

**Organizational Meeting
Of the
Putnam County Legislature
Held in the
Historic Courthouse
Carmel, New York 10512**

Tuesday January 3, 2012 7:00 P.M.

The meeting was called to order by County Clerk Dennis Sant who requested that Election Commissioner Anthony Scannapieco lead in the Pledge of Allegiance. Upon roll call, Legislators Tamagna, Oliverio, Othmer, Conklin, Albano, Birmingham, LoBue and DiCarlo. Also present was Legislative Counsel Van Ross.

Item #3 – Appointment/Chair/Putnam County Legislature was called first. County Clerk Sant requested nominations from the floor for Chair of the Legislature.

Legislator Othmer moved the following; seconded by Legislators Birmingham, Oliverio and Tamagna.

Legislator Othmer stated that he wished to nominate Legislator Mary Conklin for Chair. He reiterated her appointments to the various Legislative Committees. She served as Deputy Chair last year. She is a mother, grandmother, a businesswoman and a really good person who will serve the County well.

Legislator Birmingham moved that the nominations be closed; seconded by Legislator Oliverio. All in favor.

County Clerk Sant requested a roll call vote.

RESOLUTION #1

APPOINTMENT/CHAIR/PUTNAM COUNTY LEGISLATURE

RESOLVED, that Mary Conklin be appointed to the position of Chair of the Putnam County Legislature, with all the rights, privileges and duties of the office as set forth in the Putnam County Charter as permitted by law for a period ending December 31, 2012.

BY ROLL CALL VOTE: EIGHT AYES. DISTRICT #6 WAS VACANT. MOTION CARRIES.

Item #4 – Appointment/Legislator/District 6 was called next. Legislator Birmingham moved the following: seconded by Legislator Othmer:

Legislator Birmingham stated that he would like to place the name of Roger S. Gross in nomination for the position of Legislator from District #6. Mr. Gross is a current member of the Southeast Town Board and a member of the Brewster Board of Education. He served in two branches of the Armed Forces – the Army and the National Guard, a division of the Air Force. He was also a teacher. Legislator Birmingham stated that he looks forward to working with Mr. Gross.

Chairwoman Conklin requested a roll call vote.

RESOLUTION #2

APPOINTMENT/LEGISLATOR/DISTRICT 6

RESOLVED, that Roger Gross be appointed County Legislator to fill the unexpired term of County Legislator Tony Hay, Legislator from District 6.

BY ROLL CALL VOTE: EIGHT AYES. DISTRICT #6 WAS VACANT. MOTION CARRIES.

Legislator Gross was then sworn into office by District Attorney Levy.

Item #5 – Appointment/Deputy Chair/Putnam County Legislature was next. Legislator Albano moved the following; seconded by Legislator Tamagna:

Legislator Albano stated that he has known Legislator Othmer for more than forty years. He served in both the Navy and the Marines. He is a retired New York City fireman. He is also an avid historian who knows a great deal about the history of Putnam County. He is a person who speaks his mind. He wished to nominate Richard Othmer as Deputy Chair.

Chairwoman Conklin requested a roll call vote.

RESOLUTION #3

APPOINTMENT/DEPUTY CHAIR/PUTNAM COUNTY LEGISLATURE

RESOLVED, that Richard Othmer be appointed to the position of Deputy Chair of the Putnam County Legislature, with all the rights privileges and duties of the office as set forth in the Putnam County Charter, as permitted by law for a period ending December 31, 2012.

BY ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL AYES. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Item #6 – Adoption of Legislative Manual was next. Legislator Tamagna moved the following; seconded by Legislator Oliverio:

RESOLUTION #4

ADOPTION OF LEGISLATIVE MANUAL

WHEREAS, Section 2, Sub-division B(e) of the Legislative Manual requires that the Legislature adopt annually its Legislative Manual, including any amendments incorporated therein; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Putnam County Legislature adopts the annexed Legislative Manual for the year 2012.

BY POLL VOTE: ALL AYES. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Item #7 – Adoption of Legislative Calendar was next. Legislator Oliverio moved the following; seconded by Legislator Albano:

RESOLUTION #5

ADOPTION OF LEGISLATIVE CALENDAR

WHEREAS, the Legislative Manual for the Legislature of the County of Putnam provides that annually the Legislative Calendar shall be adopted and promulgated by the Clerk of the Legislature, that the Legislature meets on the first Tuesday of each and every month thereof, except where noted; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the following schedule be adopted as to Regular Meeting dates of the Putnam County Legislature for the year 2012:

Tuesday	January 3, 2012
Tuesday	February 7, 2012
Tuesday	March 6, 2012
Tuesday	April 3, 2012
Tuesday	May 1, 2012
Tuesday	June 5, 2012
Tuesday	July 3, 2012
Tuesday	August 7, 2012
Tuesday	September 4, 2012
Tuesday	October 2, 2012
Wednesday	November 7, 2012
Tuesday	December 4, 2012

BY POLL VOTE: ALL AYES. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Item #8 – Designation of Official Newspaper was next. Legislator Birmingham moved the following; seconded by Legislator Oliverio:

Legislator Tamagna stated that the Putnam County News & Recorder covers the western side of the County. It has been an official newspaper since he took office. The responsibility of the Legislature is to designate newspapers that have stability and to make sure that legal notices get into the hands of the public throughout the County.

Legislator Birmingham stated that he wished to call the question and place the newspapers nominated in an order for voting. He wished to split the question and have the Putnam County Press voted on first; the Putnam County News & Recorder voted on next; the Courier voted on last; seconded by Legislator Lobue.

By roll call vote: Six nays. Three ayes – Legislators Birmingham, Gross & LoBue. Motion fails.

Legislator Oliverio stated that The Putnam County Press is available in Putnam Valley and covers the Town and the school district as does the Courier. Mr. Eric Gross, the reporter from the Courier attends all the Legislature’s meetings and provides comprehensive coverage. He did not feel there was the same level of coverage for Putnam Valley or for the County from the Putnam County News & Recorder.

Legislator Othmer stated that with regard to limited coverage for a few weeks by the Putnam Press, he was reminded that when the Courier went out of business a few years ago, they were an official newspaper for the County at the time. That never became an issue. He enjoyed all three newspapers since he was a kid.

Chairwoman Conklin stated that the Legislature voted last August to have the Putnam Press and the Putnam County News & Recorder for 2011 and 2012. The Charter requires that the Legislature must designate official newspapers annually. We are following the Charter and that is why we are dealing with this issue again.

Legislator Tamagna stated the Legislature should not have had a two year designation. One legislative body cannot bind the following legislative body. Legislator Gross is a new member who did not have an opportunity to vote on this issue.

RESOLUTION #6

DESIGNATION OF OFFICIAL NEWSPAPER

RESOLVED, that pursuant to Section 2.04 (k) of the Putnam County Charter, the following newspaper, to wit:

Putnam County Press

is hereby designated as an official newspaper of the County of Putnam for the publication of all concurrent resolutions, election notices, official canvasses, enactments and other matters required by law to be published for the year 2012.

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

Item # 9a – Designation of Official Newspaper was next. Legislator Tamagna moved the following; seconded by Legislator Othmer:

RESOLUTION #7

DESIGNATION OF OFFICIAL NEWSPAPER

RESOLVED, that pursuant to Section 2.04 (k) of the Putnam County Charter, the following newspaper, to wit:

Putnam County News & Recorder

is hereby designated as an official newspaper of the County of Putnam for the publication of all concurrent resolutions, election notices, official canvasses, enactments and other matters required by law to be published for the year 2012.

BY ROLL CALL VOTE: SEVEN AYES. TWO NAYS – LEGISLATORS DICARLO & OLIVERIO. MOTION CARRIES.

Item #9b – Designation of Official Newspaper was next. Legislator Oliverio moved the following; seconded by Legislator Tamagna:

RESOLUTION #8

DESIGNATION OF OFFICIAL NEWSPAPER

RESOLVED, that pursuant to Section 2.04 (k) of the Putnam County Charter, the following newspaper, to wit:

Putnam County Courier

is hereby designated as an official newspaper of the County of Putnam for the publication of all concurrent resolutions, election notices, official canvasses, enactments and other matters required by law to be published for the year 2012.

BY ROLL CALL VOTE: FIVE AYES. FOUR NAYS – LEGISLATORS GROSS, LOBUE, OTHMER AND CHAIRWOMAN CONKLIN. MOTION CARRIES.

Item #10 – Permission for Legislature to Attend Conferences, Seminars & Official Business for the County was next. Legislator Tamagna moved the following; seconded by Legislator Birmingham:

RESOLUTION #9

PERMISSION FOR LEGISLATURE TO ATTEND CONFERENCES, SEMINARS & OFFICIAL BUSINESS OF THE COUNTY

RESOLVED, that Legislators and Legislative Staff be reimbursed for reasonable expenses incurred while attending conferences, seminars and official business of the County for the year 2012 for any such event costing under \$200.00. Any such event costing over \$200.00 will require the affirmative vote of a majority of the Legislature.

BY POLL VOTE: ALL AYES. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Item #11 – Authorization for County Auditor to Approve Erroneous Assessments Under \$2,500 was next. Legislator Tamagna moved the following; seconded by Legislator DiCarlo:

RESOLUTION #10

AUTHORIZATION FOR COUNTY AUDITOR TO APPROVE ERRONEOUS ASSESSMENTS UNDER \$2,500

WHEREAS, Chapter 515 of the Laws of 1997 authorizes a tax levying body, by resolution, to delegate to an official who is empowered to authorize the payment of bills without prior audit by such board, the authority to perform the duties of the tax levying body as specified in Section 556(8) of the Real Property Tax Law; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the County Legislature hereby delegates to the County Auditor the authority to review and approve applications for refunds of taxes due to erroneous assessments, whether by clerical error or unlawful entry, and where the recommended refund is \$2,500 or less; and be it further

RESOLVED, that pursuant to statute, this authority shall expire on December 31, 2012.

BY POLL VOTE: ALL AYES CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Item #12 – Appointment/Legislative Representative/Cooperative Extension Board was next. Legislator Tamagna moved the following; seconded by Legislator Oliverio:

Legislator Birmingham stated that he has had the honor of being the Legislative representative on this Board for several years. He felt it was time to have a new representative.

RESOLUTION #11

APPOINTMENT/LEGISLATIVE REPRESENTATIVE/COOPERATIVE EXTENSION BOARD

RESOLVED, that Richard Othmer be appointed as the Legislative Representative to the Cooperative Extension Board for a period of one year, said term to expire on December 31, 2012.

BY POLL VOTE: ALL AYES. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Item #13 – Appointment/Legislative Representative/Jury Board was next. Chairwoman Conklin moved the following; seconded by Legislator Oliverio:

RESOLUTION #12

APPOINTMENT/LEGISLATIVE REPRESENTATIVE/JURY BOARD

RESOLVED, that Anthony DiCarlo be appointed Legislative Representative to the Putnam County Jury Board for a period of one year, said term to expire on December 31, 2012.

BY POLL VOTE: ALL AYES. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Item #14 – Appointment/Legislative Representative/Region 3 Forest Practice Board was next. Chairwoman Conklin moved the following; seconded by Legislators Birmingham and Oliverio:

RESOLUTION #13

APPOINTMENT/LEGISLATIVE REPRESENTATIVE/REGION 3 FOREST PRACTICE BOARD

RESOLVED, that Vincent M. Tamagna be appointed Legislative Representative to the Region 3 Forest Practice Board for a period of one year, said term to expire on December 31, 2012.

BY POLL VOTE: ALL AYES. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Item #15 – Appointment/Legislative Representatives/Putnam County Soil & Water Conservation District Board was next. Legislator Tamagna moved the following; seconded by Legislator Oliverio:

RESOLUTION #14

APPOINTMENT/LEGISLATIVE REPRESENTATIVES/PUTNAM COUNTY SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT BOARD

RESOLVED, that Richard Othmer and Carl Albano be appointed Legislative Representatives to the Putnam County Soil & Water Conservation District Board for a one year term, said term to expire December 31, 2012.

BY POLL VOTE: ALL AYES. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Item #16 – Appointment/Legislative Representative/Records Management Board was next. Legislator Tamagna moved the following; seconded by Legislator Oliverio.

RESOLUTION #15

APPOINTMENT/LEGISLATIVE REPRESENTATIVE/RECORDS MANAGEMENT BOARD

RESOLVED, that Roger Gross be appointed Legislative Representative to the Records Management Board for a one year period, said term to expire December 31, 2012.

BY POLL VOTE: ALL AYES. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Item #17 – Appointment/Legislative Representatives/Putnam County Board of Health was next. Legislator Tamagna moved the following; seconded by Legislator Albano:

RESOLUTION #16

APPOINTMENT/LEGISLATIVE REPRESENTATIVES/PUTNAM COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH

RESOLVED, that Sam Oliverio, Jr. be appointed as Legislative Representative to the Putnam County Board of Health for a period of one year, said term to expire December 31, 2012; and be it further

RESOLVED, that Anthony DiCarlo will serve as an Alternate to the Putnam County Board of Health for a period of one year, said term to expire December 31, 2012.

BY POLL VOTE: ALL AYES. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Item #18 – Appointment/Legislative Representative/Putnam County Agricultural and Farmland Protection Board was next. Legislator Oliverio moved the following; seconded by Legislator DiCarlo:

RESOLUTION #17

APPOINTMENT/LEGISLATIVE REPRESENTATIVE/PUTNAM COUNTY AGRICULTURAL AND FARMLAND PROTECTION BOARD

RESOLVED, that Dini LoBue be appointed as the Legislative Representative to the Agricultural and Farmland Protection Board for a period of one year, said term to expire on December 31, 2012.

BY POLL VOTE: ALL AYES. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Item #19 – Appointment/Putnam County Representative/Catskill Regional Off-Track Betting Corporation Board was next. Legislator Oliverio moved the following; seconded by Legislator Birmingham:

RESOLUTION #18

APPOINTMENT/PUTNAM COUNTY REPRESENTATIVE/CATSKILL REGIONAL OFF-TRACK BETTING CORPORATION BOARD

RESOLVED, that Vincent M. Tamagna be appointed as the Putnam County representative to the Catskill Regional Off-Track Betting Corporation Board, for a one year term, said term to expire on December 31, 2012.

BY POLL VOTE: ALL AYES. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Item #20 – Appointment/Legislative Representative/Fish & Wildlife Management Board was next. Legislator Birmingham moved the following; seconded by Legislator Oliverio:

RESOLUTION #19

APPOINTMENT/LEGISLATIVE REPRESENTATIVE/FISH & WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT BOARD

RESOLVED, that Carl Albano be appointed as Legislative Representative on the Fish and Wildlife Management Board, for a one- year term to expire on December 31, 2012.

BY POLL VOTE: ALL AYES. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Item #21 – Approval/Appointment/Law Library Board was next. Chairwoman Conklin moved the following; seconded by Legislator Oliverio:

RESOLUTION #20

APPROVAL/APPOINTMENT/LAW LIBRARY BOARD

RESOLVED, that Anthony DiCarlo be appointed to the Law Library Board for a one (1) year term, said term to expire December 31, 2012.

BY POLL VOTE: ALL AYES. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Item # 22- Appointment/Legislative Liaison/Veterans Affairs was next. Legislator Tamagna moved the following; seconded by Legislator Albano:

RESOLUTION #21

APPOINTMENT/LEGISLATIVE LIAISON/VETERANS AFFAIRS

RESOLVED, that Roger Gross be appointed Legislative Liaison for Veterans Affairs for a period of one year, said term to expire December 31, 2012; and be it further

RESOLVED, that Richard Othmer and Sam Oliverio, Jr. shall serve as Alternates as Legislative Liaisons for Veterans Affairs for a period of one year, said term to expire December 31, 2012.

BY POLL VOTE: ALL AYES. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Item #23 – Appointment/Jail Physician was next. Legislator Birmingham moved the following; seconded by Legislators LoBue and Oliverio:

Resolution #22

APPOINTMENT/JAIL PHYSICIAN

RESOLVED, that Michael Nesheiwat be appointed Jail Physician for a period of one year, said term to expire December 31, 2012.

BY POLL VOTE: ALL AYES. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Item #24 – Approval/Budgetary Transfer/Staff Salaries/County Executive’s Office Staff was next. Legislator Birmingham moved the following; seconded by Legislators Othmer and Tamagna:

RESOLUTION #23

APPROVAL/BUDGETARY TRANSFER/STAFF SALARIES/COUNTY EXECUTIVE’S OFFICE STAFF

WHEREAS, a budgetary transfer (12T001) is required to allocate funding for the County Executive Office staff salaries pursuant to the amended 2011 budget; and

WHEREAS, this budgetary transfer also provides temporary employees(s) funding which has been approved in prior years wholly within the County Executive’s budget; and

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

RESOLVED, that the salary of the Deputy County Executive is hereby set at \$114,812 for the year 2012; and be further

RESOLVED, that the salary of the Chief of Staff is hereby set at \$65,000 for the year 2012; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the salary of the Director or Constituent Services is hereby set at \$44,000 for the year 2012; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the salary of the Confidential Secretary is hereby set at \$30,000; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the following budgetary transfer be made:

Increase estimated appropriations:

10123000 51000	Dir. of Constituent Services	\$23,357
10123000 51094	Temporary	19,176
00123000 58002	FICA	<u>1,467</u>
		\$44,000

Decrease estimated appropriations:

0123000 51000	Chief of Staff	\$19,000
5123000 51000	Confidential Secretary	<u>25,000</u>
		\$44,000

2012 Fiscal Impact -0-

2013 Fiscal Impact -0-

BY POLL VOTE: ALL AYES. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Item #25 – Approval/Budgetary Transfer/Legislative Counsel Salary/From Subcontingency was next. Legislator Birmingham moved the following: seconded by Legislators DiCarlo and Oliverio:

RESOLUTION #24

APPROVAL/BUDGETARY TRANSFER/LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL SALARY/FROM SUBCONTINGENCY

WHEREAS, the Legislature placed a portion of the salary for Legislative Counsel in subcontingency for 2012 pending the re-appointment of the incumbent; and

WHEREAS, at the Legislature's Year End Meeting, the incumbent Legislative Counsel was re-appointed; and

WHEREAS, it is now necessary to move that portion of the Legislative Counsel's salary from subcontingency to the proper budget line; and

WHEREAS, the Putnam County Legislature has reviewed and approves budgetary transfer 12T002; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the salary of Legislative Counsel is hereby set at \$84,162 for the year 2012; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the following budgetary transfer be made:

Increase estimated appropriations:

01101001 51000	Legislative Counsel	\$29,162
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Decrease estimated appropriations:

10199000 54982	Sub-Contingency – Leg. Counsel	\$29,162
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2012 Fiscal Impact -0-

2013 Fiscal Impact -0-

BY POLL VOTE: ALL AYES. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Item #26 – Approval/Authorization/Legislators to Attend January New York State Association of Counties Conference was next. Legislator Tamagna moved the following; seconded by Legislator Oliverio:

RESOLUTION #25

APPROVAL/AUTHORIZATION/LEGISLATORS TO ATTEND JANUARY NEW YORK STATE ASSOCIATION OF COUNTIES CONFERENCE

WHEREAS, three Legislators and Legislative Counsel have requested permission to attend the New York State Association of Counties Conference to be held in Albany, New York in January 2012 for registration and lodging total expenditure of approximately \$659 per person; and

WHEREAS, the Putnam County Legislature has reviewed and approves their requests; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that three Legislators and Legislative Counsel are authorized to attend the New York State Association of Counties Conference to be held in Albany, New York in January 2012.

BY POLL VOTE: ALL AYES. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Legislator Birmingham stated that he wished to go into executive session to discuss the final item. However, he requested that the Legislature entertain “Recognition of Public” and “Recognition of Legislators” first so the public did not have to wait for the Legislature to come out of executive session.

Item #28 – Recognition of Public was called next.

Mr. Karl Rohde stated that the next Joint Veterans meeting was scheduled for Thursday, January 5, 2011 at 7:00 P.M. at the VFW in Carmel. He requested that one of the Veterans Liaisons attend the meeting.

Ms. Lynn Eckhardt, a resident of the Town of Southeast and a member of the Town of Southeast Town Board, questioned if adding an additional third newspaper would be more costly to the taxpayers.

County Executive Odell stated that she looked forward to working with Chairwoman Conklin and Deputy Chair Othmer. She also congratulated Legislator Gross on his appointment.

Item #29 – Recognition of Legislators was next.

Legislator Birmingham stated that in response to Ms. Eckhardt’s questions regarding the cost of a third newspaper, the County under ran that portion of the budget this past year. Part of the reason for his vote for a third newspaper was for more public notice of the happenings in the County. He wanted to have the most public coverage possible. Up until last year, for the past decade or so, there were three official newspapers. He agreed that the Legislature has to watch every expenditure.

Legislator Tamagna congratulated Legislator Gross and Chairwoman Conklin. He had attended a Cold Spring Chamber of Commerce meeting and they were planning a large event at the Fourth of July to commemorate the County's Bicentennial.

Chairwoman Conklin thanked Legislator Tamagna for his leadership over the past two years. She also thanked Tony Hay, the former County Legislator, for all his years of service. He was just sworn in as the Supervisor of the Town of Southeast. She welcomed Legislator Gross who replaced him.

At 7: 42 P.M. Legislator Birmingham made a motion to go into executive session to discuss litigation matters regarding the Colonial Surety issue; seconded by Legislator Tamagna. All in favor.

At 8:02 P.M. Legislator Tamagna made a motion to come out of executive session; seconded by Legislators Birmingham and Oliverio. All in favor.

Chairwoman Conklin stated that no action was taken during executive session.

Item #27 – Approval/Settlement of Litigation/Colonial Surety was next. Legislator Oliverio moved the following; seconded by Legislator DiCarlo:

RESOLUTION #26

APPROVAL/SETTLEMENT OF LITIGATION/COLONIAL SURETY

WHEREAS, on or about, March 30, 2007, Plaintiff, Colonial Surety, commenced an action against the County of Putnam based upon alleged breach of the agreement entered into on April 7, 2005 between the County of Putnam and Realife Land Improvement, Inc.; and

WHEREAS, Plaintiff sought recovery for both monetary damages and statutory interest, totaling approximately \$1,889,000.46; and

WHEREAS, Plaintiff agreed to a settlement with the County, subject to the Legislature's approval, in which the County agreed to pay said Plaintiff the sum of two hundred thousand (\$200,000.00) dollars; the first \$100,000.00 of which to be payable on or before January 7, 2012 and the second \$100,000.00 of which to be paid on or before January 7, 2013; and

WHEREAS, the County Attorney, and outside counsel, Vincent Gelardi, Esq., have both recommended the settlement as an alternative to costly litigation; and

WHEREAS, outside counsel, has in fact settled the matter with the Plaintiff for the sum of two hundred thousand (\$200,000.00) dollars, and has obtained settlement documents from the Plaintiffs which, upon filing with the Court, will discontinue this matter with the Court, and which will allow Plaintiff to receive its settlement payment; and

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

RESOLVED, that the settlement of this matter for the sum of two hundred thousand (\$200,000.00) dollars, payable as indicated above, is hereby approved.

BY ROLL CALL VOTE: SEVEN AYES. ONE NAY – LEGISLATOR BIRMINGHAM. ONE ABSTENTION – LEGISLATOR GROSS. MOTION CARRIES.

Legislator Birmingham requested that public session be opened up again.

County Attorney Bumgarner stated that tickets to the Bicentennial Ball scheduled for January 21, 2012 at Villa Barone are still available. The deadline to accept ads in the Journal has also been extended.

County Historian Castelli stated that the objective for holding the Ball was to raise money for Bicentennial events and celebrations held all year all around the County rather than use taxpayer money.

Legislator Othmer stated that he and Ms. Krista Butler are working on a history book bringing the history of the County up-to-date from 1945 when the last history was completed. When completed, this book will also be for sale.

There being no further business, at 8:15 P.M., Legislator Birmingham made a motion to adjourn; seconded by Legislator Oliverio. All in favor.

Respectfully submitted, Chris Marrone, Clerk.