

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

Tuesday

April 1, 2014

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. Upon roll call, Legislators Scuccimarra, Oliverio, Tartaro, Nacerino, Gross, Castellano, LoBue, Wright and Chairman Albano were present. Also present was Legislative Counsel Van Ross.

**PROCLAMATIONS**

Chairman Albano requested that Legislator Scuccimarra present the "Alcohol Awareness Month" proclamation to Deputy Commissioner of Social Services/Mental Health/Youth Bureau, Joseph DeMarzo, Ms. Elaine Santos, Coordinator of the Putnam County Communities That Care Coalition and Ms. Doreen Lockwood, Chemical Dependency Director of Putnam Family and Community Services.

**APRIL 2014 AS ALCOHOL AWARENESS MONTH**

**WHEREAS**, underage drinking presents an enormous public health issue and alcohol is the drug of choice among children and adolescents. Annually, approximately 5,000 youth under the age of 21 die from motor vehicle crashes, other unintentional injuries, and homicides and suicides that involve underage drinking; 100,000 persons die each year from alcohol-related causes: drinking and driving crashes, other accidents, falls, fires, alcohol-related homicides and suicides, and

**WHEREAS**, tragic health, social and economic problems result from the use of alcohol by youth. Underage drinking is a causal factor in a host of serious problems, including traumatic injury, violent and property crime, high risk sex, fetal alcohol syndrome, alcohol poisoning, and need for treatment for alcohol abuse and dependence; and

**WHEREAS**, the 2012 Communities That Care Prevention Needs Assessment Survey reports that 56.7% of Putnam County youth grades 8-12 have used alcohol in their lifetime; and

**WHEREAS**, young people who begin drinking before the age of 15 are four times more likely to develop alcohol dependence and are two and half times more likely to become abusers of alcohol than those who begin drinking at age 21; and

**WHEREAS**, more than 7 million children live in a household where at least one parent is dependent on or has abused alcohol; and

**WHEREAS**, alcohol-related problems cost America \$224 billion (\$746 per person) in lost productivity, absenteeism, healthcare costs, crime and family-related problems; and

**WHEREAS**, the typical American will see 100,000 beer commercials before he or she turns 18; now therefore be it

**RESOLVED**, that the Putnam County Executive, and the Putnam County Legislature do hereby proclaim April 2014 as Alcohol Awareness Month and along with the Putnam County Communities That Care Coalition and all substance abuse prevention

and treatment providers in Putnam County encourage all residents to increase their awareness of alcohol use disorders, the dangers of alcohol abuse, the success of prevention and treatment programs, especially for our youth, and to support and encourage referrals for treatment of individuals when an alcohol use disorder is suspected or present.

Chairman Albano requested that Legislator Oliverio present the next proclamation for “April 2014 as Peers Influence Peers Month” to Vice President Buck Heller and Associate Producer Stephen Velichko of the Peers Influence Peers Partnership.

Legislator Oliverio stated that the Peers Influence Peers organization is celebrating its 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary this year. He stated that at 1:30 pm on Friday, April 4, 2014 the organization will be at the Carmel Town Hall giving a preview of the documentary they are currently working on.

Mr. Heller explained the documentary the organization is working on pertains to the rising epidemic of heroin abuse. He stated that the premier showing of this documentary is on May 2, 2014 at Putnam Valley Performing Arts Center.

#### **APRIL 2014 AS PEERS INFLUENCE PEERS MONTH**

**WHEREAS, the use of alcohol and illegal drugs cause serious health, social and educational problems for our young people; and**

**WHEREAS, it has been empirically proven that substance abuse is significantly involved in the three leading causes of death for young people – car crashes, homicides and suicides – and is also a major factor in school dropouts, violence and vandalism as well as HIV/AIDS, teenage pregnancy, rapes and sexual assaults; and**

**WHEREAS, the recent upturns in drug and alcohol usage, as documented in state and national surveys, show that we must target effective prevention strategies at key population groups, such as middle and high school students; and**

**WHEREAS, the Peers Influence Peers Partnership has demonstrated a great deal of initiative and sophistication in developing proactive media messages against alcohol and other drug use; and**

**WHEREAS, that work, which has been aired through numerous schools and cable TV systems throughout our state, has won praise from many authorities; now therefore be it**

**RESOLVED, that the Putnam County Executive and the Putnam County Legislature do hereby recognize April 2014 as PEERS INFLUENCE PEERS MONTH in hope that this declaration and a joint effort of all agencies and authorities to encourage young people to help others by encouraging them to live safe and healthy lives, may one day rid our children and their children’s children of the scourge of drug and alcohol abuse.**

Chairman Albano requested that Legislator Nacerino present the “April 2014 Teen Driver Safety Awareness Month” proclamation to Undersheriff Convery.

#### **APRIL 2014 AS TEEN DRIVER SAFETY AWARENESS MONTH**

**WHEREAS, statistics and experience demonstrate that the greatest danger to our youth in Putnam County, and throughout our country, are the dangers posed from traffic crashes; and**

**WHEREAS, highway crash statistics inform us that although teen drivers make up only 7% of the driving population, they comprise 18% of the injury related automobile crashes; and**

**WHEREAS, the leading cause of accidental deaths to our youth population throughout the United States are automobile accidents; and**

**WHEREAS, analysis shows us that the reasons for teen overrepresentation in injury related automobile crashes include: driver inexperience, excessive speed, unnecessary risk taking, inattentive driving and use of alcohol and drugs; and**

**WHEREAS, in Putnam County, we have too often experienced a tragedy with the death of a teen driver at the wheel. Many of these deaths have occurred during the spring and summer months with a high incidence rate during the period leading up to prom season; and**

**WHEREAS, all accidents are preventable and crash rates can be lowered through the use of education and awareness programs through the use of our school systems, law enforcement programs and youth services organizations such as Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, Junior RTC programs and the Civil Air Patrol, just to name a few; and**

**WHEREAS, these programs work best when there is a period set aside for local government at every level, our school districts and churches, synagogues and youth service organizations come together to provide these educational programs; now therefore be it**

**RESOLVED, that the Putnam County Executive and the Putnam County Legislature do hereby proclaim April 2014 as Teen Driver Safety Awareness Month in Putnam County. We encourage all levels of government, our school districts, law enforcement, our churches and synagogues, our youth service organizations and all the citizens of Putnam County to support programs that promote teen driver safety awareness in Putnam County thereby protecting one of our most precious resources, our children and grandchildren.**

**Chairman Albano requested that Legislator Gross present the “National Library Week April 13-19, 2014” proclamation to the President of the Putnam County Library Association & Director of the Kent Library, Carol Donick and Town of Kent Resident, Jean Ehnebuske.**

#### **NATIONAL LIBRARY WEEK APRIL 13-19, 2014**

**WHEREAS, libraries are the heart of their communities; and**

**WHEREAS, libraries provide essential resources, collections and programs for all ages and demographics in their communities; and**

**WHEREAS, librarians are trained, tech-savvy professionals who provide their communities with Internet access technology training, and access to downloadable content like eBooks; and**

**WHEREAS, libraries provide gathering places for neighbors, friends and newcomers to come together to benefit and enrich their communities; and**

**WHEREAS, libraries respond to specific community needs by offering services such as job-seeking resources, homework help, retirement-planning sessions, story times, literacy classes, and summer reading programs; and**

**WHEREAS, libraries are refuges in the wake of disasters that provide their communities with emergency information, warmth, water, Internet access, recharging stations, and a sense of belonging; and**

**WHEREAS, libraries, librarians, library staff and library supporters across America are celebrating National Library Week; now therefore be it**

**RESOLVED, that We, MaryEllen Odell, Putnam County Executive, and Carl Albano, Chairman of the Putnam County Legislature, proclaim National Library Week, April 13-19, 2014. We encourage all Putnam County residents to visit their libraries to take advantage of the wonderful library resources they provide for all of us.**

**Chairman Albano requested that Legislator Castellano present the “20 Years of Service by the Putnam County Fire Police Response Team” proclamation to Commissioner of Emergency Services, Adam Stiebeling and the members of the Fire Police Response Team.**

**Commissioner Stiebeling stated the Captain Doug Casey would represent the team and accept the proclamation.**

**Captain Casey recognized the Fire Police Team’s First Captain and 20 year active member, Bill Keating.**

#### **20 YEARS OF SERVICE BY THE PUTNAM COUNTY FIRE POLICE RESPONSE TEAM**

**WHEREAS, the Putnam County Fire Police Response Team was created by the Putnam County Legislature by resolution # 66 on May 14, 1994; and**

**WHEREAS, the team is celebrating its 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary in 2014; and**

**WHEREAS, Fire Police Team Members are often the first and most critical contact our citizens have with emergency services; and**

**WHEREAS, the members of the Fire Police Response Team serve as a vital link for our police officers, firefighters and emergency medical services by providing guidance, securing incident scenes and insuring all responders safety; and**

**WHEREAS, each team member has demonstrated compassion, understanding and professionalism during the performance of their job in the past year; now therefore be it**

**RESOLVED, that the Legislature of Putnam County acknowledges the men and women of the Putnam County Fire Police Response Team for their 20 years of dedication and professionalism in keeping our county and citizens safe.**

**Chairman Albano requested that Legislator Castellano present the “National Telecommunicators’ Week April 13-19, 2014” to Commissioner of Emergency Services, Adam Stiebeling, Deputy Commissioner of Emergency Services, Robert Lipton and the two Dispatchers present for the meeting.**

#### **NATIONAL TELECOMMUNICATORS’ WEEK APRIL 13-19, 2014**

**WHEREAS, emergencies can occur at anytime that require police, fire or emergency medical services; and**

**WHEREAS, when an emergency occurs, the prompt response of police officers, firefighters and paramedics is critical to the protection of life and preservation of property; and**

**WHEREAS, the safety of our police officers, firefighters and emergency medical services personnel is dependent upon the quality and accuracy of information obtained from citizens who telephone the Putnam 911 Communications Center; and**

**WHEREAS, Emergency Service Dispatchers are the first and most critical contact our citizens have with emergency services; and**

**WHEREAS, Emergency Service Dispatchers are the single vital link for our police officers, firefighters and emergency medical services by monitoring their activities by radio, providing them information and insuring their safety; an**

**WHEREAS, Emergency Service Dispatchers of the Putnam 911 Communications Center have contributed substantially to the apprehension of criminals, suppression of fires and treatment of patients; and**

**WHEREAS, each dispatcher has exhibited compassion, understanding and professionalism during the performance of their job in the past year; now therefore be it**

**RESOLVED, that the Legislature of Putnam County declares the week of April 13th through 19th, 2014, to be National Telecommunicators' Week in Putnam in honor of the men and women whose diligence and professionalism keep our county and citizens safe.**

**Approval of Minutes – Regular Meeting – March 4, 2014  
Public Hearing – March 4, 2014**

The minutes were approved as submitted.

Correspondence

a) County Auditor was duly noted.

Pre-filed resolutions:

**RULES, ENACTMENTS & INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE  
(Chairwoman LoBue, Legislators Tartaro & Wright)**

Item #5a – Approval/Re-Appointments/Putnam County Plumbing & Mechanical Trades Board was next. Chairman Albano recognized Legislator LoBue, Chairwoman of the Rules, Enactments & Intergovernmental Relations Committee. On behalf of the members of the Committee, Legislators Tartaro and Wright, Legislator LoBue moved the following:

**RESOLUTION #84**

**APPROVAL/RE-APPOINTMENTS/PUTNAM COUNTY PLUMBING & MECHANICAL  
TRADES BOARD**

**RESOLVED, that the following be re-appointed to the Putnam County Plumbing & Mechanical Trades Board:**

(3) Thomas Capalbo, Town of Patterson, as Resident, for a three (3) year term, said term to expire, December 31, 2016.

(4) Stephen Alonge, Town of Southeast, as Master Plumber 3 years, for a three (3) year term, said term to expire, December 31, 2016.

(5) Homer Losee, Town of Patterson, as Master Plumber, for the balance of a three (3) year term, said term to expire, December 31, 2015.

(6) Alexander Mancone, Town of Carmel, as HVAC Representative, for a three (3) year term, said term to expire, December 31, 2016.

(8) Henry Boyd, Town of Kent, as Well Driller Representative, for the balance of a three (3) year term, said term to expire, December 31, 2015.

**BY POLL VOTE: ALL AYES. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**Item #5b – Approval/Putnam County Hazard Communication Standard “Right to Know” Policy was next. On behalf of the members of the Rules, Enactments & Intergovernmental Relations Committee, Legislators Tartaro and Wright, Legislator LoBue moved the following:**

**RESOLUTION #85**

**APPROVAL/PUTNAM COUNTY HAZARD COMMUNICATION STANDARD “RIGHT TO KNOW” POLICY**

**WHEREAS, the County of Putnam seeks to create a safe working environment for its employees and the public; and**

**WHEREAS, the County of Putnam as part of a comprehensive safety program strives to be compliant with the Occupational Safety and Health Act (hereinafter “OSHA”) and Public Employee Safety and Health (hereinafter “PESH”) regulations; and**

**WHEREAS, the OSHA Hazard Communication Standard, specifically 29 CFR 1910.1200 and the Right to Know Standard (12 NYCRR Part 820), dictates that the County must have Hazard Communication Standard Policy, and it establishes the minimum requirements of said program; and**

**WHEREAS, the union representatives, specifically the CSEA union representatives, played an integral role in developing such a program, and have reviewed and approved the policy submitted by the Putnam County Senior Deputy County Attorney for Risk and Compliance; and**

**WHEREAS, the Safety Committee also reviewed and approved said policy; now therefore be it**

**RESOLVED, that the Hazard Communication Standard Policy developed by the County is hereby adopted by the Putnam County Legislature in the form attached hereto, provided that the Putnam County Law Department may from time to time amend said policy as it deems necessary, so long as said changes do not materially alter the policies and procedures contained therein.**

**BY POLL VOTE: ALL AYES. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**Item #5c – Proclamation Requests/ Committee Approval was next. On behalf of the members of the Rules, Enactments & Intergovernmental Relations Committee, Legislators Tartaro and Wright, Legislator LoBue moved to TABLE the following; seconded by Legislator Castellano. All in favor.**

**PROCLAMATION REQUESTS/ COMMITTEE APPROVAL**

**WHEREAS, throughout the year numerous events occur of major significance to Putnam County which Proclamation by the Putnam County Legislature are in order; and**

**WHEREAS, there exists a need to have a proper screening of the event and the proposed Proclamation before it is submitted to the Legislature to ascertain its significance; and**

**WHEREAS, under Article III of the Legislature Manual of the Putnam County Legislature various Standing Committees have been established to oversee the different functions and departments of County government; now therefore be it**

**RESOLVED, that before any Proclamation is forwarded to the County Legislature it shall first be forwarded to the Standing Committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over the function contained in the proposed Proclamation for approval and forwarding to the next meeting of the County Legislature; and be it further**

**RESOLVED, that in any case where the proper jurisdiction of the subject matter cannot be ascertained or could be covered by more than one Standing Committee it shall be forwarded to the Rules, Enactments & Intergovernmental Relations Committee for approval and forwarding to the next meeting of the County Legislature; and be it further**

**RESOLVED, that this resolution shall become effective on May 1, 2014.**

**Item #5d – Approval/Table Resolution/Economic Development & Energy Committee/ Appointment/Putnam County Industrial Development Agency was next. On behalf of the members of the Rules, Enactments & Intergovernmental Relations Committee, Legislators Tartaro and Wright, Legislator LoBue moved the following:**

**RESOLUTION #86**

**APPROVAL/TABLE RESOLUTION/ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT & ENERGY COMMITTEE/ APPOINTMENT/PUTNAM COUNTY INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AGENCY**

**WHEREAS, the Economic Development & Energy Committee has forwarded to this Legislative Meeting a Resolution appointing William Nulk to the Industrial Development Agency to fill an unexpired term to expire December 31, 2015; and**

**WHEREAS, the Rules, Enactments & Intergovernmental Relations Committee has considered this matter and considers that this recommendation is not being made from the Agency's Board, but by an officer of the Agency; and**

**WHEREAS, it is past practice of this Legislature that the recommendation to fill vacancies on the Industrial Development Agency be made by the Board of the Agency itself; and**

**WHEREAS, the Chairman of the Agency has indicated that the Board will be meeting in April and will recommend the individuals to fill vacancies at that time; and**

**WHEREAS, in the event that the Economic Development Committee has already met prior to receiving the Board's recommendation, the Chairman of the Audit & Administration Committee recommended that they be forwarded to the Audit Committee for review;**

**WHEREAS, the Economic Development Committee is scheduled to meet on April 28, 2014; now therefore be it**

**RESOLVED, that the Resolution appointing William Nulk to fill a vacancy on the Industrial Development Agency be tabled to the meeting of the Economic Development Committee being held on April 28, 2014.**

**BY ROLL CALL VOTE: SIX AYES. THREE NAYS – LEGISLATORS OLIVERIO, SCUCCIMARRA & CHAIRMAN ALBANO. MOTION CARRIES.**

**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT & ENERGY COMMITTEE  
(Chairwoman Scuccimarra, Legislators Gross & Wright)**

Item #5e – Approval/Appointment/Putnam County Industrial Development Agency was next. Chairman Albano recognized Legislator Scuccimarra, Chairwoman of the Economic Development & Energy Committee. On behalf of the members of the Committee, Legislators Gross & Wright, Legislator Scuccimarra stated that this proposed resolution was TABLED as per Item #5d:

**APPROVAL/APPOINTMENT/PUTNAM COUNTY INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AGENCY**

**RESOLVED**, that the following be appointed to the Putnam County Industrial Development Agency:

William H. Nulk, Town of Kent, to fill an unexpired three (3) year term, said term to expire December 31, 2015.

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

Item #5f – Approval/Lease Agreement/Putnam County Veteran’s Residence/Room #1 was next. On behalf of the members of the Physical Services Committee, Legislators Nacerino and Scuccimarra, Chairman Albano moved the following:

**RESOLUTION #87**

**APPROVAL/LEASE AGREEMENT/PUTNAM COUNTY VETERAN’S RESIDENCE/ROOM #1**

**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 Putnam County Veterans’ Residence is operated as a communal residence for veterans who meet the established eligibility criteria; and

**WHEREAS**, the County of Putnam is desirous of entering into a lease agreement with Kerry Brown for a single-residence room in the Putnam County Veterans’ Residence; and

**WHEREAS**, said lease agreement shall be for a term commencing on March 16, 2014 and expiring on July 31, 2014; now therefore be it

**RESOLVED**, that the County of Putnam may enter into the aforementioned lease agreement with Kerry Brown for the single-residence room in the Putnam County Veterans’ Residence identified as Room # 1, for a term commencing on March 16, 2014 and expiring on July 31, 2014; and be it further

**RESOLVED**, that the County Executive, with the advice and assistance of the County Attorney, is authorized to finalize and execute said lease agreement with Kerry Brown at the rental price of \$400.00 per month, which shall be in the form attached hereto as Schedule “A”; and be it further

**RESOLVED**, this Resolution shall take effect immediately.

**BY POLL VOTE: ALL AYES. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**Item # 5g – Approval/Lease Agreement/Putnam County Veteran’s Residence/Room #5 was next. On behalf of the members of the Physical Services Committee, Legislators Nacerino and Scuccimarra, Chairman Albano moved the following:**

**RESOLUTION #88**

**APPROVAL/LEASE AGREEMENT/PUTNAM COUNTY VETERAN’S RESIDENCE/ROOM #5**

**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 Putnam County Veterans’ Residence is operated as a communal residence for veterans who meet the established eligibility criteria; and**

**WHEREAS, the County of Putnam is desirous of entering into a lease agreement with Christopher Baffa for a single-residence room in the Putnam County Veterans’ Residence; and**

**WHEREAS, said lease agreement shall be for a term commencing on March 15, 2014 and expiring on July 31, 2014; now therefore be it**

**RESOLVED, that the County of Putnam may enter into the aforementioned lease agreement with Christopher Baffa for the single-residence room in the Putnam County Veterans’ Residence identified as Room # 5, for a term commencing on March 15, 2014 and expiring on July 31, 2014; and be it further**

**RESOLVED, that the County Executive, with the advice and assistance of the County Attorney, is authorized to finalize and execute said lease agreement with Christopher Baffa at the rental price of \$400.00 per month, which shall be in the form attached hereto as Schedule “A”; and be it further**

**RESOLVED, this Resolution shall take effect immediately.**

**BY POLL VOTE: ALL AYES. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**Item #5h – Approval/Putnam County Legislature as Lead Agency/SEQRA/Putnam County Golf Course Paving Project was next. On behalf of the members of the Physical Services Committee, Legislators Nacerino and Scuccimarra, Chairman Albano moved the following:**

**Legislator LoBue stated the she would be voting “no” because for some reason we were doing this in reverse after the project has been completed.**

**Legislator Tartaro stated that although this is called a paving project, he believed there was a tremendous amount of water quality improvement involved in the paving project. It is in tandem with a much larger collection system.**

**RESOLUTION #89**

**APPROVAL/PUTNAM COUNTY LEGISLATURE AS LEAD AGENCY/SEQRA/PUTNAM COUNTY GOLF COURSE PAVING PROJECT**

**WHEREAS, by Resolution #260 of 2009, which was adopted by the Putnam County Legislature (“Legislature”) on September 16, 2009, the Department of Highways and Facilities was authorized to apply for a grant from the New York State Department of**

Environmental Conservation (“DEC”) Water Quality Improvement Project Grant Program (“WQIP Grant Program”) in the amount of \$578,000 for a project to pave the Putnam County Golf Course parking lot to prevent erosion and reduce pollutant runoff from entering adjacent streams (the “paver project”); and

WHEREAS, on or about November 12, 2010, DEC granted the County’s initial application for the paver project in the amount of \$266,850 (“DEC grant”), which was based upon the total eligible revised project cost of \$355,800; and

WHEREAS, by Resolution #144 of 2013, which was adopted by the Legislature on July 2, 2013, the Legislature amended Resolution #260 of 2009, modifying the description of the work to be performed and changing the local funding source for the paver project from Putnam County (“County”) to the East of Hudson Watershed Corporation (“EOHWC”); and

WHEREAS, the EOHWC, of which the County is a member, was established to organize, administer and implement the MS4 Stormwater Retrofit Program, on behalf of its members, in order to facilitate the administration, design, construction, implementation and operation & maintenance of the stormwater retrofit projects included in its MS4 Stormwater Retrofit Program; and

WHEREAS, the modified paver project consists of replacing the existing compacted earth surface on the parking lot with a combination of traditional asphalt and porous pavers, which includes a subsurface infiltration system under the porous pavers; and

WHEREAS, on or about January 29, 2014, in accordance with the requirements of SEQRA, the Putnam County Legislature provided a copy of a completed Short Environmental Assessment Form (“EAF”) to all involved and/or interested agencies, including the Town of Carmel; DEC; EOHWC; and N.Y.C. Department of Environmental Protection; and

WHEREAS, on or about January 29, 2014, the Putnam County Legislature pursuant to NYCRR Part 617, also served all involved and/or interested agencies with notice of its intent to declare itself “lead agency” for SEQRA review; and

WHEREAS, all involved and/or interested agencies have consented to the Putnam County Legislature service as “lead agency” in this matter, as defined in 6 NYCRR Part 617.2(u); and

WHEREAS, based upon a careful review of the action as a whole, of the Short EAF and of the criteria set forth in 6 NYCRR Part 617.7, the Putnam County Legislature, as “lead agency”, has determined that the paver project, as modified by Resolution #144 of 2013, will not have a significant adverse effect on the environment; now therefore be it

**RESOLVED**, that the Putnam County Legislature designates itself as “lead agency” in this matter, as defined in 6 NYCRR Part 617.2(u); and be it further

**RESOLVED**, that the Putnam County Legislature, as “lead agency”, hereby determines that the paving project will not have a significant adverse effect on the environment; and be it further

**RESOLVED**, that a Draft Environmental Impact Statement will not be prepared; and be it further

**RESOLVED**, that the Chairman of the Putnam County Legislature is authorized and directed to execute and issue the attached Negative Declaration on behalf of the Legislature pursuant to Article 8 of the Environmental Conservation Law; and be it further

**RESOLVED**, that this Resolution shall take effect immediately.

**BY ROLL CALL VOTE: SIX AYES. THREE NAYS – LEGISLATORS LOBUE, OLIVERIO & WRIGHT. MOTION CARRIES.**

Item #5i – Approval/Designation of County Representative for DEC Grant Agreement/ Putnam County Golf Course Paving Project was next. On behalf of the members of the Physical Services Committee, Legislators Nacerino and Scuccimarra, Chairman Albano moved the following:

**RESOLUTION #90**

**APPROVAL/DESIGNATION OF COUNTY REPRESENTATIVE FOR DEC GRANT AGREEMENT/PUTNAM COUNTY GOLF COURSE PAVING PROJECT**

WHEREAS, by Resolution #260 of 2009, which was adopted by the Putnam County Legislature (“Legislature”) on September 16, 2009, the Department of Highways and Facilities was authorized to apply for a grant from the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (“DEC”) Water Quality Improvement Project Grant Program (“WQIP Grant Program”) in the amount of \$578,000 for a project to pave the Putnam County Golf Course parking lot to prevent erosion and reduce pollutant runoff from entering adjacent streams (the “paver project”); and

WHEREAS, on or about November 12, 2010, DEC granted the County’s initial application for the paver project in the amount of \$266,850 (“DEC grant”), which was based upon the total eligible revised project cost of \$355,800; and

WHEREAS, by Resolution #144 of 2013, which was adopted by the Legislature on July 2, 2013, the Legislature amended Resolution #260 of 2009, modifying the description of the work to be performed and changing the local funding source for the paver project from Putnam County (“County”) to the East of Hudson Watershed Corporation (“EOHWC”); and

WHEREAS, the EOHWC, of which the County is a member, was established to organize, administer and implement the MS4 Stormwater Retrofit Program, on behalf of its members, in order to facilitate the administration, design, construction, implementation and operation & maintenance of the stormwater retrofit projects included in its MS4 Stormwater Retrofit Program; and

WHEREAS, the Environmental Conservation Law (“ECL”) authorizes State assistance to municipalities for water quality improvement projects by means of a contract and the County deems it to be in the public interest and benefit under this law to enter into a contract therewith; and

WHEREAS, in order to execute an agreement between DEC and the County in which DEC will commit \$266,850 of its WQIP Grant Program funds, the County is required to designate an authorized representative to act on behalf of the County in all matters related to the DEC grant as it relates to the paver project; and

WHEREAS, §3.02(g) of the Putnam County Charter empowers the County Executive to make, sign and implement all contracts on behalf of the County; and

WHEREAS, the County wishes to designate County Executive MaryEllen Odell, to act on behalf of the County in all matters related to the DEC grant, giving MaryEllen Odell the authority to make application, execute the DEC grant agreement, submit documentation concerning the paver project, and otherwise act for the County’s governing body in all matters related to the paver project as it relates to the DEC grant; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that County Executive MaryEllen Odell or such person’s successor in office, is the representative authorized to act on behalf of the County in all matters

related to the DEC grant as it relates to the paver project referenced herein pursuant to ECL Article 17, 51 and 56 and/or any applicable federal grant provisions; and be it further

**RESOLVED**, as the County's representative, County Executive MaryEllen Odell is authorized to make application, execute the DEC grant agreement, submit documentation concerning the DEC grant as it relates to the paver project, and otherwise act for the County's governing body in all matters related to the DEC grant as it relates to the paver project; and be it further

**RESOLVED**, that local funds provided by EOHWC on behalf of the County, will be available for the paver project's work within twelve (12) months of written approval of its application by the DEC; and be it further

**RESOLVED**, that one (1) certified copy of this Resolution shall be prepared and sent to the Albany Office of the DEC; and be it further

**RESOLVED**, that this Resolution take effect immediately.

**BY POLL VOTE: ALL AYES. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**HEALTH, SOCIAL, EDUCATIONAL & ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITTEE**  
(Chairman Oliverio, Legislators LoBue & Scuccimarra)

Item #5j – Approval/Re-Appointment/Putnam County Coordinating Council For People with Disabilities was next. Chairman Albano recognized Legislator Oliverio, Chairman of the Health, Social, Educational & Environmental Committee. On behalf of the members of the Committee, Legislators LoBue and Scuccimarra, Legislator Oliverio moved the following:

**RESOLUTION #91**

**APPROVAL/RE-APPOINTMENT/PUTNAM COUNTY COORDINATING COUNCIL FOR PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES**

**RESOLVED**, that Stan Kahn, Town of Southeast, be re-appointed to the Putnam County Coordinating Council for People with Disabilities for a three (3) year term, said term to expire December 31, 2016.

**BY POLL VOTE: ALL AYES. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**PROTECTIVE SERVICES COMMITTEE**  
(Chairman Gross, Legislators LoBue & Wright)

Item #5k – Approval/Memorialization/Niagara County Resolution/Calling on New York State Legislature to Reject Governor Cuomo's Plans to Reward Prison Inmates by Providing them with College Educations at Taxpayer Expense was next. Chairman Albano recognized Legislator Gross, Chairman of the Protective Services Committee. On behalf of the members of the Committee, Legislators LoBue and Wright, Legislator Gross moved the following:

Legislator Oliverio stated there are individuals in each of the Legislative Districts that want to send their children to college and the only way they can is by the child receiving

a scholarship or a relative that can give them some money. We have families who are struggling and he did not believe it was fair for their taxpayer dollars to support a prisoners' education when these individuals have broken the law.

Legislator Gross concurred. However, it is believed that the recidivism rate is less when a prisoner is educated and therefore the State believes that money would be saved.

Legislator Scuccimarra believed that there were other ways to rehabilitate the prisoners instead of sending them to college.

Chairman Albano concurred.

## **RESOLUTION #92**

### **APPROVAL/MEMORIALIZATION/NIAGARA COUNTY RESOLUTION/CALLING ON NEW YORK STATE LEGISLATURE TO REJECT GOVERNOR CUOMO'S PLANS TO REWARD PRISON INMATES BY PROVIDING THEM WITH COLLEGE EDUCATIONS AT TAXPAYER EXPENSE**

**WHEREAS, the purpose of prison is to punish those who have engaged in behavior that is morally and legally wrong, dangerous, threatening, or severely antisocial, including murder, rape, theft, and distribution of narcotics, among other serious crimes; and**

**WHEREAS, incarcerated individuals represent a continued threat to society requiring punishment for their actions; and**

**WHEREAS, Governor Andrew M. Cuomo did, on February 16, 2014, propose providing this segment of society with taxpayer-funded college tuition, a benefit unavailable to the children of the productive, law-abiding taxpayers who will be forced to finance Governor Cuomo's scheme; and**

**WHEREAS, Governor Andrew M. Cuomo expressed no concern for the educational opportunities lost by many of the victims of the hardened criminals he wishes to treat as valued members of society, most notably those who were murdered by such criminals; and**

**WHEREAS, Governor Andrew M. Cuomo has estimated the cost of his program at \$5,000 per inmate, an obscene sum when contemplated as a reward for society's worst members; and**

**WHEREAS, such college tuition programs have been absent in New York State since the departure of Governor Cuomo's father as governor, having been discontinued by the Honorable George E. Pataki during the first year of his administration; and**

**WHEREAS, the Legislature of the County of Putnam endorses the notion that prison is punishment, and convicted inmates are underserving of rewards; now therefore be it**

**RESOLVED, that the Legislature of the County of Putnam considers Governor Cuomo's proposal an outrageous insult to the law-abiding taxpayers of this state and county; and be it further**

**RESOLVED, that the Legislature of the County of Putnam does hereby call upon its representatives in, and the leadership of, the New York State Senate and Assembly to reject this radical proposal and similar liberal meddling with the institution of justice; and be it further**

**RESOLVED, that the Legislature of the County of Putnam calls upon Governor Cuomo to withdraw this proposal; and be it further**

**RESOLVED**, that copies of this Resolution be forwarded to Governor Andrew M. Cuomo, Senator Greg Ball, Senator Terry Gipson, Assemblyman Steve Katz, Assemblywoman Sandra Galef, Senate Majority Leader Dean Skelos and Assembly Speaker Sheldon Silver.

**BY POLL VOTE: ALL AYES. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**PERSONNEL COMMITTEE  
(Chairwoman Nacerino, Legislators Castellano & Tartaro)**

**Item #5L – Approval/Amend Resolution #293 of 2013/Setting the Salaries of Officers & Employees Paid from County for the Year 2014 was next. Chairman Albano recognized Legislator Nacerino, Chairwoman of the Personnel Committee. On behalf of the members of the Committee, Legislators Castellano and Tartaro, Legislator Nacerino moved the following:**

**RESOLUTION #93**

**AMEND RESOLUTION #293 OF 2013/SETTING THE SALARIES OF OFFICERS & EMPLOYEES PAID FROM COUNTY FOR THE YEAR 2014**

**WHEREAS**, due to a recent resignation in the Office of the Clerk of the Putnam County Legislature a change has occurred in the salary of a position in that office; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to the County Charter Section 2.04 the Putnam County Legislature sets the salaries for all officers and employees paid from County funds; and

**WHEREAS**, this change required an amendment to Resolution #293 of 2013 setting the salaries for 2014; and

**WHEREAS**, the Personnel Committee has reviewed and approved of this amendment; now therefore be it

**RESOLVED**, that Resolution #293 of 2013 setting the salaries of officers and employees paid from County funds for the year 2014 is hereby amended for the following position effective March 10, 2014:

<b>Budget Line:</b>	<b>Position:</b>	<b>Salary:</b>
1010114	Administrative Assistant Legislature	\$38,000

**BY POLL VOTE: ALL AYES. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**Legislator Nacerino made a motion to waive the rules and accept the Revised #5m submitted by the County Attorney; seconded by Chairman Albano.**

**By Poll Vote: Eight Ayes. One Abstention – Legislator Wright. Motion Carries.**

**Item #5m - Approval/Ratification/Putnam County CSEA Contract was next. On behalf of the members of the Personnel Committee, Legislators Castellano and Tartaro, Legislator Nacerino moved the following:**

**RESOLUTION #94**

**APPROVAL/RATIFICATION/PUTNAM COUNTY CSEA CONTRACT**

WHEREAS, the Civil Service Employees Association, Inc., Putnam County Unit Local 840 of Local 1000 AFSCME AFL-CIO and the County of Putnam have come to an Agreement concerning the terms and conditions of the employment of its members for the years January 1, 2012 to December 31, 2016; and

WHEREAS, a Memorandum of Agreement (“MOA”) was executed by Putnam County Executive MaryEllen Odell and various representatives of the Putnam County CSEA Unit, in which the specific changes to the underlying Collective Bargaining Agreement were outlined; and

WHEREAS, the membership of Putnam County Unit Local 840 met on March 24, 2014 and ratified the MOA; and

WHEREAS, the Personnel Committee held a Special Meeting on March 31, 2014 to discuss the terms of the MOA; and

WHEREAS, the Legislature is in agreement with the administration and the negotiating team that the MOA is in the best interests of both the County of Putnam and the membership of Putnam County Unit Local 840; now therefore be it

RESOLVED that the Putnam County Legislature hereby approves and ratifies the Memorandum of Agreement, dated February 28, 2014, which was entered into with CSEA Putnam County Unit Local 840 for the period of January 1, 2012 up to and including December 31, 2016.

**BY ROLL CALL VOTE: SEVEN AYES. TWO ABSTENTIONS – LEGISLATORS OLIVERIO & WRIGHT. MOTION CARRIES.**

Legislator Nacerino made a motion to waive the rules and accept the additional material for #5n; seconded by Chairman Albano.

By Poll Vote: Eight Ayes. One Abstention – Legislator Wright. Motion Carries.

Item #5n - Approval/Fund Transfer/ Commissioner of Finance/Funding 2014 Salary and Social Security Benefits Costs/Ratified Putnam County CSEA Contract was next. . On behalf of the members of the Personnel Committee, Legislators Castellano and Tartaro, Legislator Nacerino moved the following:

#### **RESOLUTION #95**

#### **APPROVAL/FUND TRANSFER/ COMMISSIONER OF FINANCE/FUNDING 2014 SALARY AND SOCIAL SECURITY BENEFITS COSTS/RATIFIED PUTNAM COUNTY CSEA CONTRACT**

WHEREAS, the Commissioner of Finance has requested a fund transfer (14A021) to provide the funding for the 2014 salary and social security benefits pursuant to the ratified contract settlement between Putnam County and the Civil Service Employees Association, Inc., Putnam County Unit Local 840 of Local 1000 AFSCME AFL-CIO; and

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

RESOLVED, that the following fund transfer be made:

RECAP	ADOPTED	REVISED	
	BUDGET	BUDGET	VARIANCE

10021000	51000	83,266.00	84,208.00	942.00
10021000	58002	6,370.00	6,442.00	72.00
10032000	51000	76,755.00	77,334.00	579.00
10032000	58002	5,872.00	5,916.00	44.00
10087000	51000	21,292.00	21,513.00	221.00
10087000	58002	1,629.00	1,646.00	17.00
10101000	51000	298,247.00	300,955.00	2,708.00
10101000	58002	22,816.00	23,023.00	207.00
10102000	51000	1,416,069.00	1,428,006.00	11,937.00
10102000	58002	108,329.00	109,242.00	913.00
10103000	51000	271,276.00	273,542.00	2,266.00
10103000	58002	20,753.00	20,926.00	173.00
10104000	51000	1,169,567.00	1,181,717.00	12,150.00
10104000	58002	89,472.00	90,401.00	929.00
10105000	51000	61,598.00	61,998.00	400.00
10105000	58002	4,712.00	4,743.00	31.00
10106000	51000	19,193.00	19,325.00	132.00
10106000	58002	1,468.00	1,478.00	10.00
10107000	51000	195,465.00	197,366.00	1,901.00
10107000	58002	14,953.00	15,098.00	145.00
10108000	51000	206,228.00	208,354.00	2,126.00
10108000	58002	15,776.00	15,939.00	163.00
10110000	51000	178,648.00	180,325.00	1,677.00
10110000	58002	13,667.00	13,795.00	128.00

10116000	51000	94,320.00	95,087.00	767.00
10116000	58002	7,215.00	7,274.00	59.00
10116500	51000	303,102.00	306,117.00	3,015.00
10116500	58002	23,187.00	23,418.00	231.00
10120000	51000	540,056.00	545,427.00	5,371.00
10120000	58002	41,314.00	41,725.00	411.00
10131000	51000	473,194.00	477,402.00	4,208.00
10131000	58002	36,199.00	36,521.00	322.00
10134500	51000	66,641.00	67,249.00	608.00
10134500	58002	5,098.00	5,145.00	47.00
10135500	51000	74,232.00	75,232.00	1,000.00
10135500	58002	5,679.00	5,755.00	76.00
10141000	51000	567,256.00	573,126.00	5,870.00
10141000	58002	43,395.00	43,844.00	449.00
10141100	51000	493,978.00	499,233.00	5,255.00
10141100	58002	37,789.00	38,191.00	402.00
10142000	51000	48,199.00	48,599.00	400.00
10142000	58002	3,687.00	3,718.00	31.00
10143000	51000	134,330.00	135,830.00	1,500.00
10143000	58002	10,276.00	10,391.00	115.00
10146000	51000	38,868.00	39,368.00	500.00
10146000	58002	2,973.00	3,012.00	39.00
10149000	51000	508,181.00	512,533.00	4,352.00
10149000	58002	38,876.00	39,209.00	333.00

10168000	51000	309,214.00	312,347.00	3,133.00
10168000	58002	23,655.00	23,895.00	240.00
10198900	51000	16,300.00	16,542.00	242.00
10198900	58002	1,247.00	1,265.00	18.00
10296000	51000	57,567.00	58,092.00	525.00
10296000	58002	4,404.00	4,444.00	40.00
10314000	51000	1,150,245.00	1,159,032.00	8,787.00
10314000	58002	87,994.00	88,666.00	672.00
10331000	51000	61,653.00	62,261.00	608.00
10331000	58002	4,716.00	4,763.00	47.00
10398900	51000	83,306.00	84,224.00	918.00
10398900	58002	6,373.00	6,443.00	70.00
10401000	51000	174,831.00	176,459.00	1,628.00
10401000	58002	13,375.00	13,499.00	124.00
10405900	51000	394,143.00	397,489.00	3,346.00
10405900	58002	30,152.00	30,408.00	256.00
10408200	51000	233,098.00	235,008.00	1,910.00
10408200	58002	17,832.00	17,978.00	146.00
10431000	51000	62,144.00	62,725.00	581.00
10431000	58002	4,754.00	4,798.00	44.00
10511000	51000	1,884,958.00	1,902,580.00	17,622.00
10511000	58002	144,199.00	145,547.00	1,348.00
10511100	51000	887,265.00	894,483.00	7,218.00
10511100	58002	67,876.00	68,428.00	552.00

10513000	51000		489,489.00	493,465.00	3,976.00
10513000	58002		37,446.00	37,750.00	304.00
10629300	51000		155,578.00	156,921.00	1,343.00
10629300	58002		11,902.00	12,004.00	102.00
10661000	51000		93,567.00	94,567.00	1,000.00
10661000	58002		7,158.00	7,234.00	76.00
10677200	51000		460,475.00	465,833.00	5,358.00
10677200	58002		35,226.00	35,636.00	410.00
10677300	51000		179,758.00	181,716.00	1,958.00
10677300	58002		13,751.00	13,901.00	150.00
10677400	51000		653,099.00	660,874.00	7,775.00
10677400	58002		49,962.00	50,557.00	595.00
10677600	51000		137,316.00	138,887.00	1,571.00
10677600	58002		10,505.00	10,625.00	120.00
10677700	51000		634,157.00	641,804.00	7,647.00
10677700	58002		48,513.00	49,098.00	585.00
10677800	51000		202,510.00	205,156.00	2,646.00
10677800	58002		15,492.00	15,694.00	202.00
10711000	51000		411,615.00	415,850.00	4,235.00
10711000	58002		31,489.00	31,813.00	324.00
10731000	51000		168,468.00	169,889.00	1,421.00
10731000	58002		12,888.00	12,997.00	109.00
10731002	51000	10079	63,261.00	63,786.00	525.00
10731002	58002	10079	4,839.00	4,880.00	41.00

10751000	51000		38,948.00	39,588.00	640.00
10751000	58002		2,980.00	3,028.00	48.00
10762000	51000		30,125.00	30,375.00	250.00
10762000	58002		2,305.00	2,324.00	19.00
10802000	51000		345,685.00	348,601.00	2,916.00
10802000	58002		26,445.00	26,668.00	223.00
10816000	51000		80,613.00	81,164.00	551.00
10816000	58002		6,167.00	6,209.00	42.00
10874500	51000		98,048.00	98,625.00	577.00
10874500	58002		7,501.00	7,545.00	44.00
11015000	51000		19,931.00	20,089.00	158.00
11015000	58002		1,525.00	1,537.00	12.00
11017000	51000		121,974.00	122,999.00	1,025.00
11017000	58002		9,331.00	9,409.00	78.00
11401000	51000		642,048.00	646,477.00	4,429.00
11401000	58002		49,117.00	49,455.00	338.00
12022000	51000		133,453.00	134,716.00	1,263.00
12022000	58002		10,209.00	10,306.00	97.00
12401000	51000		1,031,264.00	1,038,609.00	7,345.00
12401000	58002		78,892.00	79,454.00	562.00
12401003	51000	10056	54,826.00	55,326.00	500.00
12401003	58002	10056	4,194.00	4,232.00	38.00
21401000	51000		265,530.00	267,311.00	1,781.00
21401000	58002		20,313.00	20,449.00	136.00

22071000	51000		81,155.00	81,955.00	800.00
22071000	58002		6,208.00	6,270.00	62.00
22072000	51000		25,542.00	25,870.00	328.00
22072000	58002		1,954.00	1,979.00	25.00
26401001	51000	10066	84,835.00	85,360.00	525.00
26401001	58002	10066	6,490.00	6,530.00	40.00
58989920	51000	50347	12,050.00	12,150.00	100.00
58989920	58002	50347	922.00	929.00	7.00
TOTAL PERSONNEL			19,370,005.00	19,549,051.00	179,046.00
TOTAL FICA			1,481,806.00	1,495,499.00	13,693.00

**BY POLL VOTE: SEVEN AYES. TWO ABSTENTIONS – LEGISLATORS OLIVERIO & WRIGHT. MOTION CARRIES.**

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

**Item #5o – Approval/Budgetary Amendment (14A017)/Office For Aging/Purchase Three Vehicles for the Medical Transportation Program was next. Chairman Albano recognized Legislator Castellano, Chairman of the Audit & Administration Committee. On behalf of the members of the Committee, Legislators Nacerino and Tartaro, Legislator Castellano moved the following:**

**RESOLUTION #96**

**APPROVAL/BUDGETARY AMENDMENT /OFFICE FOR AGING/PURCHASE THREE VEHICLES FOR THE MEDICAL TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM**

**WHEREAS, the Office For the Aging Department has requested a budgetary amendment (14A017) for the purchase of three vehicles for the Medical Transportation Program utilizing the bequest from Jane Lobdell; 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:**

**Increase Estimated Appropriations:**

<b>10677200 52650</b>	<b>Motor Vehicles</b>	<b>52,000</b>
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**Increase Estimated Revenues:**  
10677200 427050

Gifts & Donations 52,000

2014 Fiscal Impact – 0 –  
2015 Fiscal Impact – 0 –

**BY POLL VOTE: ALL AYES. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Item #5p – Approval/Budgetary Amendment (14A018)/Finance/Vacancy Control Factor/January and February 2014 was next. On behalf of the members of the Audit & Administration Committee, Legislators Nacerino and Tartaro, Legislator Castellano moved the following:

**RESOLUTION #97**

**APPROVAL/BUDGETARY AMENDMENT/FINANCE/VACANCY CONTROL FACTOR  
/JANUARY & FEBRUARY 2014**

WHEREAS, the Commissioner of Finance has requested a budgetary amendment (14A018) to provide for the vacancy control factor for January and February of 2014; 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**

**Decrease Estimated Appropriations:**

SEE ATTACHED SHEET	Personal Services	213,814
SEE ATTACHED SHEET	FICA	16,357
SEE ATTACHED SHEET	Dental	1,323
SEE ATTACHED SHEET	Life Insurance	288
SEE ATTACHED SHEET	Health Insurance	51,398
SEE ATTACHED SHEET	Vision	66
SEE ATTACHED SHEET	Flex Plan	<u>1,986</u>
		285,232

**Decrease Estimated Revenues:**

10601000 446151	Fed Aid – DSS	7,725
10101000 436101	State Aid – DSS	28,910
10101000 446101	Fed Aid – DSS	29,092
10601000 446111	Fed Aid – DSS	849
12401000 434011	State Aid – Health	2,318
10131000 427705	Vacancy Control Factor	<u>237,586</u>
		306,480

**Increase Estimated Revenues:**

10131000 428551	Transfer from Road Fund	21,248
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**COUNTY ROAD FUND**

**Increase Estimated Appropriations:**

02990100 59030	Transfer to General Fund	21,248
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**Decrease Estimated Appropriations:**

SEE ATTACHED SHEET	Personal Services	15,109
SEE ATTACHED SHEET	FICA	1,156
SEE ATTACHED SHEET	Dental	40
SEE ATTACHED SHEET	Health Insurance	4,937
SEE ATTACHED SHEET	Vision	<u>6</u>
		21,248

2014 Fiscal Impact – 0 –

2015 Fiscal Impact – 0 –

**BY POLL VOTE: ALL AYES. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**Item #5q – Approval/Budgetary Amendment (14A019)/Sheriff’s Department/LETPP Homeland Security was next. On behalf of the members of the Audit & Administration Committee, Legislators Nacerino and Tartaro, Legislator Castellano moved the following:**

**RESOLUTION #98**

**APPROVAL/BUDGETARY AMENDMENT /SHERIFF’S DEPARTMENT/LETPP HOMELAND SECURITY**

**WHEREAS, by Resolution #217 of 2013 the Putnam County Legislature authorized the application for a \$220,000 grant by the New York State Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Services with \$55,000 being allocated towards law enforcement terrorism prevention activities; and**

**WHEREAS, the \$55,000 has been awarded to the Sheriff’s Department under this grant; and**

**WHEREAS, the Sheriff’s Department has requested a budgetary amendment (14A019) for the 2013 Homeland Security Grant awarded in the amount of \$55,000.00; and**

**WHEREAS, the grant period runs from September 1, 2013 through August 31, 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:**

**Increase Revenues:**

10364501 443891 10108	LETPP Homeland Security 2013	55,000
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**Increase Appropriations:**

10364501 51093 10108	FY13 Homeland Security Overtime	25,546
10364501 52180 10108	FY13 Homeland Security Special Tech <\$5,000	27,500
10364501 58002 10108	FY13 Homeland Security Social Security	<u>1,954</u>
		55,000

2014 Fiscal Impact – 0 –

2015 Fiscal Impact – 0 –

**BY POLL VOTE: EIGHT AYES. ONE ABSTENTION – LEGISLATOR WRIGHT. MOTION CARRIES.**

**Item #5r – Approval/Fund Transfer (14T039)/Emergency Services/Part Time E-911 Dispatchers/Temporary was next. On behalf of the members of the Audit & Administration Committee, Legislators Nacerino and Tartaro, Legislator Castellano moved the following:**

**Legislator Castellano stated that Commissioner of Emergency Services, Adam Stiebeling came before both the Personnel and Audit Committees last month to discuss the potential hiring of Part Time Dispatchers to help keep costs down. He stated that it would also allow the County the opportunity to utilize these Part Timers in the future to cover Full Time position when they become available.**

**Legislator Nacerino stated that she fully supports this concept and applauds Commissioner Stiebeling for bringing this forth.**

**Chairman Albano stated that there is a six month training period for the Part Time Dispatchers. He believed this was a good transition period. If the day comes when we need someone Full Time, we would have trained individuals.**

**RESOLUTION #99**

**APPROVAL/FUND TRANSFER /EMERGENCY SERVICES/PART TIME E-911 DISPATCHERS/TEMPORARY**

**WHEREAS, the Bureau of Emergency Services Commissioner has requested a fund transfer (14T039) to hire Part-time E-911 Dispatchers in lieu of filling a vacant full-time position; and**

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

**RESOLVED, that the following fund transfer be made:**

**Decrease:**

<b>13398900 51000 (398912113)</b>	<b>Personnel Services</b>	<b>44,552</b>
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**Increase:**

<b>13398900 51094</b>	<b>Temporary</b>	<b>44,552</b>
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**2014 Fiscal Impact - \$6,472.00**

**2015 Fiscal Impact – Various Fringe Lines**

**BY POLL VOTE: ALL AYES. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**Item #6 - Other Business**

**Item #6a – Approval/Re-Establish Fiscal Vision & Accountability Commission was next.**

**Legislator Scuccimarra made a motion to waive the rules and accept the additional; seconded by Chairman Albano.**

**Legislator Wright requested discussion.**

**Legislator Wright stated that he spoke with Legislator Scuccimarra and stated that he would like the opportunity to review the past activity and minutes of the Commission. He stated that the Legislature is responsible for these Committees in the same way we are responsible for the Industrial Development Corp. We have supervisory roles and we haven't done a good job with the IDA as per the State audit. Therefore, he believed there needed to be further review and discussion in Committee regarding the focus of the Fiscal Vision Commission.**

**Legislator Scuccimarra stated that she spent several years serving as a member of the Fiscal Vision Commission. She stated that its goal was to identify and explore ideas that improve operational efficiency with a view point on saving taxpayer money. It was made up of residents with diverse backgrounds in government, education and business. She stated that the Electronic Appearance initiative was introduced and presented for use in Putnam County by this Commission. She believed that the potential dollar savings from this program will be tremendous for this County. She believed that in order for Putnam County to remain a desirable place to raise a family, there needs to be a continual review of services provided, as well as looking to see if they could be provided more efficiently. She stated that she, along with Legislator Nacerino and other former members of the Commission were anxious to get to work and hoped that the Legislature would approve the re-establishment of this Commission.**

**Legislator Nacerino stated that to echo on Legislator Scuccimarra's comments, she and Barbara volunteered to spearhead this Commission. She believed that there were so many individuals out there that will bring an energy and intellect to the table. She believed that it would serve us well to reach out to the community to hear their ideas and thoughts and how we can improve on some of the initiatives that we want to move forward with. She hoped that this Legislature would consider approving this pro-active Commission. She believed there would be "no harm, no foul" if this Commission proved not to be fruitful in the future. We are making a concerted effort to reach out and listen to the voice of the people.**

**Legislator LoBue stated that she would not vote in favor of the re-establishment of this Commission. She stated that the Legislature has a Committee process in which to review items brought forward by the public or outside agencies. She believed this Commission was another added level of government which she did not feel we needed. She stated that with two new employees in our office, she did not believe that we were in a position now to have anyone from our office do any secretarial work for this Commission. She believed that this Commission should have a start date and an end date and have a specific mission. She believed this was a political move. She stated that Legislator Scuccimarra mentioned the Video Arraignment as a success of the Commission, however, it still has not been implemented.**

**Chairman Albano stated that he couldn't imagine saying no to this request. He found it commendable that there were two Legislators that would like to do additional work to try and be creative to bring forth new ideas. He believed that these were the times when we are thinking "out of the box" to look at new things and embrace all ideas.**

**Legislator Oliverio stated that he did not have a problem with the Commission. However, he concurred with Legislator Wright and stated that he would like it to go back to**

Committee and leave the Committee on a positive note. He stated that this is not time sensitive and there is a request from a member of our Board that it go back to Committee.

Legislator Nacerino agreed that time was not of the essence, however, two members of the Rules Committee have expressed that they would not be in favor of this Commission. Therefore, she believed that by putting it back to Committee, the outcome would remain the same.

Legislator LoBue stated that Legislator Wright was looking for more information.

Legislator Wright stated that he had a conversation with Legislator Scuccimarra and expressed that he thought that the Commission may be beneficial and might have his support in the future, however, after reading through some of the material she provided him, it seemed to him that there was a very systemic lack of focus in the original creation of the Commission. He stated that there were discussions of a key priority being a Police Consolidation Study and another key priority was the Intermunicipal Agreement Study regarding saving of assets by sharing with the Towns. He believed that at the Commission's inception it had a very scattered approach. He stated that even one of the members, Dr. Mark Space – Superintendent P.V. Central School District, was quite vocal that the Commission should be mission statement oriented, focused, directed, time limited and goal oriented. Legislator Wright stated that he was hoping that we could give it that kind of focus in Committee. He believed it would have his support at that time. He stated that he was not inclined to have it suggested that he would not support it to come out of Committee.

Legislator Nacerino believed that there was no urgency and would like to take it back to Committee if it is worthy of discussion with the possibility of having a positive outcome.

Legislator Scuccimarra concurred.

Chairman Albano stated that it would be tabled back to the Rules Committee.

#### **APPROVAL/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 Legislator Barbara Scuccimarra be appointed to Chair this Commission; 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.

**Item #7 – Recognition of Public.**

Ms. Ann Fanizzi, Southeast Resident, failed to understand how anyone could be opposed to prisoners wanting to upgrade their education. She believed that the reason many of them ended up in prison was due to a lack of education. She stated that we the taxpayers are paying for them to be in prison and the recidivism rate is enormous. She believed those who obtain a GED or some College education do not usually return to prison. She believed that it was those who have no way of being integrated into society that return to prison. She stated that she was deeply disappointed and hoped the Legislature would reconsider Item #5K which she believed to be a misguided and mean-spirited resolution.

Ms. Fanizzi continued and commented on the Fiscal Vision resolution. She stated that she attended those meetings. She agreed with Legislator Wright that the Commission needed structure and focus. She stated that on August 6, 2008, she presented the Commission with a vision for Tilly Foster Farm; breaking new ground in Historic and Cultural Tourism. She stated that given the fact that Governor Cuomo has stressed local history and tourism in the Hudson Valley, she believed that the Commission would be well suited to focus on tourism in the eastern Putnam County area which she believed had many unexplored areas. Ms. Fanizzi further explained some of her ideas from her August 6<sup>th</sup> presentation.

**Item #8 – Recognition of Legislators.**

Legislator Nacerino thanked Ms. Fanizzi for some of her suggestions. She stated that the re-establishment of the Commission is in the preliminary stages at this time, however, if it comes to fruition, they will in fact have a mission statement and goals that would be set forth. She stated that if need be she will take the minutes of the meeting. She believed that the Commission would be a wonderful thing to tap the resources of our residents by asking for their input.

Legislator Gross stated that he wanted to comment on Ms. Fanizzi's comment on the prison situation. He stated that he knows of a young woman who has a \$100,000 debt from college. The typical debt for youngsters coming out of college is in the \$30,000 bracket. He believed it was hard to justify using taxpayer monies for prisoner education when their own children are in debt. However, he believed Mercy College was involved in a program with Sing Sing Correctional Facility where they had a donation/grant situation. He believed that the Colleges could play a role and there are a number of them in our area for the local prisons as far as donating some time.

Ms. Fanizzi stated that she would rather pay for the prisoner's education than to pay for them to be in prison for the next 25 years of his life.

Legislator Gross commended Director of Consumer Affairs, Jean Noel and her assistant John Lee. He stated there was a gas station putting water in gasoline which caused an individual's truck engine to seize. He stated that Ms. Noel and Mr. Lee went to the gas station and performed a test which confirmed that there was 30% to 40% water in the

tank. He stated this was a good example of government taking action which resulted in the gas station covering the expenses for repairing the truck.

Legislator Scuccimarra stated that by the time she received calls about this situation, Director Noel had already gone to the gas station in question. She stated that the individual whose truck was damaged had written a letter to the editor at the Putnam County News & Recorder stating that he appreciated how County government responded to the situation.

Legislator Oliverio wished everyone a Happy Easter and Happy Passover. He stated that he did not mind a GED or High School Diploma within the settings of a prison, however, he did mind using taxpayer monies for a college education when many of our own children cannot afford it.

Legislator LoBue wished everyone a Happy Easter and Happy Passover.

There being no further business, at 8:08 P.M., Chairman Albano made a motion to adjourn; seconded by Legislator Oliverio. All in favor.

Respectfully submitted by Diane Schonfeld, Clerk.