

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

Wednesday August 7, 2013 7:00 P.M.

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 P.M. by Chairman Othmer who requested that Supervisor of Kent, Kathy Doherty, lead in the Pledge of Allegiance. Upon roll call, Legislators Scuccimarra, Oliverio, Nacerino, Albano, Gross, Castellano, LoBue and Chairman Othmer were present. Legislator DiCarlo was absent. Also present was Legislative Counsel Van Ross.

Item #3 – Approval of Minutes – Special Meeting – July 2, 2013
Regular Meeting – July 2, 2013

The minutes were approved as submitted.

Item #4 - Correspondence

a) County Auditor

There was no activity during the reporting period.

Item #5 - Pre-filed resolutions:

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

Item #5a – Approval/Fund Transfer (13T138)/Health Department/Health Education Temporary was next. Chairman Othmer recognized Legislator Oliverio, Chairman of the Health, Social, Educational & Environmental Committee. On behalf of the members of the Committee, Legislators DiCarlo and Scuccimarra, Legislator Oliverio moved the following:

RESOLUTION #158

**APPROVAL/FUND TRANSFER/HEALTH DEPARTMENT/HEALTH EDUCATION
TEMPORARY**

WHEREAS, the Health Department has requested a fund transfer (13T138) to provide for a part-time Epidemiologist since the contract with NY Medical College is ending 6/30/13 and will not be renewed; and

WHEREAS, the Health, Social, Educational & Environmental 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:		
10401000 54646	Administration Contracts	30,000
Increase:		
21401000 51094	Health Education Temporary	27,868
21401000 58002	Social Security	<u>2,132</u>
		30,000

2013 Fiscal Impact – 0 –
2014 Fiscal Impact – 0 –

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

Item #5b – Approval/Memorialization/Supporting the Prevention of Introduction and Movement of Aquatic Invasive Species and Urging the State to Adopt Law that Support Local Governments in Preventing Introduction and Movement of Aquatic Invasive Species was next. On behalf of the members of the Health, Social, Educational & Environmental Committee, Legislators DiCarlo and Scuccimarra, Legislator Oliverio moved the following:

RESOLUTION #159

APPROVAL/MEMORIALIZATION/SUPPORTING THE PREVENTION OF INTRODUCTION AND MOVEMENT OF AQUATIC INVASIVE SPECIES AND URGING THE STATE TO ADOPT LAW THAT SUPPORT LOCAL GOVERNMENTS IN PREVENTING INTRODUCTION AND MOVEMENT OF AQUATIC INVASIVE SPECIES

WHEREAS, aquatic invasive species are currently causing negative environmental, human health, and economic impacts in the various Regions of the State and their connected navigable waterways; and

WHEREAS, the Putnam County Legislature finds the ecology of navigable water bodies wholly or partially located and/or accessed in Putnam County, as well as throughout the State, are at risk of further negative environmental, human health and economic impacts; and

WHEREAS, tourism is one of the top economic drivers in Putnam County; and

WHEREAS, by preventing the introduction and spread of any aquatic invasive species will help to protect the environment, human health, and economy of Putnam County; and

WHEREAS, NYS Invasive Species Advisory Committee in 2010 identified recreational boating as being implicated in the spread of aquatic invasive species and represents a strong source of introduction; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that Putnam County strongly encourages the Governor and State Legislature to acknowledge the real costs associated with the introduction of aquatic invasive species to the navigable water of our State and in particular Putnam County; and be it further

RESOLVED, that Putnam County would like New York State to take a comprehensive and proactive approach to dealing with aquatic invasive species; and be it further

RESOLVED, that Putnam County calls on State Lawmakers to expedite the implementation of the Invasive Species Prevention Act preventing introduction and movement of aquatic invasive species in the state; and be it further

RESOLVED, that copies of this resolution be forwarded to Governor Andrew M. Cuomo, Senator Greg Ball, Senator Terry Gipson, Assemblywoman Sandra Galef, Assemblyman Stephen Katz, Senate Majority Leader and Speaker of the Assembly.

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

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

Item #5c – Approval/Designation/Putnam County Visitors Bureau Inc./Tourist Promotion Agency was next. Chairman Othmer recognized Legislator Scuccimarra, Chairwoman of the Economic Development & Energy Committee. On behalf of the members of the Committee, Legislators Gross and LoBue, Legislator Scuccimarra moved the following:

Legislator Scuccimarra believed that the County was very fortunate to have Ms. Libby Pataki as the Director of the Putnam County Visitors Bureau. She has brought about new life to the agency.

RESOLUTION #160

APPROVAL/DESIGNATION/PUTNAM COUNTY VISITORS BUREAU INC./ TOURIST PROMOTION AGENCY

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 162 and 163 of the Commerce law, the Putnam County Legislature may designate any not-for-profit corporation or other non-profit organizations, associations or agencies as the Tourist Promotion Agency of the County of Putnam and authorizes such agency to make application for and receive grants for the purposes specified in the New York State Tourism Promotion Act; and

WHEREAS, the Putnam County Visitors Bureau, Inc., which has been a lead agency in the promoting of Putnam County, is qualified to be designated as the Tourist Promotion Agency of Putnam County; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Putnam County Legislature hereby designates the Putnam County Visitors Bureau, Inc. as the Tourist Promotion Agency of the County of Putnam and further authorizes the Putnam County Visitors Bureau, Inc. to make application for and receive grants for the purpose specified in the New York State Tourism Promotion Act.

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

Item #5d – Approval/Putnam County Tourist Promotion Agency “I Love New York” Matching Funds Program was next. On behalf of the members of the Economic Development & Energy Committee, Legislators Gross and LoBue, Legislator Scuccimarra moved the following:

RESOLUTION #161

**APPROVAL/PUTNAM COUNTY TOURIST PROMOTION AGENCY “I LOVE NEW YORK”
MATCHING FUNDS PROGRAM**

WHEREAS, Putnam County is centrally located in the Hudson River Valley region and has an abundance of beauty and natural and historical resources, lending itself as a County to the industry of Travel and Tourism; and

WHEREAS, Putnam County is situated in the midst of a major tourism area close to major urban centers and can bring visitors to its borders by excellent road and rail transportation; and

WHEREAS, tourism growth will produce increased sales tax revenue from visitors’ purchases of gasoline, food and lodging in local establishments and dollars spent at local retail stores and will help reduce reliance on real property tax; and

WHEREAS, Putnam County businesses will be assisted and employment increased through the well-known “multiplier effect” of tourist dollars; and

WHEREAS, the Putnam County Legislature, believing that the economic development of Putnam County can be stimulated by tourism promotion, designated a Tourist Promotion Agency by Resolution #160 of 2013; and

WHEREAS, the “I Love New York” program of the State of New York offers matching dollars to counties and regions that fund a tourism promotion agency; and

WHEREAS, in order to participate in the County and Regional program, Putnam County must submit a proposal for 2013/2014 by August 2013, which is prior to Putnam County’s budget process; and

WHEREAS, in order to receive Putnam County’s maximum entitlement of State matching money, it must propose a tourism commitment of \$477,000.00, even though the actual cost of Putnam County will be less than one-third of that amount and cannot exceed an amount equal to the actual State award; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the County enter into a contract with the Putnam County Visitors Bureau Inc. (Putnam Tourism Promotion Agency) in which the agency commits to raise funds privately to augment the County and State funding in order to carry out the promotion plan embodied in the 2013/2014 tourism budget and to make this program a three-way County, State and private partnership.

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

Item #5e – Approval/Putnam County’s Participation/Mid-Hudson Regional Sustainability Plan was next. Legislator Scuccimarra asked if Legislator LoBue would like to move the following resolution.

On behalf of the members of the Economic Development & Energy Committee, Legislators Gross and Chairwoman Scuccimara, Legislator LoBue moved the following:

Legislator LoBue stated that this would allow the County to apply for grants through Governor Cuomo’s Cleaner, Greener program.

RESOLUTION #162

**APPROVAL/PUTNAM COUNTY’S PARTICIPATION /MID-HUDSON REGIONAL
SUSTAINABILITY PLAN**

WHEREAS, the Mid-Hudson Regional Sustainability Plan (the Plan) was developed as part of NYSERDA’s Cleaner, Greener Communities program, intended to empower the

ten regions of New York State (NYS) to take charge of sustainable development in their communities by identifying and funding smart growth practices; and

WHEREAS, the resulting Plan sets out a vision for sustainable development that builds on the Region's unique social, cultural, and natural history, with the goal of promoting economic development, environmental sustainability, and enhancing quality of life for the more than two million residents that call the Region home; and

WHEREAS, the program provides a vehicle for planning teams throughout NYS to partner with public and private experts across a wide range of fields, along with community residents, to encourage discussion and lead the development of regional sustainability plans; and

WHEREAS, Putnam County is one of the seven counties comprising the Mid-Hudson Region as envisioned in the Regional Sustainability Plan; and

WHEREAS, it is important for Putnam County to continue to act on the established baseline for the future as developed in the Regional Sustainability Plan; and

WHEREAS, the Economic Development Committee of the Putnam County Legislature would be the proper vehicle to implement this plan; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Putnam County Legislature hereby authorizes the Economic Development Committee to pursue and develop the Legislature's interest in the Mid-Hudson Regional Sustainability Plan.

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

**RULES, ENACTMENTS & INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE
(Chairwoman Nacerino, Legislators Castellano & DiCarlo)**

Item #5f – Approval/Appointment/Putnam County Home Improvement Board/Rossano was next. Chairman Othmer recognized Legislator Nacerino, Chairwoman of the Rules, Enactments & Intergovernmental Relations Committee. On behalf of the members of the Committee, Legislators Castellano and DiCarlo, Legislator Nacerino moved the following:

RESOLUTION #163

APPROVAL/APPOINTMENT/PUTNAM COUNTY HOME IMPROVEMENT BOARD/ROSSANO

RESOLVED, that the following be appointed to the Putnam County Home Improvement Board:

Anthony S. Rossano, Town of Carmel, as a Contractor Representative, filling a two (2) year term to expire December 31, 2014.

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

Item #5g – Approval/Fund Transfer (13T147)/Board of Elections/Motor Vehicles was next. On behalf of the members of the Rules, Enactments & Intergovernmental Relations Committee, Legislators Castellano and DiCarlo, Legislator Nacerino moved the following:

RESOLUTION #164

APPROVAL/FUND TRANSFER/BOARD OF ELECTIONS/MOTOR VEHICLES

WHEREAS, the Commissioners of Board of Elections requested a fund transfer (13T147) to purchase a van to transport the voting machines and voting equipment; and

WHEREAS, the Rules, Enactments & Intergovernmental Relations 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:

10145000 52680	Other Equipment	20,000
10145000 54311	Printing	<u>10,000</u>
		30,000

Increase:

10145000 52650	Motor Vehicles	30,000
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2013 Fiscal Impact – 0 –

2014 Fiscal Impact – 0 –

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

Item #5h – Approval/Local Law to Amend Chapter 25/Code of Putnam County Entitled “Councils and Commissions” was next. On behalf of the members of the Rules, Enactments & Intergovernmental Relations Committee, Legislators Castellano and DiCarlo, Legislator Nacerino moved the following:

Legislator Nacerino stated that the purpose of the Board is to explore opportunities and to make recommendations to the County Executive and the Legislature exploring all facets of Public Transportation in order to improve efficiencies, better manage assets, leverage resources and create partnerships to save dollars and improve transportation services.

Legislator Oliverio thanked Legislator Nacerino and the County Executive for the inclusion in the Section 25-40 (A)(1) which he requested that the Legislature confirm the members of the Board.

Chairman Othmer thanked former Legislator Vincent Tamagna for all of the work he has put into in reviewing the transportation needs of the County.

RESOLUTION #165

APPROVAL/LOCAL LAW/AMEND CHAPTER 25/CODE OF PUTNAM COUNTY ENTITLED “COUNCILS AND COMMISSIONS”

A Local Law to Amend Chapter 25 of the Code of Putnam County entitled “Councils and Commissions”

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE COUNTY OF PUTNAM, as follows:

Section 1.

A new Article VI entitled “Transportation Advisory Council” is hereby added to Chapter 25 of the Code of Putnam County to read as follows:

Section 25-39. Establishment.

There is hereby created and established in the County of Putnam, New York a Transportation Advisory Council to be known as the “Putnam County Transportation Advisory Council”, and said Board shall be and exist for the benefit of the County of Putnam and the inhabitants thereof, and same is hereby established for the accomplishment of any and all purposes provided by law.

Section 25-40. Membership and term.

A) Membership in the Transportation Advisory Council shall consist of the following:

(1) There shall be seven (7) members appointed by the County Executive and confirmed by the Legislature, who reside in the County of Putnam. One member shall be a representative of the Putnam County Chambers of Commerce; one member shall be a real estate and/or commerce professional; one member shall be a representative for people with disabilities; one member shall be a representative of the taxi & limousine business; one member shall be a citizen-at-large; one member shall be a citizen with a mental impairment; and one member shall be a citizen with a physical disability.

(2) Ex-officio members shall be the Putnam County Transportation Manager or an appointee of the Commissioner of Planning, Development and Public Transportation, the Chairman of the Physical Services Committee, the Chair of the Economic Development & Energy Committee, the Commissioner of Planning, Development and Public Transportation, the Commissioner of Social Services, the Commissioner of Health, the Director of Tourism, the Director of Office for the Aging, the Director of Consumer Affairs, the Director of the Economic Development Corporation, the Director of the Office of Veterans Affairs.

B) All appointed members shall serve at the pleasure of the County Executive during their three (3) year term of appointment.

C) Appointed member vacancies on the Transportation Advisory Council shall be filled in the same manner as the original appointment, except that a vacancy occurring through circumstances other than by expiration of a term shall be filled only for the remainder of said term.

D) An appointed member of the Transportation Advisory Council shall serve until his or her successor has been appointed.

Section 25-41. Chairperson.

The Chairperson of the Transportation Advisory Council shall be the Putnam County Transportation Manager or the appointee of the Commissioner of Planning, Development and Public Transportation.

Section 25-42. Powers and duties.

The powers and duties of the Transportation Advisory Council shall be to:

A) Explore opportunities and make recommendations to the County Executive and Legislature exploring all facets of Public Transportation in order to improve efficiencies, better manage assets, leverage resources and create partnerships to save dollars and improve transportation services.

B) Provide quarterly updates and make annual presentations to the Legislature.

C) Make recommendations for a marketing plan, advertising opportunities and promotions to the County Executive and the Legislature, as needed.

D) Conduct annual comprehensive assessments by reviewing and analyzing routes. The review should include the right sizing of vehicles for needed services and the coordination with all other modes of transportation for optimizing scheduling and connecting services.

E) Study the Triennial Review conducted by the Federal Transit Authority and make appropriate improvements and recommendations.

F) Make recommendations for infrastructure improvements and other transportation additions to be included in the capital plan to the Commissioner of Planning, Development, and Public Transportation. These improvements may include rolling inventory, bus shelters, and bus stops.

G) Make recommendations regarding the creation and contents of a countywide Taxi & Limousine Law.

H) Coordinate and provide a venue for transportation safety-net hearings related to Paratransit and Putnam Paratransit +, and act on a case-by-case basis to make recommendations for those who need transportation. The Transportation Advisory Council shall also give guidance with regard to guidelines, policies and procedures with regard to Paratransit, Putnam Paratransit + and other special needs transportation services.

Section 25-43. Meetings.

A) The Transportation Advisory Council shall hold meetings at least monthly, and at such other times as its Chairperson deems necessary for the efficient discharge of the business of the Transportation Advisory Council. Transportation Advisory Council meetings shall comply with the New York State Open Meetings Law.

B) The Transportation Advisory Council shall adopt rules and procedures for its meetings.

C) The Transportation Advisory Council shall maintain minutes of the proceedings of all meetings, memorializing votes taken, questions asked, and comments made with regard to the business before the Transportation Advisory Council.

D) Four (4) members of the Transportation Advisory Council shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.

Section 25-44. Compensation.

The members of the Transportation Advisory Council shall receive no compensation for their services.

Section 2.

This local law shall take effect immediately.

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

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

Item #5i – Approval/Easement/Snake Hill Road Culvert Project/Town of Philipstown was next. Chairman Othmer recognized Legislator Albano, Chairman of the Physical Services Committee. On behalf of the members of the Committee, Legislators Othmer and Scuccimarra, Legislator Albano moved the following:

RESOLUTION #166

APPROVAL/EASEMENT/ SNAKE HILL ROAD CULVERT PROJECT/TOWN OF PHILIPSTOWN

WHEREAS, the County of Putnam is preparing to embark on a culvert project adjacent to Snake Hill Road in the Town of Philipstown (hereinafter the “Project”); and

WHEREAS, the Project will involve, among other items, the construction of a new concrete wingwall within a portion of the Hudson Highlands State Park, as part of the replacement of Culvert 11-1; and

WHEREAS, the N.Y.S. Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation has agreed to grant an easement to the County which permits the construction and subsequent maintenance of said improvements; and

WHEREAS, the Putnam County Attorney has reviewed and approved the proposed Grant of Easement as to form; and

WHEREAS, the Putnam County Department of Highways and Facilities engineers have also reviewed the proposed Grant of Easement, and the metes and bounds description contained therein, and have determined same to be acceptable; and

WHEREAS, the Putnam County Legislature has reviewed this matter and is desirous of accepting said Grant of Easement; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that Putnam County Legislature hereby approves and authorizes said Grant of Easement, in the form attached hereto and made a part hereof as Schedule “A”, and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Putnam County Executive is authorized to execute said Grant of Easement on behalf of the County, and be it further

RESOLVED, that the County Attorney is authorized to take whatever legal action is necessary to effectuate this matter in the manner approved herein, and be it further

RESOLVED, that a certified copy of this resolution be filed with the N.Y.S. Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation by attaching it to said Grant of Easement, and be it further

RESOLVED, that the resolution shall take effect immediately.

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

Item #5j – Approval/Resolution in Support of Putnam County’s Use of WQIP Funds to the Town of Kent for the Kent Sewer District Project was next. On behalf of the members of the Physical Services Committee, Legislators Othmer and Scuccimarra, Legislator Albano moved the following:

RESOLUTION #167

APPROVAL/RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF PUTNAM COUNTY’S USE OF WQIP FUNDS TO THE TOWN OF KENT FOR THE KENT SEWER DISTRICT PROJECT

WHEREAS, the County of Putnam (“County”) and the City of New York (“City”), as well as other various parties, executed the 1997 Watershed Memorandum of Agreement (“MOA”) to, among other things, protect the water supply of the City for use by the City’s residents and non-residents; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the MOA, the City provided thirty million dollars (\$30,000,000) of East of Hudson Water Quality Investment Program Funds (“WQIP Funds”) to the County to support a program of water quality investments in Putnam County; and

WHEREAS, by Resolution #226 of 2010, which was adopted on August 3, 2010, the Legislature committed TWO MILLION FIVE HUNDRED THOUSAND (\$2,500,000) DOLLARS from the WQIP Funds to the Town of Kent for the Kent Sewer District Project; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Kent is facing a \$500,000 shortage of funds to complete the Kent Sewer District Project as a result of costs associated with complying with regulatory requirements and with design aspects of the project that the engineers recommended be addressed; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Kent has requested an additional FOUR HUNDRED THOUSAND (\$400,000) DOLLARS of WQIP Funds to cover a portion of the aforementioned additional costs; and

WHEREAS, the County Executive has hereby requested the allocation of WQIP Funds in the amount of FOUR HUNDRED THOUSAND (\$400,000) DOLLARS to help address the shortfall for the Kent Sewer District Project; and

WHEREAS, the Putnam County Legislature has now had the opportunity to review this proposed request and has found that it is consistent with the requirements and directives contained in the MOA with respect to the appropriate expenditure of the use of the WQIP Funds; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Putnam County Legislature hereby commits an additional FOUR HUNDRED THOUSAND (\$400,000) DOLLARS of the WQIP Funds to the Town of Kent for the Kent Sewer District Project; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the County Attorney is authorized to negotiate and draft and Agreement to be entered into with the Town of Kent which provides for the transfer of the aforementioned funds, pursuant to the terms of the MOA; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Putnam County Legislature shall transmit the “Right of Objection” letter required under the terms of the MOA; and be it further

RESOLVED, that upon conclusion of the objection process, and upon execution of the Agreement with the Town of Kent, the Commissioner of Finance is authorized to transfer and disburse the approved funds from the on the WQIP Funds accordingly.

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

AUDIT & ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE
(Chairman Castellano, Legislators Albano & Nacerino)

Item #5k – Approval/Budgetary Amendment (13A037)/Sheriff’s Department/2011 Port Security Grant was next. Chairman Othmer recognized Legislator Castellano, Chairman of the Audit & Administration Committee. On behalf of the members of the Committee, Legislators Albano and Nacerino, Legislator Castellano moved the following:

RESOLUTION #168

APPROVAL/BUDGETARY AMENDMENT /SHERIFF’S DEPARTMENT/2011 PORT SECURITY GRANT

WHEREAS, the Sheriff’s Department has requested a budgetary amendment (13A037) for 2011 Port Security Grant additional funding awarded in the amount of \$17,500 under the 2011 grant Resolution #185 of 2011; and

WHEREAS, this sub-grant runs from October 2012 through August 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:

Increase Revenues:

10364501 443891 10099	Port Security Grant 2011	\$17,500
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Increase Appropriations:

10364501 52180 10099	Port Security Grant 2011 – Other Equip	\$17,500
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2013 Fiscal Impact – 0 –

2014 Fiscal Impact – 0 –

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

Item #5L – Approval/Budgetary Amendment (13A039)/Commissioner of Finance/SPO Program Partnership was next. On behalf of the members of the Audit & Administration Committee, Legislators Albano and Nacerino, Legislator Castellano moved the following:

Chairman Othmer stated that he wanted to give credit to the County Executive, the Sheriff’s Department and Legislator Gross for coordinating this partnership. He stated that Superintendent of Mahopac Schools, Mr. Thomas Manko, who led this initiative, did a great job. Chairman Othmer believed that Putnam County might be the first county ever where a School District and County government collaboratively put forward an initiative like this.

Legislator Gross also commended Superintendent Manko. He stated that there would be an update at the August Protective Services Meeting on how the SPO Program is being implemented.

Chairman Othmer stated that an SPO is a Special Patrol Officer. They are retired police officers which must meet certain requirements and their job will be to enhance the security in the schools.

Legislator LoBue stated that the County received 109 applications for this position. She stated that 5 were chosen. They are newly retired police officers and therefore she believed that we will be receiving highly educated and trained officers that will be placed throughout the Mahopac School system. She commended Superintendent Manko and Sheriff Donald B. Smith for initiating this Pilot Program and hoped that the program will be very successful.

RESOLUTION #169

APPROVAL/BUDGETARY AMENDMENT /COMMISSIONER OF FINANCE/SPO PROGRAM PARTNERSHIP

WHEREAS, the Commissioner of Finance has requested a budgetary amendment (13A039) to provide funding for the Security Patrol Officers (SPO) Program Partnership between the Mahopac Central School District and Putnam County for County Fiscal Year 2013; and

WHEREAS, funding for January 1, 2014 through June 30, 2014 will be addressed in the 2014 County Budget; 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:

16099000 51094	Security Patrol Officers	50,000
16099000 58002	FICA	3,825
16099000 54152	Medical Testing	4,000
16099000 54640	Education and Training	14,000
16099000 54385	Uniforms	7,000
16099000 52180	Specialized Equipment	<u>12,000</u>
		90,825

Increase:

16099000 422609	SRO/SPO Contracts	90,825
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2013 Fiscal Impact – 0 –

2014 Fiscal Impact – 0 –

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

Item #5m – Approval Budgetary Amendment (13A040)/Commissioner of Finance/Scenic Hudson Foundry Grant was next. On behalf of the members of the Audit & Administration Committee, Legislators Albano and Nacerino, Legislator Castellano moved the following:

Legislator Scuccimarra believed this was a great project and stated that the Foundry which was discussed is an amazing area. It is a huge part of our history with West Point being right across the river.

RESOLUTION #170

**APPROVAL BUDGETARY AMENDMENT /COMMISSIONER OF FINANCE/SCENIC HUDSON
FOUNDRY GRANT**

WHEREAS, the Commissioner of Finance has requested a budgetary amendment (13A040) to account for the New York State Waterfront Revitalization Grant approved by Resolution #340 of 2011; and

WHEREAS, the County acts as the pass through for Scenic Hudson, who is constructing the project; 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:

57997000 53000 51317	Scenic Hudson – Foundry Grant	125,000
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Increase Estimated Revenues:

57997000 438971 51317	State Aid – Foundry Grant	125,000
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2013 Fiscal Impact – 0 –

2014 Fiscal Impact – 0 –

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

Item #5n – Approval/Budgetary Amendment (13A044)/County Executive/County Coroners Office was next. On behalf of the members of the Audit & Administration Committee, Legislators Albano and Nacerino, Legislator Castellano made a motion to separate and table the Personal Service position.

Legislator Castellano stated that with the budget process starting in October and after having vetted this out in Committee and in speaking with the County Executive's office and the Coroner's office, he believed the Personal Service position and FICA amount related to the position should be tabled; seconded by Legislator Oliverio.

By Roll Call Vote: Eight Ayes. Legislator DiCarlo was absent. Motion to table carries.

**APPROVAL/BUDGETARY AMENDMENT /COUNTY EXECUTIVE/COUNTY CORONERS
OFFICE**

WHEREAS, the County Executive has requested a budgetary amendment (13A044) to provide funding for increased workload being experienced by the County Coroners' Office; and

WHEREAS, this budgetary amendment provides an increase in the Coordinator of Coroners' stipend from \$6,424 to \$12,000; and

WHEREAS, this budgetary amendment provides for Part Time Clerical Help for 12 hours per week; and

WHEREAS, this budgetary amendment also provides for an additional 20 Autopsies in 2013; 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:

10118500 51000	Personal Services	5,576
10118500 51094	Temporary	3,780
10118500 54151	Post Mortem Examinations	36,000
10118500 54646	Contracts	10,000
10118500 58002	FICA	<u>716</u>
		56,072

Decrease:

10199000 54980	Contingency	56,072
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2013 Fiscal Impact \$56,072

2014 Fiscal Impact \$10,072

Legislator Oliverio stated that he would support the change to the budgetary amendment. He believed this was different than getting a stipend or additional salary. It equates to increasing the overtime line. If the need is there, it needs to be filled. He stated that when the Sheriff's Department has an urgent need and must increase patrols, then overtime is increase. He believed this was the same case with the Coroners' office. Unfortunately there was an increase in deaths in the County and the clerical staff is needed. He believed that the stipend was something that should be discussed during the budget process.

Legislator LoBue concurred with Legislator Oliverio. She believed if the increased stipend was given outside of the budget process it would set a terrible precedent. She stated that after last month's Legislative meeting when the Legislature approved an increase to a position in the Probation Department, we promised everyone that we wouldn't repeat that and give increases. She stated that she was glad to see the stipend increase separated out of the budgetary amendment. It would enable her to vote for the other items in the budgetary.

Legislator Albano believed the increased stipend was justified. However, it was so close to the next budget process.

RESOLUTION #171

APPROVAL/BUDGETARY AMENDMENT /COUNTY EXECUTIVE/COUNTY CORONERS OFFICE

WHEREAS, the County Executive has requested a budgetary amendment (13A044) to provide funding for increased workload being experienced by the County Coroners' Office; and

WHEREAS, this budgetary amendment provides for Part Time Clerical Help for 12 hours per week; and

WHEREAS, this budgetary amendment also provides for an additional 20 Autopsies in 2013; 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:

10118500 51094	Temporary	3,780
10118500 54151	Post Mortem Examinations	36,000
10118500 54646	Contracts	10,000
10118500 58002	FICA	<u>289</u>
		50,069

Decrease:

10199000 54980	Contingency	50,069
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2013 Fiscal Impact \$50,069

2014 Fiscal Impact \$ 4,069

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

Item #5o – Approval/Budgetary Transfer (13T146)/Commissioner of Finance/PARC Pre-School was next. On behalf of the members of the Audit & Administration Committee, Legislators Albano and Nacerino, Legislator Castellano moved the following:

Legislator Oliverio read the following section from Resolution #103 of 2013:

WHEREAS, the Putnam County Legislature believes that a one year stop gap solution is presently needed with the hopes that a permanent solution can be reached; and

WHEREAS, the Putnam County Legislature believes that \$150,000 should be made available from the 2013 County Budget and \$150,000 be made available from the 2014 County Budget to keep the current Pre-School Program in operation; and

WHEREAS, PARC has indicated it would reimburse the County if funding is later received from the State; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Putnam County Legislature requests the County Administration to prepare a budgetary amendment for the 2013 budget allocating an additional \$150,000 to the Pre-School Program from funds received as a result of excess sales tax or from County surplus; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Legislature requests the County Executive to include an additional \$150,000 in the County's Tentative 2014 Budget for the Pre-School Program; and be it further

Legislator Oliverio stated that this budgetary amendment is filling the request of Resolution #103 of 2013.

Legislator LoBue stated that this money is desperately needed. The PARC Pre-School Program is slated to open their doors in the beginning of September, therefore, this funding needs to be release immediately.

Chairman Othmer stated that there are mandates that keep coming down from the State and the County has the 2% tax cap. He believed that sooner or later the bubble is going to burst and there will be some hard decisions to make in the future.

Legislator Oliverio stated that Resolution #103 of 2013 specifically states that the funds are being made available only for the 2013/2014 school year.

Legislator Gross stated that he and Legislator LoBue attended the PARC Pre-School graduation in May. He stated that it was a great experience and believes it is a wonderful program. He stated that he could see the children's needs being met with the services being provided.

Legislator LoBue believed it was money well spent for the children.

RESOLUTION #172

APPROVAL/BUDGETARY TRANSFER /COMMISSIONER OF FINANCE/PARC PRE-SCHOOL

WHEREAS, the Commissioner of Finance has requested a budgetary transfer (13T146) to fund the 2013 contribution to the PARC Pre-School Program pursuant to Resolution #103 of 2013; 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:

10131000 54954	PARC Pre-School	150,000
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Decrease:

10199000 54980	Contingency	150,000
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2013 Fiscal Impact \$150,000

2014 Fiscal Impact – 0 –

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

Item #5p – Approval/Fund Transfer (13T158)/Probation/Temporary was next. On behalf of the members of the Audit & Administration Committee, Legislators Albano and Nacerino, Legislator Castellano moved the following:

RESOLUTION #173

APPROVAL/FUND TRANSFER /PROBATION/TEMPORARY

WHEREAS, the Director of Probation has requested a fund transfer (13T158) to provide funding for Part Time employment while the Alternatives to Incarceration (ATI) Coordinator is on Maternity Leave and for two weeks of training prior to departure; 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:

10098000 314011101	Alternatives to Incarceration	11,090
10314000 52180	Other Equipment	1,000
10314000 54305	Range Supplies	<u>1,000</u>
		13,090

Increase:

10314000 51094	Temporary	12,948
10314000 58002	FICA	<u>142</u>
		13,090

2013 Fiscal Impact – 0 –

2014 Fiscal Impact – 0 –

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

Item #5q – Approval/Grant Application/Sheriff’s Department/NYS Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Services – Office of Counter Terrorism was next. On behalf of the members of the Audit & Administration Committee, Legislators Albano and Nacerino, Legislator Castellano moved the following:

Legislator LoBue stated that the grant funds the canine trained to detect explosives and help save lives.

Chairman Othmer stated that with respect to terrorist attacks on our Country, he reminded everyone to be cognizant of the fact that we live in close proximity to Amtrak, Metro North and that we are across the Hudson River from possible big target areas such as; West Point and Indian Point. He believed that it was good to take advantage of funds available for Homeland Security.

Legislator Scuccimarra believed this was a great idea to have this canine. However, she cautioned everyone that there were valid questions raised in Committee regarding the level of costs associated with taking care of the dog and whether overtime costs would be involved. She believed that we needed to know what the costs will be going into the future when this grant runs out.

RESOLUTION #174

APPROVAL/GRANT APPLICATION/SHERIFF’S DEPARTMENT/NYS DIVISION OF HOMELAND SECURITY AND EMERGENCY SERVICES – OFFICE OF COUNTER TERRORISM

WHEREAS, Section 5-1(D) of the Putnam County Code requires the County Legislature to approve all applications for grants prior to submission, and

WHEREAS, the New York State Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Services – Office of Counter Terrorism has requested applications for their FY2013 Explosive Detection Canine Team Grant Program; and

WHEREAS, this application due date is August 22, 2013; and

WHEREAS, the Putnam County Sheriff's Department has requested permission to apply for a \$50,000 grant under this program; and

WHEREAS, this is a non-matching grant and will cover the startup cost including a vehicle, dog and training, now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Putnam County Legislature authorizes the Sheriff's Department to apply to the New York State Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Services – Office of Counter Terrorism for a \$50,000 grant under its FY2013 Explosive Detection Canine Team Grant Program.

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

Item #7 – Recognition of Public

Ms. Susan Limongello, Executive Director of PARC, thanked the Legislature and the County Executive for supporting the PARC Pre-School. She stated that she is working very hard with the State of New York Education Department to receive the appropriate funding needed for PARC's programs so that the Pre-School program can continue and hopefully pay some of these funds back to the County.

Supervisor of the Town of Kent, Kathy Doherty thanked the Legislature and the County Executive for supporting the Kent Sewer District Project. She stated that the Town of Kent was hoping to bid it out on August 20, 2013.

Item #8 – Recognition of Legislators

Legislator Castellano stated that he hoped everyone enjoyed the rest of the summer.

Legislator Gross echoed Legislator Castellano's statement.

Legislator Nacerino stated that she works for the Brewster Schools and is getting ready to prepare for the doors to open on September 3, 2013. She wished everyone happiness and health in the remaining days of summer. She cautioned everyone not to drink and drive or text while driving.

Legislator Oliverio stated that school will be starting soon and asked everyone to please drive safely. He stated that there is a dear friend on this Legislature who has withdrawn his name from the political arena, Anthony DiCarlo. Legislator Oliverio stated that there is an old saying which he remembers from when he first started government work, "When the parents eat their children, soon the family expires." He believed what happen to Legislator DiCarlo was a shame.

Legislator Scuccimarra thanked the Health Department for testing some of the Legislators for Hepatitis C and bringing public awareness to the dangers of contracting this disease.

Commissioner of Health, Dr. Allen Beals thanked the Legislature and County Executive Odell for setting a fine example for our community. He believed it would encourage individuals to be tested.

There being no further business, at 7:29 P.M., Legislator Oliverio made a motion to adjourn; seconded by Legislator LoBue. All in favor.

Respectfully submitted by Diane Schonfeld, Clerk.