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

Thursda	October 1	9. 2023	6:00 P.M.
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The meeting was called to order at 6:02 P.M. by Chairman Jonke who requested Legislator Sayegh lead in the Pledge of Allegiance. Upon roll call, Legislators Montgomery, Gouldman, Addonizio, Nacerino, Ellner, Castellano, Sayegh, Crowley and Chairman Jonke were present. Also present was Legislative Counsel Firriolo.

Chairman Jonke stated that they would now review the proposed changes submitted by each Committee.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT & ENERGY COMMITTEE (Chairman Gouldman, Legislators Jonke & Montgomery)

Item #1 - Putnam County Economic Development Corp. – County Contribution – Place funds in Subcontingency. Chairman Jonke asked if there was a motion for this item.

Legislator Montgomery moved the following; seconded by Legislator Ellner.

Legislator Ellner stated that he was satisfied and suggested moving it from subcontingency.

Chairman Jonke explained that it was not in subcontingency. The vote was to put the funds in subcontingency.

Legislator Ellner stated that there was no need to put this into subcontingency. He stated that he reviewed what has been provided and his questions have been satisfied.

Legislative Counsel Firriolo questioned if Legislator Ellner withdraws his second on the motion.

Legislator Ellner said yes.

Legislator Montgomery stated that she withdraws her motion too.

Putnam County Economic Development Corp.		
	FROM:	TO:
County Contribution		
25642000 54950	172,280	0

Subcontingency 10199000 549

A DIFFERENCE OF: 0

Adjust fringes and revenue accordingly.

HEALTH, SOCIAL, EDUCATIONAL & ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITTEE (Chairwoman Sayegh, Legislators Crowley & Nacerino)

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Item #2 - Department of Health – Peers Influence Peers – Alcohol & Substance Abuse -Mental Health Services Other – Restore Funding - Increase from \$0 to \$36,000 Place in Subcontingency. Chairman Jonke asked if there was a motion on this item.

Legislator Sayegh moved the following; seconded by Legislator Ellner.

Legislator Sayegh stated that this has been a longstanding program with the Office of Mental Health. She explained that it was requested for this year but was not funded by the Administration. She requested that it be placed in subcontingency so we could discuss it further with the organization at a future meeting and then decide to make any appropriate changes.

Legislator Montgomery believed this was a wonderful program. She explained that the Prevention Council comes before the Legislature throughout the year describing the services they provide. She explained that when you compare the two (2) organizations, the County only provides the Prevention Council with \$7,000 but Peers Influence Peers was receiving \$36,000. She believed that Peers Influence Peers does wonderful work but in comparison to other mental health organizations are doing throughout the County, she believed that we should reconsider providing this funding. She explained that she requested \$25,000 last year and some funding the previous year for the Behavioral Health Hub. She provided data on how many people they were reaching each year and it was denied. She agreed to moving this funding into subcontingency and having further discussions about it.

Alcohol & Substance Abuse		70
	FROM:	TO:
Peers Influence Peers		
(Restore Funding)		
Subcontingency		
10199000 549	0	36,000

A DIFFERENCE OF: 36,000

Adjust fringes and revenue accordingly.

BY ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL AYES. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Item #3 - Social Services Department Adm. – Correct Budget Lines - Move Funding from Contract Line to Payments To Recipients Line.

Chairman Jonke move the following; seconded by Legislator Sayegh.

Social Services Department Adm		
	FROM:	TO:
Contracts 10120000 54646	60,000	0
(Correcting budget line)		v
Payments To Recipients 10120000 54493 (Correcting budget line)	0	60,000

A DIFFERENCE OF: 0

Adjust fringes and revenue accordingly.

BY POLL VOTE: ALL AYES. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Item #4 - Purchase Services Recipients – Correct Budget Lines - Move Funding from Contract Line to Payments To Recipients Line.

Chairman Jonke move the following; seconded by Legislator Sayegh.

Purchase Services Recipients	FROM	TO
Contracto	FROM:	TO:
Contracts 10607000 54646 (Correcting budget line)	1,100,000	0
Payments To Recipients 10607000 54493 (Correcting budget line)	0	1,100,000

A DIFFERENCE OF: 0

Adjust fringes and revenue accordingly.

BY POLL VOTE: ALL AYES. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Item #5 - Office for Senior Resources – Contracts – Restore Program - Increase from \$0 to \$6,000.

Chairman Jonke moved the following; seconded by Legislator Montgomery.

Legislator Montgomery requested clarification on the program.

Commissioner of Finance Lewis stated that it was the RSVP program. He stated that it provides technology training for the seniors.

Legislator Montgomery stated that this is a nominal fee for all the work the Office For Senior Resources does. She stated that the number of participants that attend this program, as well as the nutrition and recreation programs has increased. She explained that the senior population is growing and in need of more services. She stated that she was happy to support this.

Office For Senior Resources RSVP

	FROM:	TO:
Contracts		
(Restore Program)		
10677300 54646	0	6,000

A DIFFERENCE OF: 6,000

Adjust fringes and revenue accordingly.

BY POLL VOTE: ALL AYES. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Item #6 - Health Department – Increases to Revenue Lines Due State Aid Reimbursement of Fringe Expense Lines and Decreases to Expense Accounts that should be Eliminated from the 2024 Budget.

Chairman Jonke moved the following; seconded by Legislator Sayegh.

Legislator Sayegh explained that the City of New York is reimbursing for fringe benefits for employees and this is making those corrections.

Health Department

	FROM:	TO:
Reopening Schools Social Security 26401001 58002 10167 (Grant ended 7/30/23 – No Budget for 2024	1,008 4)	0
A DIFFERENCE OF: (1,008)		
Reopening Schools Workers Compensation 26401001 58004 10167 (Grant ended 7/30/23 – No Budget for 2024	167 4)	0
A DIFFERENCE OF: (167)		
Office of Homeland Security State Retirement 26401001 58001 10067 (Not a Health Dept Account)	2,337	0
A DIFFERENCE OF: (2,337)		
NYS Public Health Corps – Revenue Public Health Emergency Preparedness 264001001 444892 10173	(PHEP) 297,511	314,758
A DIFFERENCE OF: 17,247		
Public Health Infrastructure – Revenue PHEP 26401001 444892 10205	175,192	181,120
A DIFFERENCE OF: 5,928		
Administration – Revenue State Aid Public Health 10401000 434011	340,408	358,479
A DIFFERENCE OF: 18,071		
Health Nursing Immunization – Revenue State Aid Public Health 11017000 434011	84,417	88,774

A DIFFERENCE OF: 4,357			
Health Nursing - Revenue State Aid Public Health 11401000 434011	678,665	738,695	
	010,000	100,000	
A DIFFERENCE OF: 60,030			
Health EHS Drinking H20 Supply – Reve	nue		
State Aid Public Health			
12022000 434011	7,340	9,876	
A DIFFERENCE OF: 2,536			
Environmental Health – Revenue			
State Aid Public Health			
12401000 434011	845,297	875,886	
A DIFFERENCE OF: 30,589			
Health Education – Revenue			
State Aid Public Health			
21401000 434011	275,568	282,081	
A DIFFERENCE OF: 6,513			
Emergency Preparedness – Revenue			
State Aid Public Health	-		
26401001 434011 10066	0	2,496	
A DIFFERENCE OF: 2,496			
A TOTAL DIFFERENCE OF: 151,279			
Adjust fringes and revenue accordingly.			
BY POLL VOTE: ALL AYES. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.			
PROTECTIVE SERVICES COMMITTEE (Chairwoman Nacerino, Legislators Addonizio & Sayegh)			

Item #7 - Probation Department – Increase in Stop DWI Award - Partnership Initiative – Increase from \$17,500 to \$24,000.

Chairman Jonke moved the following; seconded by Legislator Nacerino.

Legislator Nacerino explained that this is a bookkeeping adjustment. She explained that when the budget was printed the \$24,000 award was not yet realized and the amount earmarked in the budget was \$17,500.

Probation Department	FROM:	TO:
Partnership Initiative Stop DWI		
10331500 54936	17,500	24,000
A DIFFERENCE OF: 6,500		
Public Safety Other – Revenue Stop DWI		
10331500 443890	17,500	24,000

A DIFFERENCE OF: 6,500

Adjust fringes and revenue accordingly.

BY POLL VOTE: ALL AYES. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Item #8 - Bureau of Emergency Services – Gasoline – Remove Balance of \$270.

Chairman Jonke moved the following; seconded by Legislator Ellner.

Legislator Nacerino stated that this was inadvertently not moved to Central Services.

Bureau of Emergency Services		
	FROM:	TO:
Gasoline		
10398900 54371	270	0

A DIFFERENCE OF: (270)

BY POLL VOTE: ALL AYES. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

RULES, ENACTMENTS & INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE (Chairwoman Addonizio, Legislators Ellner & Gouldman) Item #9 - Board of Elections – Printing & Forms – Increase from \$100,000 to \$150,000.

Chairman Jonke moved the following; seconded by Legislator Addonizio.

Chairman Jonke explained that the Board of Election Commissioners estimated that the printing costs would increase next year and requested an additional \$50,000 for the budget.

Legislator Addonizio stated that they anticipated having another election in August of next year.

Board	of	Elections

	FROM:	TO:
Printing & Forms		
10145000 54311	100,000	150,000

A DIFFERENCE OF: 50,000

Personnel Department

Adjust fringes and revenue accordingly.

BY POLL VOTE: ALL AYES. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE (Chairman Jonke, Legislators Castellano & Nacerino)

Item #10 - Personnel Department – Senior Personnel Assistant – Remove from Budget Due to Retirement.

Chairman Jonke moved the following; seconded by Legislator Sayegh.

Senior Personnel Assistant	FROM:	TO:
10143000 51000 (117) (Remove from Budget Due to Retirement)	900,180	819,473
A DIFFERENCE OF: (80,707)		
State Retirement 10143000 58001	124,876	110,556

A DIFFERENCE OF: (14,320)

FICA 10143000 58002	79,115	72,941
A DIFFERENCE OF: (6,174)		
Workers Compensation 10143000 58004	5,169	4,147
A DIFFERENCE OF: (1,022)		
Dental 10143000 58006	17,512	15,508
A DIFFERENCE OF: (2,004)		
Health Plans 10143000 58008	273,296	243,951
A DIFFERENCE OF: (29,345)		
Vision 10143000 58009	1,831	1,589
A DIFFERENCE OF: (242)		
A TOTAL DIFFERENCE OF: (133,814)		
Adjust fringes and revenue accordingly.		
BY POLL VOTE: ALL AYES. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.		

Item #11 - Sheriff's Department – Confidential Secretary - Restore Proposed Salary Increase \$3,000.

Chairman Jonke moved the following; seconded by Legislator Nacerino.

Sheriff's Department - Administration		
	FROM:	TO:
Confidential Secretary		
10311000 51000 (910)	0	3,000

FICA 10311000 58002

0

230

A DIFFERENCE OF: 3,230

Adjust fringes and revenue accordingly.

BY ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL AYES. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Item #12 - Sheriff's Department – Civil Division - Restore Proposed Deputy Sheriff Sergeant \$115,000.

Chairman Jonke moved the following; seconded by Legislator Nacerino.

Legislator Montgomery stated that she supported this for the last three (3) years. She wondered why it was not in the budget for all those years and now suddenly the position is restored.

<u>Sheriff's Department – Civil Division</u>		
	FROM:	TO:
Deputy Sheriff Sergeant		
15311000 51000 (102)	0	115,000
Retirement		
15311000 58001	0	24,788
FICA		
15311000 58002	0	8,798
Health Plans		
15311000 58008	0	31,441

A DIFFERENCE OF: 180,027

Proposed Offset by Discovery Grant Funding and Vacant Deputy Sheriff Position

Adjust fringes and revenue accordingly.

BY ROLL CALL VOTE: EIGHT AYES. ONE ABSTENTION – LEGISLATOR CROWLEY. MOTION CARRIES.

Item #13 - Coroners – Increase 2.75% for Cost of Living Adjustment (COLA).

Chairman Jonke moved the following; seconded by Legislator Sayegh.

Legislator Crowley made a motion to put all elected official COLA raises into subcontingency until all four (4) union contracts are resolved; seconded by Legislator Montgomery.

Legislator Nacerino stated that she is adamantly opposed. She did not believe that a cost-of-living increase had any bearing on negotiations. She explained that the Legislature does not negotiate the union contracts, it is strictly done by the Administration. She stated that to impede cost-of-living raises, and to assume that would have a bearing on the outcome of negotiations is preposterous.

Legislative Counsel Firriolo stated that a point of information for the Chairman, to the extent the motion seeks to effect officers other than the Coroners, it would be out of order. He stated that currently the only agenda item that has been moved forward and seconded is a COLA increase for Coroners. He stated that to expand the motion to all elected officials would be out of order. He stated that it would need to be a separate motion. He stated that if Legislator Crowley wants to revise the motion to just apply to the Coroners, that would be in order. He explained that the predicate motion is to give a COLA increase to the Coroners. He explained that if there is a motion to amend that motion to place the increase in subcontingency; that would be proper.

Legislator Crowley made a motion to place the Coroner's 2.75% COLA increase into subcontingency until all four (4) union contracts are settled; seconded by Legislator Montgomery.

Legislator Nacerino stated that to say the Coroner's cost-of-living increase has any impact on negotiations is ridiculous. She believed it was setting a bad precedent; we do not commingle them. One has nothing to do with the other.

Chairman Jonke believed that it was a bad idea.

Chairman Jonke called for a Roll Call Vote on the motion to place the COLA in subcontingency.

By Roll Call Vote: Four Ayes – Legislators Crowley, Ellner, Gouldman and Montgomery. Five Nays – Legislators Addonizio, Castellano, Nacerino, Sayegh and Chairman Jonke. Motion Fails.

Chairman Jonke called for a Roll Call Vote on the first motion.

Coroners

Coroner 10118500 51000 (101) (2.75% COLA Increase)	25,000	25,688
A DIFFERENCE OF: 688		
Coroner 10118500 51000 (102) (2.75% COLA Increase)	25,000	25,688
A DIFFERENCE OF: 688		
Coroner 10118500 51000 (103) (2.75% COLA Increase)	25,000	25,688
A DIFFERENCE OF: 688		
FICA 10118500 58002	0	159
A DIFFERENCE OF: 159		

A TOTAL DIFFERENCE OF: 2,223

Adjust fringes and revenue accordingly.

BY ROLL CALL VOTE: FIVE AYES – LEGISLATORS ADDONIZIO, CASTELLANO, NACERINO, SAYEGH & CHAIRMAN JONKE. THREE NAYS – LEGISLATORS CROWLEY, GOULDMAN & MONTGOMERY. ONE ABSTENTION – LEGISLATOR ELLNER. MOTION CARRIES.

Item #14 - County Clerk – Increase 2.75% for Cost of Living Adjustment (COLA).

Chairman Jonke moved the following; seconded by Legislator Sayegh.

Legislator Crowley made a motion to place the 2.75% COLA increase into subcontingency until all four (4) union contracts are settled; seconded by Legislator Montgomery.

Legislator Nacerino again believed that it was ridiculous to tie the County Clerk's, or any elected official's, cost-of-living increase into settling union contracts. She mentioned at the meeting the other evening that perhaps we should put all the classifications for CSEA

and PuMA into subcontingency because it had a real direct fiscal impact since we do not know what the settlement will be on the contract. However, to tie a mere 2.75% COLA increase until contracts are settled was mindboggling.

Legislator Montgomery explained that she liked the idea of waiting to give elected officials raises. She stated that we are elected at a certain rate and people understand that. She believed that morale was at an all time low for our employees and she believed this would go a long way in showing them that we have faith in them and we will not take a raise until they receive what they deserve.

Legislator Nacerino believed that morale is going to be at an all time low when our elected officials who work so hard and have proven themselves are denied a raise for political posturing.

Legislator Sayegh stated that all of our employees are hardworking individuals, along with our elected officials. She stated that she would not pit one (1) employee against the other. She stated that she would give everyone the same treatment and respect. She stated that she was in favor of the County Clerk receiving a cost-of-living increase to pay their bills. She stated that she would not base it on solving a contract for someone else's raise.

Legislator Addonizio stated that she did not understand the reasoning behind this. She explained that the County Clerk, the Sheriff and the Coroners are in management positions and all management received 2.75% COLA increases throughout the budget.

Legislator Crowley stated that she was also going to include the nine (9) Legislators sitting here too.

Chairman Jonke stated that he did not understand the connection between the Coroners, the County Clerk and any other elected official to contract negotiations. He stated that he would understand it more, although thought it would be a bad idea too, if you tied in all management positions and no one received a raise.

Chairman Jonke called for a Roll Call Vote on the motion to place the 2.75% COLA increase in subcontingency.

By Roll Call Vote: Four Ayes – Legislators Crowley, Ellner, Gouldman and Montgomery. Five Nays – Legislators Addonizio, Castellano, Nacerino, Sayegh and Chairman Jonke. Motion Fails.

Chairman Jonke called for a Roll Call Vote on the first motion.

County Clerk

FROM: TO:

County Clerk		
10141000 51000 (101)	144,343	148,312
(2.75% COLA Increase)		
FICA		

10141000 58002

0

304

A DIFFERENCE OF: 4,273

Adjust fringes and revenue accordingly.

BY ROLL CALL VOTE: FIVE AYES – LEGISLATORS ADDONIZIO, CASTELLANO, NACERINO, SAYEGH & CHAIRMAN JONKE. THREE NAYS – LEGISLATORS CROWLEY, GOULDMAN & MONTGOMERY. ONE ABSTENTION – LEGISLATOR ELLNER. MOTION CARRIES.

Item #15 - Sheriff's Department – Increase 2.75% for Cost of Living Adjustment (COLA).

Chairman Jonke moved the following; seconded by Legislator Nacerino.

Legislator Crowley made a motion to place the 2.75% COLA increase into subcontingency until all four (4) union contracts are settled; seconded by Legislator Montgomery.

Legislator Nacerino stated that she stands by her comments previously made on the last two (2) resolutions.

Legislator Montgomery stated that this is not personal to the Coroners, County Clerk or Sheriff. She stated that this is a government philosophy she has always had. She thanked Legislator Crowley for bringing this forward and supporting it. She stated that she possibly would not have tied it into the contract negotiations. She stated that she just would have said no increases for elected officials, period. It is not personal.

Chairman Jonke called for a Roll Call Vote on the motion to place the 2.75% COLA increase in subcontingency.

By Roll Call Vote: Four Ayes – Legislators Crowley, Ellner, Gouldman and Montgomery. Five Nays – Legislators Addonizio, Castellano, Nacerino, Sayegh and Chairman Jonke. Motion Fails.

Chairman Jonke called for a Roll Call Vote on the first motion.

Sheriff's Department – Administration

	FROM:	TO:
<u>Sheriff</u>		
10311000 51000 (101)	165,816	170,376
(2.75% COLA Increase)		
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FICA		
10311000 58002	0	349

A DIFFERENCE OF: 4,909

Adjust fringes and revenue accordingly.

BY ROLL CALL VOTE: FIVE AYES – LEGISLATORS ADDONIZIO, CASTELLANO, NACERINO, SAYEGH & CHAIRMAN JONKE. THREE NAYS – LEGISLATORS CROWLEY, GOULDMAN & MONTGOMERY. ONE ABSTENTION – LEGISLATOR ELLNER. MOTION CARRIES.

Item #16 - Health Department – Commissioner of Health – Proposed Reserve for Salary Adjustment of \$12,725 - Place in Subcontingency.

Chairman Jonke moved the following; seconded by Legislator Castellano.

Chairman Jonke stated that our Personnel Director came before us and stated that they are currently searching for the next Commissioner of Health. He believed that the funds should remain budgeted and in place to potentially hire a new Commissioner of Health.

Legislator Ellner stated that he fully agreed with this concept and hoped the \$12,725 was sufficient. He believed that it would not be enough.

Legislator Montgomery stated that she brought this forward in the Committee, recognizing the situation we are in with the Health Department and the possibility of the Commissioner of Health leaving in December and not having a replacement or a prospective candidate. She stated that she would have wanted to create a line item to keep the Health Commissioner on in support of whoever would be taking over. She believed this would be a fine alternative, with consideration that we could petition the State and keep the Health Commissioner on until we find someone and have him stay on until we make that transition.

Health Department

	FROM:	TO:
Reserve for Salary Adjustment		
10401000 51000 (905)	12,725	0
(Proposal for Commissioner of		

Health Salary – Move to Subcontingency)

Subcontingency 10199000 549__

0

12,725

A DIFFERENCE OF: 0

Adjust fringes and revenue accordingly.

BY POLL VOTE: ALL AYES. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Item #17 - County Auditor – Salary Increase of \$5,000.

Chairman Jonke moved the following; seconded by Legislator Sayegh.

Legislator Montgomery stated that our County Auditor works hard and provides us with information as soon as we ask for it. She explained that she was very smart and organized. She stated that she was happy to support this increase.

Legislator Nacerino stated that she too was happy to support this increase. She stated that County Auditor Sharkey has been with the County for a long time, interacting with every single department. She stated that she never asks for anything or focuses on herself, but we all know she does a stellar job. She stated that this is well deserved.

Legislator Sayegh echoed those sentiments. She stated that she has never asked for a raise, but continually advocates for staff. She stated that she is a great leader for her department.

Legislator Addonizio concurred and thanked County Auditor Sharkey for everything she does.

Chairman Jonke stated that this is a small token of appreciation for all the work you do.

County Auditor		
	FROM:	TO:
County Auditor		
10132000 51000 (101)	125,305	130,305
FICA		
10132000 58002	0	383

A DIFFERENCE OF: 5,383

Adjust fringes and revenue accordingly.

BY POLL VOTE: ALL AYES. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

OTHER BUSINESS

Item #18 - Adjust Chargebacks - Revenues and Expenses.

Chairman Jonke moved the following; seconded by Legislator Addonizio.

County Auditor Sharkey explained that this is when a department charges a department back, you increase revenue and expenses.

Adjust Chargebacks	FROM:	TO:
Warming Shelter Contract Chargeback	TROM.	10.
Expense 10120000 55646	82,076	68,632
A DIFFERENCE OF: (13,444)		
Central Service Internal Chargeback		
Revenue 10161000 412941	129,700	132,650
Part Bus System - Revenue		
Central Service Internal Chargeback 95630000 412941	127,028	122,600
Road Machinery – Revenue		
Central Service Internal Chargeback 10513000 412941	342,100	336,100
Stop DWI Fines - Revenue		
10331500 426151	75,806	76,200
Sheriff Security Service DSS – Revenue Central Service Internal Chargeback		
19005060 412941	82,076	68,632
A DIFFERENCE OF: (20,528)		

Adjust fringes and revenue accordingly.

BY POLL VOTE: ALL AYES. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Item #19 - Legislature – Temporary – Cover Upcoming Maternity Leave

Chairman Jonke moved the following; seconded by Legislators Ellner and Crowley.

Legislator Gouldman questioned how many weeks this is.

Legislative Clerk Schonfeld stated that it is 12 weeks.

Legislature

	FROM:	TO:
Temporary (Cover Upcoming Maternity Leave)		
10101001 51094	0	10,000
FICA 10101001 58002	0	765

A DIFFERENCE OF: 10,765

Adjust fringes and revenue accordingly.

BY POLL VOTE: ALL AYES. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Chairman Jonke stated that he would turn over Items #20, 21, 22 and 23 to Legislator Montgomery who has four (4) proposals.

Item #20 – Proposal by Legislator Montgomery – Funding for Philipstown Behavioral Health Hub \$25,000

Legislator Montgomery stated that this request for the Philipstown Behavioral Health Hub has been a request you have seen in the past. She stated that you have met with them and heard the request several times.

Chairman Jonke requested that Legislator Montgomery make the motion and then it can be discussed.

Legislator Montgomery made a motion for Philipstown Behavioral Health Hub for \$25,000.

Chairman Jonke asked if there was a second.

There being no second, motion failed.

Philipstown Behavioral Health Hub

FROM:	то:

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Adjust fringes & revenue accordingly.

Item #21 – Proposal by Legislator Montgomery – Health Department – Recycling – Partnership Initiative – Garbage Removal.

Legislator Montgomery moved the following.

There being no second, motion failed.

Health Department - Recycling

	FROM:	TO:
Partnership Initiative		
(Village of Cold Spring		
Garbage Removal)		
10027000 54936	0	6,001.38

A DIFFERENCE OF: 6,001.38

Adjust fringes & revenue accordingly.

Item #22 – Proposal by Legislator Montgomery - Health Department – Nursing – Reinstate Proposed Reclass of Senior Public Health Nurse to Supervising Public Health Nurse \$7,000.

Chairman Jonke read Item #22.

Legislator Montgomery moved the following.

There being no second; motion failed.

Health Department - Nursing

FROM:

TO:

Reinstate Proposed Reclass of

Senior Public Health Nurse To Supervising Public Health Nurse 11401000 51000 (915)

0

7,000

A DIFFERENCE OF: 7,000

Adjust fringes & revenue accordingly.

Item #23 – Proposal by Legislator Montgomery - Health Department – Nursing – Reinstate Proposed Public Health Nurse \$80,116.

Chairman Jonke read Item #23.

Legislator Montgomery moved the following.

There being no second; motion failed.

Health Department – Nursing

	FROM:	TO:
Reinstate Proposed		
Public Health Nurse position	0	80,116
11401000 51000 (103)		

A DIFFERENCE OF: 80,116

Adjust fringes & revenue accordingly.

Item #24 – Proposal by Legislator Crowley

Legislator Crowley made a motion to put the COLA increase for the nine (9) Legislators into subcontingency until the completion of the four (4) union contracts; seconded by Legislator Gouldman.

Legislator Nacerino stated that Legislators do not negotiate contracts and one (1) has nothing to do with the other.

BY ROLL CALL VOTE: THREE AYES – LEGISLATORS CROWLEY, GOULDMAN & MONTGOMERY. FIVE NAYS – LEGISLATORS ADDONIZIO, CASTELLANO, NACERINO, SAYEGH & CHAIRMAN JONKE. ONE ABSTENTION – LEGISLATOR ELLNER. MOTION FAILS.

Item #25 - Proposal by Legislator Montgomery

Legislator Montgomery made a motion to reinstate the funding for \$55,000 that was taken out of the Legislative budget by the Chairman for livestreaming. She stated that she put a proposal in front of the Legislature for \$12,000 for livestreaming. She made a motion to fund \$15,000 for livestreaming.

There being no second; motion failed.

Chairman Jonke stated that for Legislator Montgomery's information, the money has been encumbered and the equipment has been ordered.

Item #26 – Planning Department - \$250,000 Municipal Partnership Initiative & \$250,000 Community Assistance Program – Remove Both and Offset Changes Made to Budget.

Chairman Jonke explained that during his budget presentation, the County Executive discussed two (2) new programs during his budget address; one (1) for a Municipal Partnership Initiative for \$250,000 and the second for a Community Assistance Program for \$250,000. Chairman Jonke made a motion to remove the \$500,000 total to offset any changes that we have made to the budget and use the remaining amount of money to offset the tax levy which would effectively give a property tax reduction for the Putnam County taxpayers. He stated that he is not opposed to the programs and would be happy to work with the County Executive next year in hashing out how the money should be distributed. He believed that the mechanism should be worked out before we fund it. He stated that the money is here and the effort he heard was to give the money back to the taxpayers. He stated that in this case, rather than going through outside agencies and government, giving it directly back to the taxpayers in the form of property tax relief.

Chairman Jonke asked if he had a second on the motion; seconded by Legislators Nacerino and Sayegh.

Legislator Nacerino concurred. She believed that the concept should be looked at more carefully and developed before we allocate any funding to implement anything. She stated that she looked forward to that discussion taking place in the upcoming year with the County Executive and whoever else would be involved in finetuning the proposals.

Legislator Ellner stated that the funds could be placed in subcontingency so we could refine the program.

Chairman Jonke stated that his motion is to remove the \$500,000 and give it back to the taxpayers this year. He stated that next year we could discuss how we want to allocate it.

Legislator Castellano requested that the County Auditor provide the exact number before we vote on this.

County Auditor Sharkey stated that right now the changes are \$24,531.

Chairman Jonke stated that it would be approximately \$475,000 going back to the taxpayers.

Legislator Crowley questioned how much that allocated to each household if we remove this.

Chairman Jonke stated that he did not have a calculator.

Legislator Montgomery stated that you are taking away the only mechanism for outside agencies and local governments to access any county funds for their projects that they need.

Chairman Jonke stated that we were not responsible for funding municipalities. He stated that they fund themselves.

Legislator Montgomery stated that she understands that. She stated that you think you are doing the taxpayer a favor by lowering taxes, but meanwhile it is just getting transferred to the local municipalities who cannot meet their budget or infrastructure needs. She explained that \$250,000 would amount to pennies when being disbursed between five (5) towns and any other nongovernment organization for much needed infrastructure programs like; water and mental health. She stated that Emergency Services, and our town and village budgets have all gone up and exceeded the tax cap.

Legislator Sayegh stated that this is not Putnam County's money; it is the taxpayers' money who would be paying for this initiative. She noted that in her district in the Town of Carmel, the tax levy was lowered. They are taking less money also. She did not understand government having pots of money out there for organizations to pull money from. She stated that this is taxpayer monies that should rightfully be returned to them.

Chairman Jonke stated that he has 35 years of experience working in the property tax business. He stated that for 35 years people have been told, and have gotten used to, taxes increasing. He stated that for once we have an opportunity here to reduce property taxes. He stated that it might be a one (1) shot deal, but he believed the taxpayers know how to better spend their money than municipalities.

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Offset Changes

BY ROLL CALL VOTE: SIX AYES. TWO NAYS – LEGISLATORS CROWLEY & MONTGOMERY. ONE ABSTENTION – LEGISLATOR GOULDMAN.

There being no other business; at 6:49 P.M., Chairman Jonke made a motion to adjourn; seconded by Legislator Sayegh. All in favor.

Respectfully submitted by Diane Schonfeld, Clerk.