

PUTNAM COUNTY REGULAR BOARD MEETING
August 11, 2025, at 5:30 P.M.

The regular meeting of the Putnam County Board was called to order at 5:32 P.M. on Monday, August 11, 2025, by the County Board Chairman, Charles Lenkaitis. The meeting was held in the courtroom at the Putnam County Courthouse in Hennepin, Illinois

The Clerk of the County Board took Roll Call with Tony Rue, Luke Holly, Floyd Holocker, and Charles Lenkaitis answering. Marlee Giacometti was absent.

All who were in attendance recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Minutes: It was moved by board member Holocker to approve the minutes from the July 14, 2025, Regular Board Meeting. Board member Holly seconded the motion, which was carried on a roll call board vote of 3 ayes, 0 nays, and 1 absent.

Bills: It was moved by Holocker to pay the July Bills. Board member Rue seconded the motion, which was carried on a roll call board vote of 3 ayes, 0 nays, and 1 absent.

Public comment: Dawn Neubaum was present to represent Putnam County C02 Action Team (PCCAT). Dawn invited everyone from the community to a public meeting on Tuesday, August 12, 2025, from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm. Also present was Brittany Blomquist, who shared the purpose of the meeting. Blomquist stated, it is an opportunity to learn from knowledgeable individuals in the Carbon Capture and Sequestration field. There will be a short presentation followed by a Q&A. We encourage you to come and ask any questions that you may have. There were no other comments from the public.

State Attorney Christina Judd Mennie was present and had no action items for the board. There were no other questions for the State's Attorney.

County Highway Engineer Catherine Terando was not present, but we had her report regarding County Highway Engineering and Maintenance Activities to the board. There were no questions regarding her report. (The County Highway Engineer report is on file at the Office of the County Clerk & Recorder for review by any interested parties.)

Sheriff Joshua Boedigheimer was present with his report. Sheriff Boedigheimer reported, the grant-funded DCFS position has been paused by the state temporarily. There were no other questions regarding his report. (The Sheriff's and Civil Processing Transaction Reports are on file at the Office of the County Clerk for review by any interested parties.)

County Treasurer Kevin Kunkel was present with his report.

July, FY' 2025

Income - \$283,862.53

General Fund Account Balances

General Fund Balance – \$25,240.85

General Fund Savings - \$739,788.87

NCB CD - \$530,365.10

Illinois Funds - \$2,263,286.51

IIIT (PFM) - \$449,734.55

PMA - \$555,983.42

Total – \$4,564,399.30

FY' 2025 Total Revenues - \$2,614,261.58

FY' 2025 Total Expenses – (\$2,718,156.64)

(The County Treasurer's financial reports are on file at the Office of the County Clerk for review by any interested parties.).

County Clerk & Recorder Tina Dolder was present with her report. Dolder reported that the income collected for July was \$12,307.31. The Primary Election is 3/17/2025, petition circulation begins August 5th for established parties. The first day to file petitions is Oct 27th; the last day is Nov 3rd. Signature requirements for established parties are Dem -13, Rep 15, and Independent 170 signatures needed. There was nothing else to report, and there were no other questions. (The County Clerk & Recorder's report is on file at the Office of the County Clerk & Recorder for review by any interested parties.)

County Circuit Clerk Carly Neubaum was not present and had nothing to report.

County Probation Officer Sam Wier was not present and had nothing to report.

Zoning Administrator Ryan Giacometti was present with his report. Giacometti continued inspections for the various permitted projects and issued 2 new building permits for July. The board had no other questions. (The Zoning Administrator's report is on file at the Office of the County Clerk & Recorder for review by any interested parties.)

County Supervisor of Assessments Tammy Mehalic was not present and had nothing to report.

County Death Investigator Bob Cofoid was not present; however, he dropped off his report from April, May, June, and July. There was a total of 6 deaths within the 4 months.

Putnam County Office of Emergency Management Coordinator Chauntelle Biagi was present with her report. Biagi reported, we had several severe weather events that reached a level 3 (Enhanced Risk/Orange), or had a Severe Thunderstorm Warning, or Tornado Watch, or Warning. Any of these reasons is a reason for us to activate the Putnam County Emergency Operation Center in conjunction with Bureau and Henry Counties. Putnam, Bureau, and Henry Counties have been working together on a regional Emergency Operation Center Activation protocol and have designated that when the National Weather Service issues a Level 3 or higher rating risk for Putnam, Bureau, Henry, Stark, and/or Mercer Counties we will activate our EOC and be connected to the Henry County Emergency Operations Center in Kewanee Via Zoom.

Bureau County EMA has been coming to the Putnam County EOC and staffing our EOC with me during these events, along with members from the Granville/Hennepin Fire Protection District. Bureau County declared a disaster on July 23rd for the Village of Depue. PC EMA along with other mutual aid partners were called by BC EMA to assist in the disaster. Chairman Lenkaitis thanked Chauntelle for her dedication to her position. Lenkaitis pointed out that Chauntelle, along with the BC EMA director, was recognized by Lieutenant Governor Stratton for their efforts at the Bureau County Disaster in Depue on July 23-30, 2025. The rest of the board also thanked her for her dedication. The board had no questions. (The County Emergency Management Coordinator's report is on file at the Office of the County Clerk & Recorder for review by any interested parties.)

NEW/OLD BUSINESS:

Bureau, Putnam & Marshall County Health Department requested a (3-year term) reappointment of Sean Brannon to the Board of Health. It was moved by Board member Rue to reappoint Sean Brannon to the Board of Health for a 3-year term. Board member Holocker seconded the motion, which was carried on a roll call board vote of 3 ayes, 0 nays, and 1 absent. *(The Clerk of the County Board was directed to process a letter of approval.)*

Liquor License for Hensley Wedding at the Conservation District. Chairman Lenkaitis recommended the approval of the liquor license for the Hensley wedding. It was moved by Holocker to approve the license as long as Insurance is obtained. Board member Rue seconded the motion, which was carried on a roll call board vote of 3 ayes, 0 nays, and 1 absent. *(The Clerk of the County Board was directed to issue the license.)*

UCCI – United Counties Council of Illinois – Washington, D.C. Trip September 16-18, 2025. Each county is reimbursed up to a total of \$3,000 to attend. The County Board Chairman recommended that they send 2 people to this event. Marlee Giacometti and Carly Newbaum were elected to attend. Board member Rue made a motion to send Marlee and Carly, and the county would reimburse anything over \$3,000 that UCCI did not cover. Board member Holocker seconded the motion, and the motion was carried on a roll call board vote of 3 ayes, 0 nays, and 1 absent.

Handbook – Board member Lenkaitis: no new update – tabled to next month

Correspondences and Committee Reports: None

Executive Session:

Board member Holly made a motion to go into an Executive session for personnel at 5:59 P.M. Board member Rue seconded the motion, which was carried on a roll call board vote of 3 ayes, 0 nays, and 1 absent. After a brief discussion, Board member Holocker made a motion to come out of the Executive session at 6:28 P.M. Board member Rue seconded the motion, and the motion was carried on a roll call board vote of 3 ayes, 0 nays, and 1 absent.

ADJOURN:

At 6:32 P.M., Board member Holly moved to adjourn the meeting. Board member Rue seconded the motion; it was carried on a roll call board vote of 3 ayes, 0 nays, and 1 absent. The meeting was adjourned. The next Regular Meeting of the Putnam County Board is scheduled for Monday, September 8, 2025, at 5:30 P.M. The meeting will be held in the courtroom at the Putnam County Courthouse.

Respectfully submitted,

TINA DOLDER, Clerk of the Putnam County Board