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

Wednesday November 8, 2017 7:00 P.M.

The meeting was called to order at 7:01 P.M. by Chairwoman Nacerino who requested Legislator Gouldman lead in the Pledge of Allegiance. Chairwoman Nacerino requested Legislator Addonizio lead in the Legislative Prayer. Upon roll call, Legislators Scuccimarra, Gouldman, Addonizio, Albano, Jonke, Castellano, Sullivan and Chairwoman Nacerino were present. Legislator LoBue was absent. Also present was Legislative Counsel Firriolo.

Item #4 – Approval of Minutes - Regular Meeting – October 3, 2017

Budget & Finance Meeting – October 5, 2017

Public Hearing – October 5, 2017

The minutes were approved as submitted.

Item #5 - Correspondence
a) County Auditor

There was no activity during this reporting period.

Item #6 - Pre-filed resolutions:

AUDIT & ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE (Chairman Castellano, Legislators Jonke & Sullivan)

Item #6a – Approval/Budgetary Amendment (17A055)/Youth Bureau/Youth Programs was next. Chairwoman Nacerino recognized Legislator Castellano, Chairman of the Audit & Administration Committee. On behalf of the members of the Committee, Legislators Jonke and Sullivan, Legislator Castellano moved the following:

**RESOLUTION #228** 

#### APPROVAL/BUDGETARY AMENDMENT /YOUTH BUREAU/YOUTH PROGRAMS

WHEREAS, the Youth Bureau has received notification by the NYS Office of Children and Family Services of increased funding in the amount of \$2,571; and WHEREAS, these funds must be expended by December 31, 2017; and WHEREAS, the Youth Bureau has requested a budgetary amendment (17A055) to allocate these funds for Youth Programs; and

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

RESOLVED, that the following budgetary amendment be made:

**Increase Revenues:** 

10731000 438201 Youth Admin – Youth Programs 2,571

**Increase Appropriations:** 

10731000 54989 Youth Admin – Miscellaneous 2,571

2017 Fiscal Impact – 0 – 2018 Fiscal Impact – 0 –

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

Item #6b – Approval/Budgetary Amendment (17A057)/Probation Department/ Donation was next. On behalf of the members of the Audit & Administration Committee, Legislators Jonke and Sullivan, Legislator Castellano moved the following:

#### **RESOLUTION #229**

#### APPROVAL/BUDGETARY AMENDMENT /PROBATION DEPARTMENT/ DONATION

WHEREAS, the Probation Department has received a \$500 donation from the Carmel Rotary Club for the Drug Treatment Court Program; and

WHEREAS, the Probation Department has requested a budgetary amendment (17A057) to allow the department to purchase supplies and materials for the program; and

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

RESOLVED, that the following budgetary amendment be made:

**Increase Revenues:** 

10314000 427050 10133 Drug Treatment Court – Gifts & Donations 500

**Increase Appropriations:** 

2017 Fiscal Impact – 0 – 2018 Fiscal Impact – 0 –

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

Item #6c – Approval/Budgetary Amendment (17A058)/Sheriff's Department/ Donation/ Purchase Canine Patrol Vehicle was next. On behalf of the members of the Audit & Administration Committee, Legislators Jonke and Sullivan, Legislator Castellano moved the following:

#### **RESOLUTION #230**

APPROVAL/BUDGETARY AMENDMENT /SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT/ DONATION/ PURCHASE CANINE PATROL VEHICLE WHEREAS, the Sheriff's Department has received, through the generosity of Joseph D. Stilwell, a donation amount of \$40,000.00 with the intention that these funds be used to purchase a K-9 Patrol Vehicle; and

WHEREAS, the Sheriff's Department has requested a budgetary amendment (17A058) to place these funds in the Road Patrol Motor Vehicle line; and

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

RESOLVED, that the following budgetary amendment be made:

**Increase Revenues:** 

17311000 427050 Road Patrol – Gifts & Donations 40,000

Increase Expenses:

17311000 52650 Road Patrol – Motor Vehicles 40,000

2017 Fiscal Impact – 0 – 2018 Fiscal Impact – 0 –

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

Item #6d – Approval/Budgetary Amendment (17A059)/Commissioner of Finance/Vacancy Control Factor May – August 2017 was next. On behalf of the members of the Audit & Administration Committee, Legislators Jonke and Sullivan, Legislator Castellano moved the following:

#### **RESOLUTION #231**

APPROVAL/BUDGETARY AMENDMENT /COMMISSIONER OF FINANCE/VACANCY CONTROL FACTOR MAY – AUGUST 2017

WHEREAS, the Commissioner of Finance has requested a budgetary amendment (17A059) to provide for the Vacancy Control Factor for May through August 2017; and WHEREAS, the Audit & Administration Committee has reviewed and approved said budgetary amendment; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the following budgetary amendment be made:

# **GENERAL FUND:**

Decrease	Estimated	l <b>Appropr</b> i	iations:
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SEE ATTACHED SHEET	Personal Services	67,923
SEE ATTACHED SHEET	FICA	5,196
SEE ATTACHED SHEET	Dental	1,320
SEE ATTACHED SHEET	Life Insurance	417
SEE ATTACHED SHEET	Health Insurance	16,994
SEE ATTACHED SHEET	Vision	80
SEE ATTACHED SHEET	Flex Plan	1,334
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**Decrease Estimated Revenues:** 

10131000 427705 Vacancy Control Factor 93,264

2017 Fiscal Impact – 0 – 2018 Fiscal Impact – 0 –

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

Item #6e – Approval/Budgetary Amendment (17A060)/Probation Department/Grant Award/ Senator Terence Murphy /Drug Treatment Court was next. On behalf of the members of the Audit & Administration Committee, Legislators Jonke and Sullivan, Legislator Castellano moved the following:

## **RESOLUTION #232**

APPROVAL/BUDGETARY AMENDMENT /PROBATION DEPARTMENT/GRANT AWARD/ SENATOR TERENCE MURPHY / DRUG TREATMENT COURT

WHEREAS, New York State Senator Terence Murphy has secured \$5,000 from the NYS Division of Criminal Justice Services (LG17-1277-D00 – T102570); and

WHEREAS, these funds will be used to purchase materials for the Drug Treatment Court Program; and

WHEREAS, this grant award requires no matching funds on behalf of the County; and

WHEREAS, the grant term is effective September 1, 2017 through August 31, 2018; and

WHEREAS, the Audit & Administration Committee has reviewed and approved of this grant award; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the following budgetary amendment (17A060) be made:

**Increase Revenues:** 

10314000 433890 10133 Probation – St Aid Public Safety Other

Drug Treatment Court Grant 5,000

**Increase Appropriations:** 

Drug Treatment Court Grant 4,268

10314000 54989 10133 Probation – Miscellaneous

Drug Treatment Court Grant 732 5.000

2017 Fiscal Impact – 0 – 2018 Fiscal Impact – 0 –

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

Item #6f – Approval/Budgetary Amendment (17A062)/Sheriff's Department/ Purchase Vehicle for Narcotics Enforcement Unit was next. On behalf of the members of the Audit & Administration Committee, Legislators Jonke and Sullivan, Legislator Castellano moved the following:

#### **RESOLUTION #233**

# APPROVAL/BUDGETARY AMENDMENT /SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT/ PURCHASE VEHICLE FOR NARCOTICS ENFORCEMENT UNIT

WHEREAS, the Sheriff's Department has requested a budgetary amendment (17A062) to utilize State Seized Asset reserve funds to purchase a vehicle for the Narcotics Enforcement Unit; and

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

RESOLVED, that the following fund transfer be made:

**Increase Revenue:** 

14311000 427151 Narcotics Task Force

Proceeds of Seized Property 26,277

**Increase Appropriations:** 

14311000 52650 Narcotics Task Force

Motor Vehicles 26,277

2017 Fiscal Impact – 0 – 2018 Fiscal Impact – 0 –

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

Item #6g – Approval/Budgetary Amendment (17A063)/Department of Social Services/ Victim Assistance Grant Program / Child Advocacy was next. On behalf of the members of the Audit & Administration Committee, Legislators Jonke and Sullivan, Legislator Castellano moved the following:

#### **RESOLUTION #234**

APPROVAL/BUDGETARY AMENDMENT /DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES/ VICTIM ASSISTANCE GRANT PROGRAM / CHILD ADVOCACY

WHEREAS, by Resolution #125 of 2017, the Putnam County Legislature approved and authorized the renewal of the Victim Assistance Program grant; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Social Services has requested a budgetary amendment (17A063) to amend the 2017 budget to include additional grant funding in accordance with the approved contract renewal C-100064 with the NYS Office of Victim Services for the Victim Assistance Program located at the Child Advocacy Center (CAC); and

WHEREAS, the additional grant funding is being provided for the purpose of contracting with the Putnam/Northern Westchester Women's Center to provide therapy and crisis intervention to CAC clients; and

WHEREAS, the term of the contract renewal is October 1, 2017 through September 30, 2018; and

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

RESOLVED, that the following budgetary amendment be made:

**Increase Appropriations:** 

22071000 OEOP Crime Victim

54646 Contracts 27,000

**Increase Estimated Revenues:** 

22071000 OEOP Crime Victim

446131 Crime Victims Board 27,000

2017 Fiscal Impact – 0 – 2018 Fiscal Impact – 0 –

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

Item #6h – Approval/Budgetary Amendment (17A064)/Sheriff's Department/ERT Training Overtime Expense was next. On behalf of the members of the Audit & Administration Committee, Legislators Jonke and Sullivan, Legislator Castellano moved the following:

#### **RESOLUTION #235**

# APPROVAL/BUDGETARY AMENDMENT /SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT/OVERTIME ERT TRAINING

WHEREAS, the Sheriff's Department has requested a budgetary amendment (17A064) to cover Overtime for ERT training; 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 Revenue:** 

17311000 422601 10102	Sheriff Patrol ERT Training – Outside Svcs	17.000
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**Increase Appropriation:** 

17311000 51093 10102	Sheriff Patrol – ERT Trng – Overtime	15,792
17311000 58002 10102	Sheriff Patrol – ERT Trng – FICA	<u>1,208</u>
	_	17.000

2017 Fiscal Impact – 0 – 2018 Fiscal Impact – 0 –

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

Item #6i – Approval/Fund Transfer (17T223)/Sheriff's Department/ Overtime was next. On behalf of the members of the Audit & Administration Committee, Legislators Jonke and Sullivan, Legislator Castellano made a motion to TABLE this item to the Protective Services Committee meeting; seconded by Legislator Jonke.

Legislator Castellano explained that we have not yet received the information requested from the Sheriff's Department pertaining to this item.

#### APPROVAL/FUND TRANSFER /SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT/ OVERTIME

WHEREAS, the Sheriff's Department has requested a fund transfer (17T223) to cover Overtime costs for Certified First Responder (CFR) training; and

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

RESOLVED, that the following fund transfer be made:

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14311000 51000 (14107)	Open Personnel Line	2,353
14311000 58002	FICA	<u> 180</u>
		2,533
Increase:		
17311000 51093	Overtime	2,353
17311000 58002	FICA	<u> 180</u>
		2,533
	2017 Fiscal Impact – 0 –	
	2018 Fiscal Impact – 0 –	

Item #6j – Approval/Fund Transfer (17T224)/Sheriff's Department/Overtime was next. On behalf of the members of the Audit & Administration Committee, Legislators Jonke and Sullivan, Legislator Castellano moved the following:

#### **RESOLUTION #236**

## APPROVAL/FUND TRANSFER /SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT /OVERTIME

WHEREAS, the Sheriff's Department has requested a fund transfer (17T224) to cover Overtime costs due to personnel vacancies; and

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

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

#### Decrease:

10315000 51000 (10104)	Open Personnel Line	3,515
10315000 51000 (10128)	Open Personnel Line	4,149
10315000 51000 (10132)	Open Personnel Line	5,415
10315000 51000 (10158)	Open Personnel Line	<u>14,673</u>
		27,752

Increase:

10315000 51093 Overtime 27,752

2017 Fiscal Impact – 0 – 2018 Fiscal Impact – 0 –

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

Item #6k – Approval/ Fund Transfer (17T228)/Real Property/Temporary was next. On behalf of the members of the Audit & Administration Committee, Legislators Jonke and Sullivan, Legislator Castellano moved the following:

#### **RESOLUTION #237**

#### APPROVAL/ FUND TRANSFER /REAL PROPERTY/TEMPORARY

WHEREAS, the Commissioner of Finance has requested a fund transfer (17T228) to cover Temporary costs in the Office of Real Property due to a vacant position; and WHEREAS, the Audit & Administration Committee has reviewed and approved said fund transfer; now therefore be it

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

Decrease:

10135500 51000 (10106) Real Property – Personnel 6,000

Increase:

10135500 51094 Temporary 6,000

2017 Fiscal Impact – 0 – 2018 Fiscal Impact – 0 –

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

Item #6L – Approval/Fund Transfer (17T246)/Sheriff's Department/Overtime was next. On behalf of the members of the Audit & Administration Committee, Legislators Jonke and Sullivan, Legislator Castellano made a motion to TABLE this item to the Protective Services Committee pending receipt of the further documentation requested; seconded by Legislator Jonke.

#### APPROVAL/FUND TRANSFER /SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT/OVERTIME

WHEREAS, the Sheriff's Department has requested a fund transfer (17T246) to cover Overtime costs for Certified First Responder (CFR) training; and

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

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

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14311000 51000 (14107) 14311000 58002	Open Personnel Line FICA	3,801.84 <u>290.84</u> 4,092.68
Increase:		
17311000 51093	Overtime	3,801.84
17311000 58002	FICA	290.84
		4,092.68

2017 Fiscal Impact – 0 – 2018 Fiscal Impact – 0 –

Item #6m – Approval/Fund Transfer (17T255)/Sheriff's Department/Overtime/Temporary was next. On behalf of the members of the Audit & Administration Committee, Legislators Jonke and Sullivan, Legislator Castellano moved the following:

#### **RESOLUTION #238**

#### APPROVAL/FUND TRANSFER /SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT/OVERTIME/TEMPORARY

WHEREAS, the Sheriff's Department has requested a fund transfer (17T255) to cover Overtime costs for the Jail and Training and to cover Temporary costs; and WHEREAS, the Audit & Administration Committee has reviewed and approved said fund transfer; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the following fund transfer be made:

Decrease:		
10009000 51093	Transportation Overtime	75,000
10009000 58002	FICA	5,738
		80,738
Increase:		
10012000 51093	Training Overtime	25,000
10315000 51093	Jail Overtime	25,000
10315000 51094	Temporary	25,000
10012000 58002	FICA	1,913
10315000 58002	FICA	3,825
		80,738
	2017 Fiscal Impact – 0 –	
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BY POLL VOTE: ALL AYES. LEGISLATOR LOBUE WAS ABSENT. MOTION CARRIES.

Item #6n – Approval/Fund Transfer (17T256)/Sheriff's Department/Overtime was next. On behalf of the members of the Audit & Administration Committee, Legislators Jonke and Sullivan, Legislator Castellano moved the following:

#### **RESOLUTION #239**

#### APPROVAL/FUND TRANSFER /SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT/OVERTIME

WHEREAS, the Sheriff's Department has requested a fund transfer (17T256) to cover September & October Overtime costs due to Open Personnel lines; and WHEREAS, the Audit & Administration Committee has reviewed and approved said fund transfer; now therefore be it

# RESOLVED, that the following fund transfer be made:

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10315000 51000 (10132)	Open Personnel Line	5,201
10315000 51000 (10158)	Open Personnel Line	5,393
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Increase:

10315000 51093 Overtime 10,594

2017 Fiscal Impact – 0 – 2018 Fiscal Impact – 0 –

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

Item #60 – Approval/Fund Transfer (17T286)/Office for Senior Resources/Expanded In Homes Services for the Elderly Program (EISEP) was next. On behalf of the members of the Audit & Administration Committee, Legislators Jonke and Sullivan, Legislator Castellano moved the following:

#### **RESOLUTION #240**

APPROVAL/FUND TRANSFER /OFFICE FOR SENIOR RESOURCES/EXPANDED IN HOMES SERVICES FOR THE ELDERLY PROGRAM (EISEP)

WHEREAS, the Director for Senior Resources requested a fund transfer (17T286) to cover costs associated with the Expanded In Homes Services for the Elderly Program (EISEP) through Year End 2017; and

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

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

Decrease:		
10677200 54646	Contracts	12,000
10677700 54646	Contracts	5,000
10677200 54936	Partnership Initiative	20,000
10677200 54782	Software & Accessories	7,900
10677800 54782	Software & Accessories	1,500
10677300 54419	Janitorial Supplies	500
10677400 54419	Janitorial Supplies	2,000
10677700 54419	Janitorial Supplies	2,000
10677800 54419	Janitorial Supplies	2,000
10677700 52170	Kitchen Equipment	3,100
10677800 52170	Kitchen Equipment	2,000
10762000 54646	Contracts	8,000
		66,000
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Increase:

10677600 54646 Contracts 66,000

2017 Fiscal Impact – 0 – 2018 Fiscal Impact – 0 –

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

Item #6p – Approval/Semi-Annual Mortgage Tax Report/April 1, 2017 through September 30, 2017 was next. On behalf of the members of the Audit & Administration Committee, Legislators Jonke and Sullivan, Legislator Castellano moved the following:

#### **RESOLUTION #241**

APPROVAL/SEMI-ANNUAL MORTGAGE TAX REPORT/ APRIL 1, 2017 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 30, 2017

WHEREAS, upon receipt of approval of the Semi-Annual Report showing the amounts to be credited to each district of the County of the money collected during the period April 1, 2017 through September 30, 2017 from the New York State Department of Taxation and Finance, the Putnam County Audit and Administration Committee reviewed and hereby forwards same to the Putnam County Legislature; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that pursuant to Section 261 of the Tax Law, the Putnam County Legislature issues tax warrants for the payment to the respective districts of the amounts so credited and authorizes and directs the Commissioner of Finance to make a payment of said amounts to the respective district in accordance with the report as follows:

Town of Carmel		\$ 483,338.79
Town of Kent		145,481.60
Town of Patterson		93,983.42
Town of Philipstown		
	Village of Cold Spring	16,211.85
	Village of Nelsonville	4,668.00
	Town Outside	201,583.95
Town of Putnam Valley		140,193.42
Town of Southeast		
	Village of Brewster	7,792.23
Total	Town Outside	232,449.94 \$1,325,703.20

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

Item #6q – Approval/Grant Application/ Emergency Services/ Hazardous Mitigation Grant Program was next. On behalf of the members of the Audit & Administration Committee, Legislators Jonke and Sullivan, Legislator Castellano moved the following:

#### **RESOLUTION #242**

# APPROVAL/GRANT APPLICATION/ EMERGENCY SERVICES/ HAZARDOUS MITIGATION GRANT PROGRAM

WHEREAS, Section 5-1(D)(1) of the Putnam County Code requires the Putnam County Legislature to approve all grant applications prior to submission, however in the case where time is of the essence with Legislature approval not possible before submission, the grant application shall be forwarded to the Legislature for approval at its next meeting; and

WHEREAS, applications must be submitted, by October 11, 2017, to the New York State Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Services (DHSES); and

WHEREAS, the total amount of the grant application is \$150,000 with a 25% County match; and

WHEREAS, the Audit & Administration Committee has considered this application process and has granted approval in concept for this grant application; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Putnam County Legislature approves and authorizes the grant application to the New York State Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Services (DHSES) in the amount of \$150,000 for the Hazardous Mitigation Grant Program.

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

Item #6r – Memorialization / NYSAC Resolution/ Urging the New York State Congressional Delegation to Preserve the Federal Income Tax Deduction for State and Local Taxes was next. On behalf of the members of the Audit & Administration Committee, Legislators Jonke and Sullivan, Legislator Castellano moved the following:

## **RESOLUTION #243**

MEMORIALIZATION / NYSAC RESOLUTION/ URGING THE NEW YORK STATE CONGRESSIONAL DELEGATION TO PRESERVE THE FEDERAL INCOME TAX DEDUCTION FOR STATE AND LOCAL TAXES

WHEREAS, Congress is proposing significant reforms to the federal tax system; and

WHEREAS, under current federal law there is a deduction for state and local taxes and this deduction has been in place since the federal income tax was instituted in 1913; and

WHEREAS, the deductibility of these taxes prevents double taxation, since state and local taxes are mandatory payments; and

WHEREAS, states and local governments use revenues from property, income, sales and other locally generated resources to finance infrastructure, pay for K-12 education, support higher education and job training, provide for public safety and health, and implement a large array of federally mandated health and human service programs; and

WHEREAS, the deductibility of these state and local taxes allows them to maintain authority over local tax structures that support the public good; and

WHEREAS, eliminating the deductibility of state and local taxes would represent double taxation on all Americans, a principle strongly rejected throughout the rest of the federal tax code; and

WHEREAS, in 2015, nearly 96 percent of all federal income tax itemizers took the state and local deduction; and

WHEREAS, over 36 million individuals and families making under \$200,000 claimed this deduction in 2015; and

WHEREAS, the families taking this deduction accounted for 53 percent of the total amount of double taxation avoided in 2015; and

WHEREAS, in New York State as of 2014, over 34 percent of taxpayers itemize their federal income taxes, claiming \$67 billion in deductions for state and local taxes, representing over 13 percent of all state and local tax deductions claimed nationwide; and

WHEREAS, New Yorkers claim the highest average deductions of any state in the nation, at \$36,000, on their federal income taxes, with more than two-thirds of these deductions related to state and local taxes; and

WHEREAS, eliminating the federal deductibility of state and local taxes will imperil the delivery of public services in New York, many of which are mandated by the federal government, and may increase the effective federal income tax rate for many New Yorkers; and

WHEREAS, New York State has been a "donor" state for federal income tax purposes for decades, meaning we pay far more in taxes to the federal government then we get back in federal payments and grants; and

WHEREAS, this consistent "donor" status requires the state to raise more revenues locally via state and local taxes to help pay for necessary services and infrastructure for state residents, and to finance federally mandated programs because federal revenues are insufficient to cover the costs of these local services as well as pay for federally mandated programs, regulations, and rules; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, the Putnam County Legislature calls on the New York State Congressional Delegation to preserve the federal deductibility of state and local taxes to prevent double taxation and to ensure New York's "donor" state status with the federal government is not made worse; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Clerk of the Putnam County Legislature forward copies of this resolution to the President Donald J. Trump, Senator Charles E. Schumer, Senator Kristen Gillibrand, Congressman Sean Patrick Maloney, Governor Andrew M. Cuomo, Senate Majority Leader John Flanagan, Assembly Speaker Carl Heastie, Senator Susan Serino, Senator Terrence Murphy, Assemblywoman Sandra Galef, Assemblyman Kevin Byrne and NYSAC.

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

Item #7 - Other Business

Item #7a – Approval/Standard Work Day & Reporting Resolution was next. Chairwoman Nacerino moved the following; seconded by Legislator Sullivan.

**RESOLUTION #244** 

## APPROVAL/STANDARD WORK DAY & REPORTING RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, by Resolution #143 of 2013 the Putnam County Legislature established the Standard Work Days for certain Elected Officials in Putnam County; and WHEREAS, this Standard Work Day was filed with the New York State and Local Employee's Retirement System; and

WHEREAS, the New York State and Local Employee's Retirement System required an amendment to this report; and

WHEREAS, Resolution #226 of 2014 amended Resolution #143 of 2013 for Legislators Joseph Castellano and Barbara Scuccimarra; and

WHEREAS, correspondence received from the New York State and Local Retirement System, dated October 6, 2017, determined that discrepancies for certain individuals were identified between the Record of Activities listed on the resolutions versus the number of days worked reported on the County's monthly reports; and

WHEREAS, upon review of the Standard Work Day resolutions filed, it was determined that an amendment needed to be made for Legislator Joseph Castellano; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the following amendment reflect the change made on Resolution #226 of 2014 for Legislator Joseph Castellano only per the attached Schedule.

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

Item #8 - Recognition of Public

There was no member of the public that wished to be recognized.

Item #9 - Recognition of Legislators

Chairwoman Nacerino offered her congratulations to all victors on Election Day. She congratulated the winners in her Town of Patterson and the re-election of Legislators Addonizio and Gouldman. She also congratulated Amy Sayegh on her victory as a newly elected Legislator and stated that she looked forward to a very productive year in 2018 as we continue to do good things for the people of Putnam County. Chairwoman Nacerino also reminded everyone that Veterans Day is November 11<sup>th</sup> and she asked that Veterans be remembered for their service to our Country.

There being no further business, at 7:15 P.M., Chairwoman Nacerino made a motion to adjourn; seconded by Legislator Albano. All in favor.

Respectfully submitted by Diane Schonfeld, Clerk.