

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

Tuesday

May 2, 2017

7:00 P.M.

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 P.M. by Chairwoman Nacerino who requested Legislator Castellano lead in the Pledge of Allegiance and Legislator Gouldman lead in the Legislative Prayer. Upon roll call, Legislators Scuccimarra, Gouldman, Addonizio, Albano, Jonke, Castellano, LoBue, Sullivan and Chairwoman Nacerino were present. Also present was Legislative Counsel Representative First Deputy County Attorney, Andrew Negro.

PROCLAMATIONS

Chairwoman Nacerino recognized Legislator Sullivan who presented the “Putnam County Youth Bureau High School Senior Recognition Day” proclamation to Deputy Commissioner of Social Services/Mental Health/Youth Bureau, Joseph DeMarzo, Judge James Reitz, High School Seniors and Youth Bureau Representatives – Janeen Cunningham, Barbara Reitz, Kelly Rama, Cassie Barcavage and Dana Foley.

PUTNAM COUNTY YOUTH BUREAU HIGH SCHOOL SENIOR RECOGNITION DAY

WHEREAS, Putnam County Youth Bureau Senior Recognition is an opportunity to celebrate the contributions young people make to our community every day of the year through volunteer service and service-learning; and

WHEREAS, Putnam County recognizes our youth as important community members, and values their unique skills, perspectives, and ideas, as they lead awareness, service, and advocacy activities; and

WHEREAS, Youth Bureau volunteers donate their time to programs such as Youth Court Teen-N-Kids Mentoring and a wide variety of service activities throughout Putnam County; and

WHEREAS, realizing the need for community involvement, the citizens of Putnam County are proud to unite in assisting our youth to achieve their goals and help them to develop good citizenship; and

WHEREAS, the accomplishments and achievements of these young citizens deserve the recognition and commendation of their community leaders; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Putnam County Executive and the Putnam County Legislature do hereby proclaim May 2, 2017 as Putnam County Youth Bureau High School Senior Recognition Day and thank these high school seniors for their long-standing dedication and commitment to the Putnam County community.

Chairwoman Nacerino recognized Legislator Addonizio who presented the “Support of the 2017 Sale of Buddy Poppies” proclamation to Ms. Joan Russell and the other members of the VFW Ladies Auxiliary #1374 that were present.

SUPPORT OF THE 2017 SALE OF BUDDY POPPIES

WHEREAS, the annual sale of Buddy Poppies by the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States has been officially recognized and endorsed by government leaders since 1922; and

WHEREAS, V.F.W. Buddy Poppies are assembled by disabled veterans and the proceeds of this worthy fund raising campaign are used exclusively for the benefit of disabled and needy veterans, and the widows and orphans of deceased veterans; and

WHEREAS, the basic purpose of the annual sale of Buddy Poppies by Veterans of Foreign Wars is eloquently reflected in the desire to “Honor the Dead by Helping the Living”; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Putnam County Executive and the Putnam County Legislature do hereby urge the citizens of this community to recognize the merits of this cause by contributing generously to its support through the purchase of Buddy Poppies on the day set aside for the distribution of these symbols of appreciation for the sacrifices of our honored dead; and be it further

RESOLVED, that we urge all patriotic citizens to wear a Buddy Poppy as mute evidence of our gratitude to the men and women of this country who have risked their lives in defense of the freedom which we continue to enjoy as American citizens.

Chairwoman Nacerino recognized Legislator Albano who presented the “Children’s Expo & Public Safety Day” proclamation to Commissioner of Emergency Services Anthony Sutton, Eric Gross and MaryBeth Ross from the Child Advocacy Center.

RECOGNIZING THE CHILDREN’S EXPO & PUBLIC SAFETY DAY

WHEREAS, the Children’s Expo & Public Safety Day will be held on Saturday, May 13, 2017 from 11:00a.m. to 3:00p.m. on the Donald B. Smith Campus, Old Route Six, Carmel, NY to raise awareness about many aspects of child and public safety; and

WHEREAS, this event is co-presented by the Putnam County Child Advocacy Center (CAC) and the Putnam County Bureau of Emergency Services; and

WHEREAS, it is sponsored by Eric Gross, in memory of his late wife, Barbara, and by Putnam Hospital Center; and

WHEREAS, it is the mission of the Bureau of Emergency Services (BES) to protect life and property by providing coordination, communication, and training to all of Putnam’s Fire and EMS services. The BES also provides emergency management resources and initiatives, including training and equipping special teams for Fire Investigation, Fire Police, HAZMAT, and a Communications team. Additionally, the BES maintains a countywide communications system and continually seeks ways to improve response to both natural and manmade disasters; and

WHEREAS, the community is committed to keeping Putnam safe through the efforts of police, local government, social service agencies, private partnerships, and the efforts of extraordinary volunteer fire departments and service groups; and

WHEREAS, the CAC opened in 1999 to reduce trauma to child victims and their families by providing an immediate coordinated response to abuse allegations. Child safety and prevention education remain a priority, with the CAC providing education for the community to reduce the incidence of serious childhood injuries and death through events such as the Children’s Expo & Public Safety Day, Child Fatality Review Team, and

partnering with local agencies to implement innovative programs to ensure the physical, mental, and emotional wellbeing of the Children of Putnam County; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Putnam County Executive and the Putnam County Legislature do hereby urge all Putnam residents to attend the Children’s Expo & Public Safety Day organizations for the 12th year, as the event offers a wide range of services designed to support children and families in Putnam County.

Chairwoman Nacerino recognized Legislator Scuccimarra who presented the “Older Americans Month “Age Out Loud” – May 2017” proclamation to Office for Senior Resources Director Patricia Sheehy and the following seniors present: Nick & Helen Mucciarone, Diane Spagnoli, Arnold Fulberth, Ann McDonough and Yolanda Schrum.

OLDER AMERICANS MONTH “AGE OUT LOUD” – MAY 2017

WHEREAS, The Putnam County Office for Senior Resources includes older Americans which richly contribute to our community; and

WHEREAS, it is acknowledged that what it means “to age” has changed for the better; and

WHEREAS, the older adults in Putnam County have an important role in sharing knowledge, wisdom, and understanding of the history of our community through interactions with children, youth, and adults from other generations; and

WHEREAS, the Putnam County Office for Senior Resources is committed to supporting older adults as they take charge of their health, explore new opportunities and activities, and focus on independence; and

WHEREAS, the Putnam County Office for Senior Resources can provide opportunities to enrich the lives of individuals of all ages by involving older adults in the redefinition of aging in our community, promoting home and community-based services that support independent living, encouraging older adults to speak up for themselves and others, and providing opportunities for older adults to share their experiences; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Putnam County Executive and the Putnam County Legislature do hereby proclaim May 2017 as Older Americans Month. We urge every resident to take time this month to acknowledge older adults and the people who serve them as influential and vital parts of our community.

Item #4 – Approval of Minutes – Regular Meeting – April 4, 2017

The minutes were approved as submitted.

Item #5 – Correspondence

a) County Auditor was duly noted.

Item #6 – Pre-filed resolutions:

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

Item #6a – Approval/Fund Transfer (17T051)/Sheriff’s Department/Training/Education New Hire December 2016 was next. On behalf of the members of the Personnel Committee, Legislators Albano and Jonke, Chairwoman Nacerino moved the following:

RESOLUTION #92

APPROVAL/FUND TRANSFER /SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT/TRAINING/EDUCATION NEW HIRE DECEMBER 2016

WHEREAS, the Sheriff's Department has requested a fund transfer (17T051) to cover reimbursement for Training/Education for New Hire December 2016; and

WHEREAS, the Personnel Committee and the Audit & Administration Committee have reviewed and approve said fund transfer; now therefore be it RESOLVED, that the following fund transfer be made:

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| Decrease: | | |
| 16311000 51000 (311016113) | Personnel Line | 19,076.70 |
| Increase: | | |
| 17311000 54640 | Training/Education | 19,076.70 |
| | 2017 Fiscal Impact – 0 – | |
| | 2018 Fiscal Impact – 0 – | |

BY POLL VOTE: ALL AYES. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Item #6b – Approval/ Amendment to Resolution #227 of 2015 Section D(1)(a) Retiree Health Insurance Benefits / Section E(1)(a) & E(1)(b) Retiree Requirements was next. On behalf of the members of the Personnel Committee, Legislators Albano and Jonke, Chairwoman Nacerino moved the following:

Chairwoman Nacerino explained that the retiree health insurance premium percentage shall not be increased due to an increase in a retiree's pension amount as a result of a Cost of Living Adjustment (COLA).

RESOLUTION #93

APPROVAL/ AMENDMENT TO RESOLUTION #227 OF 2015 SECTION D(1)(A) RETIREE HEALTH INSURANCE BENEFITS / SECTION E(1)(A) & E(1)(B) RETIREE REQUIREMENTS

WHEREAS, the Putnam County Legislature has, on numerous occasions in the past, considered the issues surrounding the mounting costs of health insurance for both its employees and retirees; and

WHEREAS, the Legislature has addressed the increased costs to the taxpayers of Putnam County for providing health insurance to its retirees by adopting a comprehensive contribution structure; and

WHEREAS, it has recently come to the attention of the Legislature that the application of the New York State & Local Retirement System's cost of living adjustment as calculated annually by the New York State Comptroller's Office and issued in September of each year may cause a retiree's contribution level to escalate over time; and

WHEREAS, upon further discussion and evaluation it is the desire of the Legislature not to require retirees to contribute more than the initial percentage calculated under the adopted formula; and

WHEREAS, the Legislature desires to insure that a balance be maintained between the provision of health insurance benefits to Retirees and the cost of providing those benefits to the taxpayers of Putnam County; now therefore be it

RESOLVED that Section D(1)(a) of Resolution 227 of 2015 be amended as follows:

“All current Retirees shall be provided a retirement health insurance benefit in accordance with the following contribution schedule, which amount shall be calculated at the full year amount at time of retirement and shall not be increased due to an increase in a retiree’s pension amount as a result of a Cost of Living Adjustment (COLA) thereafter:

| <u>Annual Amount of Pension Benefit</u> | <u>Amount of Premium Payable by Retiree</u> |
|---|---|
| \$65,000 and higher | 30% |
| \$40,000 - \$64,999 | 25% |
| \$30,000 - \$39,999 | 18% |
| \$20,000 - \$29,999 | 13% |
| \$10,000 - \$19,999 | 10% |
| \$-0- - \$9,999 | 8% |

And be it further

RESOLVED that Section E(1)(a) shall be amended to read as follows:

“Any Retiree receiving health insurance benefits in retirement, as well as any newly retired employee receiving such health insurance benefits in retirement, shall provide the County with a copy of the letter from the New York State and Local Retirement System which outlines the completed calculations and final retirement allowance for said Retiree, or any one of the documents required in subsection (b) below.”; and be it further

RESOLVED, that Section E(1)(b) shall be amended to read as follows:

“All Retirees shall be required to provide the Commissioner of Finance with a W-2, 1099 or other proof of income form by no later than March 1st of the first year following retirement, unless otherwise required to be provided by the Commissioner of Finance or in accordance with Subsection (a) above.”; and be it further;

RESOLVED, that the remaining provisions and subsections of the aforementioned Resolution shall remain in full force and effect.

BY POLL VOTE: ALL AYES. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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

Item #6c – Approval/Budgetary Amendment (17A022)/Department of Social Services/Safe Harbour Budget was next. Chairwoman Nacerino recognized Legislator Scuccimarra, Chairwoman of the Health, Social, Educational & Environmental Committee. On behalf of the members of the Committee, Legislators Addonizio and Gouldman, Legislator Scuccimarra moved the following:

RESOLUTION #94

APPROVAL/BUDGETARY AMENDMENT /DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES/SAFE HARBOUR BUDGET

WHEREAS, the Department of Social Services has requested a budgetary amendment (17A022) to conform to Putnam's State approved Safe Harbour budget for the calendar year 2017; and

WHEREAS, participation in the Child Right: New York/Safe Harbour Initiative enables counties to develop programs or services for sexually exploited children; and

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

RESOLVED, that the following budgetary amendment be made:

Decrease Revenue:

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|-----------------|---------------------|-------|
| 10058000 | Safe Harbour | |
| 436101 | Adm Social Services | 1,344 |

Increase Appropriations:

| | | |
|-----------------|---------------------|--------------|
| 10058000 | Safe Harbour | |
| 54310 | Office Equipment | 200 |
| 54646 | Contracts | 7,000 |
| 54682 | Special Services | <u>8,760</u> |
| | | 15,960 |

Decrease Appropriations:

| | | |
|-----------------|----------------------|-----------|
| 10058000 | Safe Harbour | |
| 54311 | Printing | 1,500 |
| 54410 | Supplies & Materials | 2,600 |
| 54640 | Education/Training | 7,478 |
| 54664 | Advertising | 3,625 |
| 54675 | Travel | <u>59</u> |
| | | 15,262 |

Decrease Contingency:

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|-----------------|---------------------|-------|
| 10199000 | Contingency | |
| 54980 | General Contingency | 2,042 |

2017 Fiscal Impact \$2,042
2018 Fiscal Impact TBD

BY POLL VOTE: ALL AYES. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Item #6d – Approval/Memorialization/Erie County Resolution/Proposal to Require New York State to Cover the Full Costs of Medicaid was next. On behalf of the members of the Health, Social, Educational & Environmental Committee, Legislators Addonizio and Gouldman, Legislator Scuccimarra moved the following:

Legislator Addonizio stated that she supported this much needed legislation. She stated that it costs Putnam County over \$9 million for Medicaid.

RESOLUTION #95

APPROVAL/MEMORIALIZATION/ERIE COUNTY RESOLUTION/PROPOSAL TO REQUIRE NEW YORK STATE TO COVER THE FULL COSTS OF MEDICAID

WHEREAS, municipalities across New York State struggle to find a balance between funding mandated programs and supporting local infrastructure investment or lowering the tax burden on residents; and

WHEREAS, for fiscal year 2015, nine (9) State mandates consumed 99% of the property tax levy in counties outside of New York City; and

WHEREAS, this severely limited funding for other vital programs tailored to fit the needs of local municipalities and school districts; and

WHEREAS, one (1) of the most burdensome expenses forced on counties is the cost of Medicaid services; and

WHEREAS, Medicaid costs are the largest mandated expense for local governments and \$7 billion of the total \$27 billion spent in New York State on Medicaid comes from counties; and

WHEREAS, on a nationwide basis, local governments fund \$9.7 billion worth of Medicaid expenses each year; and

WHEREAS, Putnam County has sent the State more than \$9 million to cover Medicaid costs in 2016; and

WHEREAS, New York State has been politically unwilling or unable to provide any meaningful mandate relief for the residents of Putnam County; and

WHEREAS, Congressman Chris Collins has introduced legislation that would amend the replacement for the Affordable Care Act to provide for relief at the local level by preventing States from imposing Medicaid costs on local municipalities outside of New York City; and

WHEREAS, forcing New York State to take over Medicaid costs would save the 57 counties outside of New York City a combined total of \$2.2 billion in property taxes, almost as much as the combined total of all other counties in the nation; and

WHEREAS, such a measure would allow counties in New York State the opportunity to lower property taxes for their residents decreasing the costs to live in our State and hopefully spur new private investment here in Putnam County; and

WHEREAS, New York State has failed to make any meaningful reform of Medicaid costs and as a result, the State is second in the nation for overall Medicaid spending at \$60 billion and second in the nation for each recipient with an average of \$10,426 per person, per year; and

WHEREAS, this spending has been forced onto the counties in New York, limiting the impact of Medicaid spending in the State's budget thereby allowing the State to further increase costs; and

WHEREAS, this self-repeating cycle of increasing mandated services and then passing their costs onto counties with no recurring funding source must stop; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that Putnam County supports Congressman Chris Collins' proposal to require New York State to cover the full costs of Medicaid as opposed to forcing them on local municipalities; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Putnam County Legislature urges Governor Cuomo to work with Putnam County on other cost saving measures and mandate relief; and be it further

RESOLVED, that that the Clerk of the Putnam County Legislature forward copies of this resolution to Governor Andrew M. Cuomo, Congressman Sean Patrick Maloney, Senate Majority Leader John Flanagan, Assembly Speaker Carl Heastie,

Senator Susan Serino, Senator Terrence Murphy, Assemblywoman Sandra Galef and Assemblyman Kevin Byrne.

BY POLL VOTE: ALL AYES. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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

Item #6e – Approval/Budgetary Amendment (17A017)/Sheriff’s Department/Use of State Seized Asset Reserve Funds/ Narcotics Enforcement Unit Vehicle Rental was next. Chairwoman Nacerino recognized Legislator Gouldman, Chairman of the Protective Services Committee. On behalf of the members of the Committee, Legislator Castellano and Jonke, Legislator Gouldman moved the following:

RESOLUTION #96

APPROVAL/BUDGETARY AMENDMENT /SHERIFF’S DEPARTMENT/ USE OF STATE SEIZED ASSET RESERVE FUNDS/ NARCOTICS ENFORCEMENT UNIT VEHICLE RENTAL

WHEREAS, the Putnam County Sheriff has requested a budgetary amendment (17A017) to utilize State Asset Reserve Funds to rent vehicles for Narcotics Enforcement Unit undercover operations; and

WHEREAS, the amendment amount is based on an Intermediate/Standard size car at \$20.30 per day for 365 days; and

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

Increase Revenue:

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|-----------------|-----------------------------|----------|
| 14311000 427151 | Narcotics Task Force | |
| | Proceeds of Seized Property | 7,409.50 |

Increase Appropriations:

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| 14311000 54210 | Narcotics Task Force | |
| | Vehicle Leasing | 7,409.50 |

2017 Fiscal Impact – 0 –

2018 Fiscal Impact – 0 –

BY POLL VOTE: ALL AYES. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Item #6f – Approval/ Budgetary Amendment (17A021)/Sheriff’s Department/ Use of T-Commission Funds to Purchase Build Out Items for Police Motorcycle was next. On behalf of the members of the Protective Services Committee, Legislator Castellano and Jonke, Legislator Gouldman moved the following:

RESOLUTION #97

APPROVAL/ BUDGETARY AMENDMENT /SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT/ USE OF T-COMMISSION FUNDS TO PURCHASE BUILD OUT ITEMS FOR POLICE MOTORCYCLE

WHEREAS, by Resolution #34 of 2017, through Budgetary Amendment 17A001, the Putnam County Legislature approved the use of T-Commission Funds for the purchase of a Police Motorcycle in the amount of \$18,195; and

WHEREAS, the Sheriff's Department has now requested a budgetary amendment (17A021) to utilize additional T-Commission Funds to purchase build out items for the Police Motorcycle which were not included in the original quote; and

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

Increase Revenue:

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|------------------------|---|--------------|
| 17311000 426605 | Road Patrol | |
| | Inmate T Commission Use of Reserve | 6,000 |

Increase Appropriations:

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| 17311000 52650 | Road Patrol | |
| | Motor Vehicles | 6,000 |

2017 Fiscal Impact – 0 –

2018 Fiscal Impact – 0 –

BY POLL VOTE: ALL AYES. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Item #6g – Approval/Budgetary Amendment (17A023)/Bureau of Emergency Services/Hazardous Materials Emergency Preparedness (HMEP) Grant Program was next. On behalf of the members of the Protective Services Committee, Legislator Castellano and Jonke, Legislator Gouldman moved the following:

Chairwoman Nacerino stated that a 20% County match is required and will be met with in-kind services.

RESOLUTION #98

APPROVAL/BUDGETARY AMENDMENT /BUREAU OF EMERGENCY SERVICES/ HAZARDOUS MATERIALS EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS (HMEP) GRANT PROGRAM

WHEREAS, by Resolution #69 of 2016 the Putnam County Legislature approved and authorized the Putnam County Bureau of Emergency Services to apply for a grant under the FY2016 Hazardous Materials Emergency Preparedness (HMEP) Grant Program; and

WHEREAS, the Bureau of Emergency Services has requested a budgetary amendment (17A023) for the New York State Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Services (DHSES) grant awarded in the amount of \$5,172 through funding provided by the U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT), Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration (PHMSA); and

WHEREAS, the performance period for this grant is from September 30, 2016 through September 30, 2017; and

WHEREAS, a 20% County match is required and will be met with in-kind services;
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:

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| 10398900 440898 | Fed Aid – Hazardous Material Emerg. Prep. Gr. | 5,172 |
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Increase Appropriations:

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| 10398900 54410 | Fed Aid – Hazardous Material Emerg. Prep. Gr. Materials and Supplies | 5,172 |
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2017 Fiscal Impact – 0 –

2018 Fiscal Impact – 0 –

BY POLL VOTE: ALL AYES. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Item #6h – Approval/Fund Transfer (17T055)/Sheriff’s Department/Overtime/Cover Correction Officer Vacancies was next. On behalf of the members of the Protective Services Committee, Legislator Castellano and Jonke, Legislator Gouldman moved the following:

RESOLUTION #99

APPROVAL/FUND TRANSFER /SHERIFF’S DEPARTMENT/OVERTIME/COVER CORRECTION OFFICER VACANCIES

WHEREAS, the Sheriff’s Department has requested a fund transfer (17T055) to cover Overtime costs due to Correction Officer vacancies; 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:

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| 10315000 51000 | | |
| (10117) | Personnel Line | 4,568 |
| (10128) | Personnel Line | 6,377 |
| (10150) | Personnel Line | 13,495 |
| (10154) | Personnel Line | 4,102 |
| (10156) | Personnel Line | <u>4,102</u> |
| | | 32,644 |

Increase:

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| 10315000 51093 | Overtime | 32,644 |
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2017 Fiscal Impact – 0 –

2018 Fiscal Impact – 0 –

BY POLL VOTE: ALL AYES. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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

Item #6i – Approval/Conveyance of Tax Map No.: 33.80-1-1 / Town of Kent was next. Chairwoman Nacerino recognized Legislator Albano, Chairman of the Physical Services Committee. On behalf of the members of the Committee, Legislators Castellano and Scuccimarra, Legislator Albano moved the following:

RESOLUTION #100

APPROVAL/CONVEYANCE OF TAX MAP NO.: 33.80-1-1/TOWN OF KENT

WHEREAS, an unimproved parcel of real property identified as Town of Kent Tax Map No.: 33.80-1-1 was acquired by the County by Tax Deed, which was recorded in the Office of the Putnam County Clerk Office on January 8, 2008, in Liber 1795 at Page 26; and

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

WHEREAS, Jerry Raneri owns the adjacent parcel of property identified as Town of Kent Tax Map No.: 33.18-1-28; and

WHEREAS, Jerry Raneri has offered to purchase Town of Kent Tax Map No.: 33.80-1-1 for the sum of \$1,000.00, which represents an amount in excess of the County's net investment on the parcel; and

WHEREAS, Jerry Raneri has also agreed to merge Town of Kent Tax Map No.: 33.80-1-1 with his property; and

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

RESOLVED, that pursuant to Section 31-8(B) of the Putnam County Code, the Putnam County Legislature approves the transfer of Town of Kent Tax Map No.: 33.80-1-1 to Jerry Raneri for the sum of \$1,000.00, together with payment of the appropriate Transfer Tax, Recording Fees, and County, Town, and School Taxes; and be it further

RESOLVED, that upon receipt of said monies, Town of Kent Tax Map No.: 33.80-1-1 shall be conveyed in an "as is" condition by quitclaim deed, which shall provide that it be automatically merged with Town of Kent Tax Map No.: 33.18-1-28; and be it further

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

BY POLL VOTE: ALL AYES. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Item #6j – Approval/ Conveyance of Tax Map No.: 25.78-1-30 /Town of Patterson was next. On behalf of the members of the Physical Services Committee, Legislators Castellano and Scuccimarra, Legislator Albano moved the following:

RESOLUTION #101

APPROVAL/CONVEYANCE OF TAX MAP NO.: 25.78-1-30/TOWN OF PATTERSON

WHEREAS, an unimproved parcel of real property identified as Town of Patterson Tax Map No.: 25.78-1-30 was acquired by the County by Tax Deed, which was recorded in the Office of the Putnam County Clerk Office on September 17, 2014, in Liber 1960 at Page 53; and

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

WHEREAS, Jason Matts owns the adjacent parcel of property identified as Town of Patterson Tax Map No.: 25.78-1-27; and

WHEREAS, Jason Matts has offered to purchase Town of Patterson Tax Map No.: 25.78-1-30 for the sum of \$1,000.00; and

WHEREAS, Jason Matts has also agreed to merge Town of Patterson Tax Map No.: 25.78-1-30 with his property; and

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

RESOLVED, that pursuant to Section 31-8(B) of the Putnam County Code, the Putnam County Legislature approves the transfer of Town of Patterson Tax Map No.: 25.78-1-30 to Jason Matts for the sum of \$1,000.00, together with payment of the appropriate Transfer Tax, Recording Fees, and County, Town, and School Taxes; and be it further

RESOLVED, that upon receipt of said monies, Town of Patterson Tax Map No.: 25.78-1-30 shall be conveyed in an "as is" condition by quitclaim deed, which shall provide that it be automatically merged with Town of Patterson Tax Map No.: 25.78-1-27; and be it further

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

BY POLL VOTE: ALL AYES. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Item #6k – Approval/Operating Assistance Pursuant to Title 49 United States Code, Section 5311/ Consolidated Grant Application for Federal Fiscal Years (FFYs) 2017 and 2018 was next. On behalf of the members of the Physical Services Committee, Legislators Castellano and Scuccimarra, Legislator Albano moved the following:

RESOLUTION #102

APPROVAL/OPERATING ASSISTANCE PURSUANT TO TITLE 49 UNITED STATES CODE, SECTION 5311/ CONSOLIDATED GRANT APPLICATION FOR FEDERAL FISCAL YEARS (FFYs) 2017 AND 2018

WHEREAS, the County of Putnam is submitting an application to the New York State Department of Transportation in connection with its request for consolidated grant funding pursuant to Federal Section 5311, title 49 United States Code, to provide public mass transportation services by a third party subcontractor in designated rural area(s) of Putnam County for the 2017 and 2018 federal fiscal years (the "Project"); and

WHEREAS, the County of Putnam and the State of New York have hereinbefore entered into a continuing agreement which authorizes the undertaking of the Project and payment of the Federal share therefor; and

WHEREAS, the County of Putnam is contracting with a third party subcontractor

for the implementation and execution of the Project; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Deputy Commissioner of Planning, Development & Public Transportation, or the Transportation Manager, is authorized to act on behalf of the County of Putnam and submit the application for the Project and progress to completion said Project; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the County Executive, with the assistance of the County Attorney, is authorized to enter into and sign any contracts or agreements between Putnam County and any third party subcontractor necessary to complete the public transportation Project as aforesaid.

BY POLL VOTE: ALL AYES. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Chairwoman Nacerino made a motion to accept the revised SEQRA; seconded by Legislator Albano. All in favor.

Item #6L – Approval/ SEQRA /Putnam County Legislature as Lead Agency / Sodom Road Bridge Replacement was next. On behalf of the members of the Physical Services Committee, Legislators Castellano and Scuccimarra, Legislator Albano moved the following:

RESOLUTION #103

APPROVAL/ SEQRA / PUTNAM COUNTY LEGISLATURE AS LEAD AGENCY /SODOM ROAD BRIDGE REPLACEMENT

WHEREAS, the County of Putnam Department of Highways & Facilities is proposing the replacement of Sodom Road Bridge (BIN 2224030), a county-owned bridge that spans the East Branch of the Croton River located in the Town of Southeast, New York; and

WHEREAS, the Sodom Road Bridge is a single-span concrete arch with closed spandrel walls, concrete parapets and a bituminous wearing surface built in 1920, which is a state of disrepair; and

WHEREAS, the County is currently in the planning and design stage of a project to replace the existing single-span bridge with a new bridge on the existing horizontal alignment with minor geometric improvements with a proposed span length of approximately 100 feet and will accommodate 11 foot lanes and 4 foot shoulders. The proposed project also involves approximately 250 feet of approach roadway reconstruction; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Part 617 of the implementing regulations pertaining to SEQRA, the Putnam County Legislature, as an “involved agency”, has determined that the project constitutes an “Unlisted” action, as defined in 6 NYCRR Parts 617.2(ak); and

WHEREAS, the proposed action hereunder is subject to review under the State Environmental Quality Review Act and the Regulations promulgated thereunder (“SEQRA 6 NYCRR Part 617”); and

WHEREAS, other involved/interested agencies have been identified in connection with the proposed action; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with the requirements of SEQRA, a Short Environmental Assessment Form (“Short EAF”) has been prepared to describe the potential environmental impacts and mitigation measures associated with the project; and

WHEREAS, the Putnam County Legislature (the “Legislature”), after review of Part 617, finds that the proposed action is an “Unlisted” action, as defined in 6 NYCRR Part 617.2; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Legislature hereby declares its intent to serve as the Lead Agency under the procedures and requirements of SEQRA, and will circulate a Lead Agency Notice along with the EAF and associated documentation to all Involved and Interested Agencies and will follow protocol in accordance with and as required by all relevant rules and regulations.

BY POLL VOTE: ALL AYES. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Item #6m – Approval/ SEQRA Determination was next. On behalf of the members of the Physical Services Committee, Legislators Castellano and Scuccimarra, Legislator Albano moved the following:

RESOLUTION #104

APPROVAL/ SEQRA DETERMINATION

WHEREAS, the Putnam County Legislature is considering a \$500,000 Bond issue for the acquisition of various highway vehicles and equipment for the Department of Highways, Putnam County, New York; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Highways is proposing the acquisition of various highway vehicles and equipment; and

WHEREAS, this action has been determined to be a Type II Action in accordance with 6 NYCRR Part 617.5(c)(25) “purchase or sale of furnishings, equipment or supplies, including surplus government property: land, radioactive material, pesticides, herbicides or other hazardous materials”; now therefore be it

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

BY POLL VOTE: ALL AYES. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Item #6n – Approval/Bond Resolution/ Highway Equipment was next. On behalf of the members of the Physical Services Committee, Legislators Castellano and Scuccimarra, Legislator Albano moved the following:

RESOLUTION #105

EXTRACT OF MINUTES

Meeting of the County Legislature of

the County of Putnam, New York

May 2, 2017

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A regular meeting of the County Legislature of the County of Putnam, New York, was held at the Historic County Courthouse, Gleneida Avenue, Carmel, New York, on May 2, 2017, at 7 o'clock P.M. (Prevailing Time).

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

There were absent: None

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

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Legislator Albano offered the following resolution and moved its adoption:

BOND RESOLUTION OF THE COUNTY OF PUTNAM, NEW YORK, ADOPTED MAY 2, 2017, AUTHORIZING THE ACQUISITION OF VARIOUS VEHICLES AND EQUIPMENT FOR THE HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT; STATING THE ESTIMATED TOTAL COST THEREOF IS \$983,000; APPROPRIATING SAID AMOUNT THEREFOR, INCLUDING THE EXPENDITURE OF \$483,000 IN FUNDS EXPECTED TO BE RECEIVED FROM THE STATE OF NEW YORK; AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$500,000 SERIAL BONDS OF SAID COUNTY TO FINANCE THE BALANCE OF SAID APPROPRIATION.

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

Section 1. The County of Putnam, New York (herein called "County"), is hereby authorized to acquire various vehicles and equipment for the highway department, including (a) various heavy equipment, the aggregate estimated cost of \$715,000 (b) various light equipment, at the aggregate estimated cost of \$120,000 and (c) various other equipment, at the aggregate estimated cost of \$148,000. The estimated total cost of such class of objects or purposes, including preliminary costs and costs incidental thereto and to the financing thereof, is \$983,000 and said amount is hereby appropriated therefor. The plan of financing includes the expenditure of \$483,000 in

funds expected to be received from the State of New York and the issuance of \$500,000 serial bonds of the County to finance the balance of said appropriation, and the levy and collection of taxes on all the taxable real property in the County to pay the principal of said bonds and the interest thereon as the same shall become due and payable.

Section 2. Bonds of the County in the principal amount of \$500,000 are hereby authorized to be issued pursuant to the provisions of the Local Finance Law, constituting Chapter 33-a of the Consolidated Laws of the State of New York (herein called "Law"), to finance a portion of said appropriation.

Section 3. (a) The period of probable usefulness of the class of objects or purposes for which said bonds are authorized to be issued pursuant to Section 1(a) of this resolution, within the limitations of Section 11.00 a. 28 of the Law, is fifteen (15) years.

(b) The period of probable usefulness of the class of objects or purposes for which said bonds are authorized to be issued pursuant to Sections 1(b) and (c) of this resolution, within the limitations of Section 11.00 a. 89 of the Law, is five(5) years.

Section 4. The proceeds of the bonds herein authorized and any bond anticipation notes issued in anticipation of said bonds may be applied to reimburse the County for expenditures made after the effective date of this resolution for the purpose for which said bonds are authorized. The foregoing statement of intent with respect to reimbursement is made in conformity with Treasury Regulation Section 1.150-2 of the United States Treasury Department.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

NOES: NONE

The resolution was declared adopted.

CERTIFICATE

I, Diane Schonfeld, Clerk to the County Legislature of the County of Putnam, State of New York, HEREBY CERTIFY that the Resolution No.105 - 2017 contained in the foregoing annexed extract from the minutes of a meeting of the County Legislature of said County of Putnam duly called and held on May 2, 2017, has been compared by me with the original minutes as officially recorded in my office in the Minute Book of said County Legislature and is a true, complete and correct copy thereof and of the whole of said original Resolution, which was duly adopted by the County

Legislature of the County of Putnam on May 2, 2017 and approved by the County Executive on May __, 2017.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the corporate seal of said County of Putnam this ____ day of May, 2017.

(SEAL)

Diane Schonfeld
Clerk to the County Legislature

NOTICE

The resolution, a summary of which is published herewith, has been adopted on May 2, 2017, and the validity of the obligations authorized by such resolution may be hereafter contested only if such obligations were authorized for an object or purpose for which the COUNTY OF PUTNAM, New York, is not authorized to expend money or if the provisions of law which should have been complied with as of the date of publication of this Notice were not substantially complied with, and an action, suit or proceeding contesting such validity is commenced within twenty days after the publication of this Notice, or such obligations were authorized in violation of the provisions of the constitution.

Diane Schonfeld
Clerk to the County Legislature

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Object or purpose: the acquisition of various vehicles and equipment for the highway department, including (a) various heavy equipment, the aggregate estimated cost of \$715,000 (b) various light equipment, at the aggregate estimated cost of \$120,000 and

(c) various other equipment, at the aggregate estimated cost of \$148,000.

Periods of probable usefulness: five (5) and fifteen (15) years

Amount of obligations to be issued: \$500,000

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

Dated: May 2, 2017
Carmel, New York

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

Item #60 – Approval/Re-Appointment/Change in Position/Putnam County Board of Electrical Examiners was next. Chairwoman Nacerino recognized Legislator Sullivan, Chairman of the Rules, Enactments & Intergovernmental Relations Committee. On behalf of the members of the Committee, Legislators Addonizio & Albano, Legislator Sullivan moved the following:

RESOLUTION #106

APPROVAL/RE-APPOINTMENT/CHANGE IN POSITION/PUTNAM COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTRICAL EXAMINERS

RESOLVED, that the following be re-appointed to the Putnam County Board of Electrical Examiners to the subsequent positions:

Andrew Pidala, Town of Philipstown, from position of Section 145-6 (D7) as Electrical Worker's Union Representative to the position of Section 145-6 (D3) as Journeyman Electrician, for the remainder of an unexpired three (3) year term, said term to expire December 31, 2017.

Randy Taggart, Town of Philipstown, from position of Section 145-6(D3) as Journeyman Electrician to the position of Section 145-6 (D7) as Electrical Worker's Union Representative, for the remainder of an unexpired three (3) year term, said term to expire December 31, 2018.

And be further

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

BY POLL VOTE: ALL AYES. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Item #6p – Approval/Appointment/Putnam County Board of Electrical Examiners was next. On behalf of the members of the Rules, Enactments & Intergovernmental Relations Committee, Legislators Addonizio & Albano, Legislator Sullivan moved the following:

RESOLUTION #107

APPROVAL/APPOINTMENT/PUTNAM COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTRICAL EXAMINERS

RESOLVED that the following be appointed to the Putnam County Board of Electrical Examiners:

Charles W. Gorges, Town of Philipstown, as (D8) Citizen Representative, filling a vacant (3) year term, said term to expire December 31, 2019.

And be further

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

BY POLL VOTE: ALL AYES. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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

RESOLUTION #108

APPROVAL/ CONFIRMATION/ APPOINTMENT/ PUTNAM COUNTY BOARD OF ETHICS

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

Roderick J. Cassidy, for a three (3) year term, said term to expire December 31, 2019.

And be it further

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

BY POLL VOTE: ALL AYES. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Item #6r – Approval/Budgetary Amendment (17A019)/ Veterans Affairs/ Peer to Peer Program was next. On behalf of the members of the Rules, Enactments & Intergovernmental Relations Committee, Legislators Addonizio & Albano, Legislator Sullivan moved the following:

Legislator Addonizio stated that this program provides one on one counseling in a confidential environment. It also helps our Veterans to obtain any services they may need. It is best summed up as “Vets helping Vets.” She stated that she was proud to support this program for Putnam County.

RESOLUTION #109

APPROVAL/BUDGETARY AMENDMENT / VETERANS AFFAIRS/ PEER TO PEER PROGRAM

WHEREAS, Putnam County Mental Health has been notified by the NYS Office of Mental Health of additional funding for the 2016-17 Veteran Peer to Peer Program; and

WHEREAS, the Commissioner of Finance has requested a budgetary amendment (17A019) to account for these additional funds; 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:

Increase Revenues:

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|------------------------------|--------------------------------------|---------------|
| 10651000 437895 10105 | Veterans Peer to Peer Program | 60,000 |
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Increase Appropriations:

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| 10651000 54646 10105 | Veterans Peer to Peer Program – Contracts | 60,000 |
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2017 Fiscal Impact – 0 –

2018 Fiscal Impact – 0 –

BY POLL VOTE: ALL AYES. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Item #6s – Approval/Local Law Amending Chapter 115 Sections 115-6(E) & (F) and Section 115-7 of the Putnam County Code Entitled “Animal Protection” was next. On behalf of the members of the Rules, Enactments & Intergovernmental Relations Committee, Legislators Addonizio & Albano, Legislator Sullivan moved the following:

RESOLUTION #110

APPROVAL/LOCAL LAW AMENDING CHAPTER 115 SECTIONS 115-6(E) & (F) and SECTION 115-7 OF THE PUTNAM COUNTY CODE ENTITLED “ANIMAL PROTECTION”

A Local Law Amending Chapter 115 Sections 115-6(E) & (F) and Section 115-7 of the Putnam County Code Entitled “Animal Protection”

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

Section 1.

Section 115-6(E) of the Putnam County Code is hereby amended to read as follows:

Section 115-6(E)

Any Pet Seller, Pet Dealer, Pet Store, Animal Shelter or other individual or entity located in Putnam County, or any authorized agents thereof, who violate Section ~~95-14~~ 115-5 of this Local Law, shall be guilty of a violation and subject to a maximum fine of \$250. It shall not be a violation of this law if the Pet Seller, Pet Dealer, Pet Store, Animal Shelter or other individual, entity or any authorized agents thereof, checked with the Registry and the name did not appear thereon.

Section 2.

Section 115-6(F) of the Putnam County Code is hereby amended to read as follows:

Section 115-6(F)

Any Pet Seller, Pet Dealer, Pet Store, Animal Shelter, or other individual or entity located in Putnam County, or any authorized agents thereof, who a second time within two years violates Section ~~95-14~~ 115-5 of this Local Law shall be guilty of a Class "A" misdemeanor.

Section 3.

Section 115-7 of the Putnam County Code is hereby amended to read as follows:

Section 115-7. Applicability.

This law shall apply to all persons convicted of animal abuse crimes as defined by Section ~~95-11 of Article III~~ 115-2 of Article I, on or after the effective date of this article.

Section 4.

This local law shall take effect immediately.

BY POLL VOTE: ALL AYES. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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

Item #6t – Approval/Fund Transfer (17T060)/Commissioner of Finance/ IT/GIS / Telephone Installation for Department of Social Services was next. Chairwoman Nacerino recognized Legislator Castellano, Chairman of the Audit & Administration Committee. On behalf of the members of the Committee, Legislators Jonke and Sullivan, Legislator Castellano moved the following:

RESOLUTION #111

**APPROVAL/FUND TRANSFER /COMMISSIONER OF FINANCE/ IT/GIS / TELEPHONE
INSTALLATION FOR DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES**

WHEREAS, the Commissioner of Finance has requested a fund transfer (17T060) to cover the cost of Labor and Equipment incurred by the IT/GIS Department to facilitate the completion of a new phone system for the Department of Social Services; 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: | | |
| 10199000 54980 | Contingency | 26,072 |
| Increase: | | |
| 10168000 54636 | Internet | 24,500 |
| 10168000 51094 | Temporary | 160 |
| 10168000 51093 | Overtime | 1,300 |
| 10168000 58002 | Fica | <u>112</u> |
| | | 26,072 |

2017 Fiscal Impact \$26,072

2018 Fiscal Impact – 0 –

BY POLL VOTE: ALL AYES. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Item #6u – Approval/Fund Transfer (17T062)/Highways & Facilities/ Repair Jail Generator was next. On behalf of the members of the Audit & Administration Committee, Legislators Jonke and Sullivan, Legislator Castellano moved the following:

RESOLUTION #112

APPROVAL/FUND TRANSFER /HIGHWAYS & FACILITIES/ REPAIR JAIL GENERATOR

WHEREAS, the Commissioner of Highways & Facilities has requested a fund transfer (17T062) to supply and install a new remote radiator for the Jail Generator; and

WHEREAS, the Physical 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:

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| Decrease: | | |
| 10199000 54980 | Contingency | 30,000 |
| Increase: | | |
| 10511100 54647 | Sub-Contractors | 30,000 |

2017 Fiscal Impact \$30,000

2018 Fiscal Impact – 0 –

BY POLL VOTE: ALL AYES. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Item #6v – Approval/Fund Transfer (17T068)/ IT/GIS /Purchase Veeam Backup Software was next. On behalf of the members of the Audit & Administration Committee, Legislators Jonke and Sullivan, Legislator Castellano moved the following:

RESOLUTION #113

APPROVAL/FUND TRANSFER / IT/GIS /PURCHASE VEEAM BACKUP SOFTWARE

WHEREAS, the Director of IT/GIS has requested a fund transfer (17T068) to purchase Veeam Backup Software; 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:

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| 10199000 54980 | Contingency | 10,239.60 |
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Increase:

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| 10168000 54783 | Licensing Software | 10,239.60 |
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2017 Fiscal Impact \$10,239.60

2018 Fiscal Impact – 0 –

BY POLL VOTE: ALL AYES. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Item #6w – Approval/Fund Transfer (17T069)/ IT/GIS /Purchase 2 Dell Blades was next. On behalf of the members of the Audit & Administration Committee, Legislators Jonke and Sullivan, Legislator Castellano moved the following:

RESOLUTION #114

APPROVAL/FUND TRANSFER / IT/GIS /PURCHASE 2 DELL BLADES

WHEREAS, the Director of IT/GIS has requested a fund transfer (17T069) to purchase Two (2) Dell Blades; 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:

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| 10199000 54980 | Contingency | 15,669.00 |
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Increase:

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| 10168000 52630 | Computer Equip >\$5,000 | 15,669.00 |
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2017 Fiscal Impact \$15,669.00

2018 Fiscal Impact – 0 –

BY POLL VOTE: ALL AYES. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Item #6x - Approval/Grant Award Application/Round 5 Statewide Interoperable Communications Grant Program was next. On behalf of the members of the Audit & Administration Committee, Legislators Jonke and Sullivan, Legislator Castellano moved the following:

RESOLUTION #115

APPROVAL/GRANT AWARD APPLICATION/ ROUND 5 STATEWIDE INTEROPERABLE COMMUNICATIONS GRANT PROGRAM

WHEREAS, by Resolution #82 of 2015, the Putnam County Legislature approved and authorized the Department of Information Technology to apply for a \$3.5 million dollar grant under Round 4 Statewide Interoperable Communications Grant program; and

WHEREAS, at the November 22, 2016 Protective Services Committee meeting, the Putnam County Bureau of Emergency Services provided the Committee with information about a 2016 Statewide Interoperable Communications Grant application available which was due by December 8, 2016; and

WHEREAS, the total available State funding for this grant would be divided among all counties that apply; and

WHEREAS, the amount a County receives is based on a specific formula; and

WHEREAS, there is no County match and the funds would be used towards Radio Communications; and

WHEREAS, at the April 17, 2017 Protective Services Committee meeting, the Putnam County Bureau of Emergency Services informed the Committee that \$482,829.00 was awarded to Putnam County under this New York State 2016 Statewide Interoperable Communications Grant Program (2016 SICG-Formula); and

WHEREAS, the performance period for the 2016-17 SICG grant will be 24 months from January 1, 2017 through December 31, 2018 and expenses that the County wishes to claim must occur within that period; and

WHEREAS, the Audit & Administration Committee has reviewed and approves of this application; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Putnam County Legislature approves and authorizes the Putnam County Bureau of Emergency Services to apply for the \$482,829.00 awarded under the Round 5 Statewide Interoperable Communications Grant Program.

BY POLL VOTE: ALL AYES. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Item #7 – Other Business

Item #7a – Approval/Home Rule Request/ Assembly Bill A7048A / Senate Bill S5359 – 2017 was next. Chairwoman Nacerino moved the following; seconded by Legislators Addonizio and Albano.

Legislator LoBue stated that she would be voting “no” as she has done in the past. She believed that the sales tax rate should be reduced in order to be competitive with Connecticut and bring in more revenue.

Legislator Albano stated that everyone that lives in Putnam or travels through Putnam benefits from our roads and all that our County facilities provide. He stated that the

sales tax is an opportunity for everyone to participate in the monies needed to provide these services. He stated that without this extra 1% sales tax, there would be a shortage of approximately \$14 million in revenue. He stated that the only other place to generate that revenue would be from the property owners. He stated that with the 1% additional sales tax, everyone contributes, even people traveling through the County.

Legislator LoBue stated that the idea would be to institute cost controls and lower our spending in order to wean ourselves off this sales tax. She stated that a plan needs to be in place. She explained that the additional sales tax hinders economic development and it needed to be lowered.

Legislator Albano disagreed. He stated that if there was an opportunity to lower taxes it believed it should be property tax.

Legislator Castellano concurred with Legislator Albano. He believed that if taxes were going to be lowered it should be lowered for property taxpayers. He stated that the 1% additional sales tax is not something anyone likes; however, it is \$14 million in revenue. If there was a \$14 million hole in the budget, cuts would need to be made or the amount would come from the property tax owners. He believed the 1% was a fair way to distribute this tax to all people that come to Putnam County. He stated if the tax was eliminated, he did not believe there would be an increase in spending in Putnam County that would equate to \$14 million.

Chairwoman Nacerino concurred with Legislators Castellano and Albano. She stated that it is an overture to shift the burden from the property owner.

RESOLUTION #116

APPROVAL/HOME RULE REQUEST/ ASSEMBLY BILL A7048A / SENATE BILL S5359 – 2017

WHEREAS, by Resolution #27 of 2017 the Putnam County Legislature requested our State Senate and Assembly members to extend the additional 1% sales tax that is set to expire on November 30, 2017; and

WHEREAS, Assemblywoman Sandra Galef has introduced Assembly Bill A7048A to accomplish this request; and

WHEREAS, the Rules Committee of the New York State Senate has introduced Senate Bill S5359 to accomplish this request; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Putnam County Executive and the Clerk of the Putnam County Legislature are authorized to file the annexed home rule request for Senate Bill S5359 and Assembly Bill A7048A entitled “AN ACT to amend the tax law, in relation to the imposition of sales and compensating use taxes in the county of Putnam.”

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

Item #8 – Recognition of Public

Lynne Eckardt, Town of Southeast Councilwoman concurred with Legislator LoBue that the additional 1% sales tax was supposed to be temporary, which she believed has gone far beyond temporary. She believed it was a regressive tax. Although, it hits people

coming from out of town, it is also the wealthier tax at the same rate as our less fortunate citizens that have less money to spend and often are larger families. She believed that we needed to start looking forward as a County. In April we were the only County in the lower Hudson Valley where the house sale prices had declined. She stated that Putnam County has been declining in population. She believed that shopping habits have changed greatly. We are not as competitive as we should be with neighboring counties and we have the highest sales tax. She believed that it was the Legislature's duty to try to lower the tax burden on our residents; the sales tax extension was not doing that.

Item #9 – Recognition of Legislators

Legislator Albano wished all the mothers a “Happy Mother’s Day.”

Legislator LoBue stated that she would like to close the meeting in memory of Nicole O’Brien (Campanella) who lost her battle with cancer on April 18th. She stated that our thoughts and prayers are with her and her family.

Chairwoman Nacerino stated that she was a very special person who was very involved with Relay For Life.

There being no further business; at 7:43 P.M., Chairwoman Nacerino made a motion to adjourn; seconded by Legislators Albano and LoBue.

Respectfully submitted by Diane Schonfeld, Clerk.