

**PUTNAM COUNTY REGULAR BOARD MEETING**  
**January 12, 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, January 12, 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, Luke Holly, and Charles Lenkaitis answering. Tony Rue is absent.

All who were in attendance recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Minutes:** It was moved by board member Giacometti to approve the minutes from the November 10, 2025, Regular Board Meeting. Board member Holocker seconded the motion, which was carried on a roll call board vote of 3 ayes, 0 nays, and 1 absent. It was then moved by board member Holly to approve the minutes from the December 08, 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.

**Bills:** It was moved by board member Holocker to pay the December Bills. Board member Giacometti 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 and informed the board about some upcoming meetings through Illinois Extension regarding Data Centers and Zoning. The Board Chairman did say that a couple of board members were planning on attending a few of the meetings. 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. The State's Attorney did ask that we give a moment of silence for the passing of Roger Bolin, who has served the County for over 35 years. A moment of silence was given. 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 3 action items. First, Resolution 2026-01 Establishing the County Engineer's Salary, to use 60% of 95% of the sum of the recommended salary levels set by the Illinois Department of Transportation. Maintenance Under the Illinois Highway Code. It was moved by board member Holly to approve Resolution 2026-01 Establishing the County Engineer's Salary, to use 60% of 95% of the sum of the recommended salary levels set by the Illinois Department of Transportation. 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 2026-01 Establishing the County Engineer's Salary to use 60% of 95% of the sum of the recommended Salary levels set by the IDOT.)* Second, Resolution 2026-02 Agreement for County Engineer's Salary Program. It was moved by board member Holly to approve Resolution 2026-02 An

Agreement for the County Engineer's Salary Program. Board member Giacometti seconded the motion, which was carried on a roll call board vote of 3 ayes, 0 nays, 1 absent. *(The Clerk of the County Board was directed to process Resolution 2026-02, An Agreement for the County Engineer's Salary Program.)* The third action item, Resolution 2026-03 Appropriating Funds for the Payment of the County Engineer's Salary. It was moved by board member Holocker to approve Resolution 2026-03 Appropriating Funds for the Payment of the County Engineer's Salary. 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 2026-03 Appropriating Funds for the Payment of the County Engineer's Salary.)* 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 reported that the furnace/AC unit for the Election Room will be shipped on January 23<sup>rd</sup>. As soon as it is in, a time will be scheduled to get it installed. The Sheriff discussed the purchase of the new squad, and when they get a total and more information, he will let the board know. The Sheriff did not have anything additional to report. 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 not present, but the board had his report.

DEC, FY' 2026

Income - \$208,364.05

General Fund Account Balances

General Fund Balance – (\$7,651.85)

General Fund Savings - \$208,409.33

NCB CD - \$541,189.08

Illinois Funds - \$2,935,963.44

IIIT (PFM) - \$455,314.13

PMA - \$565,013.72

Total – \$4,698,237.85

FY' 2026 Total Revenues - \$208,364.05

FY' 2026 Total Expenses – (\$355,566.32)

(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 December was \$28,757.19. Dolder stated it has been a busy month leading up to the election. Early Voting starts Feb 5, 2026. Dolder has started the Extension process to strike the rates for the tax year 2025 payable in 2026. She reported that she leaves on Wednesday for the IACCR Conference in Peoria. 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 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 December. Giacometti stated that the Governor signed the bill SB0025, which counties will have to update the ordinance to align with the new language. There were no further 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, but did drop off his report for December. There were 3 deaths for the month of December. 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 present and had her report for December. Biagi attended several meetings as always. Biagi reported that she will not be at the February meeting; however, will be reachable by phone. 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:**

2026 IRS Mileage Increase – The mileage increase is now 72.5 cents per mile starting January 1, 2026.

Handbook – No new updates.

**Correspondences and Committee Reports:**

Tony and Charlie attended a meeting with Marquis last month to discuss a 10-year plan. The board discussed the Enterprise Zone and will have future discussions regarding the current and possible extension to the Enterprise Zone.

Floyd and Charlie attended a UCCI meeting, which was very informative on Solar and different incentives that many communities are missing out on.

Luke attended an Illinois Extension meeting and advised the board that the Extension office is closed due to the lack of funding at IVCC, so the meeting will be in Ottawa.

**ADJOURN:**

At 6:22 P.M., Board member Holocker moved to adjourn the meeting. Board member Giacometti 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, February 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