

PUTNAM COUNTY REGULAR BOARD MEETING
June 9, 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, June 9, 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, Marlee Giacometti, and Charles Lenkaitis answering. Floyd Holocker was absent.

All who were in attendance recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Minutes: It was moved by board member Rue to approve the minutes from the May 12, 2025, Regular Board Meeting. Board member Giacometti seconded the motion, which was carried on a roll call board vote of 3 ayes, 0 nays, and 1 absent. It was moved by board member Holly to approve the minutes from the May 27, 2025, Special 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: May Bills were tabled until next month.

Public comment: Dawn Neubaum was present and wanted to invite the board to the Putnam County Library event on Carbon Sequestration. Neubaum also commented that she was not aware of the Special Board meeting and asked about it. Chairman Lenkaitis gave her a copy of the minutes of that meeting that had been approved.

Donna Blomquist was present and also asked about the special board meeting and if there was a permit issued. The board explained that the Special Board was not regarding Putnam County issuing a permit; it was regarding the EPA asking for public opinion regarding the permit to construct emission units and air pollution control equipment consisting of a carbon capture/sequestration plant by the EPA. Whether the EPA received an opinion from the Putnam County Board or the residents does not mean they will honor the opinion or even look at it. We all just need to keep educating ourselves.

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 May report regarding County Highway Engineering and Maintenance Activities to the board. Terando reported that the field entrance on Florid Road was installed. The stolen and knocked down signs have been replaced or repaired. Terando attended different trainings throughout the month. 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 not present; however, we did have 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 not present; however, we had his report. The board chairman sent condolences to the Kunkel family, honoring Chris Kunkel, as he was a past Putnam County Board member. Chris Kunkel passed away on Thursday, June 5, 2025.

May, FY' 2025

Income - \$315,628.97

General Fund Account Balance

General Fund Balance – (\$69,157.51)

General Fund Savings - \$67,774.52

NCB CD - \$525,005.73

Illinois Funds - \$2,253,964.13

IIIT (PFM) - \$446,534.65

PMA - \$547,664.64

Total – \$3,771,786.16

FY' 2025 Total Revenues - \$1,280,674.78

FY' 2025 Total Expenses – (\$2,098,406.78)

(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 May. Dolder reported that the income collected for May was \$27,827.02. Dolder said it has been another busy month with 2 conferences. One of the new laws passed is regarding Property Fraud Alert programs. Every county has to have a property fraud alert program in place; luckily, we already have it. Dolder also reported that she is implementing an Honor Awards program. Businesses sign up and offer some type of discount, whether it be a percentage off discount, a dollar amount discount, or whatever they choose. Then the veterans sign up through the recorder's office, as long as their DD214 is recorded, they are eligible for the program. The Veterans are issued a card that they would then present at any participating business to receive their discount. 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 May report. Giacometti reported that ZBA met on May 21, 2025, at 7:00 pm. ZBA #25-001 Special Use Permit Rodeo on 29 Bar and Grill LLC – LED pole sign was approved unanimously by the ZBA. Giacometti provided a resolution for the board. It was moved by board member Holocker to approve Resolution 2025-09 Special Use Permit #25-001 Rodeo on 29 Lighted Sign. Board member Holly seconded the motion, which was carried on a roll call board vote of 4 ayes, 0 nays, and 0 absent. *(The Clerk of the County Board was directed to process Resolution 2025-09 ABA #25-001 Special Use Permit Rodeo on 29 Bar and Grill LLC)* Giacometti also issued 1 new building permit for May. Board member Holocker did ask if there was something that could be done with the parking on Route 29, since the business has opened, the parking lot is filling up, then people park along Route 29. State's Attorney Mennie responded, saying the Sheriff has contacted the business

owner to let them know the parking has to stay off Route 29 due to safety concerns. County Highway Engineer Terando was asked to talk to IDOT about getting some signs for that area of the road to help with safety. 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 and had nothing to report.

Putnam County Office of Emergency Management Coordinator Chauntelle Biagi was not present and had nothing to report.

NEW/OLD BUSINESS:

Lake Thunderbird Association is requesting permission to hold its annual fireworks display on July 12, 2025. We received a copy of their State of Illinois distributor License, their Federal Explosives permit, and a copy of their liability insurance. Board member Rue moved to approve the request for the Lake Thunderbird Association to hold its annual fireworks display. Board member Holocker seconded the motion, which was carried on a roll call board vote of 4 ayes, 0 nays, and 0 absent. *(The Clerk of the County Board was directed to process a letter of approval.)*

Resolution 2025-10 in Support of the Illinois America250 Commemoration. Board member Giacometti moved to support the Illinois America250 Commemoration. Board member Holocker seconded the motion, which was carried on a roll call board vote of 4 ayes, 0 nays, and 0 absent. *(The Clerk of the County Board was directed to process Resolution 2025-10, A Resolution of the County of Putnam in Support of the Illinois America250 Commemoration.)*

Handbook – Board member Lenkaitis has emailed UCCI and is hoping they get back with him soon – tabled to next month

Correspondences and Committee Reports: None

ADJOURN:

At 5:48 P.M., Board member Rue moved to adjourn the meeting. Board member Holocker seconded the motion, and it was carried on a roll call board vote of 4 ayes, 0 nays, and 0 absent. The meeting was adjourned. The next Regular Meeting of the Putnam County Board is scheduled for Monday, July 14, 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