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

Tuesday August 4, 2015 7:00 P.M.

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

PROCLAMATIONS

Chairman Albano recognized Legislator Addonizio who presented a proclamation to Catherine Wargas upon her retirement from the Office of the Putnam County Historian.

HONORING CATHERINE WARGAS UPON HER RETIREMENT

Congratulations to Catherine Wargas on her retirement from the Office of the Putnam County Historian after 14 years of honorable and dedicated service.

Working in the Historian's Office since 2001, Cathy has been an invaluable asset to the organization. Her passion for honoring the past has served her well as a research assistant to five County Historians. Her ability to work with clients, identify the information they are looking for and locate it, will be missed.

While working in the historian's office, Cathy co-authored the book "Putnam County Men in the Civil War" and also transcribed the early proceedings of the Board of Supervisors of Putnam County.

Cathy is the chairperson of Putnam County Cemetery Committee and past president for the Kent Historical Society. She is also the co-chairperson of the Lake Carmel Park District Advisory Committee and treasurer of the Kent Republican Committee.

A Queens native who moved to Putnam in 1991, Cathy has been married to her husband Ronald for almost 42 years. Told they were unable to have children, they adopted their son John. They were then blessed with their son Thomas.

A selfless individual, Cathy is a caregiver at heart. She raised a special needs child, tended to her parents as they aged, and took care of her husband.

With her retirement she will now have more time to spend with her family, most importantly her new grandson Ryan.

It is with great pleasure that we sign our hands to this Proclamation on behalf of the people of Putnam County and thank Catherine Wargas for her honorable career of service

as well as wish her a long and healthy retirement.

Item #4 - Approval of Minutes - Regular Meeting - July 7, 2015

The minutes were approved as submitted.

Item #5 - Correspondence

a) County Auditor

There was no activity during the reporting period.

Item #6 - Pre-filed resolutions:

PROTECTIVE SERVICES COMMITTEE (Chairman Gross, Legislators Gouldman & Nacerino

Item #6a – Approval/Fund Transfer (15T114)/Bureau of Emergency Services/Contracts was next. Chairman Albano recognized Legislator Gross, Chairman of the Protective Services Committee. On behalf of the members of the Committee, Legislators Gouldman and Nacerino, Legislator Gross moved the following:

RESOLUTION #161

APPROVAL/FUND TRANSFER /BUREAU OF EMERGENCY SERVICES/CONTRACTS

WHEREAS, the Bureau of Emergency Services has requested a fund transfer (15T114) to cover cost of personnel reimbursement for ERT Training; and WHEREAS, the Protective Services Committee and the Audit & Administration Committee have reviewed and approve said fund transfer; now therefore be it RESOLVED, that the following fund transfer be made:

Decrease:

10398901 54646 10103 Contracts 20,000

Increase:

10364501 54646 10117 Contracts 20,000

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

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

Item #6b – Approval/Fund Transfer (15T115)/Sheriff's Department/Overtime was next. On behalf of the Protective Services Committee, Legislators Gouldman and Nacerino, Legislator Gross moved the following:

Legislator Wright stated that during discussion at the Committee meeting it was stated that this line was about to be reduced down to \$10,000. He believed that this item was brought before the Legislature in crisis mode and that puts undue pressure on the

Legislature to take action. He stated that he objected to items being brought to the Legislature at the last minute.

RESOLUTION #162

APPROVAL/FUND TRANSFER /SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT/OVERTIME

WHEREAS, the Sheriff's Department has requested a fund transfer (15T115) to cover overtime costs due to four (4) Correction Officer Vacancies and three (3) Correction Officers on extended sick leave; and

WHEREAS, the Protective Services Committee, the Personnel 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:

10315000 51094 Temporary 240,000

Increase:

10315000 51093 Overtime 240,000

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

BY ROLL CALL VOTE: SIX AYES. TWO NAYS – LEGISLATORS LOBUE & WRIGHT. LEGISLATOR GOULDMAN WAS ABSENT. MOTION CARRIES.

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

Item #6c – Approval/Budgetary Amendment (15A047)/Department of Social Services/Child Right: New York/Safe Harbour Initiative was next. Chairman Albano recognized Legislator Scuccimarra, Chairwoman of the Health, Social, Educational & Environmental Committee. On behalf of the members of the Committee, Legislators Gross & LoBue, Legislator Scuccimarra moved the following:

RESOLUTION #163

APPROVAL/BUDGETARY AMENDMENT /DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES/CHILD RIGHT: NEW YORK/SAFE HARBOUR INITIATIVE

WHEREAS, New York State Office of Children and Family Services has awarded Putnam County \$75,000 for the implementation of Safe Harbour programming for calendar year 2015; and

WHEREAS, participation in the Child Right: New York/Safe Harbour Initiative enables counties to develop programs or services for sexually exploited children; and WHEREAS, the Health, Social, Educational & Environmental Committee and the Audit & Administration Committee have reviewed and approve said budgetary amendment; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the following budgetary amendment (15A047) be made:

Increase Rev		
10058000	Safe Harbour	
43610°	1 Adm Social Services	75,000
Increase App	ronriations:	
10058000	Safe Harbour	
51000	Personal Serv. – Child Safety Coordinator	27,300
52110	Furniture and Furnishings	1,400
52130	Computer Equipment	1,650
52140	Audio Visual Equipment	300
54310	Office Equipment	1,500
54311	Printing	2,200
54314	Postage	175
54410	Supplies & Materials (program specific)	2,978
54634	Telephone	300
54634	Cell Phone	102
54640	Education/Training	4,713
54646	Contracts	3,500
54664	Advertising	10,810
54675	Travel	1,500
58001	Retirement	4,311
58002	Social Security	2,089
58003	Disability	[′] 43
58004	Workmen's Compensation	90
58006	Dental	586
58007	Life Insurance	222
58008	Health Insurance	8,140
58011	Flex	1,091
		75,000
	2015 Fiscal Impact – 0 –	•
	2016 Fiscal Impact – 0 –	

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

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE (Chairwoman Nacerino, Legislators Castellano & Wright)

Item #6d – Approval/Budgetary Transfer (15T125)/Emergency Services/E911 Dispatcher Overtime was next. Chairman Albano recognized Legislator Nacerino, Chairwoman of the Personnel Committee. On behalf of the members of the Committee, Legislators Castellano and Wright, Legislator Nacerino moved the following:

RESOLUTION #164

APPROVAL/BUDGETARY TRANSFER /EMERGENCY SERVICES/E911 DISPATCHER OVERTIME

WHEREAS, the Acting Commissioner of Emergency Services has requested a budgetary transfer (15T125) to provide funding for anticipated E911 Dispatcher Overtime to be incurred through year end; and

WHEREAS, the Personnel Committee and the Audit & Administration Committee have reviewed and approve said budgetary transfer; now therefore be it RESOVLVED, that the following budgetary transfer be made:

Increase Estimated Appropriations:

13398900 51093	Overtime	67,600
13398900 58002	FICA	4,636
		72,236
Decrease Estimated App	ropriations:	
13398900 51094	Temporary	7,000
10199000 54980	Contingency	65,236
		72,236

2015 Fiscal Impact \$65,236 2016 Fiscal Impact - 0 -

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

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

Item #6e – Approval/Budgetary Amendment (15A045)/Finance/NYMIR Funds to Offset Deskovic Litigation/County Facility Renovations was next. On behalf of the members of the Physical Services Committee, Legislators Castellano and Wright, Chairman Albano moved the following:

Chairman Albano made a motion to accept the additional material submitted for Item #6e; seconded by Legislator Nacerino.

Legislator Wright declined to accept the additional. Motion fails.

Legislator Wright stated that he requested that the Legislature make a decision and discuss how this substantial amount of money, \$1.5 million, would be utilized during the budget process. He believed that these funds should not be dedicated or allocated and that there was no need whatsoever to utilize these funds immediately. He stated that until this Legislature determines, during the budget process, what the impact on the taxpayers for next years' budget is going to be, he believed it would be reckless and foolish to put the funds in the corner where it is not seen and available. He stated that we scrounge around at budget time spending way too much time trying to save \$10,000 to \$20,000 here and there. He stated that there is a \$1.5 million dollar pot here and you may find yourselves in a very unfavorable position when trying to wrap things up during this years' budget process because things are not as good as everyone would like to believe they are. He believed that the Legislature should defer any specific allocation of these funds at this time.

Legislator LoBue stated that she would be voting "no" on the original resolution. She stated that the funds for the Deskovic trial were taken from the general fund and now we are now being reimbursed \$1.5 million from NYMIR. She believed that the money should be returned to the general fund. She stated that she has requested numerous times for information concerning the construction at the Golf Course and Tilly Foster Farm. She believed that these funds are now being requested for construction at County facilities with no detail on how the money will be allocated. She stated that she could not in good conscience vote in favor of this.

Legislative Counsel Van Ross stated that what is before the Legislature now is the motion on the amendment.

Legislator Nacerino stated that she would be voting in favor of this. She believed this was vetted in great detail and a compelling argument made on why we were moving in this direction. She believed that the \$1.5 million was hardly enough money to complete all the Capital Projects that are necessary. She stated that we are dedicating the funds to a particular line which means we are encumbering the funds. She stated that the funds will be released on a case by case basis.

Legislator Scuccimarra stated that she has great faith in Commissioner of Finance, Bill Carlin. She believed that so many of the County facilities have been neglected over the last twenty years and are in dire need of repair. She stated that she would be voting in favor of this resolution.

Legislator Gross stated that he would be voting "no" on this because he believed it was too general. He stated that he was concerned with the budget; finishing out the remainder of 2015 and looking at 2016. He stated that he would rather put these funds back into the general fund until we receive specific information on how the funds will be utilized.

Legislator Castellano stated that a number of years ago the Administration gave us a list projects totaling approximately \$3 million that we were unable to fund and had to put off for a later date. He stated that some of needed repairs were made. He stated that we are specifically requesting that the \$1.5 million be placed in this account and whatever projects are deemed necessary would need to come before the Legislature for approval.

Legislator Wright stated that, as mentioned by Legislator Scuccimarra, he too has great confidence in Commissioner of Finance. However, he did not believe that you attempt to cure twenty years of neglect, if that has been the case, with one (1) budgetary allocation. However, it may be a very appropriate thing to do come November once you know the impact of every citizen in this County with the 2016 budget.

Chairman Albano concurred with Legislator Castellano. He believed that it was not a matter of neglect; the funds were just not available. He stated that if you look at the Capital Projects list, he believed it could possibly be \$4 or \$5 million in repairs. He stated that we need to prioritize and determine which projects are most important with regards to safety. He stated that to designate \$1.5 million is stating that we recognize the real need and that we are trying to plan for it.

Legislator LoBue stated that the word "priority" was a great word. She believed that everyone was in agreement that the maintenance of our facilities is a priority. She

believed that the repair of 40 Gleneida Avenue should have taken a priority over the repair of the Golf Course or Tilly Foster Farm. She believed the Legislature is operating in the dark because we are not being told what is being done. She did not believe there was any rush for these funds to be dedicated. She questioned if any of the Legislators knew where the money came from for a building which was erected last week at the Golf Course. Legislator LoBue stated that at the time of the Deskovic settlement it was suggested that we utilize funds from the general fund because bonding the settlement could have a negative effect on our bond rating.

Legislator Castellano stated that we would get nothing back from bonding \$4 million for a settlement. He stated that we had the benefit of having the money on hand for the settlement, therefore he believed it was good money management over a number of years. He stated that it makes more sense to bond for the repairs to our buildings which benefit everyone in Putnam County. Our residents will enjoy these facilities for years to come.

Chairman Albano stated that general accounting practice is that bonding is usually done for items which have a useful life.

Legislator Addonizio stated that at the July 27th Audit Committee meeting our outside Auditors, O'Connor Davies, LLP., presented an audit report of the County's financial statement through 2014. She stated that they reported good news that Putnam County is in great financial status. She stated that they informed us that Putnam County has a strong general fund balance that has grown by \$8 million since 2011. This puts Putnam in an enviable position and satisfies the requirements for strong bond rating. She stated that she would vote in favor of this resolution.

Legislator Wright stated that to the extent that we heard reference to the Deskovic matter and good money management, he would like the record to be clear that we paid twice as much as we had to to settle that case because it wasn't settled when the settlement was first put on the table. He stated that we wound up paying twice as much, if not more. He did not know if that qualifies anywhere in the paragraph describing Deskovic to be good money management.

Chairman Albano stated that when it was in the Legislature's hands, he believed we made a wise decision.

RESOLUTION #165

APPROVAL/BUDGETARY AMENDMENT /FINANCE/ NYMIR FUNDS TO OFFSET DESKOVIC LITIGATION/COUNTY FACILITY RENOVATIONS

WHEREAS, by Resolution #305 of 2014 Putnam County authorized the payment of \$4 million in the Deskovic Litigation which payment was to come from County Surplus; and

WHEREAS, by Resolution #86 of 2015 Putnam County agreed to accept \$1.5 million from NYMIR as a partial insurance reimbursement for its Deskovic Litigation payment; and

WHEREAS, Putnam County has actually received \$1.5 million from NYMIR to offset the Deskovic Litigation; and

WHEREAS, the Commissioner of Finance has requested a budgetary amendment (15A045) to utilize these funds to cover the cost of County Facility Renovations; and WHEREAS, this resolution also eliminates the 2013 County Facilities Renovations adopted but not funded since the required source of funds never materialized; and WHEREAS, the Physical Services Committee and the Audit & Administration Committee have reviewed and approve said budgetary amendment; now therefore be it RESOLVED, that the following budgetary amendment be made:

Increase Estimated Appropriations:

55197000 53000 51509 County Facility Renovations 1,500,000

Decrease Estimated Appropriations:

Increase Estimated Revenues:

55197000 427112 51509 Use of Capital Project Reserve 1,500,000

Decrease Estimated Revenues:

55197000 427112 51306 Use of Capital Project Reserve 800,000

And be it further

RESOLVED, that there shall be no changes to this created account unless the Legislature receives a scope of the project, a preliminary cost estimate and not to exceed amount of the project, and in addition a Resolution of the County Legislature authorizing project.

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

BY ROLL CALL VOTE: FIVE AYES. THREE NAYS – LEGISLATORS GROSS, LOBUE & WRIGHT. LEGISLATOR GOULDMAN WAS ABSENT. MOTION CARRIES.

Item #6f – Approval/Land Acquisition/ Mill Road Over Clove Creek Bridge Project / Town of Philipstown was next. On behalf of the members of the Physical Services Committee, Legislators Castellano and Wright, Chairman Albano moved the following:

RESOLUTION #166

APPROVAL/LAND ACQUISITION/MILL ROAD OVER CLOVE CREEK BRIDGE PROJECT/
TOWN OF PHILIPSTOWN

WHEREAS, the County of Putnam (the "County"), in mitigating the damages to the Mill Road Bridge in Philipstown (the "Bridge") resulting in the aftermath of the natural causes referred to as Hurricane Irene and Tropical Storm Lee (the "Disasters"), which occurred in/about August 2011 and September 2011, respectively, entered into an Agreement (the "Agreement") with the New York State Department of Transportation (NYS DOT), pursuant to Resolution #122 of 2012, for assistance to the County in undertaking its mitigation efforts relative to the Bridge resulting from the Disasters; and

WHEREAS, the County has embarked on a major capital project involving the replacement of the Bridge at Mill Road after the Disasters with a permanent structure in

order to permanently restore Mill Road over Clove Creek access (the "Mill Road Over Clove Creek Bridge Project" or the "Project"); and

WHEREAS, the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) approved the County's application to receive FEMA funds in connection with the Mill Road Over Clove Creek Bridge Project with the condition construction is commenced on the Project on/before September 3, 2015; and

WHEREAS, it will be necessary for the County to acquire in fee and/or obtain permanent or temporary easements over a number of properties in the Town of Philipstown in connection with the Mill Road Over Clove Creek Bridge Project; and

WHEREAS, plans for the Mill Road Over Clove Creek Bridge Project necessitate the acquisition in fee by the County of a portion of the Town of Philipstown, Tax Map No. 16.12-1-12, consisting of approximately 136.5 square feet of real property, such property currently titled to John Halebian and Lisa Pass Halebian (hereinafter the "Halebian Property"), as more fully described on Schedule "A" annexed hereto; and

WHEREAS, plans for the Mill Road Over Clove Creek Bridge Project necessitate the acquisition by the County of a temporary easement over approximately 634.6 square feet of the Halebian Property, as more fully described on Schedule "A" annexed hereto; and

WHEREAS, despite an offer having been extended to the titled owners of the Halebian Property on/about March 27, 2015, such offer based on an appraisal conducted by Stropp Appraisal, a copy of which is annexed hereto and made a part hereof as Schedule "B," consent for the foregoing Halebian Property acquisitions has not been obtained by the County and it is necessary to commence eminent domain proceedings in connection with said land acquisitions to secure title and an easement with respect to the aforementioned portions of the Halebian Property for the construction and completion of the Mill Road Over Clove Creek Bridge Project; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Putnam County Legislature determines that the foregoing Halebian Property acquisitions are *de minimus* in nature, such determination based upon, among other things, the following considerations:

- The size of the areas to be taken by eminent domain in fee and by easement is insubstantial and would not have a substantial impact on the overall property(s) of which they form a part; and
- With regard to the interest to be acquired by easement, the Halebian Property owners would maintain full use of the easement area in any manner which does not interfere with the easement rights sought to be acquired; and
- None of the takings by easement or by fee interest would interfere with, or propose alterations to, the existing buildings located on the Halebian Property; and
- Existing on the area proposed to be taken by eminent domain proceedings by easement or fee interest are spreading plants, gravel, rumble stone pavers, ornamental rocks, three (3) precast concrete blocks, concrete parking bumper, split rail fencing, wire mesh fencing, wire mesh gate, low voltage outdoor lighting (four (4) lanterns), and one (1) tree;

RESOLVED, that the Putnam County Legislature determines the public interest will not be prejudiced by the construction of the Project as the construction of a permanent structure in order to permanently restore Mill Road over Clove Creek access will provide a safer means of access to the public; and be it further

RESOLVED, that it is the opinion of the Putnam County Legislature, based upon the foregoing Section 206(D) of the Eminent Domain Procedure Law ("EDPL"), the Putnam County Legislature is exempt from the provisions of Article 2 of the EDPL; and be it further

RESOLVED, that a situation exists with regard to the aforementioned Project which will endanger the public interest by any delay caused by the public hearing requirement of Article 2 of the EDPL in that the County stands to lose federal funding for the Project if the construction thereof is not commenced on or before September 3, 2015 and for which a contract for public work must be bid and awarded within a short period of time to comply with the required time frame for the commencement of construction of the Project; and be it further

RESOLVED, that if the County loses the federal funding for the Project, the County would not have the funds necessary to construct and complete the Project and, therefore, it is the opinion of the Putnam County Legislature that, based upon the foregoing Section 206(D) of the EDPL, the Putnam County Legislature is exempt from the provisions of Article 2 of the EDPL; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Putnam County Legislature hereby determines that the Project is for a public purpose and approves the acquisition in fee and the temporary easement over the Halebian Property, as aforesaid, and as fully described on the attached Schedule "A," which is incorporated by reference hereto, in order to facilitate the construction of the Mill Road Over Clove Creek Bridge Project; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the County Executive and the County Attorney are hereby authorized to take whatever actions are necessary to effectuate and complete the acquisitions in fee and temporary easement over the Halebian Property, as aforesaid, in connection with the Mill Road Over Clove Creek Bridge Project.

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

Item #6g – Approval/Acceptance Of Amendment B For 2014-15 Snow And Ice Agreement With New York State was next. On behalf of the members of the Physical Services Committee, Legislators Castellano and Wright, Chairman Albano moved the following:

RESOLUTION #167

APPROVAL/ACCEPTANCE OF AMENDMENT B FOR 2014-15 SNOW AND ICE AGREEMENT WITH NEW YORK STATE

WHEREAS, by Resolution #286 of 2009, the Putnam County Legislature approved a Pilot Agreement (the "Agreement") with the State of New York for Snow and Ice Removal; and

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

WHEREAS, the Agreement was for a three year period commencing July 1, 2009 and was embodied in New York State Contract #D014735; and

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

WHEREAS, in order to more accurately reflect the 2014-15 winter season's expenditures, an amendment to this Agreement ("Amendment B") has been proposed for said winter season based on revised estimated expenditures; and

WHEREAS, approval and acceptance of Amendment B will enable New York State to reimburse Putnam County the additional sum of \$656,772.53 over and above the previous estimated expenditures set forth in the Agreement; and

WHEREAS, approval and acceptance of Amendment B will allow the processing of said reimbursement by New York State to Putnam County; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Putnam County Legislature authorizes the County Executive to execute Amendment B, a copy of which is attached hereto.

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

Item #6h – Approval/Budgetary Amendment (15A054)/Highways & Facilities/Snow & Ice Amendment was next. On behalf of the members of the Physical Services Committee, Legislators Castellano and Wright, Chairman Albano moved the following:

RESOLUTION #168

APPROVAL/BUDGETARY AMENDMENT /HIGHWAYS & FACILITIES/SNOW & ICE AMENDMENT

WHEREAS, the Commissioner of Highways & Facilities has requested a budgetary amendment (15A054) to account for Amendment B of the Snow & Ice Agreement, per Resolution #167 of 2015, to more accurately reflect the 2014-15 winter season's expenditures; 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:

COUNTY ROAD FUND:

Increase Estimat	ed Appr	opriations:
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10514200 51093	County Snow – Overtime	270,624
10514200 51094	County Snow – Temporary	12,000
10514200 54410	County Snow - Materials	239,941
10514200 58002	County Snow - FICA	21,524
10514400 51093	State Snow – Overtime	25,719
10514400 54410	State Snow – Materials	85,000
10514400 58002	State Snow – FICA	1,965
		656,773

Increase Estimated Revenues:

10514400 423021 State Aid – Snow & Ice 656,773

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

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

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

Item #6i – Approval/Budgetary Amendment (15A052)/Bureau of Emergency Services/Hazardous Materials Emergency Preparedness Grant Program was next. Chairman Albano recognized Legislator Castellano, Chairman of the Audit & Administration Committee. On behalf of the members of the Committee, Legislators Gross and Nacerino, Legislator Castellano moved the following:

Legislator Wright stated that he would recuse himself from this vote because his son is an Assistant Director of the grantor agency.

RESOLUTION #169

APPROVAL/BUDGETARY AMENDMENT /BUREAU OF EMERGENCY SERVICES/ HAZARDOUS MATERIALS EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS GRANT PROGRAM

WHEREAS, by Resolution #92 of 2015 the Putnam County Legislature approved and authorized the Putnam County Bureau of Emergency Services to apply for a grant under the FY2014 Hazardous Materials Emergency Preparedness (HMEP) Grant Program; and

WHEREAS, the Bureau of Emergency Services has requested a budgetary amendment (15A052) for the New York State Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Services (DHSES) grant awarded in the amount of \$3,917 through funding provided by the U.S. Department of Transportation, Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration (PHMSA); and

WHEREAS, the performance period for this grant is from September 1, 2014 through January 31, 2016; 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:

10398900 440898 Fed Aid – Hazardous Material Emerg. Prepard. Gr. 3,917

Increase Appropriations:

10398900 54640 Fed Aid – Hazardous Material Emerg. Prepard. Gr. Education & Training

3,917

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

BY POLL VOTE: SEVEN AYES. ONE RECUSAL – LEGISLATOR WRIGHT. LEGISLATOR GOULDMAN WAS ABSENT. MOTION CARRIES.

Item #6j - Approval/Budgetary Amendment (15A056)/Commissioner of Finance/School Resource Officer (SRO) Haldane School District was next. On behalf of the members of the Audit & Administration Committee, Legislators Gross and Nacerino, Legislator Castellano moved the following:

Legislator Wright believed that this matter should be put on hold. He stated that there have been several meaningful discussions regarding the transition of more Special Patrol Officer (SPO) involvement and less SRO involvement. He believed that this should be taken up during the budget process.

Legislator Nacerino believed that there have been discussions on the feasibility of providing an SRO for the Haldane School District since March of 2015. She stated that while we acknowledge that Haldane is struggling with a tough budget, they respectfully requested an SRO as their preference and to also have parity with other school districts in Putnam County. She stated that the issue once again came before the Protective Services Committee on July 8, 2015. She stated that, as a member of that Committee along with Legislators Gross and Gouldman, they were taken by surprise to learn that we were moving forward with an SRO. She stated that the backup for the July 8th agenda included a letter from the Administration, dated April 27, 2015, indicating that the Administration, Legislator Scuccimarra, Dr. Bowers and the Sheriff's Department were in complete agreement to expand the SPO program to Haldane and that the Undersheriff was in the process of getting SPO candidates for the 2015/2016 school year. She stated that she was taken aback to learn that we were now moving forward with an SRO since the County will also be facing a tough budget process driven by a .73 percent tax cap. escalated unfunded mandates, mounting infrastructure issues, health and pension costs and possible deficits and possible layoffs. She stated that as stewards of taxpayer dollars, her concerns voiced were strictly from a fiscal standpoint. However, when she voiced these concerns it was said that she was trying to penalize the district for coming onboard late. She stated that it should be noted that up until this date, Haldane School District has never participated in the SRO or SPO programs by choice. She stated that, as an Elected Official and someone who has worked in education for nearly two (2) decades, she stated that she takes issue with that statement. She stated that she has a keen awareness of the distinction between an SRO and an SPO and never challenged its merit. She stated that she interfaces with the Brewster SRO on a daily basis and have had the privilege to work with some of Putnam's finest. She stated that her concerns are the ability to sustain the SRO program. She stated that the SRO program was introduced with two (2) goals in mind; sustainability and to provide a safe school environment for our children. She stated that we honored what was in place but said no more when Brewster School District requested an additional SRO at the February 2013 Protective Services Committee meeting. She stated that we can no longer continue to bear the legacy costs; health insurance and retirement costs. She stated that at that time Brewster School District chose to fund the additional SRO. She stated that our SPOs are highly skilled investigators with an additional eighty hours of training before they are employed in the schools. She stated that we cannot and should not underscore their value. She stated that she was unable to attend the July Audit meeting and was informed that the Sheriff's Department has proposed to move the budgeted Road Patrol position to a Haldane SRO. She stated that since this is a lateral move, she will vote to support this

tonight because in actuality there is a cost savings. However, not knowing the full scope of our 2016 budget, she stated that she would reserve waiting to further approve.

Legislator Gross stated that he worked with SROs going back to the first one in the 1990's. He stated that he was directly involved in the creation of the SPO program and realize the value of them. He stated that Mahopac School District has four (4) SPOs, they are doing a great job and the costs are minimal to the County. He stated that although Haldane refused the opportunity to have an SRO years ago, he stated that times have changed. He stated that Haldane is the only school district that does not have an SRO and he believed that every school district should have one. He stated that the SRO develops a network where students begin to trust the officers and gives the officers the ability to stop certain issues from becoming problems. He believed that during the 2016 budget process the County will be looking to ask the School Districts to make an additional contribution for funding of the SRO legacy costs.

Legislator Scuccimarra stated that times have changed. She stated that in listening to Sheriff Smith and Undersheriff Convery as to why they suggested that we move from an SPO to an SRO for the Haldane School District made perfect sense. She stated that we have lost so many children to drugs lately and she believed that the safety of our children comes first.

Chairman Albano stated that he how an SRO is one (1) step above an SPO as it has been explained to the Legislature. He stated that he would vote in favor of this resolution because for the balance of this year the Sheriff will be able to fill this position without hiring an officer. However, with respect to the future, he would like to explore the idea of having part-time SPOs. He believed financially it would make sense since there are no legacy costs with having an SPO. He stated that funding the SROs is a budgetary issue for the County and he believed that the Schools needed to fund the majority of the costs associated with their SRO. He believed there was the possibility to have two (2) or more SPOs for the same cost of one (1) SRO.

RESOLUTION #170

APPROVAL/BUDGETARY AMENDMENT /COMMISSIONER OF FINANCE/SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICER (SRO) / HALDANE SCHOOL DISTRICT

WHEREAS, the Commissioner of Finance has requested a budgetary amendment (15A056) to fund the creation of a School Resource Officer (SRO) Position in the Haldane School District; and

WHEREAS, existing funds in the 2015 Budget creating a Deputy Sheriff position effective October 1st will be repurposed to create the Haldane SRO position effective September 1st; and

WHEREAS, the proposed creation of this position has been discussed at the July 2015 meeting of the Protective Services Committee; and

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

RESOLVED, that the following budgetary amendment be made:

GENERAL FUND:

Increase Estimated Appropriations:

17311000 51000	Personnel Services	5,055
17311000 58002	FICA	387
10199000 54980	Contingency	<u>25,358</u>
		30,800

Increase Estimated Revenues:

16311000 422609 SRO Contribution – Haldane CSD 30,800

2015 Fiscal Impact (\$25,358) 2016 Fiscal Impact \$73,000

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

Item #6k – Approval/SEQRA Determination was next. On behalf of the members of the Audit & Administration Committee, Legislators Gross and Nacerino, Legislator Castellano moved the following:

Legislator Wright stated that the resolution states that a determination has been made that this is a Type II Action and it is RESOLVED, that the Putnam County Legislature accepts the determination that this is a Type II Action. He stated that upon receipt of this SEQRA Determination he made a specific request questioning who made the SEQRA determination, and also to provide a copy of said determination. He stated that nothing whatsoever has been forthcoming. He stated that no Legislator has the technical capability without the plans and specifications for the use of the \$1 million before them to make such a determination. He stated that he is not aware of any Legislator being an Engineer, Architect or other qualified person knowledgeable of SEQRA regulations. He stated that if it has been determined by a qualified person that was willing to put their name to the proposed \$1 million responsibility that we are taking on, he did not see why that person could not have sent a note to the Legislature stating that they have reviewed the application and the uses for which its being put and that they are indeed Type II Actions under State Environmental Quality Review Act.

Legislator Gross stated that Commissioner of Highways & Facilities Pena attended several Physical Services Committee meetings and explained the necessity of replacing the Septic System and the Water System. He believed that we really can't do much with Tilly Foster Farm until the infrastructure is repaired and he believed that we needed to move forward.

Legislator Wright believed that the repairs mentioned by Legislator Gross were indeed substantial changes which he believed defies the wording in the resolution.

Legislator LoBue stated that \$1 million may not sound like a lot of money, however, a few months ago \$300,000 was bonded for ten years, \$70,000 was placed in the contract line for various items and small animals at the farm. She concurred with Legislator Gross that the water and sewer needed to be addressed. She stated that \$475,000 of WQIP funds will also be utilized. She stated that this is a huge amount of money and yet the Legislature has not even voted on a plan. She stated that the Tilly Foster Update Plan from the Physical Services Committee meeting of July 15, 2015 was labeled "DRAFT." She believed that there was no concrete plan. She believed this item should be tabled to

next month's meeting until we have clarity as to what we are voting on. She stated that there are unprecedented foreclosures in the County and people can't afford to pay their taxes. She stated that we are a couple of months away from the budget and she knows that her constituents cannot sustain a 3% or 4% tax increase. She stated that we are looking at approximately \$2 million in debt for this facility and she did not believe this was a necessity.

Legislator Scuccimarra stated that she did not attend the last Physical Services Committee meeting, however she stated that she did read all the backup material. She believed that Commissioner Pena had extensive plans for the buildings at Tilly Foster Farm.

Legislator Gross stated that Deputy County Executive Walker's initial meetings on restructuring the farm spoke about Phases 1, 2 & 3. Legislator Gross believed that we were still in Phase 1 with the exception of the animals that were going to come in Phase 3. He stated that Phase 1 pertains to infrastructure and he believed that we cannot move forward if the septic and the water are not repaired. We also need to be ADA compliant. He stated that we are saddled with this facility going back several years ago when the previous Legislature purchased the property to avoid having condominiums built there. He stated that "yes" this will cost us money, but we have to bite the bullet in order to move forward; however he agreed that they were not easy decisions to make.

Legislator Addonizio concurred with Legislator Gross. She stated that when we acquired the farm we made a choice to preserve it. She believed that at this time we need to move forward. She stated that from a real estate prospective, if a commercial investor comes to her and purchases a property, you don't actually know what stores will be going into that property. However, the structure needs to be safe and sound so that it can be rented. She stated, with that being said, we need to move forward at the farm in order to bring in potential revenue.

Legislator Wright stated that he wanted to be clear that his objection is that the Legislature is stating that this SEQRA has been determined by an unknown source. He stated that a matter as important as SEQRA could involve litigation. He stated that he is very concerned that a month after his request no one has put their John Hancock to a simple one sentence letter stating; "having reviewed the application this is a Type II Action."

Chairman Albano stated that with respect to the use of approximately \$475,000 of WQIP funds at the farm, he agreed that this is a health and safety issue. He stated that there are renters at this location and the water and septic issues must be addressed. He stated that he too had concerns with the wording of the SEQRA resolution. He stated that he spoke with Commissioner Pena and stated that Barbara Barosa of the Planning Department has made the SEQRA determination. He also contacted First Deputy County Attorney Negro who looked into the SEQRA rules which explained clear criteria pertaining to a Type II Action. He stated that based on what he was told, and that the Planning Department has made this determination in the past, he stated that he did not have a problem with it.

Legislator Wright questioned why the professional that received his request did not simply put his/her name at the bottom of his request letter and take responsibility of the determination that we are now saying we accept. He stated that he does not know whose

determination we are accepting. He stated that this is a \$1 million bond and believed this was a serious matter.

Legislator Nacerino stated that this is a serious matter in a sense that every Zoning & Planning Board goes through a SEQRA evaluation process which is an application process which we should be copied on and therefore she was a little apprehensive. She concurred with Legislator Gross and was 100% with moving forward with Tilly Foster Farm; it's the investment in our future. However, this is a legal process that needs to be followed. She was concerned with the fact that we did not have a copy of the application.

Chairman Albano stated that it is determined that it is a Type II Action and means that there is not a significant impact and does not require a long form or application.

Legislator Scuccimarra believed that Chairman Albano asked the appropriate questions and contacted the appropriate individuals. She stated that we have gone through this process before. She believed that the inquiries Chairman Albano made was good enough for her.

Legislator Castellano stated that Commissioner Pena spoke of this at the Audit meeting and that it did meet the criteria. He stated that this was the reason it was moved out of Committee.

Legislator LoBue made a motion to TABLE this item; seconded by Legislator Wright.

By Roll Call Vote: Four Ayes – Legislators Addonizio, LoBue, Nacerino & Wright. Four Nays – Legislators Castellano, Gross, Scuccimarra & Chairman Albano. Legislator Gouldman was absent. Motion Fails.

(Towards the end of the meeting before Item #7 – Other Business was discussed, Chairman Albano stated that he would request that the Legislature receive something in writing regarding the SEQRA determination.)

RESOLUTION #171

APPROVAL/ SEQRA DETERMINATION

WHEREAS, the Putnam County Legislature is considering a \$1,000,000 Bond issue for costs associated with the Tilly Foster Farm Additional Lodge Renovations and Infrastructure Upgrades, in Putnam County, New York, and

WHEREAS, the Department of Highways is proposing to complete renovation of Tilly Foster Farm including upgrading the septic system and renovations to the Lodge in need of repair with no expansions thereof, and additional funding is being requested to complete the work at an estimated total cost thereof, including preliminary costs and costs incidental thereto and to the financing thereof, \$1,000,000, and

WHEREAS, this action has been determined to be a Type II Action in accordance with 6 NYCRR Part 617.5(c)(1) "maintenance or repair involving no substantial changes in an existing structure or facility" and 617.5(c)(2) "replacement, rehabilitation or reconstruction of a structure or facility, in kind, on the same site", now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Putnam County Legislature accepts the determination that this project is a Type II Action and pursuant to the State Environmental Quality Review Act §617.6(1)(i), there is no further environmental review necessary.

BY ROLL CALL VOTE: FIVE AYES. THREE NAYS – LEGISLATORS LOBUE, NACERINO & WRIGHT. LEGISLATOR GOULDMAN WAS ABSENT. MOTION CARRIES.

Item #6L – Approval/Bond Resolution/ Construction Of Various Improvements At The Tilly Foster Farm Campus was next. On behalf of the members of the Audit & Administration Committee, Legislators Gross and Nacerino, Legislator Castellano moved the following:

Legislator Castellano stated that the County purchased the property and took over the farm in order to keep it as open space and avoid having homes built in that area. He stated that it is a great location and if managed correctly could be very beneficial to Putnam County. He stated that the initial plan is to bring BOCES to the location in the Spring of 2016. He stated that this will create a revenue stream of \$36,000 per year which will help to cover the cost of the Bond. He believed it would be a great location for a culinary school which would bring students to Putnam County who would then spend money at local businesses. He stated that we did approve the \$475,000 use of WQIP funds to improve the septic system. He stated that of the \$300,000 from the previous bond, \$150,000 has been spent in repairs. He stated that as repairs were being made many unsafe structural issues were discovered. He stated that he understands that this is a tremendous amount of money, however he believed that the plan to move forward would be a bonus for that business area.

Legislator LoBue stated that \$180,000 will be bonded 40 years; \$80,000 for 30 years and \$740,000 for ten (10) years. She did not believe there was a reason to go in and tear up the place without the exception of fixing the water and septic. She stated that Deputy County Executive Walker stated at the July Physical Services Committee meeting that they were moving forward with plans to locate Cornell Cooperative Extension at the farm and retrofit the building to make office space. She believed that the County was on a spending spree when we are only three (3) months away from the budget process. She stated that there are no details of how the money will be allocated and the Administration does not answer any requests that are made. She believed that it did not make sense to bond \$180,000 for 40 years.

Chairman Albano stated that he would vote "yes" for the bond. He believed this was a property that has a useful life. He stated that the septic and the water issues need to be address. He stated that, although the building looked nice from the outside, it was not safe. He stated that many of the issues only became apparent once the walls were opened up. He believed that once these issues are addressed it will be a facility that can be enjoyed by all the taxpayers. He stated that there will be rentals on the property which will help pay for some of these expenses. He believed the property had tremendous potential.

Legislator Scuccimarra concurred with Chairman Albano. She stated that the property is in dire need of renovation. She stated that we have started the project and now we must continue. She stated that we did ask for Tilly Foster Farm, we inherited it, and like the Golf Course we need to proceed and make it a viable facility for everyone to enjoy.

Legislator Nacerino concurred with Chairman Albano and Legislator Scuccimarra. She stated that we have discussed this over and over again. She stated that we are invested in the future of the farm and need to repair the infrastructure and move forward. She stated that the purpose of bonding is to spread the expense over the useful life of the project. She believed this project will serve to enhance our quality of life for years to come.

Chairman Albano stated that the Auditor's Report clearly indicates that our accounting practices are good.

Legislator Gross stated that the potential for this farm is unlimited and he is very excited for its future.

Legislator Addonizio stated that at the Audit Meeting Commissioner of Finance Carlin explained that in essence the bonding would equate to approximately \$100,000 per year for ten (10) years and with our good bond rating the interest would be approximately \$30,000 per year. She stated that amount would be offset with the revenue brought in with bringing BOCES to the location and hopefully other revenue sources could be brought in through rentals.

Legislator Castellano stated that BOCES is a revenue source that we do not have today. He stated that he hopes it goes through as planned and if it does, not only will it employ people and bring students to the location, it would be a revenue source that might increase if more courses become available at the sight. He stated that there are also other revenue sources at the farm to offset the bond. He believed that ten to fifteen years down the road we will even be in better shape than we are now and we will have a property to be proud of in Putnam County.

Legislator Wright stated that he won't be supporting this resolution for the reasons he stated on the previous SEQRA resolution which he believed was the foundation block before this resolution. He stated that it was requested that the matter of the previous resolution be deferred for one (1) month in order to receive a qualified answer of who made the determination.

RESOLUTION #172

EXTRACT OF MINUTES

Meeting of the County Legislature of

the County of Putnam, New York

August 4, 2015

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A regular meeting of the County Legislature of the County of Putnam, New York, was held at the Historic County Courthouse, Gleneida Avenue, Carmel, New York, on August 4, 2015, at 7 o'clock P.M. (Prevailing Time).

The following Legislators were present: Addonizio, Castellano, Gross,

LoBue, Nacerino, Scuccimarra, Wright and Chairman Albano.

There were absent: Legislator Gouldman

Also present: Diane Schonfeld, Clerk of the County Legislature

Clement Van Ross, Legislative Counsel

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Legislator Castellano offered the following resolution and moved its adoption:

BOND RESOLUTION OF THE COUNTY OF PUTNAM, NEW YORK, ADOPTED AUGUST 4, 2015, AUTHORIZING THE CONSTRUCTION OF VARIOUS IMPROVEMENTS AT THE TILLY FOSTER FARM CAMPUS; STATING THE ESTIMATED TOTAL COST THEREOF IS \$1,000,000; APPROPRIATING SAID AMOUNT THEREFOR, AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$1,000,000 SERIAL BONDS OF SAID COUNTY TO FINANCE SAID APPROPRIATION.

THE COUNTY LEGISLATURE OF THE COUNTY OF PUTNAM, NEW YORK, HEREBY RESOLVES (by the favorable vote of not less than two-thirds of all the members of said Legislature) AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. The County of Putnam, New York (herein called "County"), is hereby authorized to construct various improvements at the Tilly Foster Farm campus, including: (a) improvements to the campus-wide water supply system, at the estimated cost of \$180,000; (b) improvements to the campus-wide power supply system, at the estimated cost of \$80,000; and (c) the rehabilitation of various buildings, at the estimated cost of \$740,000. The estimated total cost thereof, including preliminary costs and costs incidental thereto and to the financing thereof, is \$1,000,000 and said amount is hereby appropriated therefor. The plan of financing, includes the issuance of \$1,000,000 serial bonds of the County to finance said appropriation, and the levy and collection of taxes on all the taxable real property in the County to pay the principal of said bonds and the interest thereon as the same shall become due and payable.

Section 2. Bonds of the County in the principal amount of \$1,000,000 are hereby authorized to be issued pursuant to the provisions of the Local Finance Law, constituting Chapter 33-a of the Consolidated Laws of the State of New York (herein called "Law"), to finance said appropriation.

Section 3. (a) The period of probable usefulness of the object or purpose for which \$180,000 of said bonds are authorized to be issued (water supply), within the limitations of Section 11.00 a. 1 of the Law, is forty (40) years.

- (b) The period of probable usefulness of the object or purpose for which \$80,000 of said bonds are authorized to be issued (power supply), within the limitations of Section 11.00 a. 5 of the Law, is thirty (30) years.
- (c) The period of probable usefulness of the object or purpose for which \$740,000 of said bonds are authorized to be issued (building rehabilitation), within the limitations of Section 11.00 a. 12 (a)(3) of the Law, is ten (10) years.

Section 4. The proceeds of the bonds herein authorized and any bond anticipation notes issued in anticipation of said bonds may be applied to reimburse the County for expenditures made after the effective date of this resolution for the purpose for which said bonds are authorized. The foregoing statement of intent with respect to reimbursement is made in conformity with Treasury Regulation Section 1.150-2 of the United States Treasury Department.

Section 5. Each of the bonds authorized by this resolution, and any bond anticipation notes issued in anticipation of the sale of said bonds, shall contain the recital of validity as prescribed by Section 52.00 of the Law and said bonds, and any notes issued in anticipation of said bonds, shall be general obligations of the County, payable as to both principal and interest by general tax upon all the taxable real property within the County. The faith and credit of the County are hereby irrevocably pledged to the punctual payment of the principal of and interest on said bonds, and any notes issued in anticipation of the sale of said bonds, and provision shall be made annually in the budget of the County by appropriation for (a) the amortization and redemption of the bonds and any notes in anticipation thereof to mature in such year and (b) the payment of interest to be due and payable in such year.

Section 6. Subject to the provisions of this resolution and of the Law and pursuant to the provisions of Section 21.00 relative to the authorization of the issuance of bonds having substantially level or declining annual debt service, Section 30.00 relative to the authorization of the issuance of bond anticipation notes or the renewals thereof, and Sections 50.00, 56.00 to 60.00 and 168.00 of the Law, the powers and duties of the County Legislature relative to authorizing bond anticipation notes, or the renewals thereof, and relative to providing for substantially level or declining annual debt service, and prescribing the terms, form and contents, and as to the sale and issuance of the bonds herein authorized, and of any bond anticipation notes issued in anticipation of said bonds, and the renewals of said notes, as well as to executing agreements for credit enhancements, are hereby delegated to the Commissioner of Finance, the chief fiscal officer of the County.

Section 7. The validity of the bonds authorized by this resolution, and of any notes issued in anticipation of the sale of said bonds, may be contested only if:

- (a) such obligations are authorized for an object or purpose for which the County is not authorized to expend money, or
- (b) the provisions of law which should be complied with at the date of the publication of such resolution, or a summary thereof, are not substantially complied with,

and an action, suit or proceeding contesting such validity is commenced within twenty days after the date of such publication, or

(c) such obligations are authorized in violation of the provisions of the constitution.

Section 8. This bond resolution shall take effect upon the approval of the Putnam County Executive, and the Clerk of the County Legislature is hereby authorized

and directed to publish the foregoing resolution, in summary, together with a Notice attached in substantially the form prescribed by §81.00 of the Law in "The Putnam County Courier," "The Putnam Press," and "The Putnam County News & Recorder," three newspapers, each having a general circulation in the County and hereby designated as the official newspapers of the County for such publications.

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The adoption of the foregoing resolution was duly put to a vote on roll call, which resulted as follows:

AYES: SIX – Legislators Addonizio, Castellano, Gross, Nacerino,

Scuccimarra and Chairman Albano.

NOES: TWO – Legislators LoBue and Wright.

ABSENT: ONE – Legislator Gouldman.

The resolution was declared adopted.

CERTIFICATE

I, Diane Schonfeld, Clerk to the County Legislature of the County of Putnam, State of New York, HEREBY CERTIFY that the Resolution No._____-2015 contained in the foregoing annexed extract from the minutes of a meeting of the County Legislature of said County of Putnam duly called and held on August 4, 2015, has been compared by me with the original minutes as officially recorded in my office in the Minute Book of said County Legislature and is a true, complete and correct copy thereof and of the whole of said original Resolution, which was duly adopted by the County Legislature of the County of Putnam on August 4, 2015 and approved by the County Executive on August ___, 2015.

	IN WITNESS WHEREOF,	i nave nereunto set my nand and affixed the
		corporate seal of said County of Putnam this
		day of August, 2015.
(SEAL)		
		Diane Schonfeld
		Clerk to the County Legislature

NOTICE

The resolution, a summary of which is published herewith, has been adopted on August 4, 2015, and the validity of the obligations authorized by such resolution may be hereafter contested only if such obligations were authorized for an object or purpose for which the COUNTY OF PUTNAM, New York, is not authorized to expend money or if the provisions of law which should have been complied with as of the date of publication of this Notice were not substantially complied with, and an action, suit or proceeding contesting such validity is commenced within twenty days after the publication of this Notice, or such obligations were authorized in violation of the provisions of the constitution.

Diane Schonfeld

Clerk to the County Legislature

BOND RESOLUTION OF THE COUNTY OF PUTNAM, NEW YORK, ADOPTED AUGUST 4, 2015, AUTHORIZING THE CONSTRUCTION OF VARIOUS IMPROVEMENTS AT THE TILLY FOSTER FARM CAMPUS; STATING THE ESTIMATED TOTAL COST THEREOF IS \$1,000,000; APPROPRIATING SAID AMOUNT THEREFOR, AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$1,000,000 SERIAL BONDS OF SAID COUNTY TO FINANCE SAID APPROPRIATION.

Object or purpose:

to construct various improvements at the Tilly Foster Farm campus, including: (a) improvements to the campus-wide water supply system, at the estimated cost of \$180,000; (b)

improvements to the campus-wide power supply system, at the estimated cost of \$80,000; and (c) the rehabilitation of various buildings, at the estimated cost of \$740,000

Periods of probable

Usefulness and \$180,000 – forty (40) years Amounts of obligations \$80,000 – thirty (30) years to be issued: \$740,000 – ten (10) years

A complete copy of the bond resolution summarized above shall be available for public inspection during normal business hours at the office of the Clerk to the Legislature, at the County Office Building, 40 Gleneida Avenue, Carmel, New York.

Dated: August 4, 2015

Carmel, New York

Item #6m – Approval/Budgetary Amendment (15A056)/Commissioner of Finance/Bond Resolution/Tilly Foster Farm Renovations was next. On behalf of the members of the Audit & Administration Committee, Legislators Gross and Nacerino, Legislator Castellano moved the following:

RESOLUTION #173

APPROVAL/BUDGETARY AMENDMENT /COMMISSIONER OF FINANCE/BOND RESOLUTION/TILLY FOSTER FARM RENOVATIONS

WHEREAS, the Commissioner of Finance has requested a budgetary amendment (15A056) to fund the Tilly Foster Farm Renovations; 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:

CAPITAL FUND:

Increase Estimated Appropriations:

57997000 53000 51510 Tilly Foster – Renovations 1,000,000

Increase Estimated Revenues:

05000 45710F 51510 Serial Bonds 2015 – Tilly Foster 1,000,000

2015 Fiscal Impact - 0 -

2016 Fiscal Impact – Undetermined Debt Service

BY ROLL CALL VOTE: SIX AYES. TWO NAYS – LEGISLATORS LOBUE & WRIGHT. LEGISLATOR GOULDMAN WAS ABSENT. MOTION CARRIES.

Item #6n – Approval/Litigation Settlement was next. On behalf of the members of the Audit & Administration Committee, Legislators Gross and Nacerino, Legislator Castellano moved the following:

Legislator Wright questioned if there was any reason why this did not go to the Rules Committee meeting.

Legislative Counsel Van Ross stated that the request was received after the Rules Committee meeting.

Legislator Wright stated that he would vote "no." He stated that the presentation that has been submitted to the Legislature suggests another entity, well insured, is 100% responsible for the situation and the County shouldn't have to pay a dime. He believed that it should have gone to the Rules Committee to be discussed as a subsistent matter rather than a settlement amount going before the Audit Committee.

Legislator Castellano stated that this is the recommendation from the County Attorney.

Legislator Wright questioned what the County Attorney's explanation was with respect to why the County did not seek recovery from the responsible party.

Legislative Counsel Van Ross stated the NYMIR, the County's insurance carrier, settled the matter.

Legislator Wright questioned if anyone knew if NYMIR also represented the responsible party.

Legislator LoBue stated that she would vote "no" based on process of items not going to the appropriate Committees.

Legislator Gross stated that he supports the recommendation, however, out of respect for Legislator Addonizio as Chair of the Rules Committee, he would vote "no." He believed it should go back to her Committee.

Legislator Castellano stated that he did not know what would happen if we turn down the agreement tonight. He did not know whether the agreement would be withdrawn. He believed that if it goes to court we could possibly pay more than \$95,000 in legal fees.

Chairman Albano believed that it is important to be reviewed by the appropriate Committee, however, this item was vetted in the Audit Committee. He stated that based on the advice provided to us by the County Attorney, he believed this settlement was appropriate.

Legislator Nacerino believed that if there was any other recourse to be pursued it would have been pursued. She stated that she trusted that NYMIR was handling the situation appropriately and trusted our attorney's due diligence in rendering the appropriate decision.

Legislator Wright made a motion to TABLE this item to the Rules Committee; seconded by Legislator LoBue.

By Roll Call Vote: Five Ayes – Legislators Addonizio, Gross, LoBue, Nacerino and Wright. Three Nayes – Legislators Castellano, Scuccimarra and Chairman Albano. Legislator Gouldman was absent. Motion Carries.

APPROVAL/LITIGATION SETTLEMENT

WHEREAS, on or about April 20, 2012, the Plaintiff, Christina Chez, was injured in a motorcycle accident on Farmers Mills Road in the Town of Kent, allegedly as the result of the negligent clean up of a petroleum/fuel oil spill by the County;

WHEREAS, Plaintiff sought recovery for personal injury damages and for pain and emotional suffering; and

WHEREAS, Plaintiff agreed to a settlement with the County, subject to the Legislature's approval, in which the County agreed to pay Plaintiff the sum of ninety-five thousand (\$95,000.00) dollars; and

WHEREAS, the County Attorney, the County's outside counsel, James A. Randazzo, and NYMIR's claims representative recommended the settlement as an alternative to trial; and

WHEREAS, counsel for the County of Putnam has in fact settled the matter with the Plaintiffs for the sum of ninety-five thousand (\$95,000.00) dollars and is preparing the required Stipulation of Discontinuance and General Releases which, upon filing with the Court, will discontinue this matter and which will allow Plaintiff to receive her settlement payment; and

WHEREAS, the settlement is in the public interest and has avoided the costs of further litigation; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the settlement of this matter for the sum of ninety-five thousand (\$95,000.00) dollars is hereby approved.

Item #60 – Approval/Fund Transfer (15T131)/Law Department/Judgement & Claims was next. On behalf of the members of the Audit & Administration Committee, Legislators Gross and Nacerino, Legislator Castellano moved the following:

Legislator Nacerino made a motion to TABLE this item for further information; seconded by Legislator LoBue.

By Roll Call Vote: Seven Ayes – Legislators Addonizio, Castellano, Gross, LoBue, Nacerino, Scuccimarra and Wright. One Nay – Chairman Albano. Legislator Gouldman was absent. Motion carries.

APPROVAL/FUND TRANSFER /COUNTY ATTORNEY/JUDGEMENT & CLAIMS

WHEREAS, the County Attorney has requested a fund transfer (15T131) to cover the cost of a litigation settlement; 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:

10199000 54980 General Contingencies 50,000

Increase:

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

Item #6p – Approval/Grant Application/Sheriff's Department/2015 Explosives Detection Sustainment Grant/ Support Established Explosive Detection Canine (EDC) Teams was next. On behalf of the members of the Audit & Administration Committee, Legislators Gross and Nacerino, Legislator Castellano moved the following:

Legislator Castellano stated that the deadline to apply for this application is August 13, 2015.

Legislator Wright stated that he would be voting "no" since the request was not submitted to the Protective Services Committee.

Legislator Gross stated that, as Chair of the Protective Committee, he was supportive of moving this request to the Audit Committee because the deadline to apply was August 13, 2015.

RESOLUTION #174

APPROVAL/GRANT APPLICATION/SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT/2015 EXPLOSIVES DETECTION SUSTAINMENT GRANT/ SUPPORT ESTABLISHED EXPLOSIVE DETECTION CANINE (EDC) TEAMS

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

WHEREAS, the New York State Homeland Security and Emergency Services has a FY2015 Explosive Detection Canine (EDC) Team Grant Program which requires no matching funds to participate in this program; and

WHEREAS, the award received could yield up to \$20,000 and would be used to support and maintain established Explosive Detection Canine (EDC) Teams; and

WHEREAS, the Putnam County Sheriff's Department currently has two (2) active EDC teams working full time in Putnam County; and

WHEREAS, the deadline for applying for a grant under this program is August 13, 2015; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Putnam County Legislature supports and authorizes the Putnam County Sheriff's Department to apply for a \$20,000 grant under the New York State Homeland Security and Emergency Services FY2015 Explosive Detection Canine Team Grant Program.

BY ROLL CALL VOTE: SIX AYES. TWO NAYS – LEGISLATORS LOBUE & WRIGHT. LEGISLATOR GOULDMAN WAS ABSENT. MOTION CARRIES.

Item #6q – Approval/ In Support of Putnam County's use of WQIP Funds/ Study for Years Six through Ten of Stormwater Retrofit Program for EOH Coalition was next. On behalf

of the members of the Audit & Administration Committee, Legislators Gross and Nacerino, Legislator Castellano moved the following:

Legislator LoBue questioned if this request went to the Physical Services Committee meeting.

Legislator Castellano said, "no."

Legislator Wright stated that it is hard to imagine that a program to do a six (6) year study missed the applicable Committee's deadline to be reviewed by the Physical Services Committee. He stated that the process of getting items through this Legislature is totally unimportant to those who come forth with requests because they know that somehow it will happen in spite of our rules.

Legislator Gross questioned if there was a deadline. He questioned if it could be put off for four (4) weeks. He stated that he respects the comments made by Legislator Wright. He stated that we are receiving more items that are skipping the appropriate Committee.

Legislator Castellano stated that it came to the Audit meeting because the parties involved had their meeting the week before the Audit meeting.

Chairman Albano stated that he understood that it should have gone the Physical Committee, however as the Chair of that Committee he did not have a problem with it going to the Audit Committee which he was in attendance at.

Legislator Nacerino stated that this is a very important issue before us tonight and she believed that we needed to act on it. However, she stated that Legislator Wright's point is well taken. She believed that we need to rein in and demand that our policies and procedures be adhered to and that proper protocol be followed.

Legislator Wright made a motion to TABLE this item; seconded by Legislator LoBue.

By Roll Call Vote: Four Ayes – Legislators Addonizio, Gross, LoBue and Wright. Four Nays – Legislators Castellano, Nacerino, Scuccimarra and Chairman Albano. Legislator Gouldman was absent. Motion Fails.

Chairman Albano called for a vote on the resolution.

RESOLUTION #175

APPROVAL/RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF PUTNAM COUNTY'S USE OF WQIP FUNDS/STUDY FOR YEARS SIX THROUGH TEN OF STORMWATER RETROFIT PROGRAM FOR EOH COALITION

WHEREAS, the County of Putnam (hereinafter the "County") and the City of New York (hereinafter the "City"), as well as other various parties, executed the 1997 Watershed Memorandum of Agreement (hereinafter the "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 (hereinafter the

"WQIP Funds") to the County to support a program of water quality investments in Putnam County; and

WHEREAS, Section 140(a) of the MOA provides that WQIP Funds shall be used to support a program of water quality investments in East of Hudson (defined by the MOA as "the drainage basins of the specific reservoirs and controlled lakes of the New York City Watershed located east of the Hudson River in the New York Counties of Dutchess, Putnam and Westchester"); and

WHEREAS, the Water Supply Permit which was negotiated with NYSDEC in 2010 ("2010 WSP") encouraged the formation of a regional stormwater entity ("RSE") to organize, administer and implement stormwater retrofit projects; and

WHEREAS, the County, along with eighteen (18) other municipal entities, successfully formed the East of Hudson Coalition ("EOH Coalition"), which is an association of municipalities located within the New York City Watershed east of the Hudson River ("EOH Watershed"); and

WHEREAS, the County and the other members of the EOH Coalition are individually subject to a SPDES General Permit for Stormwater Discharges from Municipal Separate Storm Sewer Systems ("MS4s") ("MS4 Permit"), pursuant to which the municipalities located within the EOH Watershed ("EOH municipalities") are required to implement stormwater retrofits and are encouraged to participate in a regional stormwater retrofit plan; and

WHEREAS, the EOH Coalition has been successful in completing retrofit projects since its inception throughout the East of Hudson Watershed and during years one through five of the retrofit program; and

WHEREAS, years six through ten of the phosphorous offset program are now approaching, which prompted the EOH Coalition to request proposals from outside firms with the expertise and experience to prepare a stormwater retrofit strategy outlining proposed projects for years 6-10 to reduce the phosphorous discharge in the EOH watershed ("the Project") which will protect and improve the City's water supply; and

WHEREAS, the EOH Coalition received three (3) separate proposals in response to its Request for Proposals, and the firm of Woodard & Curran was selected; and

WHEREAS, the contribution of each municipality toward the cost of obtaining such study has been calculated based upon its individual municipal area in the Croton Watershed, and its required phosphorous reduction over a five-year period, which totals two hundred and sixty thousand, five hundred and ninety-nine dollars and fifty-nine cents (\$260,599.59) for both phases of the study, out of the total cost of six hundred and twenty thousand (\$620,000.00) dollars; and

WHEREAS, the County Executive has approved this expenditure of the use of earnings of the WQIP Funds to contribute toward the development of a Phase I study of retrofit plans and projects for years 6-10 of the Phosphorous Offset Program, which is being required by the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation ("NYSDEC"): and

WHEREAS, the Putnam County Legislature has now had the opportunity to review the proposal submitted by Woodard & Curran, which is the firm selected by the EOH Coalition to develop the aforementioned study, 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 earnings of the WQIP Funds; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, the Putnam County Legislature hereby approves the use of earnings on the WQIP Funds to undertake and fund the Project; and be it further

RESOLVED, that this expenditure for both the base and additional scope of the year 6-10 retrofit plan study shall not exceed two hundred and sixty-six thousand

(\$266,000.00) dollars, which includes additional monies over and above the Putnam County municipal share for anticipated expenses; 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, the Commissioner of Finance is authorized to transfer and disburse the approved funds from the earnings on the WQIP Funds accordingly.

BY ROLL CALL VOTE: SIX AYES. TWO NAYS – LEGISLATORS LOBUE & WRIGHT. LEGISLATOR GOULDMAN WAS ABSENT. MOTION CARRIES.

Chairman Albano stated that he would request that the Legislature receive something in writing regarding the SEQRA determination for Item #6k.

Item #7 - Other Business

Chairman Albano made a motion to accept the additional Items 7a & 7b; seconded by Legislator Gross. All in favor.

Item #7a – Approval/Designation/Putnam County Visitors Bureau Inc./Tourist Promotion Agency was next. Chairman Albano moved the following; seconded by Legislator Scuccimarra.

Legislator LoBue stated that she has many questions, therefore she would be voting "no." She hoped that moving forward that we could all stick together in favor of transparent and open government.

RESOLUTION #176

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: SIX AYES. TWO NAYS – LEGISLATORS GROSS & LOBUE. LEGISLATOR GOULDMAN WAS ABSENT. MOTION CARRIES.

Item #7b – Approval/Putnam County Tourist Promotion Agency "I Love New York" Matching Funds Program was next. Chairman Albano moved the following; seconded by Legislators Nacerino and Scuccimarra.

RESOLUTION #177

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 #176 of 2015; 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 2015/2016 by August 2015, 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 2015/2016 tourism budget and to make this program a three-way County, State and private partnership.

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

Chairman Albano made a motion to accept the additional Item #7c; seconded by Legislator Nacerino. All in favor.

Item #7c – Approval/Authorization for Intermunicipal Agreement with Westchester County to Organize and Implement Activities under the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) was next.

Chairman Albano stated that Commissioner of Social Services, Michael Piazza informed the Legislature that the County could expect to receive approximately \$400,000.

RESOLUTION #178

AUTHORIZATION FOR INTERMUNICIPAL AGREEMENT WITH WESTCHESTER COUNTY TO ORGANIZE AND IMPLEMENT ACTIVITIES UNDER THE WORKFORCE INNOVATION AND OPPORTUNITY ACT (WIOA)

WHEREAS, on or about June 12, 2014, Putnam County (the "County") and Westchester County ("Westchester") entered into an intermunicipal agreement in accordance with the previously-enacted Workplace Investment Act ("WIA") setting forth each municipality's roles with respect to carrying out all of the responsibilities assigned to each municipality and appointing members of the Local Workforce Development Areas ("LWDAs"); and

WHEREAS, on July 22, 2014, the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act ("WIOA") was signed into law as the successor to WIA, requiring the establishment of Local Workforce Development Boards ("LWDBs"); and

WHEREAS, pursuant to WIOA §107(c)(1)(B), the Westchester County Executive and the Putnam County Executive are defined as "Chief Elected Officials" ("CEO") that may "execute an agreement that specifies the respective roles of the individual chief elected officials" concerning appointment of members of the LWDBs and in carrying out any other responsibilities assigned to such officials; and

WHEREAS, Westchester's Board of Legislators has authorized its County Executive to enter into an intermunicipal agreement (the "IMA") with the County in which Westchester and the County will agree to organize and implement activities pursuant to WIOA, as part of their request for initial designation of the Westchester-Putnam Local Workforce Development Area, which will cover Westchester County (exclusive of the City of Yonkers) and Putnam County; and

WHEREAS, such IMA shall commence on July 1, 2015 and continue until, (a) both the County and Westchester act to rescind the IMA; (b) federal or state authority ceases for the Westchester-Putnam Local Workforce Development Area to serve as the local implementation means for job-training programs; or (c) June 30, 2020; whichever comes first; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, County Executive MaryEllen Odell is hereby authorized to enter into an IMA with Westchester pursuant to which the County and Westchester will agree to organize and implement activities pursuant to WIOA, as part of their request for initial designation of the Westchester-Putnam Local Workforce Development Area, which will cover Putnam County and Westchester County (exclusive of the City of Yonkers).

RESOLVED, that this Resolution take effect immediately.

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

Item #8 – Recognition of Public.

Commissioner of Health, Dr. Beals reminded County employees about the Point of Distribution Drill taking place at the Health Department next Wednesday, August 12th between 1:00 through 3:00 pm. He stated that this is a drill to work on the department's readiness to distribute medicine in the case of a disaster.

Item #9 - Recognition of Legislators.

No Legislator wished to be recognized.

There being no further business, at 8:43 P.M., Chairman Albano made a motion to adjourn; seconded by Legislator Nacerino. All in favor.

Respectfully submitted by Diane Schonfeld, Clerk.