

THE PUTNAM COUNTY LEGISLATURE

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October 23, 2018

Ms. Diane Schonfeld
Clerk of the Legislature
40 Gleneida Avenue
Carmel, New York 10512

RE: Report of the Budget & Finance Committee of the 2019 Tentative Budget

Dear Madam Clerk:

The Putnam County Budget & Finance Committee has completed its review of the 2019 Putnam County Budget. Pursuant to Section 7.04 B (3) of the Putnam County Charter, I hereby submit this report to you from the Budget & Finance Committee. The Committee has completed its review of the 2019 Tentative Budget as submitted by the County Executive to the Legislature on October 3, 2018. The County Executive presented the Tentative Budget to the Budget & Finance Committee on Wednesday, October 3, 2018 at Putnam Golf, Inc. As explained in the County Executive's presentation, the New York State Tax Cap Law provides that the tax levy increase be capped at 2% or the rate of inflation, whichever is less. Immediately following the County Executive's presentation, the Budget & Finance Committee held a Public Hearing.

Commencing on October 9, 2018, the Tentative Budget was reviewed by the appropriate Legislative Committees. Input was received from the Administration, Department Heads, employees, representatives of outside agencies and the public. Each Committee then submitted its revisions and adjustments to the Budget & Finance Committee on October 18, 2018 for additional review and approval. The modifications that were approved by the Budget & Finance Committee are outlined in the attached "Schedule A".

Among the modifications made to the 2019 Tentative Budget, the Budget & Finance Committee placed the proposed new Farmer position of \$50,000 for Tilly Foster Farm in subcontingency. The Legislature requested a job description and time to review the five (5) year plan for the farm.

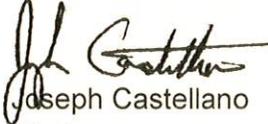
The Legislature also received correspondence from the Putnam County Visitors Bureau, Inc. who was notified by Empire State Development of the 2019 Tourism Matching Funds grant estimate in the amount of \$68,192. The estimate was \$3,192 more than what was budgeted,

therefore, the Putnam County Visitors Bureau, Inc. requested an additional \$3,192 County Contribution match for the I Love NY Program. The Budget & Finance Committee approved this request.

The Budget & Finance Committee also increased the County Contribution for two (2) of the outside agencies; an increase of \$10,000 for the SPCA and \$5,000 increase for Cornell Cooperative Extension.

Through good communication and cooperation between the Administration and the Legislature, the entire budget process ran smoothly. The Budget & Finance Committee made slight modifications to the 2019 Tentative Budget while still keeping the real property tax increase within the New York State Tax Cap as proposed by the County Executive. Most importantly this is a budget that considers the needs of our residents, allowing the County to continue to provide the necessary services and programs which protects their health, safety and wellbeing.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Joseph Castellano". The signature is stylized and cursive.

Joseph Castellano
Chairman

Putnam County Budget & Finance Committee

SCHEDULE "A"

Dues

	FROM:	TO:
Books & Supplements 10192000 54313	17,000	16,000

A DIFFERENCE OF: (1,000)

Putnam Tourism Promotion Agency

	FROM:	TO:
Matching Funds 25641000 54621	65,000	68,192

A DIFFERENCE OF: 3,192

Highways - Parks

	FROM:	TO:
Farmer 10711000 51000 (711010113)	50,000	0
Subcontingency 10199000 54982	0	50,000

A DIFFERENCE OF: 0

Adjust Fringes & Revenue Accordingly.

SPCA

	FROM:	TO:
County Contribution 25851300 54950	40,000	50,000

A DIFFERENCE OF: 10,000

Health Department

	FROM:	TO:
Phosphorus Law Contracts 12401002 54646 10070	5,000	0
Environmental Protection Contracts 12401002 54646 10050	0	5,000
A DIFFERENCE OF: 0		

Health Department

	FROM:	TO:
Public Health Emergency Preparedness Overtime 26401001 51093 10066	5,200	0
Public Health Emergency Preparedness Temporary 26401001 51094 10066	0	5,200
A DIFFERENCE OF: 0		

Legal Aid Society

	FROM:	TO:
State Aid Indigent Legal Serv. 25117000 430251	254,486	349,050
County Contribution 25117000 54950	841,045	935,609
A DIFFERENCE OF: 0		

Contingency Fund

	FROM:	TO:
Subcontingency		
10199000 54981	50,000	0
Putnam County Industrial Development Corp		
Contracts		
25646000 54646	0	50,000

A DIFFERENCE OF: 0

Cornell Cooperative Extension

	FROM:	TO:
County Contribution		
25875000 54950	315,185	320,185

A DIFFERENCE OF: 5,000