

**PUTNAM COUNTY REGULAR BOARD MEETING**  
**January 13, 2025, at 5:30 P.M.**

The regular meeting of the Putnam County Board was called to order at 5:30 P.M. on Monday, January 13, 2025, by Clerk of the Board, Tina Dolder. 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.

The board needed to nominate a Board Chairman; it was moved by board member Rue to nominate Charles Lenkaitis as Board Chairman. Board member Holly seconded the motion which was carried on a roll call board vote of 3 ayes, 0 nays, and 1 absent. Board Chairman then moved on to the minutes.

**Minutes:** It was moved by board member Holocker to approve the minutes from December 9, 2024, Regular Board Meeting. Board member Rue seconded the motion which was carried on a roll call board vote of 3 ayes, 0 nays, and 1 absent.

**Bills:** Board member Holocker moved to approve the bills for December 2024. Board member Holly seconded the motion, which was carried on a roll-call board vote of 3 ayes, 0 nays, and 1 absent.

**Public comment:** No Public Comment.

**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 present with her December report regarding County Highway Engineering and Maintenance Activities to the board. Terando reported Matt and her took the Pesticide Applicator training and testing to receive a license. Terando had (1) action items on the agenda. Resolution 2025-01 Maintenance Under the Illinois Highway Code. This resolution will amend the resolution done the prior month. Board member Rue moved to approve Resolution 2025-01 – Maintenance Under the Illinois Highway Code. Board Member Holly 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 Resolution 2025-01 Maintenance Under the Illinois Highway Code.)* There were no other 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 for December. The sheriff reported the Health and Wellness Testing is set for February 18, 2025. He also reported they would be

purchasing a new squad soon and it will take about 3-4 months to complete outfitting it with everything it needs. The Sheriff did not have anything else to add and the board had no questions. (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 not present but the board reviewed his financial reports for December. The General Fund's Income for December, Fiscal Year 2025, is \$215,700.68 compared to an income of \$141,604.73 for December, Fiscal Year 2024. Kunkel's report included a review of the "General Fund Accounts Balance by Month, Fiscal Year 2025". The General Fund balance for December, Fiscal Year 2025, is \$(66,961.11). The General Fund Savings balance for December, Fiscal Year 2025, is \$180,169.89. The Illinois Fund - General Fund balance for December, Fiscal Year 2025, is \$2,607,543.93. Year to date for the Fiscal Year 2025 shows revenues of \$141,604.73 and expenses of \$(457,983.96) for a total of \$(316,379.23). 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 for December. Dolder reported the income collected for December was \$16,292.84. Dolder had one action item on the agenda Resolution 2025-02 Conveying Property to the new Buyer. Board member Holly moved to approve Resolution 2025-02 Conveying Property to the new buyer. 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 Resolution 2025-02 Conveying Property to the new Buyer.)* Dolder reported that there has been an ongoing issue for over a month now regarding the ICN line for Election. Cyber Security, the State Board of Election, Liberty, and Frontier have been working together to figure out what the problem is. Dolder had 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 but had nothing to report. The board had no other questions.

**County Supervisor of Assessments** Tammy Mehalic was present and on the agenda for her reappointment to a 4-year term. Board member Rue moved to approve Tammy's reappointment. Board member Holocker seconded the motion, which was carried on a roll-call board vote of 3 ayes, 0 nays, and 1 absent.

**County Death Investigator** Bob Cofoid was present with his December report. Cofoid reported 3 deaths for December and assisted the newly elected Bureau County Coroner on a couple of deaths in B.C. There were no other questions regarding his report. (The Death Investigator's full report is on file at the Office of the County Clerk & Recorder for review by any interested parties.)

**Putnam County Office of Emergency Management Coordinator** Chauntelle Biagi was present with her report for November and December. Biagi attended several meetings and training throughout the months. Biagi has been working a lot on the Department of Justice/Bureau of Justice Assistance Grant called the BJA FY24 Comprehensive Opioid, Stimulant, and Substance Use Site-Based Program (COSSUP for short). Putnam County was awarded \$1,000,000 to split over 3 years. Biagi also discussed the lease agreement that the county has with the cell tower located on the south side of the county on Taylor Road. This tower housed the PC EMA South Tower Radio Repeater. The lease agreement originated in 2006 between Illinois Valley Cellular and Putnam County. In 2019 Illinois Valley Cellular sold it to Vertical Bridge and we have been paying them ever since and operating off the same lease agreement. Biagi had a conversation with the Sheriff about possibly moving the PC EMA South Tower Radio Repeater onto the Clear View Tower that the county owns. Biagi asked if she could proceed with getting a quote/bid from Ragan Communication and their subcontractor for costs associated with moving the radio repeater from the Taylor Road Cell Tower to the Clear View Tower. Board member Rue moved to approve Biagi to get a bid to move the radio repeater. Board Member Holly seconded the motion, which was carried on a roll call board vote of 3 ayes, 0 nays, and 1 absent. There were no other questions regarding her report. (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:**

Leasing Parcel 01-11-141-020 – The board discussed publishing a Notice for Bid on the Leasing of this county-owned parcel. The clerk of the board will publish the Notice in the paper and have bids for the next board meeting.

Mileage Rate Increase to 70 cents by the IRS – The board approved the mileage reimbursement rate set by the IRS.

Illinois Ports – Robert Sinkler, Executive Coordinating Director and Dr. Anshu Singh, Sustainability & Conservation Director were present and gave a presentation on the Illinois Waterway Ports Commission. The Illinois Waterway Ports Commission consists of 10 Illinois counties and 175.5 river miles and is recognized as 1 of the top 50 power ports in Global Trade, ranked 42 out of 50. Putnam County is lucky to be a part of this Illinois Waterway Port and will be beneficial when seeking certain grants. Both Directors appreciated the Counties continued support and thanked them for their time. The Board thanked them for coming and discussing the Illinois Ports with the whole board.

Committee Assignments – The Board Chairman went through the list of committees and assigned members to the different committees and will prepare a document to post for the website.

Handbook – no update on the handbook

No discussion on the Website Care Report.

**Correspondences and Committee Reports: None**

**Executive Session:**

Sheriff Boedigheimer asked to go into an Executive session to discuss personnel. Board member Holly made a motion to go into an Executive session at 6:35 P.M. to discuss personnel. Board member Hollocker 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 Holly made a motion to come out of the Executive session at 6:48 P.M. Board member Hollocker seconded the motion, and the motion was carried on a roll call board vote of 3 ayes, 0 nays, and 1 absent.

**ADJOURN:**

At 6:52 P.M., Board member Rue moved to adjourn the meeting. Board member Hollocker seconded the motion and 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, February 10, 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