

PUTNAM COUNTY REGULAR BOARD MEETING
February 9, 2026, at 5:30 P.M.

The regular meeting of the Putnam County Board was called to order at 5:30 P.M. on Monday, February 9, 2026, 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, Marlee Giacometti, Tony Rue, Luke Holly, and Charles Lenkaitis answering.

All who were in attendance recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Opening of Demolition Bids: There were 4 bids submitted for property 2 Caribbean Way, Putnam. Bids were open: Ebel Sewer Water & Excavating - \$15,000.00, J.W. Ossola Company - \$21,569.00, Gillan Construction, LLC - \$20,980.00, Kirsch and Co. - \$14,320.00. There were 3 bids submitted for property 103 Main St., Putnam. Bids were open: J.W. Ossola Company - \$39,202.00, Gillan Construction, LLC - \$25,290.00, Kirsch and Co. - \$23,890.00. The board went with the lowest bid for both properties. Based on a 15-day subject to review, it was moved by board member Rue to accept Kirsch and Co.'s bid of \$14,320.00 for 2 Caribbean Way, Putnam, IL, and Kirsch and Co.'s bid of \$23,890.00 for 103 Main St., Putnam. Holocker seconded the motion, which was carried on a roll call board vote of 4 ayes, 0 nays, 0 absent.

Minutes: It was moved by board member Giacometti to approve the minutes from the January 12, 2026, 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.

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

Public comment: Dawn Neubaum was present and thanked the board for attending meetings through Illinois Extension regarding Data Centers and Zoning. Neubaum then informed the board of a webinar on Thursday on the Illinois Cornbelt Port Update. There were other members of the public in the audience, but they had no comments.

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 and had her report regarding County Highway Engineering and Maintenance Activities for the board. Terando had no action items for tonight. Terando reported that the roads are posted from February 1st to May 1st. There is currently still an open position at the highway department. There were no other questions for the County Highway Engineer. (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, but the board did have his report. The Sheriff did have one action item on the agenda, which included a bid for the carpet in the hallway (main level), stairwell, and basement. Board member Rue made a motion to approve the bid from DJ's Carpet for \$16,590.98. The motion was seconded by board member Holocker; it was carried on a roll call board vote of 4 ayes, 0 nays, and 0 absent. (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 had his report.

JAN, FY' 2026

Income - \$254,545.43

General Fund Account Balances

General Fund Balance – \$3,431.90

General Fund Savings - \$2,858.98

NCB CD - \$541,189.08

Illinois Funds - \$2,832,793.93

IIIT (PFM) - \$455,314.13

PMA - \$566,003.27

Total – \$4,404,591.29

FY' 2026 Total Revenues - \$462,909.48

FY' 2026 Total Expenses – (\$808,625.67)

(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 January was \$18,290.33. Dolder stated it has been a busy month leading up to the election. Early Voting started Feb 5, 2026. We have 6 people who voted, and 166 VBM ballots have been mailed out to date. Dolder has started the Extension process and is in the middle of the Records Disposal. Stressed the importance of using the drop box in the sheriff's lobby to return your VBM Ballot. If anyone mails their ballot back, make sure you mail it back about a week before the election due to the change in the USPS rules. Your VBM ballot must be postmarked before or on March 17th in order for your ballot to count. Simply getting your ballot to the post office box on March 17th does not guarantee the postmark date will be March 17th. The board had 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 present and had nothing to report. Just wanted to say Hi!

Zoning Administrator Ryan Giacometti was present. Giacometti continued inspections for the various permitted projects. There were no further questions.

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

County Death Investigator Bob Cofoid was present with his report for January. There were 5 deaths in January. Cofoid attended the Winter Conference, which was an excellent conference with about 100 attendees. There were no further questions. (The County Death Investigator's 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 not present and did not have a report.

P.C. Ambulance – Andy Jackson and Stephanie Lloyd came to the board meeting to give a report. Andy reported that they have been on 51 calls for the year. Last week, they had a medic bitten by a dog when they went on a call. The bite did puncture the skin; everyone is okay. Andy then reported that he is stepping down as of April 1, 2026. The board has not appointed anyone to replace him; he has recommended Stephanie Lloyd. He hopes the board will appoint her at their next board meeting. Stephanie did introduce herself and hopes to fulfill Andy's role. The board asked for a quarterly report from the Ambulance Service going forward. There were no further questions. (No paper report on file.)

NEW/OLD BUSINESS:

Society of Growth Non-Profit - Due to illness, they requested to be on the agenda next month.

Handbook – Board member Rue made a motion to pass whatever the handbook looks like with any revision made by 03/09/2026. Chairman Lenkaitis seconded the motion; it was carried on a roll call board vote of 5 ayes, 0 nays, and 0 absent. (Charlie was a voting member.)

Correspondences and Committee Reports:

Board member Rue attended a 911 meeting last month; they just gave financial updates.

Chairman Lenkaitis, Ryan, and board member Holocker attended a meeting in DeKalb with the mayor regarding Data Centers and Enterprise Zones. They learned a lot of good information.

Giacometti asked about the highlights. Chairman Lenkaitis said that he believes Step 1 should be hiring a water expert. We need to gather information like how much water we have now, how much we use, and how much they can use per day.

ADJOURN:

At 6:32 P.M., Board member Rue moved to adjourn the meeting. Board member Holocker 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, March 9, 2026, 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