

Proceedings of the Ogle County Board Organizational Meeting
March 19, 2013

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County of Ogle) ss

Call to Order

Chairman Gouker calls the Ogle County Board Meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

Roll Call

The roll call shows Bowers, O'Brien and Typer are absent. The Pledge of Allegiance is followed by the Invocation given by Colson.

Approval of Minutes

Chairman Gouker asks for a motion to approve the February 19, 2013 Ogle County Board Meeting minutes. McKinney moves to approve, Heuer seconds and the motion carries on a voice vote.

Approval of Reports

Chairman Gouker asks for a motion to accept the monthly report of the Ogle County Clerk & Recorder, Treasurer, and Circuit Clerk. Janes moves to accept the reports as filed, Petrizzo seconds and the motion carries on a voice vote.(Placed on file)

Presentation – Health Department – Health Administrator Doreen O'Brien

Health Administrator Doreen O'Brien addresses the board and has distributed a packet of information from the Health Department. O'Brien states as a Certified Local Health Department they are required to give an Annual Report as well as provide certain core functions for the State of Illinois; have a Medical Director and follow the rules and regulations of the grants. The Ogle County Health Department is a Certified Local Health Department by Resolution; the Ogle County Board passed a Resolution in 1966 to establish the local Health Department. O'Brien states she reports to the H.E.W. Committee as the liaison committee; by statue she reports to the Board of Health. These members are listed in the annual report along with various programs and services provided by the Health Department. The Health Department operates under two time-frames for budgets; the county budget and state budget. Approximately 60% of the budget comes from State Grants which runs from July 1 to June 1, states O'Brien. O'Brien thanks the board for their time this evening.

Appointment – Ogle County Civic Center Authority Board (3) – postponed

Appointment - Mental Health "708" Board – William E. Sigler - R-2013-0301

Chairman Gouker announces the recommendation of William E. Sigler to the Mental Health "708" Board for a term which expires December 31, 2016. Oltmanns moves to approve R-2013-0301, Colson seconds and the motion carries on a voice vote.(Placed on file)

Appointment - 911 ETSB (Law Enforcement) – Samuel Thomas - R-2013-0302

Chairman Gouker announces the recommendation of Samuel Thomas to the 9-1-1 ETSB –for the Law Enforcement appointment for an unexpired term which ends June 30, 2014. Meyers moves to approve R-2013-0302, Nordman seconds and the motion carries on a voice vote.(Placed on file)

Resignation – Byron Museum District – Angela Bauer - R-2013-0303

Chairman Gouker announces we have received a resignation from Angela Bauer of the Byron Museum District. Heuer moves to approve R-2013-0303, Colbert seconds and the motion carries on a voice vote.(Placed on file)

Resignation - Leaf River Fire Protection District – Perry Schreiner – R-2013-0304

Chairman Gouker announces we have received a resignation from Perry Schreiner of the Leaf River Fire Protection District. Griffin moves to approve R-2013-0304, Oltmanns seconds and the motion carries on a voice vote.(Placed on file)

Vacancies –

- Dixon Fire Protection District – 1 vacancy
- Forreton Fire Protection District – 1 vacancy
- Franklin Grove Fire Protection District – 1 vacancy
- Leaf River Fire Protection District – 1 vacancy
- Lost Nation/New Landing RCD – 1 vacancy
- Lynn-Scott-Rock Fire Protection District – 1 vacancy
- Oregon Fire Protection District – 1 vacancy
- Planning Commission – 2 vacancies
- Zoning Board of Appeals – 1 vacancy
- Mental Health “708” Board – 1 vacancy – unexpired term ends 12/31/2014
- Byron Museum District – 1 vacancy – unexpired term ends 6/30/2016
- Ogle County Civic Center Authority – 5 vacancies
- Leaf River Fire Protection District – 1 unexpired term ends 04/30/2014

Application and Resumé deadline – Monday, April 1, 2013 at 4:30 p.m.
in the County Clerk’s Office located at 105 S. 5th St – Suite 104, Oregon, IL

- Board of Review (Republican Candidates) – 2 vacancies

Application and Resumé deadline – Friday, May 3, 2013 at 4:30 p.m.
in the County Clerk’s Office located at 105 S. 5th St – Suite 104, Oregon, IL

Appointment – Mental Health “708” Board – unexpired term

Chairman Gouker states the H.E.W. Committee had made a recommendation for the unexpired term on the Mental Health “708” Board; however the deadline is not until April 1, 2013. This appointment was not brought forward as we do have another application filed and this will be reconsidered at the next committee meeting.

Zoning – none

Public Comment –

- County Highway Engineer Curtis D. Cook presents Highway History for the 100th Anniversary of the County Highway Department and reads a prepared statement.
- Kim Kirkolis announces the Neboshone Trail Riders Spaghetti and Pizza Supper at the Wooden Nickel in Stillman Valley on April 4th and the Focus House Spaghetti Supper on April 17th with a Silent Auction.

Road & Bridge – 2013 Striping – R-2013-0305

Hopkins moves to approve R-2013-0305 with the low bidder being America’s Parking Remarketing, Inc. in the amount of \$52,606.16 with an appropriation of \$53,000.00 from the County Highway Fund for the County portion of said project; McKinney seconds. Meyers asks if this is a local company. Hopkins states there is not a local company that stripes roads. The motion carries on a voice vote.(Placed on file)

Road & Bridge - 2013 Crack Sealing - 13-00000-04-GM – R-2013-0306

Hopkins moves to approve R-2013-0306 with the low bidder being Behm Pavement Maintenance, Inc. in the amount of \$51,450.00 with an appropriation of \$52,000.00 from the Motor Fuel Tax Fund for the County portion of said project; Petrizzo seconds. Meyers asks if this is a local company. Hopkins states there aren’t many local people to crack fill. The motion carries on a voice vote.(Placed on file)

Road & Bridge - Haldane Rd Bridge - 12-16116-00-BR – R-2013-0307

Hopkins moves to approve R-2013-0307 with the low bidder being M&M Concrete, Inc in the amount of \$204,999.73 with an appropriation of \$21,000.00 from the County Aid to Bridge Fund for the County portion of said project; Kenney seconds. Meyers asks if this is a local company. Hopkins asks what “local” means. Meyers states “Ogle County”. Hopkins states they are fairly local, but not in Ogle County. The motion carries on a voice vote.(Placed on file)

Road & Bridge - Milledgeville Road Box Culvert - 12-00284-00-BR – R-2013-0308

Hopkins moves to approve R-2013-0308 with the low bidder being O’Brien Civil Works, Inc. of Pine Creek Twp, Ogle County, Illinois in the amount of \$124,771.10 with an appropriation of \$125,000.00 from the County Aid to Bridge Fund for the County portion of said project; Griffin seconds and the motion carries on a voice vote.(Placed on file)

Road & Bridge - Chana Road Box Culvert - 12-00283-00-BR – R-2013-0309

Hopkins moves to approve R-2013-0309 with the low bidder being Martin & Company Excavating of Oregon, Illinois in the amount of \$222,384.54 with an appropriation of \$223,000.00 from the County Aid to Bridge Fund for the County portion of said project; Colson seconds. Welty abstains due to a conflict of interest. The motion carries on a voice vote.(Placed on file)

Ogle County Claims – Clerk reads the claims:

- Payments in Vacation – February 2013 - \$77,566.67
- County Board Payments - March 19, 2013 - \$104,217.50
- County Highway Fund – \$75,454.97

Simms moves to approve claims and Hopkins seconds.

McKinney has questions regarding the Payments in Vacation for Nicor bills with dues dates of 3/25 and bills came in 2/7; why weren't these bills paid through committee? The City of Oregon bills; can we work with the City of Oregon to get the bills paid through the committee meeting? There was a purchase made from Wal-Mart; was this a Wal-Mart in Ogle County? I believe this was a purchase of TV's and there are other businesses in Ogle County that this could have been purchased in, states McKinney. McKinney would also like to ask if Sales Tax was paid on these purchases. McKinney will be voting NO on the Payments in Vacation. Chairman Gouker suggests taking these specific questions to the department head to get answers. Welty states according to the reports the invoice dates, due dates and general ledger dates are before the last committee meeting; I do not understand why these bills are not processed through the committee. Welty would like to eliminate the Payments in Vacation and will be voting NO. Saunders asks to separate the vote. McKinney states the Payments in Vacation have already been paid.

Chairman Gouker asks Simms and Hopkins if they can separate the bills. The motion to approve the County Board Payments and County Highway Fund carries on a voice vote.

Chairman Gouker asks for a motion to approve the Payments in Vacation; reminding you these bills have been paid. Hopkins moves to approve February 2013 Payments in Vacation and Simms seconds.

Welty thinks it is wrong for the board to approve these payments when they have already been paid and not brought forth to the committee. Welty would like to see the Payments in Vacation process abolished. Chairman Gouker states the fault is probably that of the County Board as we do not have an adequate policy which would need to be corrected. Colson states the points are well taken, however we don't accomplish anything with a no vote. We need to bring this to the table and try to address this going forward and perhaps streamline the process. We cannot correct it now; we can only address the future. Chairman Gouker states this is better discussion at the committee level. McKinney states by taking a vote maybe the message will go back to the department heads that we are not happy with the way these bills are being paid.

Chairman Gouker states the board needs to establish a policy. McKinney asks which committee would take care of this issue. Chairman Gouker states he believes it would be either the Executive Committee or the State's Attorney and Juvenile & Probation Committee.

Hopkins states he has never been in favor of the Payments in Vacation and will be voting yes tonight. Hopkins would like to see the board follow through and get serious about doing something regarding this issue. Petrizzo also agrees with Hopkins.

Chairman Gouker states we will take a vote and a NO vote will be registering a statement and YES vote will support Hopkins' statement to correct this issue.

Gronewold states his committee does review Payments in Vacation with reports generated by Laura Cook. There was some discussion regarding making payments to receive discounts.

A roll call vote is taken:

YES: Sparrow, Finfrock, Griffin, Gronewold, Heuer, Hopkins, Janes, Kenney, Kirkolis and Gouker

NO: Meyers, Nordman, Oltmanns, Petrizzo, Saunders, Simms, Welty, Brooks, Colbert, Colson and McKinney

ABSENT: O'Brien, Typer and Bowers

The motion is defeated on a roll call vote.

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COMMITTEE REPORTS

The following committee minutes have been placed on exhibit: 911 ETS Board, County Infrastructure, County Security, Executive Committee, Finance & Insurance and Personnel, HEW & Solid Waste and Veterans, Judiciary and Circuit Clerk, Long Range and Strategic Planning, Road & Bridge, State's Attorney and Juvenile & Probation and Supervisor of Assessments and Planning & Zoning and Tri-County Opportunities.

The following committees had no minutes to file: Blackhawk Hills RC&D, Board of Health, G.I.S. Partnership, Liquor Commission, L.O.T.S., Mental Health '708 Board, Planning Commission, Safety Committee and UCCI/ICRMT.

Finance & Insurance Committee:

- o Outside Agencies Health Insurance premium Surcharge R-2013-0311

Chairman Gouker would like a motion to suspend the rules to add this to the agenda for discussion. Sparrow makes the motion to suspend the Ogle County Board Rules of Order #25 and Finrock seconds.

McKinney states an item cannot be added to an agenda if it does not have the 48 hour notification. McKinney asks for the advice from the State's Attorney. State's Attorney Mike Rock states according to the Open Meetings Act it does require 48 hours notification if any final action will take place. Chairman Gouker states there will be action regarding this resolution; this information was e-mailed prior to the board meeting on Monday. McKinney asks if we are taking a vote for discussion only or to take action on the resolution. Chairman Gouker states this information was e-mailed to the board members on Monday; but a copy was not placed on the desks tonight. Chairman Gouker tables the resolution, but would like to open this up for discussion.

McKinney asks for an explanation. Chairman Gouker states there has been discussion at the Finance and Insurance Committee and the previous resolution had a 33% increase for only a couple of the agencies. Chairman Gouker states the discussion at the committee was the increase should be for all of the agencies or none of the agencies. This resolution is to impose a 19% rate increase for all of the agencies; Village of Progress, HOSPICE, Ogle County Housing, H.O.P.E., Regional Office of Education and Rock River Center. Chairman Gouker states they reviewed the claims experience over the last three years and the claim experience of the employees and retirees is considerably lower than the other agencies. The outside agencies claim experience was 19% higher and that is where the number came from for the surcharge. Chairman Gouker explains our Health Insurance is self-funded and we establish our own premiums. It was the opinion of the committee that the Ogle County taxpayers and budget should not subsidize these agencies. We have developed a pool which is self-funded and we invited these other agencies into to give us a larger pool of participants. McKinney asks how much this will cost the agencies. Chairman Gouker states it will vary due to the number of employees per agency.

Saunders asks if these agencies decide to pursue other avenues of insurance, will this affect our rates. Chairman Gouker states we don't think it will. Making the increase effective August 1, 2013, will allow the other agencies to seek other options if they would like, states Chairman Gouker. Chairman Gouker states this was not specifically discussed, but at renewal time this 19% increase surcharge would remain. Heuer would like to have the committee reconsider before it is introduced again and include a "sunset clause" or "yearly review". Chairman Gouker states the committee will review it every year and will have to adjust the surcharge. McKinney asks if the committee has looked at a smaller increase, to give the agencies time to work into it. Chairman Gouker states if we recognize that Ogle County employees and the plan itself is subsidizing to the tune of 19%; if we go with a smaller rate of say 8%, we are now openly subsidizing 11%.

McKinney asks if Query can provide information before the next meeting a list based on last year's figures what the cost to the agencies was; what the cost of the county would be with a 10% surcharge and a 19% surcharge.

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HEW & Solid Waste:

- Joint Resolution to Incorporate Whiteside County into the Lee County & Ogle County Educational Service Region – R-2013-0310

Colbert presents R-2013-0310 and Petrizzo seconds. Gronewold asks if there has been any discussion regarding housing. Chairman Gouker states we currently split the differences 50/50 with Lee County. We are supposed to be sharing the expenses based on EAV and Ogle County is larger. The arrangement we are looking at now is the main office will be located in Whiteside County with a satellite office in either Lee or Ogle County, states Chairman Gouker. Chairman Gouker has recommended the satellite office be located in Ogle County since we are further from Sterling. Regional Superintendent of Schools Amy Jo Clemens addresses the board regarding this resolution and states it will not be in effect until July 1, 2015 and we have time to negotiate the expenses. Oltmanns asks if this resolution has been approved by Lee and Whiteside Counties. Clemens says they have both passed this resolution. The motion carries on a voice vote.(Placed on file)

- Chairman Comments:

- Welcomes back Ashley Simms after the birth of her daughter Eve; who is present at the meeting tonight.
- Electrical Aggregate Public Hearing has 4 – 5 people present this evening. Chairman Gouker has received questions regarding the letter which was sent out; asking if county money was used for this notification. There was no County money used for this notification it was paid for by Rock River Energy. Chairman Gouker states he did review the letter to be sure the county was not making any type of an endorsement. Chairman Gouker also directed Mike Mudge of Rock River Energy to educate and inform the public about this referendum which will be on the April 9, 2013 ballot. Hopkins stated it was confusing for the people living in the townships where this was already approved. Chairman Gouker states it will be on the township ballots even though it has been approved. Hopkins asks if the county passes and gets a better rate; can the townships withdraw and join the county for additional savings. Chairman Gouker states this would have to be taken up with Mike Mudge of Rock River Energy.
- At the direction of the Finance Committee Chairman Gouker has contacted Labor Attorney Spizzo to attend a County Board Meeting for a Closed Session to explain the process of Union Contracts – for educational purpose only. If the board agrees, Chairman Gouker will contact Spizzo and invite him to attend.

- Vice-Chairman Comments:

- There are still 8 County Board Members who have not filed the certification of completion for the Open Meetings Act training.
- Petrizzo comments he has written a letter to the board members to ask for their support in the United Way Campaign; there are 18 agencies in Ogle County who receive money.

Closed Session –

At 6:38 p.m., Chairman Gouker asks for a motion to enter into Closed Session to discuss the purchase or sale of property pursuant to 5 ILCS 120/2 (c)(5). Sparrow makes the motion to enter into Closed Session and McKinney seconds. A roll call vote is taken:

YES: Nordman, Oltmanns, Petrizzo, Simms, Sparrow, Welty, Brooks, Colbert, Colson, Finfrock, Griffin, Gronewold, Heuer, Hopkins, Janes, Kenney, Kirkolis, McKinney, Meyers and Gouker

NO: Saunders

ABSENT: O'Brien, Typer and Bowers

The motion carries on a roll call vote.

Open Session –

At 7:35 p.m., the County Board returns to Open Session.

Rochelle Technology Park Property – R-2013-0312

Simms makes the motion to authorize the County Board Chairman to enter in a Real Estate Agreement with Lee & Associates for the purpose of selling the 4 acres of property located in the Rochelle Technology Park. The asking price will be in the amount of \$280,000.00 with the assignment of waste water detention facility clause in original contract. Sparrow seconds and the motion carries on a voice vote.(drafted after board meeting and placed on file)

501 W. Washington St, Oregon, Illinois – PIN 16-03-163-006 – R-2013-0313

Welty makes the motion to purchase 501 W. Washington St, Oregon, Illinois – PIN 16-03-163-006; not to exceed \$150,000.00 plus the County cost involved in the acquisition. Sparrow seconds and a roll call vote is called:

YES: Oltmanns, Petrizzo, Simms, Sparrow, Welty, Brooks, Colbert, Colson, Finfrock, Griffin, Heuer, Hopkins, Janes, Kirkolis, McKinney, Nordman and Gouker

NO: Saunders, Gronewold, Kenney and Meyers

ABSENT: Typer, Bowers and O’Brien

The motion carries on a roll call vote.(drafted after board meeting and placed on file)

102 S. 5th St, Oregon, Illinois – PIN 16-03-163-008 – R-2013-0314

Sparrow makes the motion to authorize the County Board Chairman to proceed with the hiring of a commercial appraiser an amount not to exceed \$1,500.00 for the appraisal of PIN 16-03-163-008 Common Location of 102 S. 5th St, Oregon, Illinois. Janes seconds and a roll call vote is called:

YES: Petrizzo, Simms, Sparrow, Welty, Brooks, Colbert, Colson, Finfrock, Griffin, Heuer, Janes, Kirkolis, McKinney, Nordman, Oltmanns and Gouker

NO: Saunders, Gronewold, Hopkins, Kenney and Meyers

ABSENT: Typer, Bowers and O’Brien

The motion carries on a roll call vote.(drafted after board meeting and placed on file)

Communications –

- o Sales Tax for December 2011 was \$39,955.18 and \$78,684.15
- o Sales Tax for December 2012 was \$35,331.90 and \$71,458.60

Unfinished Business –

New Business –

Adjourn Meeting

At 7:45 p.m., Nordman moves to adjourn the Ogle County Board until Tuesday, April 16, 2013 at 5:30 p.m. at the Courthouse in Oregon. Petrizzo seconds and the motion carries on a voice vote.

Chairman Kim P. Gouker
Ogle County Board

Attest: Rebecca Huntley, Ogle County Clerk &
Ex-officio Clerk of the Ogle County Board