

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

Tuesday

October 6, 2015

7:00 P.M.

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 P.M. by Chairman Albano who requested that Legislator Castellano lead in the Pledge of Allegiance. Chairman Albano requested that Legislator Addonizzio lead in the Legislative Prayer. Upon roll call, Legislators Scuccimarra, Gouldman, Addonizio, Nacerino, Gross, Castellano, LoBue and Chairman Albano were present. Also present was Legislative Counsel Van Ross.

PROCLAMATIONS

Chairman Albano recognized Legislator Gross who presented the “National Fire Prevention Week” proclamation to Commissioner of Emergency Services, Anthony Sutton.

NATIONAL FIRE PREVENTION WEEK – OCTOBER 4 – 10, 2015

WHEREAS, National Fire Prevention Week was established to commemorate the Great Chicago Fire, the tragic 1871 conflagration that killed more than 250 people, left 100,000 homeless, destroyed more than 174,000 structures and burned more than 2,000 acres. The fire began on October 8th, but continued into and did most of its damage on October 9, 1871; and

WHEREAS, on the 40th anniversary of the Great Chicago Fire, the Fire Marshals Association of North America, today known as the International Fire Marshals Association, decided that the anniversary of the Great Chicago Fire should henceforth be observed not with festivities, but in a way that would keep the public informed about the importance of fire prevention; and

WHEREAS, in 1920, President Woodrow Wilson issued the first National Fire Prevention Day proclamation and since 1922, National Fire Prevention Week has been observed on the Sunday through Saturday period in which October 9th falls; and

WHEREAS, National Fire Prevention Week will be October 4th through October 10th, 2015, during which attention is focused on promoting fire safety and prevention, however we should practice fire safety all year long. The 2015 theme is “Hear the Beep where you Sleep: Every Bedroom needs a Working Smoke Alarm”; and

WHEREAS, The National Fire Alarm Code, NFPA 72, requires a smoke alarm in every bedroom, outside each sleeping area and on every level of the home. Half of all U.S. home fire deaths occur at night between the hours of 11:00 pm and 7:00am, when people are most likely to be sleeping. Having a working smoke alarm in the home cuts the risk of dying in a fire in half. Smoke alarms can make the difference between life and death in a fire by alerting people in time to escape safely, but they need to be installed in all the required locations, including bedrooms, and they need to be working; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Putnam County Executive and the Putnam County Legislature, on behalf of all the citizens of Putnam County, proclaim the week of October 4 – 10, 2015 as National Fire Prevention Week in Putnam County and remind all citizens of the dangers of fire hazard, encourage all citizens to fireproof their homes, and to increase awareness toward fire prevention activities in support of all Fire Department agencies in the County.

Chairman Albano read the “Freedom from Workplace Bullies Week” proclamation. There was no one present at the meeting to accept it.

OCTOBER 18-24, 2015 AS “FREEDOM FROM WORKPLACE BULLIES WEEK”

WHEREAS, Putnam County Government has an interest in promoting the social and economic well-being of its employees and citizens; and

WHEREAS, that well-being depends upon the existence of healthy and productive employees working in safe and abuse-free environments; and

WHEREAS, surveys and studies have documented the stress-related health consequences for individuals caused by exposure to abusive work environments; and

WHEREAS, abusive work environments can create costly consequences for employers, including reduced productivity, absenteeism, turnover, employee health-related expenses and if left unchecked, costly litigation; and

WHEREAS, protection from abusive work environments should apply to every worker, and not limited to legally protected class status based only on race, color, gender, national origin, age, or disability; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, the Putnam County Executive and Putnam County Legislature do hereby proclaim October 18 – 24, 2015 as “Freedom from Workplace Bullies Week.”

**Item #4 - Approval of Minutes – Special Meeting – August 24, 2015
Regular Meeting – September 1, 2015**

The minutes were approved as submitted.

Item #5 - Correspondence

a) County Auditor was duly noted.

Item #6 - Pre-filed resolutions:

**PROTECTIVE SERVICES COMMITTEE
(Chairman Gross, Legislators Gouldman & Nacerino)**

Item #6a – Approval/Fund Transfer (15T173)/Bureau of Emergency Services/Equipment was next. Chairman Albano recognized Legislator Gross, Chairman of the Protective Services Committee. On behalf of the members of the Committee, Legislators Gouldman and Nacerino, Legislator Gross moved the following:

RESOLUTION #199

**APPROVAL/FUND TRANSFER (15T173)/BUREAU OF EMERGENCY SERVICES/
EQUIPMENT**

WHEREAS, the Commissioner of the Bureau of Emergency Services has requested a fund transfer (15T173) to cover costs necessary to complete the ongoing generator projects; and

WHEREAS, the Protective Services 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:

Decrease:		
10398901 54646 10112	Contract	32,000
Increase:		
10398901 52680 10112	Other Equipment	32,000
	2015 Fiscal Impact – 0 –	
	2016 Fiscal Impact – 0 –	

BY POLL VOTE: ALL AYES. LEGISLATOR WRIGHT WAS ABSENT. MOTION CARRIES.

Item #6b – Approval/Local Law to Amend Section 197-3(1) of the Putnam County Code Regarding the Sale and Use of Sparkling Devices was next. On behalf of the members of the Protective Services Committee, Legislators Gouldman and Nacerino, Legislator Gross moved the following:

RESOLUTION #200

**APPROVAL/LOCAL LAW TO AMEND SECTION 197-3(A) OF THE PUTNAM COUNTY
CODE REGARDING THE SALE AND USE OF SPARKLING DEVICES**

**A Local Law To Amend Section 197-3(A) Of The Putnam County Code Regarding The
Sale And Use Of Sparkling Devices**

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

Section 1.

Section 197-3(A) of the Putnam County Code is hereby amended to read as follows:

(A) Sales will only be permitted on or between June 1st through July 5th, and December 26th through January 2nd of each year.

Section 2.

This local law shall take effect immediately upon filing with the New York Secretary of State.

BY POLL VOTE: ALL AYES. LEGISLATOR WRIGHT WAS ABSENT. MOTION CARRIES.

Item #6c – Approval/Grant Application/Bureau of Emergency Services/2015-16 Hazardous Materials Emergency Preparedness Grant (HMEP) was next. On behalf of the members of the Protective Services Committee, Legislators Gouldman and Nacerino, Legislator Gross moved the following:

RESOLUTION #201

APPROVAL/GRANT APPLICATION/BUREAU OF EMERGENCY SERVICES/2015-16 HAZARDOUS MATERIALS EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS GRANT (HMEP)

WHEREAS, Section 5-1(D)(1) of the Putnam County Code provides for the Putnam County Legislature to approve all grant applications requiring matching funds prior to submission; and

WHEREAS, in the case where time is of the essence and Legislative approval is not possible before submission, consideration by the Legislature shall occur at the next Full Legislative meeting; and

WHEREAS, the Bureau of Emergency Services has requested permission to apply for a \$3,815.00 grant from the Homeland Security and Emergency Services under its 2015-16 Local Emergency Planning Grant Program; and

WHEREAS, the purpose of this grant is to hire an outside firm to develop, plan and initiate hands-on training with actual chemical props that leak pressurized oil, smoke and water to create challenges that properly prepare our first responders for actual incidents; and

WHEREAS, the matching fund requirement of \$953.75 will be accomplished by the value of a volunteer's time; and

WHEREAS, the filing deadline for this grant is October 5, 2015; and

WHEREAS, the Protective Services Committee has reviewed and approved of this application; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Putnam County Legislature ratifies and approves the Bureau of Emergency Services request to apply for a \$3,815.00 grant under the Homeland Security and Emergency Services 2015-16 Local Emergency Planning Grant Program.

BY POLL VOTE: ALL AYES. LEGISLATOR WRIGHT WAS ABSENT. MOTION CARRIES.

**HEALTH, SOCIAL, EDUCATIONAL & ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITTEE
(Chairwoman Scuccimarra, Legislators Gross & LoBue)**

Item #6d – Approval/Memorialization/Delaware County Resolution/Urging State Representatives to Amend the New York State Electronic Equipment Recycling and Reuse Act Department of Public Works was next. Chairman Albano recognized Legislator Scuccimarra, Chairwoman of the Health, Social, Educational & Environmental Committee. On behalf of the members of the Committee, Legislators Gross and LoBue, Legislator Scuccimarra moved the following:

RESOLUTION #202

APPROVAL/MEMORIALIZATION/DELAWARE COUNTY RESOLUTION/URGING STATE REPRESENTATIVES TO AMEND THE NEW YORK STATE ELECTRONIC EQUIPMENT RECYCLING AND REUSE ACT DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

WHEREAS, the main reasons for the adoption of the New York State Electronic Equipment Recycling and Reuse Act (Act) were to assist local governments with managing the fast-growing electronics waste stream by relying on electronics manufacturers to fund a recycling infrastructure and relieve municipalities from the recycling and end-of-life management costs; and

WHEREAS, the Act has succeeded in significantly increasing electronics recovery and recycling in the state, but the collection infrastructure is unstable and local governments and other collectors are faced with mounting fees in the absence of consistent manufacturer funding and limited markets for cathode ray tubes (CRTs); and

WHEREAS, the consequence, specifically following the January 2015 Disposal Ban, is significant as a growing number of municipalities such as Putnam County are faced with bearing more of the financial burden for continued e-scrap collection in their communities; and

WHEREAS, the Act requires, and the state relies on, electronics manufacturers to fund e-scrap recycling programs that are effective, continuous and reasonably convenient to all consumers across the state; and

WHEREAS, once manufacturers have met their performance standard (goal), which in a number of cases is midway through the year, they no longer provide financial support to continue their collection programs, thus shifting management costs to unexpected, cash-strapped local governments; and

WHEREAS, the issue is worsened by the fact that electronics sold today weigh much less than the obsolete CRT devices that make up approximately 70% of the weight of e-scrap generated, which are cost intensive to responsibly manage; and

WHEREAS, this has resulted in many local governments across the state having to grapple with the burden to fund or cease e-scrap collection, which has been particularly difficult in rural communities including Putnam County that do not benefit from retail collectors or economies of scale; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that Putnam County does hereby call upon Governor Andrew M. Cuomo, the New York State Senate, the New York State Assembly and the State Department of Environmental Conservation to improve the current law intended to build toward the long-term goals of creating a more stable and comprehensive, manufacturer implemented electronics recycling infrastructure by implementing actions to strengthen communication among stakeholders, clarify key statutory provisions in their present rulemaking efforts, and promote the adoption of the Proposed Statutory Changes to the Act to provide for year round, no-cost collection of electronics, consistent with convenience standards for both rural and urban populations that help alleviate the immediate financial pressures faced by local governments; and be it further

RESOLVED, that copies of this Resolution be forwarded to Governor Andrew M. Cuomo, Senate Majority Leader Dean John Flanagan, Assembly Speaker Carl Heastie, Senator Susan Serino, Senator Terrence Murphy, Assemblywoman Sandra Galef, Assemblyman Stephen Katz, New York State Department of Environmental Conservation Chairman Thomas O'Mara and NYSAC.

BY POLL VOTE: ALL AYES. LEGISLATOR WRIGHT WAS ABSENT. MOTION CARRIES.

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

Item #6e – Approval/County Attorney to Bring Legal Proceedings/ 9 Drew Lane, Room #1, Putnam County Veterans’ Residence /Town of Carmel was next. On behalf of the members of the Physical Services Committee, Legislators Castellano and Wright, Chairman Albano moved the following:

RESOLUTION #203

APPROVAL/COUNTY ATTORNEY TO BRING LEGAL PROCEEDINGS/ 9 DREW LANE, ROOM # 1, PUTNAM COUNTY VETERANS’ RESIDENCE/ TOWN OF CARMEL

WHEREAS, the County of Putnam is the owner of certain real property, including the building situated thereon, located at 9 Drew Lane, Carmel, New York 10512, which is known as the Putnam County Veterans’ Residence; and

WHEREAS, the County of Putnam previously entered into a lease agreement with a certain individual for a single-residence room in the Putnam County Veterans’ Residence, which is designated as Room # 1; and

WHEREAS, said lease agreement expired on July 31, 2015 and was not renewed; and

WHEREAS, said individual continues to occupy Room # 1 after the expiration of his lease term and without the permission of the County of Putnam; and

WHEREAS, the continued occupancy of Room # 1 by said individual is not permissible, now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the County Attorney is hereby authorized to bring whatever legal proceedings as shall be necessary to eject the current occupant of the single-residence room in the Putnam County Veterans’ Residence, which is designated as Room # 1, and be it further

RESOLVED, that the County Attorney shall be authorized to handle and complete such legal proceedings in such matter as she deems prudent and expedient.

BY POLL VOTE: ALL AYES. LEGISLATOR WRIGHT WAS ABSENT. MOTION CARRIES.

Item #6f - Approval / In Support Of Extending Pilot Indexed Lump Sum Basis Snow And Ice Agreement With New York State through June 30, 2016 was next. On behalf of the members of the Physical Services Committee, Legislators Castellano and Wright, Chairman Albano moved the following:

RESOLUTION #204

APPROVAL / IN SUPPORT OF EXTENDING PILOT INDEXED LUMP SUM BASIS SNOW AND ICE AGREEMENT WITH NEW YORK STATE THROUGH JUNE 30, 2016

WHEREAS, by Resolution #286 of 2009, the Putnam County Legislature approved a Pilot Agreement (the “Agreement”) with the State of New York for Snow and Ice Removal for a three year period commencing July 1, 2009, such Agreement embodied in New York State Contract #D014735; and

WHEREAS, under the terms of the Agreement, the County is responsible for clearing snow and ice from State Highways as designated by the Commissioner of Transportation of the State of New York (the “Commissioner”); and

WHEREAS, by Resolution #290 of 2013, the Putnam County Legislature approved to extend the term of the Agreement through June 30, 2015; and

WHEREAS, it has been proposed to extend the current Agreement through June 30, 2016 and the Physical Services Committee has approved the aforesaid extension of the Agreement through June 30, 2016; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Putnam County Legislature authorizes the County Executive to execute the annexed extension to the Pilot Agreement for Snow and Ice Removal originally passed by the Putnam County Legislature by Resolution #286 of 2009 for a period to expire on June 30, 2016.

BY POLL VOTE: ALL AYES. LEGISLATOR WRIGHT WAS ABSENT. MOTION CARRIES.

Item #6g – Approval / In Support of Extending PILOT Indexed Lump Sum Basis Snow and Ice Agreement with New York State through June 30, 2017 was next. On behalf of the members of the Physical Services Committee, Legislators Castellano and Wright, Chairman Albano moved the following:

RESOLUTION #205

APPROVAL/IN SUPPORT OF EXTENDING PILOT INDEXED LUMP SUM BASIS SNOW AND ICE AGREEMENT WITH NEW YORK STATE THROUGH JUNE 30, 2017

WHEREAS, by Resolution #286 of 2009, the Putnam County Legislature approved a Pilot Agreement (the “Agreement”) with the State of New York for Snow and Ice Removal for a three year period commencing July 1, 2009, such Agreement embodied in New York State Contract #D014735; and

WHEREAS, under the terms of the Agreement, the County is responsible for clearing snow and ice from State Highways as designated by the Commissioner of Transportation of the State of New York (the “Commissioner”); and

WHEREAS, by Resolution #204 of 2015, the Putnam County Legislature approved to extend the term of the Agreement through June 30, 2016; and

WHEREAS, it has been proposed to extend the current Agreement through June 30, 2017 and the Physical Services Committee has approved the aforesaid extension of the Agreement through June 30, 2017; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Putnam County Legislature authorizes the County Executive to execute the annexed extension to the Pilot Agreement for Snow and Ice Removal originally passed by the Putnam County Legislature by Resolution #286 of 2009 for a period to expire on June 30, 2017.

BY POLL VOTE: ALL AYES. LEGISLATOR WRIGHT WAS ABSENT. MOTION CARRIES.

Item #6h – Approval / In Support of Extending PILOT Indexed Lump Sum Basis Snow and Ice Agreement with New York State through June 30, 2018 was next. On behalf of the members of the Physical Services Committee, Legislators Castellano and Wright, Chairman Albano moved the following:

RESOLUTION #206

APPROVAL/IN SUPPORT OF EXTENDING PILOT INDEXED LUMP SUM BASIS SNOW AND ICE AGREEMENT WITH NEW YORK STATE THROUGH JUNE 30, 2018

WHEREAS, by Resolution #286 of 2009, the Putnam County Legislature approved a Pilot Agreement (the "Agreement") with the State of New York for Snow and Ice Removal for a three year period commencing July 1, 2009, such Agreement embodied in New York State Contract #D014735; and

WHEREAS, under the terms of the Agreement, the County is responsible for clearing snow and ice from State Highways as designated by the Commissioner of Transportation of the State of New York (the "Commissioner"); and

WHEREAS, by Resolution #205 of 2015, the Putnam County Legislature approved to extend the term of the Agreement through June 30, 2017; and

WHEREAS, it has been proposed to extend the current Agreement through June 30, 2018 and the Physical Services Committee has approved the aforesaid extension of the Agreement through June 30, 2018; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Putnam County Legislature authorizes the County Executive to execute the annexed extension to the Pilot Agreement for Snow and Ice Removal originally passed by the Putnam County Legislature by Resolution #286 of 2009 for a period to expire on June 30, 2018.

BY POLL VOTE: ALL AYES. LEGISLATOR WRIGHT WAS ABSENT. MOTION CARRIES.

Item #6i – Approval/Pursue Amendment of Watershed Agricultural Council Conservation Easement / Tilly Foster Farm was next. On behalf of the members of the Physical Services Committee, Legislators Castellano and Wright, Chairman Albano moved the following:

Legislator LoBue stated that she would be voting against this. She stated that there was discussion at the Committee meeting about specificity in the resolution which she believed was vague. She stated that this is to amend the easement in order to be in compliance with what has already taken place at the farm. She believed this procedure was in reverse. She also believed that it was the intention of the Administration to go from a farm complex to a campus complex, which she was not in support of.

Chairman Albano stated that there have been discussions on the adjustments to this easement. He believed this would be a good time to discuss all future plans for Tilly Foster Farm in order to make sure this conservation easement does what is intended and is in the best interest of the Putnam County residents.

Legislator Scuccimarra believed that piecemealing this would be a detriment. She believed that looking at a major plan was a better way to approach this. Then we would know what direction we are moving in, what needs to be done and what can't be done.

Chairman Albano stated that before anything is approved it would need to come before the Legislature. He stated that no changes will be made until we review the details.

Legislator LoBue stated that changes have already been made and that is why the Administration is requesting a change to the easement. She stated that the plans for the Farm are still in draft form and the Legislature has not yet been informed about how we will make back the \$2.5 million that have been invested in the farm. She believed that was why the Administration needed to take \$7.76 million from the general fund to make up for the budget gap. She stated that she wanted it on the record that this resolution is to make sure that the easement is in compliance with what "already" has taken place.

Chairman Albano stated that he did not believe that was accurate. He stated this review of the easement is “going forward.” He stated that no changes have been made with the Watershed Agricultural Council (WAC) Agreement. He believed that it was very logical, with the revitalization of the farm, to look at the WAC Agreement and discuss proposed changes. He stated that any proposed changes would need to be approved by the Legislature.

Legislator LoBue stated that she would like to see the approval from the Watershed Agricultural Council for all the changes that have already taken place at the farm.

RESOLUTION #207

APPROVAL/PURSUE AMENDMENT OF WATERSHED AGRICULTURAL COUNCIL CONSERVATION EASEMENT/TILLY FOSTER FARM

WHEREAS, the County of Putnam is the owner of the 199 acre property located at 100 Route 312, which is commonly known as the Tilly Foster Farm; and

WHEREAS, the Tilly Foster Farm was acquired in October 2002 for the purposes of water quality protection and the preservation of open space, as it is in the New York City Watershed in immediate proximity of the Middle Branch Reservoir; and

WHEREAS, on October 1, 2002 the City of New York authorized the County’s use of 3.9 million dollars from the East of Hudson Water Quality Investment Program fund in order to fund said acquisition; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the provisions of the October 1, 2002 Agreement between the County and the N.Y.C. Department of Environmental Protection with respect to said acquisition, the parties agreed that the County would convey a conservation easement over the Tilly Foster Farm to The Watershed Agricultural Council of the New York City Watershed, Inc.; and

WHEREAS, the County subsequently conveyed a Deed of Conservation Easement, dated December 18, 2006, to The Watershed Agricultural Council of the New York City Watershed, Inc.; and

WHEREAS, the County’s objectives of conserving natural resources and scenic beauty while encouraging the development and improvement of its agricultural lands have since been consistent with the provisions of the Deed of the Conservation Easement, dated December 18, 2006; and

WHEREAS, the future vision and goals of the County for the Tilly Foster Farm, including educational uses, while remaining consistent with the original goals of water quality protection and the preservation of open space, may require an amendment to certain provisions of the Deed of Conservation Easement, dated December 18, 2006; and

WHEREAS, by way of an e-mail dated August 11, 2015 the Watershed Agricultural Council has suggested that the County make a detailed presentation of the amendments requested to the Deed of Conservation Easement dated December 18, 2006; and

WHEREAS, it is expected that such amendments to the Deed of Conservation Easement, dated December 18, 2006, will further the goals and objectives of the County while serving to strengthen the existing easement and improve its effectiveness and enforceability; and

WHEREAS, the County Executive and the Legislature mutually agree that the County should pursue such amendments to the Deed of Conservation Easement, dated December 18, 2006, as shall further the County’s goals and objectives while serving to strengthen the existing easement and improve its effectiveness and enforceability; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Putnam County Legislature agrees and concurs that certain amendments to the December 18, 2006 Deed of Conservation Easement conveyed to The Watershed Agricultural Council of the New York City Watershed, Inc. may be beneficial and required to further the County's goals and objectives while serving to strengthen the existing easement and improve its effectiveness and enforceability; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the County Executive is authorized to engage in dialog with The Watershed Agricultural Council of the New York City Watershed, Inc., and pursue such amendments to the Deed of Conservation Easement, dated December 18, 2006, as shall be required to further the County's goals and objectives while serving to strengthen the existing easement and improve its effectiveness and enforceability; and be it further

RESOLVED, that any resulting amendments to the Deed of Conservation Easement, dated December 18, 2006, shall be subject to the Legislature's approval and ratification by separate resolution.

BY ROLL CALL VOTE: SEVEN AYES. ONE NAY – LEGISLATOR LOBUE. LEGISLATOR WRIGHT WAS ABSENT. MOTION CARRIES.

Chairman Albano made a motion to waive the rules and accept the REVISED Schedule "A" for Item #6j; seconded by Legislator Nacerino. All in favor.

Item #6j – Ratification/Sale of Certain County Properties to Contiguous Owners Pursuant to Chapter 31 of the Putnam County Code was next. On behalf of the members of the Physical Services Committee, Legislators Castellano and Wright, Chairman Albano moved the following:

Chairman Albano stated that the Revised Schedule "A" removed one (1) of the parcels to potentially be utilized by the IT Department for future installation and/or maintenance of communications equipment, antennae, etc..

RESOLUTION #208

RATIFICATION/SALE OF CERTAIN COUNTY PROPERTIES TO CONTIGUOUS OWNERS PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 31 OF THE PUTNAM COUNTY CODE

WHEREAS, the Putnam County Legislature pursuant to Resolution # 130 of 2015 authorized the Commissioner of Finance, in cooperation with the Director of Real Property Tax Services and the Department of Law, to offer certain substandard properties for sale to the contiguous property owners; and

WHEREAS, the Commissioner of Finance has offered said properties for sale to the contiguous owners pursuant to the terms and conditions contained in Resolution # 130 of 2015; and

WHEREAS, the Commissioner of Finance has received sealed bids on the parcels reflected in the Schedule "A", which is attached hereto and made a part hereof; and

WHEREAS, the Commissioner of Finance, the Director of Real Property Tax Services, and the Department of Law, recommend the acceptance of the highest bids on the parcels reflected in the attached Schedule "A"; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that pursuant to Section 31-8(B)(2)(d) of the Putnam County Code, the Putnam County Legislature hereby accepts the highest bids on the parcels reflected in the Schedule "A", which is attached hereto and made a part hereof; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the parcels reflected in the attached Schedule "A" are to be sold to said highest bidders pursuant to the terms and conditions contained in Resolution #

130 of 2015 and the offer notification sent to the adjoining owners by the Commissioner of Finance; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Department of Law is authorized to prepare quitclaim deeds, which shall state that the parcel conveyed shall automatically merge with the lands owned by the acquiring landowner; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Department of Law is further authorized the take to all necessary steps to complete the transfer of said properties in the manner approved herein; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the County Executive is authorized to execute said deeds on behalf of the County; and be it further

RESOLVED, that in the event the highest bidder, as listed in the attached Schedule "A", fails to complete the purchase of the parcel within sixty (60) days of this resolution, the Department of Law is authorized to complete the transaction with the second highest bidder in the same manner as set forth herein.

BY POLL VOTE: ALL AYES. LEGISLATOR WRIGHT WAS ABSENT. MOTION CARRIES.

Item #6k – Approval/Recommendation/Initial Offer Amount of Certain County Properties to be Sold Utilizing Real Estate Brokers & MLS Pursuant Per Resolution #101 of 2015 was next. On behalf of the members of the Physical Services Committee, Legislators Castellano and Wright, Chairman Albano moved the following:

RESOLUTION #209

RECOMMENDATION/INITIAL OFFER AMOUNT OF CERTAIN COUNTY PROPERTIES TO BE SOLD UTILIZING REAL ESTATE BROKERS & MLS PURSUANT PER RESOLUTION # 101 OF 2015

WHEREAS, per Resolution # 101 of 2015 the Putnam County Legislature authorized the County Executive to offer certain County owned properties for sale through the applicable Multiple Listing Service utilizing the services of the licensed real estate brokers under contract with the County; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 31-4 and Section 31-8 of the Putnam County Code the initial offer amounts of said properties are to be determined by the Putnam County Executive/Commissioner of Finance, based upon comparative market analyses performed by the real estate brokers, and with the advice and recommendation of the Putnam County Legislature; and

WHEREAS, the Putnam County Legislature has reviewed the comparative market analyses and the initial offer amounts suggested by the real estate brokers for the properties which will be offered for sale at the present time; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Putnam County Legislature concurs with the initial offer amounts suggested by the real estate brokers for the properties which will be offered for sale at present time, as reflected in the attached Schedule "A"; and be it further

RESOLVED, that consistent with Section 31-4 and Section 31-8 of the Putnam County Code, the Putnam County Legislature recommends that said properties be initially offered for sale at such amounts.

BY POLL VOTE: SEVEN AYES. ONE NAY – LEGISLATOR LOBUE. LEGISLATOR WRIGHT WAS ABSENT. MOTION CARRIES.

Item #6L – Approval/License Agreement/Danbury Vet Center “Outstation” for Putnam County Veterans was next. On behalf of the members of the Physical Services Committee, Legislators Castellano and Wright, Chairman Albano moved the following:

RESOLUTION #210

APPROVAL/LICENSE AGREEMENT/DANBURY VET CENTER “OUTSTATION” FOR PUTNAM COUNTY VETERANS

WHEREAS, the Putnam County Government has made a commitment to honor and serve the Veterans of Putnam County and has made a great impact on the Veterans’ community over the past several years, including the addition of a Peer-to-Peer Program; and

WHEREAS, the County now has the opportunity to extend the services offered to Veterans by bringing an outstation of the Danbury Vet Center to Putnam County; and

WHEREAS, Vet Centers are community based and are a part of the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs; and

WHEREAS, the goal of the Vet Center program is to provide a broad range a counseling, outreach, and referral services to eligible Veterans in order to help them make a satisfying post-war readjustment to civilian life; and

WHEREAS, Vet Center outstations provide a location for counselors to meet with Veterans to provide clinical services closer to their home; and

WHEREAS, the County is desirous of establishing an outstation of the Danbury Vet Center at the existing facilities of the Putnam County Veterans Service Agency, located at 110 Old Route Six, Building Three, Carmel, New York; and

WHEREAS, the arrangement agreed to by the County and the Danbury Vet Center is contained in the agreement attached hereto as Schedule “A”; and

WHEREAS, such arrangement will have a zero economic impact on the County; and

WHEREAS, the County Executive has requested that the Putnam County Legislature approve such agreement; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Putnam County Legislature approves the agreement between the County of Putnam and the Danbury Vet Center, in the form attached hereto and made a part hereof as Schedule “A”, and that the Putnam County Executive is authorized to execute said Agreement; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the County Attorney is authorized to take whatever legal action is necessary to effectuate the agreement between the County of Putnam and the Danbury Vet Center in the manner approved herein.

BY POLL VOTE: ALL AYES. LEGISLATOR WRIGHT WAS ABSENT. MOTION CARRIES.

**RULES, ENACTMENTS & INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE
(Chairwoman Addonizio, Legislators Gouldman & Scuccimarra)**

Item #6m – Approval/Worker’s Compensation Settlement was next. Chairman Albano recognized Legislator Addonizio, Chairwoman of the Rules, Enactments & Intergovernmental Relations Committee. On behalf of the members of the Committee, Legislators Gouldman and Scuccimarra, Legislator Addonizio moved the following:

RESOLUTION #211

APPROVAL/WORKER'S COMPENSATION SETTLEMENT

WHEREAS, on three (3) separate incidents, the claimant, Paul Hutchings, (hereinafter "Hutchings") while employed by the Putnam County Sheriff's Department, suffered work related injuries; and

WHEREAS, the claimant received medical treatment as a result of said injuries, including surgery, physical therapy and doctor visits; and

WHEREAS, Hutchings received a Scheduled Loss of Use award for his 2007 injury to his right arm, wherein the claim was also established for injury to his lower back; and

WHEREAS, Hutchings received a Scheduled Loss of Use award for his 2009 injury to his left knee, and this claim was expanded to include a consequential back injury which would likely result in lifetime payments; and

WHEREAS, Hutchings then injured/reaggravated his back on March 12, 2013 when the back of the chair he was sitting in broke which would also likely result in lifetime payments; and

WHEREAS, claimant is desirous of entering into a Section 32 agreement with the County, subject to the Legislature's approval, in which the County agrees to pay the sum of one hundred twenty seven thousand five hundred (\$127,500.00) dollars to Hutchings and twenty two thousand five hundred (\$22,500.00) to his counsel; and

WHEREAS, the Law Department and our third party administrator, POMCO Group, recommend the settlement as an alternative to ongoing litigation; and

WHEREAS, POMCO Group, through its claims representative, has in fact settled the matter with the claimant for the sum of one hundred fifty thousand (\$150,000.00) dollars and has obtained settlement documents from the claimant, which, upon approval of the Putnam County Legislature and the Worker's Compensation Board, will discontinue all of Hutchings's matters with the Court and which will allow the claimant to receive the Section 32 settlement payment; and

WHEREAS, the settlement is in the public interest and will avoid additional substantial litigation costs and exposure; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the settlement of this matter for the sum of one hundred twenty seven thousand five hundred (\$127,500.00) dollars to claimant and twenty two thousand five hundred dollars (\$22,500.00) to his counsel is approved; and be it further

RESOLVED, that Commissioner Carlin is hereby directed to pay such settlement, if approved by the Worker's Compensation Board, from the Six Fund.

BY POLL VOTE: ALL AYES. LEGISLATOR WRIGHT WAS ABSENT. MOTION CARRIES.

Item #6n – Approval/Local Law to Amend Section 55-2 of Chapter 55 of the Code of Putnam County Entitled "Ethics, Code of, and Financial Disclosure" – "Definitions" was next. On behalf of the members of the Rules, Enactments & Intergovernmental Relations Committee, Legislators Gouldman and Scuccimarra, Legislator Addonizio moved the following:

Legislator Addonizio stated that both Items #6n and #6o address amending the Ethics Code to revise the requirement that a member of an Advisory Board must file a financial disclosure statement and we are emphasizing that an Advisory Board member has no authority to implement the decisions of the Board and can therefore be exempted from the requirement to file financial disclosure statements.

RESOLUTION #212

**APPROVAL/LOCAL LAW AMEND CHAPTER 55/CODE OF PUTNAM COUNTY ENTITLED
“ETHICS, CODE OF, AND FINANCIAL DISCLOSURE”**

**A Local Law to Amend Section 55-2 of Chapter 55 of the Code of Putnam County entitled
“Ethics, Code of, and Financial Disclosure”- “Definitions”**

Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the County of Putnam, as follows:

Section 1.

**Section 55-2 of the Putnam County Code entitled “Definitions” is hereby amended to
read as follows:**

§ 55-2. Definitions.

**Unless otherwise stated or unless the context otherwise requires, when used in this
chapter:**

**APPEAR and APPEAR BEFORE -- Communicating in any form, including, without
limitation, personally, through another person, by letter, by email or other electronic
means, or by telephone.**

**BOARD OF ETHICS -- The Board of Ethics of the County of Putnam established pursuant
to § 55-12.**

**COUNTY -- The County of Putnam. "County agency" means any Putnam County
department or division, board, commission or bureau of any Putnam County department
but shall not include the County Court.**

**COUNTY OFFICER OR EMPLOYEE -- Any officer or employee of the County, whether
paid or unpaid, elected or appointed, and includes, without limitation, all members of any
office, board, body, advisory board, council, commission, agency, department, district,
administration, division, bureau, or Board of Ethics of the County. "County officer or
employee" shall not include:**

- A. A judge, justice, officer, or employee of the unified court system;**
- B. A volunteer firefighter or civil defense volunteer; or**
- C. A member of an advisory board of the County if, but only if, the advisory board has
no authority to implement its recommendations or to act on behalf of the County or to
restrict the authority of the County to act. No entity established pursuant to the
General Municipal Law of the State of New York shall be deemed an advisory board
for purposes of this Subsection.**

CUSTOMER OR CLIENT

- A. Any person to whom a County officer or employee has supplied goods or services
during the previous 24 months having, in the aggregate, a value greater than \$5,000;
or**
- B. Any person to whom a County officer's or employee's outside employer or business
has supplied goods or services during the previous 24 months having, in the
aggregate, a value greater than \$5,000, but only if the County officer or employee
knows or has reason to know the outside employer or business supplied the goods**

or services.

GIFT and FINANCIAL BENEFIT -- Shall include any money, service, license, permit, contract, authorization, loan, travel, entertainment, hospitality, or any promise thereof or any other gratuity or promise thereof or anything of value. A financial transaction may be a financial benefit but shall not be a gift unless it is on terms not available to the general public. "Gift" and "financial benefit" do not include campaign contributions permitted by law.

MEMBER OF THE HOUSEHOLD -- Any person with whom a County officer or employee lives as a single household unit.

MINISTERIAL ACT -- An administrative act carried out in a prescribed manner not allowing for substantial personal discretion.

OUTSIDE EMPLOYER OR BUSINESS

A. Means:

- (1) Any activity, other than service to the County, from which the County officer or employee receives compensation for services rendered or goods sold or produced;
- (2) Any entity, other than the County, of which the County officer or employee is a member, officer, director, or employee and from which he or she receives compensation for services rendered or goods sold or produced; or
- (3) Any entity in which the County officer or employee has an ownership interest of 5% or more.

B. For purposes of this definition, "compensation" shall not include reimbursement for necessary expenses, including travel expenses.

PERSON -- Includes individuals and entities.

RELATIVE -- A spouse, child, stepchild, sibling, half-brother, half-sister, parent, stepfather, stepmother, mother-in-law, father-in-law, brother-in-law, sister-in-law, grandparent, grandchild, uncle, aunt, niece, nephew, and first cousin. "Relative" shall also include any person claimed as a dependent on the New York State individual tax return of a County officer or employee.

Section 2.

This local law shall take effect immediately.

BY POLL VOTE: ALL AYES. LEGISLATOR WRIGHT WAS ABSENT. MOTION CARRIES.

Item #60 – Approval/Local Law to Amend Section 55-7 of the Code of Putnam County Entitled “Annual Disclosure Statements” was next. On behalf of the members of the Rules, Enactments & Intergovernmental Relations Committee, Legislators Gouldman and Scuccimarra, Legislator Addonizio moved the following:

RESOLUTION #213

APPROVAL/LOCAL LAW/AMEND SECTION 55-7 OF THE CODE OF PUTNAM COUNTY ENTITLED “ANNUAL DISCLOSURE STATEMENTS”

A Local Law to Amend Section 55-7 of the Code of Putnam County entitled “Annual Disclosure Statements”

Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the County of Putnam as follows:

Section 1.

Section 55-7(B)(1) of the Putnam County Code is hereby amended to read as follows:

B. Time and place for filing.

- (1) Annual financial disclosure statements shall be completed and filed with the Board of Ethics on or before May 15 of each year.**

Section 2.

A new Section 55-7(F) is hereby added to the Code of Putnam County to read as follows:

- F. The Board of Ethics shall permit any person required to file an annual financial statement to request, in writing, an exemption from any requirement to report one or more items of information which may pertain to such person’s spouse or unemancipated child, which item or items may be exempted by the Board of Ethics upon a finding by the Board of Ethics that the reporting individual’s spouse, or the individual or other person on behalf of such child, objects to providing the information necessary to make disclosure and that the information which would otherwise be required to be reported would have no material bearing on the discharge of the reporting person’s official duties. If such request for exemption is denied, the Board of Ethics, in its written notification of denial, shall inform the person, in writing, of the grounds for such denial.**

Section 2.

This Local Law shall take effect immediately.

BY POLL VOTE: ALL AYES. LEGISLATOR WRIGHT WAS ABSENT. MOTION CARRIES.

**AUDIT & ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE
(Chairman Castellano, Legislators Gross & Nacerino)**

Item #6p – Approval/Fund Transfer (15T201)/Sheriff’s Department/Canine Stipend was next. Chairman Albano recognized Legislator Castellano, Chairman of the Audit & Administration Committee. On behalf of the members of the Committee, Legislators Gross and Nacerino, Legislator Castellano moved the following:

Chairman Albano made a motion to waive the rules and accept the additional material for this item; seconded by Legislator Gross. All in favor.

Legislator Gross stated that he wanted to pass on information that he clarified that there will be no loss of Road Patrol, the Bloodhound will be traveling daily with an officer and that there is a vehicle already in place. He believed that this was a good opportunity for the County.

Chairman Albano believed that Bloodhounds have tremendous capabilities in looking missing individuals.

Legislator Nacerino stated that she would now be voting in favor of this resolution. She stated that during the Committee review she voted “no” only because some Legislators had some outstanding questions. However, those questions were addressed in Sheriff Smith’s letter to Legislator Castellano on October 2, 2015.

RESOLUTION #214

APPROVAL/FUND TRANSFER /SHERIFF’S DEPARTMENT/CANINE STIPEND

WHEREAS, the Sheriff’s Department has requested a fund transfer (15T201) to cover the costs for the contractual canine stipend through Year End; and

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

RESOLVED, that the following fund transfer be made:

Decrease:

17311000 51093	Overtime	5,600
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Increase:

17311000 51090	Canine Stipend	5,600
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2015 Fiscal Impact – 0 –

2016 Fiscal Impact – 0 –

BY POLL VOTE: SEVEN AYES. ONE NAY – LEGISLATOR LOBUE. LEGISLATOR WRIGHT WAS ABSENT. MOTION CARRIES.

Item #6q – Approval/Budgetary Transfer (15T206)/Planning Department/Leased Transportation was next. On behalf of the members of the Audit & Administration Committee, Legislators Gross and Nacerino, Legislator Castellano moved the following:

Legislator LoBue stated that she would be voting “no.” She stated that this would bring the budget line up to a total amount of \$105,000. She was not sure if it was legal to provide services for a certain group of individuals, while not providing the same services for everyone else. She stated that during the Rules Committee meeting there was discussion about a constituent’s request to have a fee waived for individuals over 65 years of age. She stated that the Legislature received an opinion from the Law Department stating that we would be unable to do that because it would be discriminatory. She questioned if the same would apply when providing a transportation service for on category of individuals and denying other people transportation which have various disabilities, and would like to be picked up at their home.

Legislator Scuccimarra stated that this request is for \$45,000 and if not approved it would stop the transportation service being provided for our Veterans. She believed that a volunteer program is being developed that would alleviate some of this expense. She believed that Legislator LoBue was speaking about the Paratransit, which is difficult to

change right now because federal regulations prohibit picking up individuals who live outside the three quarter mile perimeter of the bus route. She stated that the Town of Philipstown doesn't even have a Paratransit bus. She suggested that Legislator LoBue request the legal opinion or lobby the federal government to pick up Paratransit individuals who reside at a further distance from the bus route than the three quarter mile limit.

Legislator LoBue stated that there is an on-call bus service offered to our Veterans that allows them to be picked up with no restrictions unlike that of the Paratransit system which will not pick up disabled individuals who reside outside of the three quarter mile limit of the bus route.

Legislator Gross stated that he supported what Legislator Scuccimarra stated. He believed there was an increase in demand in the need for Veteran's support. He stated that this is a Veteran's bus which is primarily utilized for our Veterans. He stated that it can be utilized for others when not being used for the Veterans.

Legislator Nacerino stated that she fully supported this request. She stated that this is to transport our Veterans, individuals who have been of service to us in protecting our freedom. She believed that, for the most part, these are disabled Veterans who do not have the means to get to their medical appointments.

Chairman Albano stated that he fully supported this request. He stated that if there is something we are missing or should be doing somewhere else; we should look at that.

RESOLUTION #215

APPROVAL/BUDGETARY TRANSFER /PLANNING DEPARTMENT/LEASED TRANSPORTATION

WHEREAS, the Planning Department has requested a budgetary transfer (15T206) to provide funding for the Veterans Transportation Program; and

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

RESOLVED, that the following budgetary transfer be made:

Increase Estimated Appropriations:

10651000 54678	Leased Transportation	45,000
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Decrease:

10199000 54980	Contingency	45,000
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2015 Fiscal Impact – \$45,000

2016 Fiscal Impact – 0 –

BY ROLL CALL VOTE: SEVEN AYES. ONE NAY – LEGISLATOR LOBUE. LEGISLATOR WRIGHT WAS ABSENT. MOTION CARRIES.

Item #6r – Approval/Budgetary Transfer (15T251)/Commissioner of Finance/Certiorari Refunds was next. On behalf of the members of the Audit & Administration Committee, Legislators Gross and Nacerino, Legislator Castellano moved the following:

RESOLUTION #216

APPROVAL/BUDGETARY TRANSFER /COMMISSIONER OF FINANCE/CERTIORARI REFUNDS

WHEREAS, the Commissioner of Finance has requested a budgetary transfer (15T251) to provide funding for anticipated Certiorari Refunds to be incurred through year end;

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

RESOLVED, that the following budgetary transfer be made:

Increase Estimated Appropriations:

10193000 54960	Certiorari Refunds	100,000
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Decrease Estimated Appropriations:

10199000 54980	Contingency	100,000
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2015 Fiscal Impact - \$100,000

2016 Fiscal Impact – 0 –

BY POLL VOTE: ALL AYES. LEGISLATOR WRIGHT WAS ABSENT. MOTION CARRIES.

Item #6s – Approval/Budgetary Amendment (15A067)/Commissioner of Finance/Use of Retirement Reserve was next. On behalf of the members of the Audit & Administration Committee, Legislators Gross and Nacerino, Legislator Castellano moved the following:

RESOLUTION #217

APPROVAL/BUDGETARY AMENDMENT /COMMISSIONER OF FINANCE/USE OF RETIREMENT RESERVE

WHEREAS, the Commissioner of Finance has requested a budgetary amendment (15A067) to provide for the use of the Retirement Reserve to enable the County to avoid entering the State Comptrollers Retirement Amortization plan in 2016, thereby avoiding interest costs; and

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

RESOLVED, that the following budgetary amendment be made:

GENERAL FUND

Increase Estimated Appropriations:

See Attached Sheet	Retirement Expense	2,676,351
10990100 59010	Transfer to Road Fund	89,241
10990100 59055	Transfer to Road Machinery Fund	27,455

Decrease Estimated Appropriations:		
See Attached Sheet	Retirement Expense	15,233

Increase Estimated Revenues:		
10131000 427163	Use of Retirement Reserve	2,777,814

COUNTY ROAD FUND

Increase Estimated Appropriations:		
See Attached Sheet	Retirement Expense	2,963
See Attached Sheet	Retirement Expense	65,340
See Attached Sheet	Retirement Expense	16,063
See Attached Sheet	Retirement Expense	<u>4,875</u>
		89,241

Increase Estimated Revenues:		
10331000 428601	Transfer from General Fund	2,963
10511000 428601	Transfer from General Fund	65,340
10514200 428601	Transfer from General Fund	16,063
10514400 428601	Transfer from General Fund	<u>4,875</u>
		89,241

COUNTY ROAD MACHINERY FUND

Increase Estimated Appropriations:		
See Attached Sheet	Retirement Expense	27,455

Increase Estimated Revenues:		
10513000 428601	Transfer from General Fund	27,455

2015 Fiscal Impact – 0 –
2016 Fiscal Impact – 0 –

BY POLL VOTE: ALL AYES. LEGISLATOR WRIGHT WAS ABSENT. MOTION CARRIES.

Item #6t – Approval/Budgetary Amendment (15A070)/Commissioner of Finance/Vacancy Control Factor/ June through August 2015 was next. On behalf of the members of the Audit & Administration Committee, Legislators Gross and Nacerino, Legislator Castellano moved the following:

RESOLUTION #218

APPROVAL/BUDGETARY AMENDMENT /COMMISSIONER OF FINANCE/VACANCY CONTROL / JUNE THROUGH AUGUST 2015

WHEREAS, the Commissioner of Finance has requested a budgetary amendment (15A070) to provide for the Vacancy Control Factor for June 2015 through August 2015; and

WHEREAS, the Audit & Administration Committee has reviewed and approves said budgetary amendment; now therefore be it
 RESOLVED, that the following budgetary amendment be made:

Decrease Estimated Appropriations:

SEE ATTACHED SHEET	Personal Services	193,965
SEE ATTACHED SHEET	FICA	14,838
SEE ATTACHED SHEET	Dental	4,680
SEE ATTACHED SHEET	Life Insurance	614
SEE ATTACHED SHEET	Health Insurance	34,721
SEE ATTACHED SHEET	Vision	623
SEE ATTACHED SHEET	Flex Plan	<u>1,636</u>
		251,077

Decrease Estimated Revenues:

10601000 446101	Federal Aid – DSS	36,504
10601000 436101	State Aid – DSS	37,577
10601000 446111	Federal Aid – DSS	<u>3,587</u>
		77,668

Increase Estimated Appropriations:

10199000 54980	Contingency	173,409
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2015 Fiscal Impact (\$173,409)

2016 Fiscal Impact – 0 –

BY POLL VOTE: ALL AYES. LEGISLATOR WRIGHT WAS ABSENT. MOTION CARRIES.

Item #6u – Approval/Sheriff’s Department/Reduce Petty Cash Funds/Corrections Division & Sheriff’s Department was next. On behalf of the members of the Audit & Administration Committee, Legislators Gross and Nacerino, Legislator Castellano moved the following:

RESOLUTION #219

APPROVAL/SHERIFF’S DEPARTMENT/REDUCE PETTY CASH FUNDS/CORRECTIONS DIVISION & SHERIFF’S DEPARTMENT

WHEREAS, by Resolution #253 of 1989 the Corrections Division Jail Petty Cash Fund was increased to \$1,000.00; and

WHEREAS, by Resolution #108 of 1987 the Petty Cash Fund in the Office of Sheriff was increased to \$1,000.00; and

WHEREAS, at some other time this Petty Cash Fund in the Sheriff’s Office was increased an additional \$500.00 making a total of \$1,500.00 in the Petty Cash Fund; and

WHEREAS, the Putnam County Sheriff has requested a decrease in their Corrections Division Petty Cash fund from \$1,000.00 to \$500.00; and

WHEREAS, the Putnam County Sheriff has also request a decrease in their Sheriff’s Department Petty Cash fund from \$1,500.00 to \$1,000.00; and

WHEREAS, the Audit & Administration Committee has reviewed and approves the \$1,000 decrease in Petty Cash funds; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Putnam County Legislature authorizes the Commissioner of Finance to make the necessary adjustments to decrease the Corrections Division and the Sheriff's Department Petty Cash funds by \$500.00 each.

BY POLL VOTE: ALL AYES. LEGISLATOR WRIGHT WAS ABSENT. MOTION CARRIES.

Item #6v – Approval/Accept Direct Care Worker Program Appropriations to be Used Solely for Salary and Salary-Related Fringe Benefit Increases for Direct Care Workers/ Direct Staff Professionals was next. On behalf of the members of the Audit & Administration Committee, Legislators Gross and Nacerino, Legislator Castellano moved the following:

RESOLUTION #220

APPROVAL/ACCEPT DIRECT CARE WORKER PROGRAM APPROPRIATIONS TO BE USED SOLELY FOR SALARY AND SALARY-RELATED FRINGE BENEFIT INCREASES FOR DIRECT CARE WORKERS/DIRECT STAFF PROFESSIONALS

WHEREAS, Part I of Chapter 60 of the New York State Laws of 2014 requires, among other things, that the New York State Director of the Office for the Aging (the "Director") develop standards requiring local governments that receive funding under the Direct Care Worker Program (the "Program") establish an implementation plan to ensure that direct care workers and/or direct support professionals, as defined by the Director and in accordance with the standards prescribed by the Director, receive certain salary and salary-related fringe benefit increases during 2014-2015; and

WHEREAS, the 2014-2015 Program will fund up to two percent (2%) of salary and salary-related fringe benefit increases for direct care workers and/or direct support professionals that became effective on/after January 1, 2014; and

WHEREAS, four thousand seven hundred eighteen (\$4,718.00) and 00/100 dollars has been allocated to Putnam County (the "County") through the Program and the County is eligible to be reimbursed under the Program for salary and salary-related fringe benefit increases for direct care workers and/or direct support professionals in an amount not to exceed four thousand seven hundred eighteen (\$4,718.00) and 00/100 dollars during the appropriation period and as set forth in the New York State Office for the Aging Program Instruction Number 15-PI-08, attached hereto and made a part hereof as Schedule "A;" and

WHEREAS, the statutory mandate governing the Program is not intended to override, supersede and/or otherwise change any existing collective bargaining agreement and/or other labor management agreement entered into by Aging Network Organizations and if the County's direct care workers and/or direct support professionals were not/are not receiving raises from the County effective on/after January 1, 2014, then reimbursement for direct care workers/direct support professionals under the Program may not be claimed by the County; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to statutory mandate, local governments receiving Program funding must attest, in writing, that Program funding received by the respective local government will be used solely to support salary and salary-related fringe benefit increases for direct care workers/direct support professionals in accordance with and as set forth on Schedule "A;" now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Putnam County Legislature and the County Executive approve acceptance of the Program funds allocated to the County as aforesaid, including Program funding in subsequent years if applicable, and attest that the funds will be used solely to support salary and salary-related fringe benefit increases for direct care workers/direct support professionals in accordance with and as set forth on Schedule "A" annexed hereto and made a part hereof; and it is further

RESOLVED, that the Putnam County Director of the Office for Senior Resources is authorized to execute the required documentation, certification and/or attestation in connection with the aforesaid in order to seek Program reimbursement for salary and salary-related fringe benefit increases for direct care workers and/or direct support professionals.

BY POLL VOTE: ALL AYES. LEGISLATOR WRIGHT WAS ABSENT. MOTION CARRIES.

Item #7 – Other Business

There was no other business for the meeting.

Item #8 – Recognition of Public

Director of Consumer Affairs, Jean Noel questioned if the change to the Ethics Code now eliminated the requirement for the three (3) volunteer Boards from her department to file a financial disclosure form.

Legislative Counsel Van Ross stated that it was for next year's filing of the financial disclosure and it is at the discretion of the Ethics Board upon the request of the Board member. Director of Personnel Eldridge submits to the Legislature's Personnel Committee, no later than December 1st, his recommendation of who is required to file. The Legislature then determines, no later than its Organizational meeting, who is required to file.

Mr. Eric Gross, Chairman of the Emergency Services Safety Advisory Board, thanked the Legislature for passing the resolution concerning the financial disclosure. He stated that this was a bone of contention amongst the Board members who believed, that as volunteers, they should not be required to file a financial disclosure form.

Item #9 – Recognition of Legislators

Legislator Gross stated that October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month. He stated that males can also get breast cancer and he encouraged everyone to be aware of this and to get checked.

Chairman Albano stated that Halloween is approaching and he encouraged everyone to drive safely.

There being no further business, at 7:30 P.M., Chairman Albano made a motion to adjourn; seconded by Legislator LoBue and Nacerino. All in favor.

Respectfully submitted by Diane Schonfeld, Clerk.