

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

Tuesday January 6, 2015 7:00 P.M.

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 P.M. by County Clerk Michael Bartolotti who requested that Board of Election Commissioner, Anthony Scannapieco lead in the Pledge of Allegiance. County Clerk Bartolotti then requested Legislator Wright to lead in the Legislative Prayer. Upon roll call, Legislators Scuccimarra, Gouldman, Addonizio, Nacerino, Albano, Gross, Castellano, LoBue and Wright were present. Also present was Legislative Counsel Van Ross.

Item #4 – Appointment/Chair/Putnam County Legislature was called first. County Clerk Bartolotti requested nominations from the floor for Chair of the Legislature.

Legislator Nacerino made a motion to nominate Legislator Albano as Chair; seconded by Legislator Castellano.

Legislator Nacerino stated that Legislator Albano has served this Legislative Body and the people of Putnam County well as Chairman in the year 2014. He is a hard working Legislator with a personal and professional demeanor. His proven leadership style incorporates calmness, fairness and the utmost respect for everyone's perspective and opinions. She stated that it is without reservation that she fully supports Legislator Albano for reappointment as Legislative Chair for 2015.

Legislator Castellano stated that it was his honor and pleasure to second the nomination of Legislator Albano. He is a hardworking businessman in our community and will do a great job as our Chairman.

Legislator Wright recused himself because the Albano family is a former client of his.

RESOLUTION #1

APPOINTMENT/CHAIR/PUTNAM COUNTY LEGISLATURE

RESOLVED, that Carl L. Albano 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, 2015.

BY ROLL CALL VOTE: FIVE AYES. THREE NAYS – LEGISLATORS ADDONIZIO, GROSS & LOBUE. ONE RECUSAL – LEGISLATOR WRIGHT. MOTION CARRIES.

Item #5 – Appointment/Deputy Chair/Putnam County Legislature was next.

Legislator Scuccimarra made a motion to nominate Legislator Nacerino as Deputy Chair; seconded by Chairman Albano.

Legislator Scuccimarra stated that it has been a pleasure and privilege to serve with her as Legislators. She stated that Legislator Nacerino is dependable and a stickler for procedure and therefore would like to see her serve as Deputy Chair again.

Chairman Albano stated that Legislator Nacerino is very knowledgeable, logical and has been extremely helpful. He stated that it is an honor to second her nomination.

Legislator LoBue made a motion to nominate Legislator Gross; seconded by Legislator Wright.

Legislator LoBue stated that Legislator Gross has been on the Legislature for three (3) years. He is a gentleman and conducts himself in a fair and balanced manner giving everyone an opportunity to voice their opinions.

Legislator Wright believed that it is healthy for the Legislature to have an infusion of new faces and rotation of the hierarchy of the Legislature; with no disrespect to Legislator Nacerino.

Chairman Albano requested a roll call vote on the first nomination.

RESOLUTION #2

APPOINTMENT/DEPUTY CHAIR/PUTNAM COUNTY LEGISLATURE

RESOLVED, that Ginny Nacerino 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, 2015.

BY ROLL CALL VOTE: FIVE AYES. FOUR NAYS – LEGISLATORS ADDONIZIO, GROSS, LOBUE & WRIGHT. MOTION CARRIES.

Item #6 – Appointment/Legislative Counsel was called next. Legislator Gross moved the following; seconded by Legislator LoBue.

RESOLUTION #3

APPOINTMENT/LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL

RESOLVED, that Clement Van Ross be appointed to the position of Legislative Counsel with all the rights, privileges and duties of the Office as set forth in the Putnam County Charter as permitted by law for a three year term period ending December 31, 2017.

BY POLL VOTE: ALL AYES. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Item #7 – Adoption of Legislative Manual was next. Chairman Albano made a motion to move the following; seconded by Legislator Gross.

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 2015.

BY POLL VOTE: ALL AYES. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Item #8 – Adoption of Legislative Calendar was next. Chairman Albano made a motion to move the following; seconded by Legislator Nacerino.

RESOLUTION #

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 2015:

Tuesday	January 6, 2015
Wednesday	February 4, 2015
Tuesday	March 3, 2015
Tuesday	April 7, 2015
Tuesday	May 5, 2015
Tuesday	June 2, 2015
Tuesday	July 7, 2015
Tuesday	August 4, 2015
Tuesday	September 1, 2015
Tuesday	October 6, 2015
Wednesday	November 4, 2015
Tuesday	December 1, 2015

BY POLL VOTE: ALL AYES. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Item #9 – Designation of Official Newspaper was next. Chairman Albano moved the following; seconded by Legislator Nacerino.

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 2015.

BY ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL AYES. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Item #10 – Designation of Official Newspaper was next. Chairman Albano moved the following; seconded by Legislator Castellano.

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 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 2015.

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

Item #11 – Designation of Official Newspaper was next. Chairman Albano moved the following; seconded by Legislator Scuccimarra.

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 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 2015.

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

Item #12 – Permission for Legislature to Attend Conferences, Seminars & Official Business for the County was next. Legislator Nacerino moved the following; seconded by Legislator Oliverio.

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 2015 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 #13 – Authorization for County Auditor to Approve Erroneous Assessments Under \$2,500 was next. Chairman Albano moved the following; seconded by Legislators LoBue and Nacerino.

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, 2015.

BY POLL VOTE: ALL AYES. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Item #14 – Appointment/Legislative Representative/Cooperative Extension Board was next. Chairman Albano moved the following; seconded by Legislator Gross.

RESOLUTION #11

APPOINTMENT/LEGISLATIVE REPRESENTATIVE/COOPERATIVE EXTENSION BOARD

RESOLVED, that Toni Addonizio be appointed as the Legislative Representative to the Cooperative Extension Board for a period of one year, said term to expire on December 31, 2015.

BY POLL VOTE: ALL AYES. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Item #15 – Appointment/Legislative Representative/Jury Board was next. Chairman Albano moved the following; seconded by Legislator LoBue.

RESOLUTION #12

APPOINTMENT/LEGISLATIVE REPRESENTATIVE/JURY BOARD

RESOLVED, that Roger Gross be appointed Legislative Representative to the Putnam County Jury Board for a period of one year, said term to expire on December 31, 2015.

BY POLL VOTE: ALL AYES. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Item #16 – Appointment/Legislative Representative/Region 3 Forest Practice Board was next. Chairman Albano moved the following; seconded by Legislators Gross and LoBue.

RESOLUTION #13

APPOINTMENT/LEGISLATIVE REPRESENTATIVE/REGION 3 FOREST PRACTICE BOARD

RESOLVED, that Barbara Scuccimarra be appointed Legislative Representative to the Region 3 Forest Practice Board for a period of one year, said term to expire on December 31, 2015.

BY POLL VOTE: ALL AYES. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Item #17 – Appointment/Legislative Representatives/Putnam County Soil & Water Conservation District Board was next. Chairman Albano moved the following; seconded by Legislators LoBue and Nacerino.

RESOLUTION #14

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

RESOLVED, that William Gouldman and Barbara Scuccimarra be appointed Legislative Representatives to the Putnam County Soil & Water Conservation District Board for a one year term, said term to expire December 31, 2015.

BY POLL VOTE: ALL AYES. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Item #18 – Appointment/Legislative Representative/Records Management Board was next. Chairman Albano moved the following; seconded by Legislator Gross.

RESOLUTION #15

APPOINTMENT/LEGISLATIVE REPRESENTATIVE/RECORDS MANAGEMENT BOARD

RESOLVED, that Ginny Nacerino be appointed Legislative Representative to the Records Management Board for a one year period, said term to expire December 31, 2015.

BY POLL VOTE: ALL AYES. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Item #19 – Appointment/Legislative Representatives/Putnam County Board of Health was next. Chairman Albano made a motion that Legislator Scuccimarra be appointed as Legislative Representative; seconded by Legislator Nacerino. Chairman Albano made a motion that Legislator Nacerino be appointed as Alternate member; seconded by Legislator LoBue.

RESOLUTION #16

APPOINTMENT/LEGISLATIVE REPRESENTATIVES/PUTNAM COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH

RESOLVED, that Barbara Scuccimarra be appointed as Legislative Representative to the Putnam County Board of Health for a period of one year, said term to expire December 31, 2015; and be it further

RESOLVED, that Ginny Nacerino will serve as an Alternate to the Putnam County Board of Health for a period of one year, said term to expire December 31, 2015.

BY POLL VOTE: ALL AYES. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Item #20 – Appointment/Legislative Representative/Putnam County Agricultural and Farmland Protection Board was next. Chairman Albano moved the following; seconded by Legislator Gross.

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, 2015.

BY POLL VOTE: ALL AYES. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Item #21 – Appointment/Putnam County Representative/Catskill Regional Off-Track Betting Corporation Board was next. Chairman Albano moved the following; seconded by Legislator Scuccimarra.

RESOLUTION #18

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

RESOLVED, that Vincent 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, 2015.

BY POLL VOTE: ALL AYES. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Item #22 – Appointment/Legislative Representative/Fish & Wildlife Management Board was next. Chairman Albano moved the following; seconded by Legislators LoBue and Wright.

RESOLUTION #19

APPOINTMENT/LEGISLATIVE REPRESENTATIVE/FISH & WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT BOARD

RESOLVED, that William Gouldman be appointed as Legislative Representative on the Fish and Wildlife Management Board, for a one- year term to expire on December 31, 2015.

BY POLL VOTE: ALL AYES. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Item #23 – Approval/Appointment/Law Library Board was next. Chairman Albano made a motion that Legislator Nacerino be appointed as Legislative Representative; seconded by Legislator LoBue. Chairman Albano made a motion that Legislator LoBue be appointed as Alternate member; seconded by Legislator Nacerino.

RESOLUTION #20

APPOINTMENT/LAW LIBRARY BOARD

RESOLVED, that Ginny Nacerino be appointed to the Law Library Board for a one (1) year term, said term to expire December 31, 2015; and be it further

RESOLVED, that Dini LoBue shall serve as an Alternate to the Law Library Board for a one (1) year term, said term to expire December 31, 2015.

BY POLL VOTE: ALL AYES. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Item # 24 - Appointment/Legislative Liaison/Veterans Affairs was next. Chairman Albano made a motion that Legislator Gross be appointed as Legislative Liaison; seconded by

Legislator Nacerino. Chairman Albano made a motion that Legislator Nacerino be appointed as Alternate member; seconded by Legislator Gross.

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, 2015; and be it further RESOLVED, that Ginny Nacerino shall serve as an Alternate as Legislative Liaison for Veterans Affairs for a period of one year, said term to expire December 31, 2015.

BY POLL VOTE: ALL AYES. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Item #25 – Appointment/Jail Physician was next. Chairman Albano moved the following; seconded by Legislator LoBue.

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, 2015.

BY POLL VOTE: ALL AYES. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Item #26 – Approval/Authorization/Legislators to Attend February New York State Association of Counties Conference was next. Chairman Albano moved the following; seconded by Legislator Gross.

RESOLUTION #23

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

WHEREAS, six 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 February 2015 for registration and lodging total expenditure of approximately \$681 per person; and

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

RESOLVED, that six Legislators and Legislative Counsel are authorized to attend the New York State Association of Counties Conference to be held in Albany, New York in February 2015.

BY POLL VOTE: ALL AYES. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Item #27 – Approval/Purchasing Department/Identifying Individuals Responsible for Purchasing (approved at December Audit Mtg) was next. Chairman Albano made a motion to move the following; seconded by Legislators LoBue and Nacerino.

RESOLUTION #24

APPROVAL/PURCHASING DEPARTMENT/IDENTIFYING INDIVIDUALS RESPONSIBLE FOR PURCHASING

WHEREAS, Section 140-1.5 of the Putnam County Code (Procurement Policy) requires the Legislature to annually identify the individuals responsible for purchasing and their respective titles; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Putnam County Legislature re-affirms the County's Procurement Policy as contained in Chapter 140 of the Putnam County Code and identifies the following individuals and their respective titles as the individuals responsible for purchasing:

- a. Alessandro Mazzotta, Director of Purchasing**
- b. Cynthia Ann Jaffre, Principal Account Clerk**
- c. Elizabeth Duffy-Rau, Project Coordinator**
- d. Michele Pinto, Account Clerk**

BY POLL VOTE: ALL AYES. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Chairman Albano made a motion to accept the revision for Item #28; seconded by Legislator Nacerino. All in favor.

Item #28 - Approval/Procedure and Policy/Employee Eligibility for the Health Plan (approved at December Audit Mtg) was next. Chairman Albano moved the following; seconded by Legislator Castellano.

RESOLUTION #25

APPROVAL/PROCEDURE AND POLICY/EMPLOYEE ELIGIBILITY FOR THE HEALTH PLAN

WHEREAS, Putnam County desires to comply with the new Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act by adopting a Procedure and Policy regarding eligibility for the Putnam County Health Plan; and

WHEREAS, the attached Policy and Procedure has been drafted by the Personnel Department; and

WHEREAS, the Policy and Procedure has been reviewed and approved by the Putnam County Audit & Administration Committee; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Putnam County Legislature hereby adopts the attached Procedure and Policy regarding employee eligibility for the Putnam County Health Plan.

BY POLL VOTE: ALL AYES. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Item #29 – Other Business.

Chairman Albano made a motion to waive the rules and accept Other Business Item #29a; seconded by Legislator Gross. All in favor.

Item #29a – Approval/Fund Transfer (15T001)/District Attorney/Victim Witness Temporary was next. Chairman Albano moved the following; seconded by Legislator LoBue.

RESOLUTION #26

APPROVAL/FUND TRANSFER (15T001)/DISTRICT ATTORNEY/VICTIM WITNESS TEMPORARY

WHEREAS, the District Attorney has requested a fund transfer (15T001) to cover expenses for one Victim/Witness Temporary Position; and

WHEREAS, it is requested that the position be filled as of January 12, 2015 to assist with scheduled trials and the daily workload; and

WHEREAS, the Putnam County Legislature has reviewed and approves said fund transfer; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the following fund transfer be made:

Decrease:

10116500 54682	Special Services	2,500
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Increase:

10116500 51094	Temporary	2,500
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2015 Fiscal Impact – 0 –

2016 Fiscal Impact – 0 –

BY POLL VOTE: ALL AYES. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Chairman Albano made a motion to waive the rules and accept Other Business Item #29b; seconded by Legislator Nacerino. All in favor.

Item #29b – Approval/Resolution for New York State Senator Sue Serino to Utilize Office Space at the Putnam County Senior Center Located at Putnam Valley, New York was next. Chairman Albano moved the following; seconded by Legislator LoBue.

Legislator Gross stated that Senator Murphy also has office space in the County Office Building. He stated that since neither Senator was from Putnam County he believed this would be a great opportunity to keep the lines of communication open with Putnam County.

Legislator Goldman believed that having an office for Senator Serino in the western part of the County, particularly Putnam Valley, was a great idea. He believed that the local presence of a State Senator would be beneficial to the County.

Legislator Scuccimarra believed that the seniors would be very appreciative.

RESOLUTION #27

RESOLUTION/APPROVAL FOR NEW YORK STATE SENATOR SUE SERINO TO UTILIZE OFFICE SPACE AT THE PUTNAM COUNTY SENIOR CENTER LOCATED AT PUTNAM VALLEY, NEW YORK

WHEREAS, the County of Putnam (the "County") is the record owner of the building known as "The Putnam County Senior Center" located at 117 Town Park Lane, in the Town of Putnam Valley, State of New York (the "Center"); and

WHEREAS, two (2) adjacent rooms at the Center are currently not needed for use as government office space by the County ("Surplus Office Space"); and

WHEREAS, the County Executive, together with the Putnam County Legislature, are in favor of sharing government office space and assisting Senator Sue Serino of the 41st New York Senate District by permitting her the use of said Surplus Office Space as a district office until such time as Senator Sue Serino makes more permanent arrangements, whether that be formally leasing from the County and using said Surplus Office Space at the Center, or acquiring and using other office space elsewhere; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the County Executive and the Putnam County Legislature are in favor of sharing government office space and are desirous of accommodating Senator Sue Serino by permitting her to use the Surplus Office Space as a district office; and be it further

RESOLVED, that such permission shall be on a temporary basis until such time as Senator Sue Serino makes more permanent arrangements concerning the location of her district office, whether that be formally leasing from the County and using said Surplus Office Space at the Center, or acquiring and using other office space elsewhere; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the County Attorney is authorized to prepare the necessary documentation, including drafting a formal lease or Letter Agreement, between Senator Sue Serino and the County confirming the permission granted herein; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the County Executive is authorized to execute such documentation on behalf of the County.

BY POLL VOTE: ALL AYES. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Item #30 – Recognition of Public

There were no members of the public that wished to speak.

Item #31 – Recognition of Legislators

Chairman Albano mentioned the recent passing of Rosemary Braatz who was the Putnam County Legislative Clerk from 1983-1986.

Legislator Nacerino congratulated her new colleagues and Legislator LoBue on her re-election. She stated that she looked forward to working with them. She also mentioned a recent article from the Putnam County Courier, written by Eric Gross, concerning the safety for our fire police and emergency responders. She stated that in the article John Bodor, Captain of the Putnam County Fire Police Response Team, cites the perils he and fellow officers face at scenes of fires and crashes. He asked that every resident of the region to make a special New Year's resolution: "When you observe emergency responders at the scene of a crash or a fire directing traffic or detouring vehicles around the site, please slow down! Remember these men and women did not cause the problem. They are volunteering to safeguard not only the public but the community of emergency responders as well." Legislator Nacerino asked everyone to please be

attentive and careful when approaching an emergency scene. She wished everyone a Happy and Safe New Year.

Legislator Gross welcomed the new Legislators; William Gouldman, District #2 and Toni Addonizio, District #3. He stated that he was excited about the New Year and expressed that he was ready to work on the challenges that come forward.

Chairman Albano also welcomed the new Legislators. He stated that he looked forward to a very productive year.

There being no further business, at 7:19 P.M., Chairman Albano made a motion to adjourn; seconded by Legislator LoBue. All in favor.

Respectfully submitted by Diane Schonfeld, Clerk.