

**BUDGET & FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING
HELD IN ROOM #318
PUTNAM COUNTY OFFICE BUILDING
CARMEL, NEW YORK 10512**

Thursday

October 18, 2012

6:30 P.M.

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 P.M. by Chairwoman Conklin who led in the Pledge of Allegiance. Upon roll call, Legislators Tamagna, Oliverio, Othmer, Gross, Birmingham, LoBue and Chairwoman Conklin were present. Legislator Albano arrived at 6:35 pm and Legislator DiCarlo arrived at 7:40 pm. Also present was Legislative Counsel Van Ross.

Chairwoman Conklin stated that they would now review the proposed changes submitted by each Committee.

**HEALTH, SOCIAL, EDUCATIONAL & ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITTEE
(Chairman Oliverio, Legislators Othmer & Tamagna)**

Chairwoman Conklin recognized Legislator Oliverio, Chairman of the Health, Social, Educational & Environmental Committee. On behalf of the members of the Committee, Legislator Othmer and Tamagna, Legislator Oliverio moved the following:

Legislator Oliverio stated that the installation of a Ramp/Lift for the Kent Seniors was a request put forward by the Seniors to Legislator Othmer.

Ramp/Lift for Kent Seniors – (Handicap Restrooms @ Lake Carmel Community Center)

	FROM:	TO:
10101001 54936	0	10,000

A DIFFERENCE OF: \$10,000

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

**PHYSICAL SERVICES COMMITTEE
(Chairwoman LoBue, Legislators Albano & Othmer)**

Chairwoman Conklin recognized Legislator LoBue, Chairwoman of the Physical Services Committee. On behalf of the members of the Committee, Legislators Albano & Othmer, Legislator LoBue moved the following:

Legislator LoBue made a motion to amend what came out of the Physical Services Committee Budget Meeting and remove the amount for the Friday Trolley which would amount to \$10,649.00; seconded by Legislator Birmingham for discussion.

Legislator Birmingham stated that he was concerned that the money we appropriate is used in that line only for PART. If the amount for the Trolley and the PART system are combined in one line, he stated that if we reduce the amount by \$10,000 what in the budget, other than Legislator LoBue saying it, attributes that \$10,000 cut to the Trolley.

County Auditor Alfano-Sharkey stated that it would be specified in the resolution.

Legislator Tamagna stated that we just approved \$10,000 for a handicap ramp without any discussion at all. He believed that the Trolley was just as important to the western side of the County as the transportation is to the eastern side of the County. He stated that unless everyone is going to share the pain, then he did not see why the western side of the County should be singled out.

Legislator Oliverio concurred. He wanted to keep the transportation budget whole. He believed the money could be found. He stated that residents feel very strongly about the need for transportation. He stated that believe it or not, the only transportation on the western side is the Trolley, since the County did away with the Putnam Valley routes three years ago.

Legislator Birmingham stated that budgets are about choices. If the Committee votes down the amendment he would respect that, however, we need to realize what that would set up. If we vote to keep the trolley and vote down the two routes of the PART system, he believed that would send a strong negative message.

Legislator Tamagna stated that he wants the same transportation service provided in 2013 as in 2012. He stated that he couldn't wait for the Task Force Committee to be set up next year. He stated that when the PART system was done away with for Putnam Valley and for Philipstown five years ago, it was done in the blink of an eye. There are people that want to live with the same dignity in these areas as on the eastern side of the County. He was fed up with the fact that the western side of the County, particularly Philipstown, is always singled out.

Legislator LoBue stated that it was one of the things the Administration pointed out. She believed that everyone was in an agreement that next year there needs to be some studies done and possible modifications made to the system. She stated that she did not have a problem with passing this as is as was approved by Committee.

Legislator LoBue stated that she would remove her motion to amend.

Legislator Birmingham removed his second.

Legislator LoBue made the motion to keep the transit system whole as moved by the Physical Services Committee.

Summary of Transit Adjustment

Restore Funding for Transit

Early Intervention Leased
Transportation

FROM:

TO:

10296000 54678	1,500,000	1,600,000
A DIFFERENCE OF: \$100,000		

Social Serv – Travel Non Employees 10103000 54670	37,000	12,000
A DIFFERENCE OF: (\$25,000)		

Part Bus System – Automotive 95630000 54370	287,210	380,000
A DIFFERENCE OF: \$92,790		

Part Bus System – Transportation 95630000 54678	1,125,778	1,726,181
A DIFFERENCE OF: \$600,403		

Part Bus System – Chargeback Gas 95630000 55371	200,996	282,272
A DIFFERENCE OF: 81,276		

Part Bus System – Partnership Initiative 95630000 54936	25,000	0
A DIFFERENCE OF: (\$25,000)		

REVENUE:

Fares Part Bus 9563000 417511	245,592	319,000
A DIFFERENCE OF: (\$73,408)		

State Aid Part System 9563000 435211	502,555	675,000
A DIFFERENCE OF: (\$172,445)		

Chargeback Revenue – Gasoline 10802000 412941	375,098	456,374
A DIFFERENCE OF: (\$81,276)		

A NET DIFFERENCE (per Physical Mtg): 497,340

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

Legislator Othmer stated that sooner or later funding may run out and the County will no longer be able to offer this transportation. People need to get involved with the Task Force and think of how money can be saved in the future.

Legislator Oliverio introduced into the record all the letters and petitions in support of the transportation system.

Legislator LoBue stated that in her opinion, as we move forward, even if this is something the County is losing money on, she believed the transportation system was not a luxury. It was a necessity.

Legislator LoBue moved the following:

Highways & Facilities

	FROM:	TO:
Furniture & Furnishings 10149000 52110	5,000	1,000

A DIFFERENCE OF: (\$4,000)

Miscellaneous 10149000 54989	15,000	12,000
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A DIFFERENCE OF: (\$3,000)

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

Legislator LoBue moved the following:

Parks & Recreation

	FROM:	TO:
Revenue: Community Gardens 10711000 420015	3,500	4,000

A DIFFERENCE OF: \$500

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

Legislator LoBue moved the following:

Legislator Birmingham stated that it would be put in subcontingency to allow for Legislative review.

Parks & Recreation

Maintenance & Repairs 10711000 54710 Subcontingency	12,000	0
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10199000 49__

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12,000

A DIFFERENCE OF: 0

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

Legislator LoBue moved the following:

Legislator Birmingham explained that over the years, some Legislators may have received calls such as; why is the County putting a roof on the xyz buildings? He stated that as Legislators we often don't know the reason for that because we appropriate it in November and the money could get spent in April. In the budget it is a general document. He stated that over the last three or four years, we have moved both this line and the previous item passed out of the actual appropriation lines into subcontingency so that as repairs and capital improvements are needed throughout the fiscal year, the Administration has to come to the Legislature to ask for the money to be moved out of subcontingency.

Legislator Tamagna questioned if it was the intent of this Legislature to put the \$800,000 for Capital Projects for the year 2013 and place it in subcontingency where you can only pull from this line if it is part of the approved Capital Projects that we authorize in 2012 for 2013.

Legislator LoBue said "no". It is only for the Legislature to have control over the funds. As the projects come forward, it comes before the Legislature for approval.

Legislator Birmingham stated that Legislator Tamagna brings up a good point. Our Capital Projects has never been, although he thinks it should be, a limiting document to us. It is our fault that we haven't had a plan. The new Administration has recognized that and they want to make some changes in the Planning Department to take care of some of that planning. To change the Capital budget should be a big deal and it hasn't been. This is a weak attempt, at best, to try and get us in the process. He agreed with Legislator Tamagna stating that he was absolutely right that the process needed to be changed.

Legislator Tamagna stated that in the future, when we have a five year Capital Projects Plan, we need to have these numbers tie into the actual Capital Budget so that we know what we are spending money on.

Capital Projects

	FROM:	TO:
Move Minor Renovations to Subcontingency	800,000	0
Subcontingency – Capital Projects	0	800,000

A DIFFERENCE OF: \$0

BY ROLL CALL VOTE: EIGHT AYES. LEGISLATOR DICARLO WAS ABSENT. MOTION CARRIES.

**PROTECTIVE SERVICES COMMITTEE
(Chairman Albano, Legislators Gross & Oliverio)**

Chairwoman Conklin recognized Legislator Albano, Chairman of the Protective Services Committee. On behalf of the members of the Committee, Legislators Gross & Oliverio, Legislator Albano moved the following revised Item #7:

Legislator Birmingham questioned if there was any room for discussion on this item as far as the amount.

Chairwoman Conklin stated that she was very concerned about this. Everyone was asked to cut their budget by 10% and here we are increasing this by a huge amount.

Legislator Oliverio stated that the reason why the Committee requested the increase was because the actual overtime so far for this year has exceeded, by a large amount, from the budgeted amount. The Sheriff and his representatives made a strong case for the need of that overtime. Legislator Oliverio stated that he was willing to shave off a small amount. Although, he did not believe the \$200,000 would be enough. The difficulty with the Jail is that you never know the need that will arise. There are many different scenarios that could happen that would require the need for overtime.

Legislator Albano felt that it was a realistic figure. However, it was something that we needed to get more control over.

Subcontingency Sheriff/Jail Overtime

	FROM:	TO:
10199000 54991	68,535	200,000

A DIFFERENCE OF: \$131,465

Adjust fringes and revenue accordingly	0	10,058
A DIFFERENCE OF: \$10,058		

**BY ROLL CALL VOTE: SEVEN AYES. ONE NAY – CHAIRWOMAN CONKLIN.
LEGISLATOR DICARLO WAS ABSENT. MOTION CARRIES.**

Legislator Albano moved the following Item #8:

Bureau of Emergency Services

	FROM:	TO:
EMS Coordinator Part Time 10398900 51000 (398910103)	3,090	0

Subcontingency 10199000 549__	0	3,090
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Adjust fringes and revenue accordingly

A DIFFERENCE OF: \$0

BY ROLL CALL VOTE: EIGHT AYES. LEGISLATOR DICARLO WAS ABSENT. MOTION CARRIES.

**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT & ENERGY COMMITTEE
(Chairman Birmingham, Legislators DiCarlo & Tamagna)**

Chairwoman Conklin recognized Legislator Birmingham, Chairman of the Economic Development & Energy Committee. On behalf of the Committee, Legislators DiCarlo and Tamagna, Legislator Birmingham moved the following Item #9:

Legislator Birmingham stated that the move to place the Putnam County Economic Development Corporation money into subcontingency was to allow the EDC Committee to refocus on their mission. However, he was still confused on how this would help them reorganize and refocus their mission if we left them, essentially, with no money as of January 1st. He believed that EDC, which is a separate corporate entity of the County, wanted to reorganize or refocus itself, they could do that. He did not see how giving them the money would hinder them in any way. The money could be parceled out on a monthly or quarterly basis, as has been done in the past with other outside agencies. He believed the full amount should be kept in the EDC line. He stated that both of these numbers together do not exceed the funding for this year. There is no increase. He stated that Shop Putnam is a winning program. He stated that last year we gave them \$17,000 and he proposed increasing the \$10,000 to \$12,000.

Legislator Birmingham made a motion to amend the \$10,000 and increase that amount by \$2,000 for a total of \$12,000 for the Shop Putnam program; seconded by Legislators LoBue and Gross.

Legislator Gross stated that the EDC needed autonomy. He believed that if they needed to wait a few weeks before they could receive their funding it would hamper their operations.

Public Private Partnership

	FROM:	TO:
Subcontingency 10199000 54981	138,845	0
Putnam County Economic Development Corporation 25642000 54950	0	128,845
Marketing Program (Shop Putnam) 25642000 54663	0	10,000

A DIFFERENCE OF: \$0

BY ROLL VOTE: EIGHT AYES. LEGISLATOR DICARLO WAS ABSENT. MOTION CARRIES.

**AUDIT & ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE
(Chairwoman Conklin, Legislators Birmingham & LoBue)**

Chairwoman Conklin on behalf of the members of the Audit & Administration Committee, Legislators Birmingham and LoBue, moved the following Item #11:

Chairwoman Conklin stated that the Grant Incentive in the Planning Department was an item proposed by the Administration. She believed that this would open up Pandora's Box because why wouldn't this also pertain to other employees of the County who seek grant initiatives.

Legislator Albano believed that we should keep the Grant Incentive position. He stated that many sales based organizations work on incentives. He believed that if every position in the County was incentive based, bring in a million dollars, it would be a great thing. This is an area where there are large grant monies available to the County that we are currently not looking for. He stated that, in the future, the County will be required to do certain things with respect to such items as; bridges, dams, roads and transportation routes. He believed there was a lot of money out there that is made available through grants from the Federal Government. We needed a person to spend time researching these grants. If we spend a little money on this now, he believed it would come back to the County tenfold. He believed strongly that this would benefit us in the future.

Legislator Birmingham stated that he does not necessarily disagree; however, he has a serious reservation about this. He stated that essentially we are putting a bounty on grants being brought into the County. He believed it was part of several employees' jobs already. Many employees have done a great job without this incentive bonus. He was concerned that with that type of incentive, which he understands is based upon the amount of the grant, could incentivize someone to get a grant that has more money even though it might not be a great fit for the County. Just because a grant has more money does not mean it might be something the County needs. We need to have our grant writers and Department Heads focus on getting the grants the County needs and realize that their remuneration for that is their salary. The Administration's proposal is for one position in the Planning Department that is not even in that department yet. He stated that many departments in the County have obtained grants. He believed that to limit this to one individual was an equity issue. He stated that he would vote to take this out and advised his colleagues to do the same.

Legislator LoBue concurred. She stated that on a general note, the Administration unveiled 15 positions; with benefits is over \$1 million dollars, without any long term funding attached to them. She cautioned her colleagues to be very careful with respect to any positions tonight that we create because once the position is created the person leaves with a pension.

Legislator Oliverio stated that to keep this money in the line seems superfluous because we have not voted on the Regional Grant Coordinator and he believes the votes on that

position will be “nay”. He stated that he agrees with what Chairwoman Conklin, and Legislators Birmingham and LoBue have stated. He does not believe it is the way to go.

Legislator Gross stated that he has experience with grant writers in the school district and incentives work. He further stated that it does bring in funding and more than pays for their salary. He stated that he does recognize the inequities in other departments but stated incentives do work.

Legislator Tamagna stated that he agrees with Legislator Gross. He stated that it is done at the State and Federal levels. He stated that the County is in desperate need of grant money to offset real property taxes.

Legislator Oliverio stated that during the Personnel Committee section he will put forth a motion to establish a Deputy Commissioner of Planning position.

Legislator Albano stated that we do not have a grant writer. He stated that the person in this position will have to produce. He further stated that in the future things will come up and we will have to spend money on them.

	FROM:	TO:
Subcontingency – Grant Incentive 10199000 54986	56,447	0
Adjust fringes and revenue accordingly		

A DIFFERENCE OF: (\$56,447)

BY ROLL VOTE: FIVE AYES. THREE NAYS – LEGISLATORS ALBANO, GROSS, & OTHMER. LEGISLATOR DICARLO WAS ABSENT. MOTION CARRIES.

Chairwoman Conklin moved the following Item #10:

Information Technology

	FROM:	TO:
Software & Accessories 10168000 54782	33,500	25,000

A DIFFERENCE OF: (\$8,500)

BY ROLL VOTE: EIGHT AYES. LEGISLATOR DICARLO WAS ABSENT. MOTION CARRIES.

Chairwoman Conklin moved the following Item #12:

Legislator Oliverio stated that two properties in Putnam Valley could be sold for a total amount of \$350,000. He stated that he feels that we should increase the \$500,000 to \$600,000.

Legislator Oliverio made a motion to amend the resolution to \$600,000, seconded by Legislator Tamagna.

Legislator Gross stated he is concerned about 2013. He stated that he hopes Legislator Oliverio is correct.

Legislator Birmingham stated that he believes these properties will gain more exposure through a realtor. He stated that we have a back log of properties from not having a tax sale this year. He stated that Finance stated that \$424,000 is a conservative number.

Legislator Albano stated he would rather be conservative. He stated that is it something brand new and hopes it will benefit the County.

Legislator Tamagna stated that this program will bring in revenue and he stated that he believes \$600,000 is conservative. He stated that the County has carried the burden of these properties for years.

Legislator LoBue stated she is a pessimist and does not believe the number should be changed.

A vote was called to amend the resolution raising the number to \$600,000.

BY ROLL VOTE: SEVEN AYES. ONE NAY – LEGISLATOR ALBANO. LEGISLATOR DICARLO WAS ABSENT. MOTION CARRIES.

A vote was called on the resolution as amended.

Tax Advertising & Expense

	FROM:	TO:
Revenue:		
Gain from Sales of Tax Acquired Property		
10136200 410511	424,000	600,000

A DIFFERENCE OF: \$76,000

BY ROLL VOTE: EIGHT AYES. LEGISLATOR DICARLO WAS ABSENT. MOTION CARRIES.

Legislator Oliverio introduced a resolution to add money to the Sales Tax line based on the numbers from 2012. Seconded for discussion by Legislator Birmingham.

Commissioner Carlin recommended using the budgetary process to look at the budget as a whole, not just one number.

Legislator Oliverio stated that he looked at what numbers we have thus far in 2012 and also looked at petroleum reports and stated that refineries have kicked up the prices therefore, the sales tax will increase.

Legislator Tamagna stated that he agreed with Legislator Oliverio. He further stated that when the Administration starts the budget process they do not have real time sales tax numbers.

Legislator Birmingham stated that he is okay with the raised amount. He believes it will offset real property taxes.

Legislator Gross stated that the current price for gas is \$3.86. He further stated that the price of gas goes up and down.

Legislator LoBue stated that the purchasing of cars increases at the end of the year because they are discounted.

	FROM:	TO:
Sales Tax 10131000 411100	50,586,763	51,050,763

A DIFFERENCE OF: \$464,000

BY ROLL VOTE: EIGHT AYES. LEGISLATOR DICARLO WAS ABSENT. MOTION CARRIES.

At 7:33 PM, Legislator Oliverio made a motion to have a ten minute recess, seconded by Legislator Birmingham. All in favor.

At 7:43 PM, Chairwoman Conklin made a motion to come back from recess, seconded by Legislator Oliverio. All in favor.

Legislator DiCarlo arrived during the recess and apologized for his tardiness. He stated that he had a previous commitment for his primary job that he could not miss.

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE
(Chairman DiCarlo, Legislators LoBue & Oliverio)

Chairwoman Conklin recognized Legislator DiCarlo, Chairman of the Personnel Committee. On behalf of the members of the Committee, Legislators LoBue and Oliverio, Legislator DiCarlo moved the following Item #13:

Legislator Oliverio stated that this money should be restored to the Sheriff's Department line. He stated that the Sheriff made a strong case to have that position in his department. He stated that the Sheriff has relied upon this position for years. Legislator Oliverio believes that outside influences caused the removal of the position. He stated that the Board should defeat this and reinstate this position to the Sheriff's budget. He stated that we have not removed positions from other departments.

Legislator Othmer stated that he is looking at this solely through the eyes of New York State County Law and in his opinion there are not extraneous circumstances that will affect his vote whatsoever.

Legislator Gross stated that looking at this from a financial position; we have a Sheriff's Department and a Law Department. He suggested that we look at what we need.

Legislator Oliverio stated that this is an advisory position it is not a legal counsel.

Legislator Albano asked what is necessary. He stated that he would rather see the money in subcontingency. He stated that the Law Department does not see a need.

Law Department

	FROM:	TO:
Deputy County Attorney 10142000 51000 (142010110)	57,095	0
A DIFFERENCE OF: (\$57,095)		
Adjust fringes and revenue accordingly	23,432	0
A DIFFERENCE OF: (\$23,432)		

BY ROLL VOTE: EIGHT AYES. ONE NAY - LEGISLATOR OLIVERIO. MOTION CARRIES.

Legislator DiCarlo moved the following Item #14:

Legislator Oliverio stated he would rather create a Deputy Commissioner position. He stated that he would like to strike this Regional Grant Coordinator position and the Fiscal Manager position and create an \$80,000 per year Deputy Commissioner position.

Legislator Birmingham asked Personnel Director Eldridge if he had the job description available for the Deputy Commissioner of Planning.

Director Eldridge stated that he did not for the Deputy Commissioner but he did for the others mentioned.

Legislator LoBue stated that she cautions her colleagues because there were 15 positions put into the budget that with the benefits comes to over \$1 million. She stated that once we create these positions we have them for life. She stated that the biggest issue is that we have the Commissioner of Planning and the Director of Real Property vacant as of right now. She stated that she is very leery of creating positions under those managerial positions until those managerial positions are filled. She stated that once those positions are filled we can ask them for their recommendations. She stated that she thought what was desperately needed was a Fiscal Manager.

Legislator Oliverio stated that he has looked at Planning and has spoken with Former Planning Commissioner Lynch and believes that the department needs a Transportation Operations Manager and a Deputy Commissioner.

Legislator LoBue stated she is not sure if she agrees with the addition of a Deputy Commissioner. She stated in her conversations with Former Commissioner Lynch is that a Fiscal Manager is necessary because of the amount of required paperwork. She further stated that she is not comfortable with the Transportation Operations Manager and the decision still at-hand with the bus company. She believes it should be straightened out next year. She reiterated her previous statement questioning how we can be creating positions under a managerial position that is not even filled.

Legislator Gross stated that he agrees with Legislator Oliverio that duties in Planning should be consolidated. He stated the Planning Department needs help. He stated he supports Legislator Oliverio's suggestion.

Legislator Tamagna stated that in his conversations with Former Commissioner Lynch there is a need for a Fiscal Manager.

Planning Department

	FROM:	TO:
Regional Grant Coordinator 10802000 51000 (802010907)	50,000	0

A DIFFERENCE OF: (\$50,000)

Adjust fringes and revenue accordingly	23,929	0
A DIFFERENCE OF: (\$23,929)		

BY ROLL VOTE: SEVEN AYES. TWO NAYS – LEGISLATORS ALBANO & OTHMER. MOTION CARRIES.

Legislator DiCarlo moved the following Item #15:

Legislator Oliverio stated that he met with Director of Information Technology Tom Lannon and the duties of this position are far greater than just answering phones. He stated that he supports this after that meeting.

Legislator Tamagna stated that he agrees with Legislator Oliverio. He further stated that it is wise to keep already trained people for support.

Legislator Birmingham stated that we did receive correspondence from Director Lannon and Legislator Birmingham believes that the title should be changed because receptionist is only a small portion of what this individual would be doing. He asked Director Eldridge what this could be changed to.

Director Eldridge stated that this person came off a list for Receptionist and they have tremendous capabilities. He can look at it but this is relatively low pay for a union contract.

Legislator Birmingham stated that there could be a desk audit next year and an increase in salary because they are doing more than a receptionist's duties. He encouraged the County to have the title fit the duties.

Legislator LoBue stated that she is concerned that since this receptionist has been given additional duties already that next year that department will come back and ask for a receptionist. She believes we should keep this position but without benefits.

Legislator DiCarlo stated that he was not here for when the phone system was changed over but the other system he believes was \$700,000 and now it is about \$300,000; a \$400,000 savings. He stated that the County can create any salaried line we want if it is a managerial position.

Director Eldridge stated that is correct, if it is managerial but receptionist positions are union.

Legislator DiCarlo stated that this individual manages the phone systems so why can they not be managerial.

Director Eldridge stated that is not possible.

Legislator Birmingham stated that it seems there is a need for not only a receptionist. He stated that if we make this a management position we do not have to worry about desk audits and step salary increases.

Director Lannon stated that this receptionist has been trained to be the ambassador of the County when people call in but that duty did not take up all of her time during the day so they gave her additional duties. He stated that she is also the receptionist for the Bureau of Emergency Services and she is in charge of web coordination.

Legislator Othmer stated that if someone has additional skills we should utilize and award them. He stated that we have a motivated person that can move ahead in this position.

Legislator Tamagna stated that he believes the Legislature is overthinking this. He believes we should explore Legislator DiCarlo's suggestion, if she is assisting managers and taking on more responsibilities then she is not just a receptionist, she is taking on a low- to mid-level leadership role.

Director Eldridge stated the definition of a manager under New York State Law.

Legislator LoBue pointed out that all of the individuals in the Legislative Office are all management positions.

Director Eldridge stated that is because they are in the unclassified service and they serve elected officials. He stated that the management definition is very restricted.

Information Technology

	FROM:	TO:
Receptionist Gr. 6 St. 1 10168000 51000 (168010104)	34,705	0
A DIFFERENCE OF: (\$34,705)		
Adjust fringes and revenue accordingly A DIFFERENCE OF: (\$17,622)	17,622	0
Move Receptionist to Temporary Line 10168000 51094	30,000	64,705
A DIFFERENCE OF: \$34,705 Adjust fringes and revenue accordingly		

BY ROLL VOTE: THREE AYES. SIX NAYS – LEGISLATORS ALBANO, DICARLO, GROSS, OLIVERIO, OTHMER, & TAMAGNA. MOTION FAILS.

Legislator DiCarlo moved the following Item #16:

Law Department

	FROM:	TO:
Senior Deputy County Attorney and Compliance Officer 10142000 51000 (142010196)	2,001	0

A DIFFERENCE OF: (\$2,001)

Adjust fringes and revenue accordingly	153	0
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A DIFFERENCE OF: (\$153)

BY ROLL VOTE: ALL AYES. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Legislator DiCarlo moved the following Item #17:

Personnel Department

	FROM:	TO:
Personnel Specialist 10143000 51000 (143010906)	4,000	0

A DIFFERENCE OF: (\$4,000)

Adjust fringes and revenue accordingly	306	0
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A DIFFERENCE OF: (\$306)

BY ROLL VOTE: ALL AYES. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Other Business

Legislator Birmingham made a motion to pre-file the necessary resolution for Item #18, seconded by Legislator Tamagna. All in favor.

Health Nursing Lead Prevention

	FROM:	TO:
Machine Maintenance – Lead Analyzer 11015000 54510	0	3,000

A DIFFERENCE OF: \$3,000

Legislator Birmingham made a motion to pre-file the necessary resolution for Item #19, seconded by Legislator Oliverio. All in favor.

REVENUE:

	FROM:	TO:
To Adjust Chargeback Revenue 10511100 412932	7,500	0
To Adjust Chargeback Revenue 10511100 412941	0	13,500

A DIFFERENCE OF: \$6,000

Legislator LoBue moved the following Item #20:

Legislator Birmingham asked if we could move this to contingency so a study can be done and we can learn more about this position.

Legislator LoBue stated that departments are fragmented and we are creating positions all over and she thinks this should be removed and readdressed next year.

Legislator Othmer stated that we have a chance to professionalize the Highway Department and this helps to do that.

Legislator Albano stated that by having this position remain in the budget will save us money in the end.

Legislator Oliverio stated that he is concerned about the amount of new positions being created in this budget. He believes a little should be done at a time.

Legislator Othmer stated that these positions are bold creative moves that are already figured into the tax cap.

Legislator Oliverio stated that once you put these positions into the budget they are there forever.

Legislator Tamagna stated that we understand the importance of the position. He stated that the reason we do not have any good Capital Projects Plan is because our assets are not managed to the extent that they need to be. He further stated that we need to think out of the box in preserving our assets. He stated that this position is connected to all of the other new initiatives the Administration and this Board have created.

Legislator Albano stated that this ties into the Grant Coordinator by letting the Coordinator know what items will be needed in the future.

Legislator Birmingham made a motion to pre-file the necessary resolution, seconded by Legislator Oliverio.

BY ROLL VOTE: THREE AYES. SIX NAYS – LEGISLATORS ALBANO, BIRMINGHAM, DICARLO, GROSS, OTHMER, & TAMAGNA. MOTION FAILS.

Highway Department

Asset Manager

FROM: TO:

10149000 51000
(802010108) 65,000 0
Adjust fringes and revenue accordingly

A DIFFERENCE OF: (\$65,000)

Legislator DiCarlo moved the following amended Item #21:

Legislator DiCarlo stated that he would like to do the same process of what they did last year and amend this to first vote on the full amount.

Legislator Birmingham stated that we would first amend the number from 63,477 to 105,000.

Legislator DiCarlo made a motion to amend the resolution from 63,477 to 105,000, seconded by Legislator Birmingham.

Legislator Birmingham stated that we had full time Election Commissioners for years whether we called it that or not. He stated that it should have been done years ago but we have deferred it. He stated that they are Commissioners and it is only fair to recognize the people and the job they are doing.

Legislator Oliverio stated that he understands the jobs that these individuals do but even a salary of \$55,000 is a lot to constituents who make less. He stated that he cannot, in good conscience in the state of this economy, vote for this increase.

Legislator Gross stated that he does not know how he could face his constituents with this increase. He stated that the Election Commissioners are underpaid but there needs to be a compromise.

Legislator Tamagna stated that these two individuals work hard and have been recognized by the State and they deserve this raise.

BY ROLL VOTE: TWO AYES. SEVEN NAYS – LEGISLATORS ALBANO, DICARLO, GROSS, LOBUE, OLIVERIO, OTHMER, & CHAIRWOMAN CONKLIN. MOTION FAILS.

Board of Elections

	FROM:	TO:
Commissioner of Elections 10145000 51000 (145010101) Adjust fringes and revenue accordingly	55,477	105,000

A DIFFERENCE OF: \$49,523

Commissioner of Elections 10145000 51000 (145010102) Adjust fringes and revenue accordingly	55,477	105,000
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A DIFFERENCE OF: \$49,523

Legislator Albano moved the following amended Item #21:

Board of Elections

	FROM:	TO:
Commissioner of Elections 10145000 51000 (145010101) Adjust fringes and revenue accordingly	55,477	75,000

A DIFFERENCE OF: \$19,523

Commissioner of Elections 10145000 51000 (145010102) Adjust fringes and revenue accordingly	55,477	75,000
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A DIFFERENCE OF: \$19,523

This motion received no second.

Legislator Oliverio made a motion to pre-file the necessary resolution for Item #21, seconded by Legislator LoBue.

Board of Elections

	FROM:	TO:
Commissioner of Elections 10145000 51000 (145010101) Adjust fringes and revenue accordingly	55,477	63,477

A DIFFERENCE OF: \$8,000

Commissioner of Elections 10145000 51000 (145010102) Adjust fringes and revenue accordingly	55,477	63,477
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A DIFFERENCE OF: \$8,000

BY ROLL VOTE: ALL AYES. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Chairwoman Conklin moved the following:

Chairwoman Conklin made a motion to pre-file the necessary resolution, seconded by Legislator Oliverio.

Highway - Putnam National

	FROM:	TO:
Operations Manager 10085000 51000 (711030101)	80,000	0
Greens Keeper 10085000 51000 (711030102)	90,000	0
Facilities Manager 10085000 51000 (711030103)	80,000	0
Account Clerk 10085000 51000 (711030104)	34,705	0
Adjust Fringes and Revenue Accordingly	99,765	0
Subcontingency – Mgmt Salaries 10199000 54993	0	384,470

A DIFFERENCE OF: \$0

BY ROLL VOTE: SIX AYES. THREE NAYS – LEGISLATORS BIRMINGHAM, DICARLO, & OTHMER. MOTION CARRIES.

Chairwoman Conklin moved the following:

Chairwoman Conklin stated that we were told from the Administration that no one was getting raises and there are actually a few people getting raises for a program that is not in place yet. She suggested that the raises should not happen until the program is in effect and funds have come to the County. She stated that the funds should be moved into Subcontingency until June or July and assessed then.

Chairwoman Conklin made a motion to pre-file the necessary resolution, seconded by Legislator Oliverio.

Management Adjustments

	FROM:	TO:
County Clerk Confidential Secretary 10141000 51000		

(141010904)	1,930	0
FICA 10141000 58002	148	0
Motor Vehicle Dept. Deputy County Clerk 10141100 51000 (141110901)	2,156	0
Motor Vehicle Dept. Deputy County Clerk 10141100 51000 (141110903)	3,344	0
FICA 10141100 58002	421	0
Subcontingency – Salary Adjustments 10199000 54982	0	7,999

Adjust Fringes and Revenue Accordingly

A DIFFERENCE OF: \$0

BY ROLL VOTE: FIVE AYES. FOUR NAYS – LEGISLATORS BIRMINGHAM, GROSS, OTHMER, & TAMAGNA. MOTION CARRIES.

Chairwoman Conklin moved the following:

Chairwoman Conklin stated that there was a stipend for remodeling the Records Center and her understanding is that it is completed and therefore the stipend should be taken out. She made a motion to remove the \$7,500 stipend from the Records Management Officer.

Legislator Othmer asked if they had work planned for that money.

Chairwoman Conklin stated that this money was for revamping the Records Center and it is her understanding that work is completed.

Commissioner Carlin stated that he believes Chairwoman Conklin is speaking about the Records Management Officer. He stated that building is in constant need of attention.

Legislator Tamagna stated that this is the stipend that the Records Management Officer gets to manage all of the Towns and municipalities records as well.

This motion received no second.

Legislator Oliverio moved the following:

Legislator Oliverio stated that a Deputy Commissioner of Planning is necessary but it would not take effect until a Commissioner was appointed.

Legislator Oliverio made a motion to pre-file the necessary resolution, seconded by Legislator Gross.

Planning Department

	FROM:	TO:
Deputy Commissioner of Planning Subcontingency – Mgmt Salaries 10199000 54993	0	80,000
Adjust fringes and revenue accordingly	0	29,362
A DIFFERENCE OF:		\$109,362

BY ROLL VOTE: SIX AYES. THREE NAYS – LEGISLATORS BIRMINGHAM, LOBUE, & CHAIRWOMAN CONKLIN. MOTION CARRIES.

Chairwoman Conklin moved the following:

Chairwoman Conklin suggested that the Information Technology – Database Programmer for \$71,550 be removed from the budget.

Director Lannon stated that this is a very technical position and currently he is the only programmer in the County. He stated that there would be a benefit to having this position to manage the many databases the County has to generate necessary reports.

Chairwoman Conklin made a motion to pre-file the necessary resolution, seconded by Legislator LoBue.

BY ROLL VOTE: TWO AYES. SEVEN NAYS – LEGISLATORS ALBANO, BIRMINGHAM, DICARLO, GROSS, OLIVERIO, OTHMER, & TAMAGNA. MOTION FAILS.

Legislator Birmingham made a motion to pre-file the necessary resolution for the Proposed Amendment to the Local Law “Item Pricing”, seconded by Legislator Tamagna.

BY ROLL VOTE: ALL AYES. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Legislator Oliverio asked what percentage the budget was at based on tonight’s motions and approvals.

County Auditor Alfano-Sharkey stated we are at 1.66% but she will need to adjust for fringes. She stated she will double-check everything tomorrow.

Chairwoman Conklin reminded everyone that although we are currently at that number that the budget is not approved yet and there is still time for additional changes, vetoes, and veto overrides if necessary.

Legislator DiCarlo closed the meeting in honor of Mary Courtney from Pine Grove Country Day School who tragically passed away yesterday.

There being no further business, at 9:17 P.M., Legislator Tamagna made a motion to adjourn; seconded by Legislator LoBue. All in favor.

Respectfully submitted by Diane Schonfeld, Clerk.