

PUTNAM COUNTY REGULAR BOARD MEETING
November 10, 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, November 10, 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 Floyd Holocker, Tony Rue, Marlee Giacometti, Luke Holly, and Charles Lenkaitis answering.

All who were in attendance recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Minutes: It was moved by board member Rue to approve the minutes from the October 14, 2025, Regular Board Meeting. Board member Holocker seconded the motion, which was carried on a roll call board vote of 4 ayes, 0 nays, and 0 absent. It was then moved by board member Rue to approve the minutes from the October 27, 2025, Special Board Meeting. Board member Giacometti seconded the motion, which was carried on a roll call board vote of 4 ayes, 0 nays, and 0 absent.

Bills: It was moved by board member Holocker to pay the October Bills. Board member Rue seconded the motion, which was carried on a roll call board vote of 4 ayes, 0 nays, and 0 absent.

Public comment: Brittany Blomquist was present, representing PCAT. Ms. Blomquist provided the board with a copy of over 100 publicly submitted IEPA comments and concerns regarding the Marquis Biocarbon Project, with special reference to the proximity of the J&L Waste Well to the proposed Class VI Marquis Energy injection well, as it relates especially to community drinking water. Ms. Blomquist encouraged the board to look through the comments. There were others present; however, no one had any comments.

State Attorney Christina Judd Mennie was present and had one action item for the board. Mennie presented Resolution 2025-15 to Support the Continued State's Attorney Appellate Prosecutor Program. It was moved by Board member Rue to approve the annual State's Attorney Appellate Prosecutor Program Resolution 2025-15. 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 2025-15.*) There were no other questions for the State's Attorney.

County Highway Engineer Catherine Terando was present and had her report regarding County Highway Engineering and Maintenance Activities for the board. Terando reported that she is still looking for a full-time employee for County Highway. On October 24, 2025, Marshall/Putnam Electronic Recycling collection in Toluca, 37% of the electronics came from Putnam County, and the majority came from Hennepin, Granville, and Magnolia. 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. The Sheriff said that he is still waiting for Grassers to install the AC/Heating unit in the Election room. He is currently working on floor covering for the Stairs and hallway. There were no other questions for the Sheriff. (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 and had his report.

OCT, FY' 2025

Income - \$236,103.92

General Fund Account Balances

General Fund Balance – (\$39,598.46)

General Fund Savings - \$622,215.41

NCB CD - \$535,779.18

Illinois Funds - \$2,670,245.66

IIIT (PFM) - \$453,942.66

PMA - \$562,978.17

Total – \$4,805,562.62

FY' 2025 Total Revenues - \$3,824,013.33

FY' 2025 Total Expenses – (\$3,856,945.40)

(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 October was \$19,025.85. The Primary Election is 3/17/2026; petition filing has ended. Dolder reported that the Purge is almost done; we currently have 3,948 registered voters. We purged all registered voters who live in the county, but have not voted in two General Election Cycles. Dolder stated the Bridge Permit has been filed for 2026. Dolder had one action item on the agenda regarding Resolution 2025-16 through 25 for Authorization by County Board Chairman to Execute Deeds of Conveyance. It was moved by Board member Rue to execute 10 deeds of Conveyance. 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 Resolutions 2025-16 through 25.*) 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 with his report. Giacometti continued inspections for the various permitted projects and issued 1 new permit for October. Giacometti reported there is a ZBA scheduled for November 25, 2025, at 5:30 PM to hear ZBA #24-002 Application for text Amendment requested by the County to add a Carbon Capture and Sequestration Ordinance (CCS) Ordinance to the existing Putnam County Zoning Ordinance. 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 present and had her report for October. Biagi attended several virtual meetings and trainings. Biagi reported the Emergency Operations Center was activated on October 8th due to a fire at the Marquis Energy Property at the Central Maintenance Building. Several counties coordinated together throughout the event. The board had no further 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:

Resolution 2025-26 Entering into an Agreement for Implementing the Coordination of Recycling Service on behalf of Putnam County. It was moved by Board member Holocker to approve the reappointment of its board members and terms. 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 2025-26 Entering into an Agreement for Implementing the Coordination of Recycling Service on behalf of Putnam County.)*

University of Illinois Extension - Erin Orwig, County Extension Director of the University of Illinois Extension, was present with several of their educators. They each spoke and reviewed the accomplishments for the 2025 year, and they thanked the board for the county's continued participation with Extension and for the county's financial support. Erin reported that, with the recent Federal budget cuts, they will no longer be able to have the site open at IVCC; however, they still will partner with IVCC. Erin did say the financial support of \$60,000 was sufficient for FY' 2026. The Board Chairman thanked them for all they do for Extension and the surrounding communities.

Resolution 2025-27 Putnam County Regular Board Meeting Schedule for 2026. The Board would like to keep meeting on the 2nd Monday of each month unless it is a Holiday. If Monday is a holiday, move the board meeting to the next day. In August, it was suggested to move the meeting to Tuesday, August 11, 2026. It was moved by Board member Holocker to approve Resolution 2025-27 Putnam County Regular Board Meeting Schedule for 2026. Board member Giacometti 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 2025-27, Putnam County Regular Board Meeting Schedule for 2026.)*

Ordinance 2025-O-02 Annual Budget and Appropriation Ordinance of the County of Putnam, State of Illinois, for the Fiscal year December 1, 2025, through November 30, 2026. After discussing the budget and hearing the remarks from Illinois Extension about closing the office at IVCC, due to other funding. Extension did say that the amount of money that was budgeted last year is sufficient for this year. It was moved by Board member Rue to approve the Ordinance 2025-O-02 Annual Budget and Appropriation Ordinance of the County of Putnam, State of Illinois, for the Fiscal year December 1, 2025, through November 30, 2026, with the decrease to match last year's budget line for Extension. Board member Holocker seconded the motion,

which was carried on a roll call board vote of 5 ayes, 0 nays, and 0 absent. (Board Chairman voted as well.) *(The Clerk of the County Board was directed to process Ordinance 2025-O-02, Annual Budget and Appropriation Ordinance of the County of Putnam, State of Illinois, for the Fiscal year December 1, 2025, through November 30, 2026.)*

Ordinance 2025-O-03 Providing for the Levy of Taxes for Putnam County, Illinois, for the fiscal Year December 1, 2025, through November 30, 2026. After a short discussion, it was moved by Board member Holly to approve the Ordinance 2025-O-03 Providing for the Levy of Taxes for Putnam County, Illinois, for the fiscal Year December 1, 2025, through November 30, 2026, with the change to the Extension line. Board member Holocker seconded the motion, which was carried on a roll call board vote of 5 ayes, 0 nays, and 0 absent. (Board Chairman voted as well.) *(The Clerk of the County Board was directed to process Ordinance 2025-O-03, Providing for the Levy of Taxes for Putnam County, Illinois, for the Fiscal year December 1, 2025, through November 30, 2026.)*

Ambulance Contract – Board Chairman suggested that the board not accept either bid, and the County should go out for rebid due to the “countywide” wording within the publication.

Handbook – No new updates.

Correspondences and Committee Reports: None

Executive Session:

At 6:21 P.M., it was moved by Board member Holocker to enter into Executive session regarding personnel. Board member Holly seconded the motion, which was carried on a roll call board vote of 4 ayes, 0 nays, and 0 absent. At 6:32 P.M., it was moved by Holocker to leave the Executive session. Board member Rue seconded the motion, which was carried on a roll call board vote of 4 ayes, 0 nays, and 0 absent.

ADJOURN:

At 6:34 P.M., Board member Holocker moved to adjourn the meeting. Board member Rue seconded the motion; 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, December 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