

# Putnam County

## *Shared Services Initiative*

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### Agenda

- ❖ Call To Order
- ❖ Pledge of Allegiance
- ❖ Welcome & Introductions
- ❖ Discussion
- ❖ Timeline

May 18, 2017

# Putnam County *Shared Services Initiative*

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❖ Call To Order

**MaryEllen Odell**  
*Putnam County Executive*



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### ❖ Welcome & Introductions



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# Putnam County Shared Services Initiative



The New York State 2018 Budget has established the **County-Wide Shared Services Initiative** to generate property tax savings by facilitating operational collaboration between local governments

## **The Chief Executive of each County will:**

- Establish a Shared Services Panel
- Develop a County-Wide Shared Service Property Tax Savings Plan
- Save taxpayer dollars, engage the public and have the opportunity for State match funding
- Conduct 3 or more public hearings



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**A Shared Services Plan should contain actions that when implemented will result in new property tax savings**

- Eliminate duplicative services
- Joint purchasing including energy and insurance
- Shared highway equipment – plowing services
- Shared storage facilities
- Reduce back office administrative overhead
- Better coordination of services

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NYSAC®

NEW YORK STATE  
ASSOCIATION OF COUNTIES

The New York State Association of Counties (NYSAC) supports shared services and has been ever vigilant in the search for increased operational efficiencies at all levels of government. Our goal is the reduction of property taxes in New York State, but in order for a realistic discussion to take place, school taxes and how public education is funded must be a part of the solution.

*An excerpt in NYSAC's adopted resolution urging state legislative leaders to focus their property tax relief efforts*



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During the remaining NYS Legislative days, NYSAC's priorities include:

**Mandate relief to counties**

**Sales Tax Extenders**

**Ensuring no costs are shifted to counties**

**Chapter Amendment for District Attorney Salaries**

**Increase DMV Revenue Distribution to Counties**

**Promote Video Conference Court Appearances**

**County Option for Pre-Arrest Holding**



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## EXAMPLES OF INITIATIVES CURRENTLY IN PLACE

- East Of Hudson Watershed Corp
- Putnam County Commission For Fiscal Vision And Accountability
- Law Enforcement



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## East of Hudson Watershed Corporation

- Creation of East Of Hudson Watershed Corporation where 19 municipalities charged with meeting storm water (MS<sub>4</sub>) regulations independently decided to form a corporation to collaboratively meet the regulations and requirements in a cost effective and efficient manner



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## East of Hudson Watershed Corporation

- 19 Municipalities residing in 3 Counties, Westchester, Putnam and Dutchess
- 100+ Projects
- Achieving 459 kg of phosphorus reduction in our waterways
- Optimized investment of more than \$25m

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## Putnam County Legislative Resolution #120 June 5, 2007

PUTNAM COUNTY LEGISLATURE

Resolution #120  
Introduced by Legislator: Tony Hay on behalf of the Audit & Administration  
Committee at the Regular Meeting held on June 5, 2007.  
Seconded by Legislator: Vincent Tamagna.

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**APPROVAL/PUTNAM COUNTY COMMISSION FOR FISCAL VISION AND  
ACCOUNTABILITY**

Putnam County finds itself halfway through the first decade of the new century being blessed with a quality of life that surpasses many of our neighbors. However, maintaining that standard has come with the cost associated with providing public services. Whether it is a service by government at the local or county level, or it is a service from a school district the cost of providing that service has continued to escalate.

On the County level, in March 2007 State of the County Address, the County Executive forecasted an approximate 66% real property county tax increase. Also identified was a suggested sales tax increase proposed as a partial alternative.

This statement is a strong indicator that the tax problem in Putnam County may only be addressed through a unique collaboration of both the public and private sector to study the current services that are being provided and to seek ways to consolidate where possible so that we can stake out a new course of action for the next generations. It is not an easy problem to solve as it developed over the course of many years and it will therefore take time to solve. But we must begin.

WHEREAS, the Chairman of the Legislature has proposed the creation of an eleven member commission to study and prepare a fiscal vision and accountability program for Putnam County; and

WHEREAS, the Audit and Administration Committee approves of the creation of this commission; now therefore be it

Vote:  
State Of New York

ss:

County of Putnam

I hereby certify that the above is a true and exact copy of a resolution passed by the Putnam County Legislature while in session on June 5, 2007.

Dated: June 7, 2007

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

M. Chris Marrone

PUTNAM COUNTY LEGISLATURE

Resolution #120  
Introduced by Legislator: Tony Hay on behalf of the Audit & Administration  
Committee at the Regular Meeting held on June 5, 2007.  
Seconded by Legislator: Vincent Tamagna.

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**RESOLVED**, that the Putnam County Legislature hereby creates an eleven member Commission for Fiscal Vision and Accountability; and be it further

**RESOLVED**, that Chairman of the Legislature shall appoint/designate a member of the Legislature to Chair such committee who in turn will recommend to the Legislature the names of ten residents of Putnam County to serve on this Commission keeping in mind the various geographical areas of the County and the various private and public sectors whose input is needed to address this all important issue of rising costs of providing services to the residents of the County.

**BY POLL VOTE: ALL AYES. CHAIRMAN BIRMINGHAM & LEGISLATOR  
MCGUIGAN WERE ABSENT.**

THE ATTACHED LETTER REPRESENTS THE ACTION OF THIS OFFICE WITH RESPECT TO RESOLUTION #120 AS PASSED BY THE COUNTY LEGISLATURE ON JUNE 5, 2007.

Vote:  
State Of New York

ss:

County of Putnam

I hereby certify that the above is a true and exact copy of a resolution passed by the Putnam County Legislature while in session on June 5, 2007.

Dated: June 7, 2007

Signed: *M. Chris Marrone*

M. Chris Marrone

# Putnam County Shared Services Initiative

## Putnam County Legislative Resolution #173 July 1, 2014

PUTNAM COUNTY LEGISLATURE

Resolution #173

Introduced by Legislator: Barbara Scuccimarra on behalf of the Economic Development & Energy Committee at a Regular Meeting held on July 1, 2014.

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RE-ESTABLISH FISCAL VISION & ACCOUNTABILITY COMMISSION

WHEREAS, the residents of Putnam County are being over taxed by the various taxing authorities in the County; and

WHEREAS, this over taxation is being basically caused by out of control State mandates; and

WHEREAS, this taxation problem in Putnam County may only be addressed through a unique collaboration of both the public and private sector to study the current services that are being provided and to seek ways to consolidate where possible so that we can stake out a new cause of action for the next generation; and

WHEREAS, this problem is not an easy one to solve as it has developed over the course of many years; and

WHEREAS, a Commission should be established to study and prepare a Fiscal Vision and Accountability Program for Putnam County; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Putnam County Legislature hereby creates a Commission for Fiscal Vision and Accountability consisting of 11 members; and be it further

RESOLVED, that Legislators Barbara Scuccimarra and Ginny Nacerino be appointed as Co-Chairs this Commission; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the following be appointed members of this Commission:

Maureen Fleming, Town of Kent Supervisor  
Denise Camilloni, Town of Putnam Valley  
Jeffery D. Kellogg, Town of Carmel  
Charlie Melchner, Town of Carmel  
Neal Sullivan, Town of Carmel

and be it further

RESOLVED, that the additional members of this Commission be approved by the Legislature upon the recommendation of the Economic Development & Energy Committee; and be it further

RESOLVED, that his Commission shall expire on December 31, 2015 unless extended by this Legislature.

BY POLL VOTE: ALL AYES. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Vote:

State Of New York

ss:

County of Putnam

I hereby certify that the above is a true and exact copy of a resolution passed by the Putnam County Legislature while in session on July 1, 2014.

Dated: July 3, 2014

Signed:

*Barbara Scuccimarra*





# Putnam County Shared Services Initiative

## Putnam County Commission For Fiscal Vision And Accountability

*Formed in June of 2007 by the Putnam County Legislative Audit & Administration Committee*

- Commission focused on a fiscal vision for Putnam County
- Commission consisted of Elected Officials, Business Leaders and Stakeholders
- The Commission was re-established in June of 2014



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## Putnam County Commission For Fiscal Vision And Accountability

### Topics of Discussion

Town/Village Infrastructure Improvements

County/Town Organizational Chart Analysis

Police Department Consolidation

Garbage/Recycling Services

School District Consolidations

*Back Office Functions*

*Fairax VA*

Consolidation of Recreational Facilities/Services

Tax Assessment

Highway Depts. Sharing Services

Health Insurance Savings

Energy Consumption

Electronic Video Appearance



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## Electronic Video Appearance

- Initiative started by the Putnam County Commission For Fiscal Vision And Accountability
- This initiative has the buy in from: The Putnam County Sheriff's Department, the Putnam County District Attorney's Office, the Putnam County Legal Aid Society, the New York State Office of Court Administration, Putnam County Bar Association and the Putnam County Magistrates Association
- Pending NYS Legislation in Albany in hopes of the Governor's Approval – *Alternate Method of Arraignment, Article 185 , Senate Bill S00554, Assembly Bill A04581*

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For Every \$1 Of Property Tax Collected



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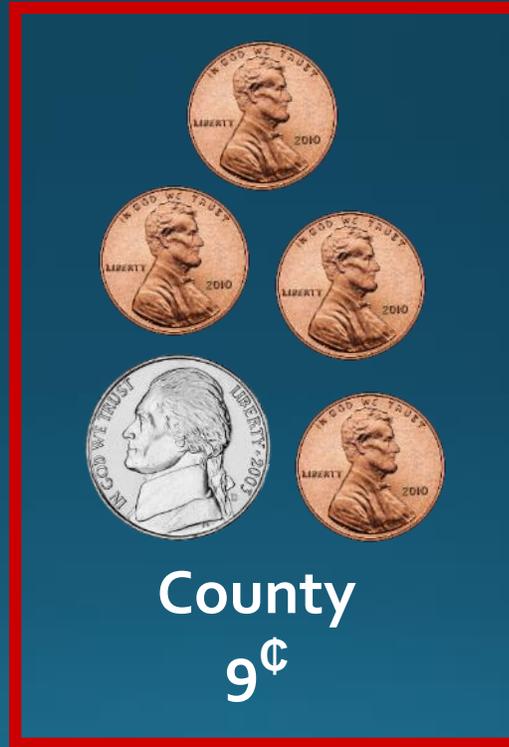
For Every \$1 Of Property Tax Collected



School Districts  
71¢



Towns  
18¢



County  
9¢



Fire Districts  
1¢



Villages  
1¢

Putnam County Has The LOWEST Portion Per Dollar Of Any Of NYS's 62 Counties



# Putnam County Shared Services Initiative

## County-Wide Shared Services Timeline

**Starting Immediately**

*Creation of the Panel*

**No Later Than August 1, 2017**

*Development of the Initial Plan*

*Submission to the County Legislative Body*

**No Later Than September 15, 2017**

*County Executive May Modify the Plan*

*Public Hearings*

*Panel Votes on Plan Submitted by the County Executive*

**No Later Than October 15, 2017**

*Public Presentation of the Plan*



# Putnam County Shared Services Initiative

## Starting Immediately

### Creation of the Panel

The Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of each county (outside of NYC) convenes a Shared Services Panel within the county. The CEO shall serve as chair of the Panel. In addition to the CEO, the Panel must consist of the mayor of every city or village within the county, and the supervisor of every town within the county. The CEO may invite BOCES and/or Special Improvement Districts to participate on the panel. Upon invitation by the CEO, the governing body of the invited entity may accept the invitation by selecting, by a majority vote, a representative of the governing body to serve on the Panel.



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**No Later Than August 1, 2017**

## Development of the Initial Plan

The CEO shall regularly consult with, and take recommendations from all the representatives of the shared services Panel as well as the representative of each collective bargaining unit of the county and the cities, towns, and villages and other optional invited panel members.

## Submission to the County Legislative Body

CEO shall submit the plan to the county legislative body. The plan must be accompanied by a certification as to the accuracy of the property tax savings. The following certification may be used: *"By my signature below, I hereby certify that the savings identified and contained herein are true and accurate to the best of my knowledge and belief"*. Thereafter, the county legislative body shall review the Plan, and may, by a majority of its members, issue an advisory report with recommendations to the CEO.



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**No Later Than August 1, 2017**

**Thursday May 18, 2017**

**3:00 PM**

*Putnam County Training & Operations Center*

**Tuesday June 20, 2017**

**4:00 PM**

*Putnam County Training & Operations Center*

**Tuesday July 18, 2017**

**10:00 AM**

*Putnam County Training & Operations Center*



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**No Later Than September 15, 2017**

## **Modifying the Plan**

Upon receipt of an advisory report from the county legislative body, the CEO may modify the Plan. If modified, the CEO shall produce an updated certification as to the accuracy of the property tax savings.

## **Public Hearings**

The CEO, the county legislative body, and the Panel shall accept input and testimony on the Plan from the: public, civic, business, labor, and community leaders. To facilitate such input, a minimum of three public hearings shall be held within the county. All such public hearings shall be conducted prior to the submission of the county-wide shared services property tax savings plan to a vote of the shared services Panel. Public notice of all such hearings shall be provided at least one week prior in the manner prescribed in subdivision 1 of section 104 of the Public Officers Law. This process should begin as early as possible, as at least three public hearings must be conducted prior to the Panel vote.



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## **No Later Than September 15, 2017**

### **Panel Votes on Plan Submitted by CEO**

A majority vote of the Panel is required for approval of the Plan. Each Panel Member must state in writing the reason for his or her vote. However, prior to the vote each member of the Panel may remove any proposed action that affects their local government. Written notice of the removal will be provided to the CEO prior to the Panel-wide vote.

### **If the Plan is Approved:**

The CEO shall finalize the Plan.

The CEO shall submit to the Director of the Division of the Budget a certification of the Plan and its property tax savings plan.

The CEO shall disseminate the Plan to residents of the county in a concise, clear, and coherent manner using words with common and everyday meanings.

### **If the Plan Fails or is not Voted on:**

The CEO shall release, to the public, a report on the proposal, including the vote of the Panel, the vote of each Panel Member and the reasons for their vote.

The CEO shall then follow the same procedures defined in this section to attempt to produce an approved county-wide shared services property tax savings plan by the deadlines required for 2018



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**No Later Than October 15, 2017**

## Public Presentation of the Plan

If the Plan was approved, public notice of such public presentation shall be provided at least one week prior in the manner prescribed in subdivision 1 of section 104 of the Public Officers Law.



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## Q & A

## Suggestions