics – Public Safety Other	315.19
17311000 422601	Sheriff Patrol – Deputy Outside Services	<u>16,724.98</u>
		62,769.89

**Increase Expenses:**

16311000 51093	Sheriff Youth – Overtime	42,480.00
16311000 58002	Sheriff Youth – Social Security	3,249.72
14311000 51093	Sheriff Narcotics – Overtime	292.79
14311000 58002	Sheriff Narcotics – Social Security	22.40
17311000 51093	Sheriff Patrol – Overtime	15,537.22
17311000 58002	Sheriff Patrol – Social Security	<u>1,187.76</u>
		62,769.89

2024 Fiscal Impact – 0 –

2025 Fiscal Impact – 0 –

**BY POLL VOTE: ALL AYES. LEGISLATOR MONTGOMERY WAS ABSENT. MOTION CARRIES.**

Item #5L – Approval – Budgetary Amendment (24A123) – Sheriff’s Office – Reimbursement from NYMIR and NYS Governor’s Traffic Safety Committee was next. On behalf of members of the Protective Services Committee, Legislators Nacerino, Addonizio and Sayegh, Chairman Jonke moved the following:

**RESOLUTION #365**

**APPROVAL – BUDGETARY AMENDMENT (24A123) – SHERIFF’S OFFICE – REIMBURSEMENT FROM NYMIR AND NYS GOVERNOR’S TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMITTEE**

WHEREAS, the Putnam County Sheriff has received reimbursement from NYMIR in the amount of 11,332.93 for repairs to a vehicle involved in an accident that occurred on October 1, 2024, and

WHEREAS, the Putnam County Sheriff’s Office has also received grant funding through the NYS Governor’s Traffic Safety Committee for assistance to attend Drug Recognition Expert (DRE) school and Advanced Roadside Impaired Driving Enforcement (ARIDE) class; and

WHEREAS, the Putnam County Sheriff has requested a budgetary amendment (24A123) to account for the reimbursement of \$1,402.26 received for overtime hours incurred for a Deputy Sheriff Criminal Investigator to attend the DRE Philadelphia Field Certification on September 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup>; and

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

**Increase Revenues:**

32311000 427701	Sheriff BCI – Unclassified	1,402.26
32311000 426801	Sheriff BCI – Insurance Recoveries	<u>11,332.93</u>
		12,735.19

**Increase Expenses:**

32311000 51093	Sheriff BCI – Overtime	1,302.61
32311000 58002	Sheriff BCI – Social Security	99.65
32311000 54370	Sheriff BCI – Automotive	<u>11,332.93</u>
		12,735.19

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

**BY POLL VOTE: ALL AYES. LEGISLATOR MONTGOMERY WAS ABSENT. MOTION CARRIES.**

Item #5m – Approval – Budgetary Amendment (24A124) – Sheriff’s Office – Federal Seized Asset Forfeiture Funds – Purchase Equipment was next. On behalf of members of the Protective Services Committee, Legislators Nacerino, Addonizio and Sayegh, Chairman Jonke moved the following:

**RESOLUTION #366**

**APPROVAL – BUDGETARY AMENDMENT (24A124) – SHERIFF’S OFFICE – FEDERAL SEIZED ASSET FORFEITURE FUNDS – PURCHASE EQUIPMENT**

WHEREAS, the Putnam County Sheriff has requested a budgetary amendment (24A124) to utilize Federal Seized Asset Forfeiture funds to purchase firearms related equipment known as pistol mounted optical devices; 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 Appropriations:**

10135000 52180	Jail – Other Equipment	150,000
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**Increase Estimated Revenues:**

10135000 427151	Jail – Proceeds of Seized Assets	150,000
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2024 Fiscal Impact – 0 –

2025 Fiscal Impact – 0 –

**BY POLL VOTE: ALL AYES. LEGISLATOR MONTGOMERY WAS ABSENT. MOTION CARRIES.**

Item #5n – Approval – Budgetary Amendment (24A125) – Emergency Services – Sheriff’s Office - FY2024 State Homeland Security Program (SHSP) Grant was next. On behalf of members of the Protective Services Committee, Legislators Nacerino, Addonizio and Sayegh, Chairman Jonke moved the following:

**RESOLUTION #367**

**APPROVAL – BUDGETARY AMENDMENT (24A125) – EMERGENCY SERVICES – SHERIFF’S OFFICE - FY2024 STATE HOMELAND SECURITY PROGRAM (SHSP) GRANT**

WHEREAS, on November 1, 2024, New York State Homeland Security and Emergency Services informed Putnam County of a grant award in the amount of \$234,731 under the FY2024 State Homeland Security Program (SHSP); and

WHEREAS, funding for this grant is provided by the U.S. Department of Homeland Security, Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) and administered by the NYS Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Services (DHSES) on behalf of FEMA; and

WHEREAS, per Federal guidelines, at least 35% (\$82,156) of the award must be directed towards law enforcement terrorism prevention activities; and

WHEREAS, there are no matching funds required and the performance period for this grant is from September 1, 2024 through August 31, 2027; and

WHEREAS, the Commissioner of Emergency Services has requested a budgetary amendment (24A125) to account for said grant award; 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 Appropriations:**

10398901 54385 10228	Uniforms	14,000
10398901 52680 10228	Other Equipment	18,000
10398901 54330 10228	Medical Supplies	25,000

10398901 52650 10228	Motor Vehicles	95,575
10364501 54646 10228	Contracts	52,000
10364501 52695 10228	Rescue Equipment	15,156
10364501 52680 10228	Other Equipment	<u>15,000</u>
		234,731

**Increase Estimated Revenues:**

10398901 440891 10228	Federal Aid – FY24 SHSP	152,575
10364501 440891 10228	Federal Aid – FY24 SHSP	<u>82,156</u>
		234,731

2024 Fiscal Impact – 0 –

2025 Fiscal Impact – 0 –

**BY POLL VOTE: ALL AYES. LEGISLATOR MONTGOMERY WAS ABSENT. MOTION CARRIES.**

Item #5o – Approval – Budgetary Amendment (24A126) – Emergency Services – NYS Division of Criminal Justice Services (DCJS) Law Enforcement Technology (LETECH) Program Grant Program was next. On behalf of members of the Protective Services Committee, Legislators Nacerino, Addonizio and Sayegh, Chairman Jonke moved the following:

**RESOLUTION #368**

**APPROVAL – BUDGETARY AMENDMENT (24A126) – EMERGENCY SERVICES – NYS DIVISION OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE SERVICES (DCJS) LAW ENFORCEMENT TECHNOLOGY (LETECH) PROGRAM GRANT PROGRAM**

WHEREAS, the NYS Division of Criminal Justice Services (DCJS) recognizes law enforcement agencies’ increasing reliance on emerging technologies to perform their jobs and enhance public safety; and

WHEREAS, on May 31, 2024, the Putnam County E911 Dispatch Center was notified by DCJS of funding awarded under the State’s Law Enforcement Technology (LETECH) Program for State FY 2024-2025 in the amount of \$255,000; and

WHEREAS, this additional funding secured in the SFY 2024-2025 budget has been made available through the LETECH Program to assist in the acquisition of law enforcement technology and equipment; and

WHEREAS, the term dates are from April 1, 2024 through March 31, 2025; 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 Appropriations:**

13398900 54782 10222	Software Accessories (911)	255,000
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**Increase Estimated Revenues:**

13398900 433890 10222	State Aid – SFY2024-25 LETECH Grant 911	255,000
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2024 Fiscal Impact – 0 –  
2025 Fiscal Impact – 0 –

**BY POLL VOTE: ALL AYES. LEGISLATOR MONTGOMERY WAS ABSENT. MOTION CARRIES.**

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

**Item #5p – Approval – Re-Appointments – Putnam County Board of Electrical Examiners was next. On behalf of the members of the Rules, Enactments & Intergovernmental Relations Committee, Legislator Addonizio, Ellner and Nacerino, Chairman Jonke moved the following:**

**Chairman Jonke stated that we appreciate all of our volunteers.**

**RESOLUTION #369**

**APPROVAL – RE-APPOINTMENTS – PUTNAM COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTRICAL EXAMINERS**

**RESOLVED, that the following be re-appointed to the Putnam County Board of Electrical Examiners pursuant to Section 145-6(D) of the Putnam County Code:**

**Robert Counihan, Town of Southeast, Section 145-6(D)(4), as NYSEG Representative, for a three (3) year term, said term to expire December 31, 2027.**

**Andrew Pidala, Town of Philipstown, Section 145(D)(2), as Journeyman Representative, for a three (3) year term, said term to expire December 31, 2027.**

**William Rossiter, Town of Carmel, Section 145-6(D)(3), as General Contractor Representative, for a three (3) year term, said term to expire on December 31, 2027.**

**And be it further**

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

**BY POLL VOTE: ALL AYES. LEGISLATOR MONTGOMERY WAS ABSENT. MOTION CARRIES.**

**Item #5q – Approval – Town of Kent American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) & Sales Tax Funding Reallocation was next. On behalf of the members of the Rules, Enactments & Intergovernmental Relations Committee, Legislator Addonizio, Ellner and Nacerino, Chairman Jonke moved the following:**

**RESOLUTION #370**

**APPROVAL – TOWN OF KENT AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT (ARPA) & SALES TAX FUNDING REALLOCATION**

**WHEREAS, the Town of Kent was allocated a total of \$1,320,801 of American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) and sales tax funding pursuant to Resolutions # 133 & # 134 of 2022; and**

**WHEREAS, the Town of Kent has requested that the use of the funds originally approved for the Lake Carmel Dam Engineering Project pursuant to Resolutions #133 and #134 of 2022 be modified to provide that \$235,000 be reallocated to the Town Hall Renovation Project; and**

**WHEREAS, the Commissioner of Finance and the County Auditor have confirmed that the Town Hall Renovation Project is an existing, approved project.**

**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 the Putnam County Legislature approves and authorizes the Town of Kent funding of \$235,000 originally allocated pursuant to Resolution # 133 and #134 of 2022 to be expended on the Town Hall Renovation Project.**

**BY POLL VOTE: ALL AYES. LEGISLATOR MONTGOMERY WAS ABSENT. MOTION CARRIES.**

**Item #5r – Approval – Revocable License for Use Agreement Allowing White Plains Vet Center to Establish an Outstation in Putnam County to Provide Counseling Services was next. On behalf of the members of the Rules, Enactments & Intergovernmental Relations Committee, Legislator Ellner and Nacerino, Legislator Addonizio moved the following:**

**RESOLUTION #371**

**APPROVAL – REVOCABLE LICENSE FOR USE AGREEMENT ALLOWING WHITE PLAINS VET CENTER TO ESTABLISH AN OUTSTATION IN PUTNAM COUNTY TO PROVIDE COUNSELING SERVICES**

**WHEREAS, the Putnam County Government has made a commitment to honor and serve the Veterans of Putnam County and has made a great impact on the Veterans' community over the past several years, including the addition of a Peer-to-Peer Program; and**

**WHEREAS, the County entered into an arrangement with the White Plains Vet Center, now known as the "Westchester Vet Center", in October of 2021 to extend the services offered to Veterans by bringing an outstation of the Westchester Vet Center to Putnam County; and**

**WHEREAS, Vet Centers are community based and are a part of the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs; and**

**WHEREAS, the goal of the Vet Center program is to provide a broad range of counseling, outreach, and referral services to eligible Veterans in order to help them make a satisfying post-war readjustment to civilian life; and**

**WHEREAS, Vet Center outstations provide a location for counselors to meet with Veterans to provide clinical services closer to their home; and**

**WHEREAS, the arrangement between the County and the Westchester Vet Center has expired and the County is desirous of continuing to have an outstation of the Westchester Vet Center at the existing facilities of the Putnam County Veterans Service Agency, located at 110 Old Route Six, Building Three, Carmel, New York; and**

WHEREAS, the new arrangement agreed to by the County and the Westchester Vet Center is contained in the agreements attached hereto as Schedule "A"; and

WHEREAS, such arrangement will have a zero economic impact on the County; and

WHEREAS, the County Executive has requested that the Putnam County Legislature approve such agreement; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Putnam County Legislature approves the agreements between the County of Putnam and the Westchester Vet Center, in the forms attached hereto and made a part hereof as Schedule "A", and that the Putnam County Executive is authorized to execute said Agreement; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the County Attorney is authorized to take whatever legal action is necessary to effectuate the agreement between the County of Putnam and the Westchester Vet Center in the manner approved herein.

BY POLL VOTE: ALL AYES. LEGISLATOR MONTGOMERY WAS ABSENT. MOTION CARRIES.

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

Item #5s – Approval – Fund Transfer (24T484) – Health Department – Preschool Excessive School District Administrative was next. On behalf of the members of the Audit & Administration Committee, Legislators Castellano, Ellner and Gouldman, Chairman Jonke moved the following:

**RESOLUTION #372**

**APPROVAL – FUND TRANSFER (24T484) – HEALTH DEPARTMENT – PRESCHOOL EXCESSIVE SCHOOL DISTRICT ADMINISTRATIVE**

WHEREAS, the Excessive School District Administrative costs are costs imposed on counties for meetings held by districts to determine eligibility for program and/or services; and

WHEREAS, the State bills counties in early December; and

WHEREAS, the State imposed a 26% increase in costs from school year 21/22 to school year 22/23; and

WHEREAS, 15% increase in total number of students approved for Putnam County; and

WHEREAS, Brewster, Carmel and Mahopac schools were the largest increase from 21/22 to 22/23 totaling an increase of \$71,934.00; and

WHEREAS, the Interim Commissioner of Health has requested a fund transfer (24T484) to pay the school districts in 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:**

10405900 54417	Early Intervention – Evaluations	39,000
10405900 54441	Early Intervention – Itinerant Services	25,000
10405900 54670	Early Intervention – Travel Non-employee	8,000
10405900 54414	Early Intervention – Care at Private Inst.	<u>10,000</u>

82,000

Increase:  
10296000 54113                      Preschool-Excessive School District Admin.      82,000

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

**BY POLL VOTE: ALL AYES. LEGISLATOR MONTGOMERY WAS ABSENT. MOTION CARRIES.**

**Item #6 – Other Business**

Chairman Jonke made a motion to add Item #6a to the agenda; seconded by Legislators Ellner and Sayegh. All in favor.

Item #6a - Approval/ Tax Collector Warrants/ Enter into the 2024 Book of Proceedings was next.

Chairman Jonke made a motion to accept the additional; seconded by Legislator Sayegh.

Chairman Jonke moved the following:

**RESOLUTION #373**

**APPROVAL/ TAX COLLECTOR WARRANTS/ ENTER INTO 2024 BOOK OF PROCEEDINGS**

WHEREAS, Tax Collector Warrants have been received for the Towns of Carmel, Kent, Patterson, Philipstown, Putnam Valley and Southeast and signed by the Chairman and the Clerk of the Putnam County Legislature; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Tax Collector Warrants for the Towns of Carmel, Kent, Patterson, Philipstown, Putnam Valley and Southeast are hereby entered into the 2024 Book of Proceedings for the Putnam County Legislature.

**BY POLL VOTE: ALL AYES. LEGISLATOR MONTGOMERY WAS ABSENT. MOTION CARRIES.**

Chairman Jonke made a motion to add Item #6b to the agenda; seconded by Legislator Sayegh. All in favor.

Item #6b – Approval/ Date, Time & Place of Organizational Meeting/ 2025 was next.  
Chairman Jonke moved the following:

**RESOLUTION #374**

**APPROVAL/DATE, TIME & PLACE OF ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING / 2025**



WHEREAS, the Legislative Manual provides for the Putnam County Legislature to set by resolution, the date, time and place of the Organizational Meeting of the Legislature in the preceding December; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Organizational Meeting of the Putnam County Legislature for 2025 be held on Tuesday, January 7, 2025 at 7:00 P.M. in the Historic Courthouse located in Carmel, New York; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the agenda for said meeting also include any items that might normally be included in a regular meeting or special meeting of the Legislature which are necessary for inclusion on said agenda.

BY POLL VOTE: ALL AYES. LEGISLATOR MONTGOMERY WAS ABSENT. MOTION CARRIES.

Chairman Jonke made a motion to add Item #6c to the agenda; seconded by Legislator Crowley. All in favor.

Item #6c – Approval – Fund Transfer (24T497) – Emergency Services – Dispatch Center Overtime was next. (approved as Other Business at Protective and Audit Mtgs) Chairman Jonke moved the following:

RESOLUTION #375

APPROVAL – FUND TRANSFER (24T497) – EMERGENCY SERVICES – E911 DISPATCH CENTER OVERTIME

WHEREAS, the Commissioner of the Bureau of Emergency Services has requested a fund transfer (24T497) to cover E911 Dispatch Center Overtime 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:

13398900 51000 (12102)	Pers. – Dispatcher	43,000
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Increase:

13398900 51093	Dispatcher Overtime	43,000
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2024 Fiscal Impact – 0 –

2025 Fiscal Impact – 0 –

BY POLL VOTE: ALL AYES. LEGISLATOR MONTGOMERY WAS ABSENT. MOTION CARRIES.

Chairman Jonke made a motion to add Item #6d to the agenda; seconded by Legislator Sayegh. All in favor.

Item #6d – Approval – Budgetary Amendment (24A128) – Finance – DPW – Capital Projects – Repairs to County Owned Dams was next. (approved as Other Business at Audit Mtg) Chairman Jonke moved the following:

**RESOLUTION #376**

**APPROVAL – BUDGETARY AMENDMENT (24A128) – FINANCE – DPW – CAPITAL PROJECTS – REPAIRS TO COUNTY OWNED DAMS**

WHEREAS, part of the Capital Plan was a project to cover repairs and improvements to various dams throughout the County; and

WHEREAS, this project would provide an inventory and perform periodic inspections of County Owned Dams by prioritizing required repairs based on inspection and focus on the Lake McGregor and the Town of Kent Middle & Upper Dams; and

WHEREAS, the cost of this project is estimated at \$650,000 which was approved in the Capital Plan; and

WHEREAS, after further review with the Commissioner of Public Works and the Soil & Water Director, Water Quality Improvement Program (WQIP) funds cannot be used for County Owned Dams; and

WHEREAS, to keep this necessary project moving forward, the Commissioner of Finance has requested a budgetary amendment (24A128) to utilize \$650,000 from the year-to-date surplus Sales & Use Tax monies in the General Fund; and

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

RESOLVED, that the following budgetary amendment be made:

**CAPITAL FUND:**

**Increase Appropriations:**

<b>58989000 53000 52422</b>	<b>General (Repairs County Owned Dams)</b>	<b>650,000</b>
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**Increase Estimated Revenues:**

<b>58989000 428601 52422</b>	<b>Interfund Transfer – General (Repairs County Owned Dams)</b>	<b>650,000</b>
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**GENERAL FUND:**

**Increase Appropriations:**

<b>10990100 59020</b>	<b>Transfer Out – Capital Fund</b>	<b>650,000</b>
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**Increase Estimated Revenues:**

<b>10131000 411100</b>	<b>Sales and Use Tax</b>	<b>650,000</b>
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**2024 Fiscal Impact – 0 –**

**2025 Fiscal Impact – 0 –**

**BY POLL VOTE: ALL AYES. LEGISLATOR MONTGOMERY WAS ABSENT. MOTION CARRIES.**

**Item #7 – Recognition of Public on Agenda Items**

Susan Kotzur, resident in the Town of Kent, explained that Item #5q regarding the reallocation of ARPA funding in the Town of Kent, the address is incorrect in the Town of Kent's letter.

#### **Item #8 – Recognition of Legislators**

Legislator Addonizio stated that this is the last meeting for Legislators Nacerino and Castellano. She stated that they both will be missed. She explained that in 2017 Legislator Castellano initiated the Putnam County Veterans' Service Medal Advisory Panel. She stated that she was proud to be a part of that along with Legislator Nacerino. She explained that in 2019 a medal was designed and given to World War II Veterans, as was done 100 years ago when medals were first presented by the Putnam County Board of Supervisors in 1919 to World War I Veterans. She stated that it was a wonderful ceremony which honored our Veterans. She stated that both of her colleagues will be missed tremendously on the Legislature. She thanked them for all their hard work and dedication to the people of Putnam County.

Legislator Gouldman stated that both Legislators Castellano and Nacerino have served on the Legislature for 12 years. He stated that he has served for 10 years, and it has been a pleasure working with them. He stated that we have agreed and disagreed on many issues. He believed that if we agreed on everything, we would not be doing the people's business. He wished them both the best in whatever they do in the future. He wished everyone a happy holiday season and a happy and healthy New Year.

Legislator Sayegh wished Legislators Nacerino and Castellano well. She stated that they have been a huge asset on the Legislature. She stated that they have served their communities in many different ways over the years. She stated that we will be losing a lot of institutional knowledge on the Legislature. She stated that they will definitely be missed, but their friendship will continue. She thanked them for all they have done and stated that they have been her mentor.

Legislator Ellner stated that they will really be missed. They have lived by doing the right thing for the right reasons. He stated that they are truly two (2) dedicated public servants. He wished them godspeed and good luck in all their future endeavors.

Legislator Nacerino stated that it has been an honor and a privilege to serve for the last 12 years. She stated that she has worked with our wonderful staff who she will miss. She stated that the Department Heads are wonderful and hardworking. She wished everyone the best in 2025. She hoped for more harmony and not so much strife and angst that has been going on over the last year or so. She stated that it has been her greatest pleasure serving the community and being a public servant for over 25 years. She stated that she looked forward to retirement, and she wished everyone all the best.

Legislator Crowley thanked both Legislators for their service. She stated that she has learned a lot the past two (2) years. She stated that we have agreed and disagreed, but it certainly is public service, and she was sure everyone was appreciative and thankful of the dedication and the hard work they put in over the years.

Legislator Castellano stated that it has been an honor and privilege to do this job. He stated that Putnam County is a fantastic place to live. He had the pleasure of moving up

here in 1998 and raised his children. He stated that he is a career public servant; 29 plus years in Westchester County. He was on the Zoning Board for eight years, which he enjoyed. He stated that he was honored when people reached out to him for this position on the Legislature. He thanked all Legislators, past and present. He stated that it is an incredible job, and they have done great things in Putnam County over the last 12 years. He was happy to have voted for term limits 12 years ago. He stated that 12 years goes by so quickly, yet it is a long period of time. He had the benefit of being on the Legislature when Presidents Obama, Trump and Biden each served four (4) years in office. He stated that it was fascinating and fun to learn so much, the history of Putnam County and the Veterans' Medal we did was fantastic. He stated that there are so many great things in this County, and it was such a pleasure to be part of it. He looked forward to hopefully doing something in the future. He planned on growing old here and watching some grandkids someday. He stated that his children loved growing up here, yet they both moved away like other young people. He believed that in the last 12 years we made improvements such as; the Golf Course, Tilly Foster Farm and the bikepath. He thanked the Legislative and Auditing staff. He thanked the former Legislators who made this a tremendous place to work. He thanked the former County Executive who did a fantastic job. He knows that the present County Executive will do great things in the future. He stated that there are separate but equal branches of government. He knows everyone believes that and will continue to do the good work for Putnam County.

Chairman Jonke wished a farewell to Legislators Nacerino and Castellano. He stated that Legislator Nacerino was the Chairwoman when he came on board eight (8) years ago. He stated that he learned a lot from her leadership. He stated that with 99 percent of the issues we were on the same side, and we had each other's back. He believed that she always had his back, and he appreciated it all these years. He stated that the people in the Town of Patterson would really miss her. He stated that he shared the Town of Southeast together with Legislator Castellano. He stated that they were on the phone almost every day. He stated that Legislator Castellano brought stability to the Legislature. He stated that Legislator Castellano did not say much, but what he says means a lot. He was thankful for his guidance. He stated that Legislator Castellano was the Chairman after Legislator Nacerino. He stated that we all learned from his leadership. Chairman Jonke stated that tonight was his last night as Chairman for the last two (2) years. He thanked his colleagues for the support he has received. He thanked Department Heads for being so good to work with. He stated that they will never get the credit they deserve. He stated that the people of Putnam County are lucky to have all our Department Heads, Elected Officials, Sheriff, District Attorney and County Clerk. He stated that he could not have made it through the last two (2) years without Legislative Counsel Firriolo's guidance. He stated that the Legislature was lucky to have him, and the public should know that. He recognized and thanked the Auditor and her staff and he stated that they have been so good to him, and he learned a lot in the last two (2) years. He recognized the Legislative Staff and stated that they were topnotch employees, and the public should hear that they are all an asset to Putnam County. He stated that he was lucky to have worked with all of them as closely as he has for the last two (2) years. He wished everyone a Happy Holiday and a Happy New Year.

There being no further business, at 7:24 P.M., Chairman Jonke made a motion to adjourn; seconded by Legislators Crowley and Sayegh. All in favor.

Respectfully submitted by Diane Schonfeld, Clerk.

