

Proceedings of the Ogle County Board Meeting
March 15, 2011

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County of Ogle) ss

Call to Order

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

Roll Call

The roll call shows members Bauer (enters at 5:35 p.m.) and Messer are absent. The Invocation is given by Barnes and followed with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approval of Minutes

Barnes moves to approve the February 15, 2011 County Board Meeting minutes. Janes moves to approve, Finfrock seconds and the motion carries on a voice vote.

Approval of Reports

Chairman Barnes asks for a motion to accept the monthly report of the Ogle County Clerk & Recorder, Treasurer, and Circuit Clerk. Kenney moves to accept the reports as filed, De Arvil seconds. The motion to approve the reports carries on a voice vote.(Placed on file)

Proclamation – National Sunshine Week – R-2011-0309

County Clerk Huntley reads the National Sunshine Week – Open Government Proclamation (R-2011-0309).Nye moves to approve R-2011-0309, Bowers seconds and the motion carries on a voice vote.(Placed on file)

Presentation – Lee County Enterprise Zone (Amendment #14) – O-2011-0301

John Thompson explains the need to amend the Lee County Enterprise Zone – Amending Ordinance #9 & Amendment #14 to the Intergovernmental Agreement (O-2011-0301); Nippon Sharyo has had to relocate to a site in Prologis Park in Rochelle. This Ordinance will allow us to remove the land from the old site and add the land from the new site to the Enterprise Zone. White moves to suspend the rules according to the Ogle County Board Rules of Order #25 to vote on the Lee County Enterprise Zone Amendment #14 – O-2011-0301 as presented, Colson seconds and a roll call vote is taken:

YES: Nye, Rice, Saunders, Stahl, Welty, White, Williams, Bauer, Boes, Bowers, Colbert, Colson, De Arvil, Finfrock, Gouker, Gronewold, Heuer, Hopkins, Horner, Janes, Kenney, Kilker and Barnes

NO: None

ABSENT: Messer

The motion carries on a roll call vote.

Rice moves to approve Lee County Enterprise Zone Amendment #14 – O-2011-0301 as presented, Colson seconds and a roll call vote is taken:

YES: Rice, Saunders, Stahl, Welty, White, Williams, Bauer, Boes, Bowers, Colbert, Colson, De Arvil, Finfrock, Gouker, Gronewold, Heuer, Hopkins, Horner, Janes, Kenney, Kilker, Nye and Barnes

NO: None

ABSENT: Messer

The motion carries on a roll call vote.(Placed on file)

Presentation – United Way

Greg Martin introduces United Way Director Jenny Beckman to the members of the board. Ms. Beckman explains how United Way of Rock River Valley benefits various organizations located in Ogle County.

Resignation – Zoning Board of Appeals (alternate 2) – R-2011-0301

Chairman Barnes has received a letter of resignation from John Finfrock of the Zoning Board of Appeals as alternate 2. County Clerk Huntley reads the resolution to the board. White moves to accept R-2011-0301, Welty seconds and the motion carries on a voice vote.(Placed on file)

Vacancies –

- Farmland Assessment Review Board – 3 vacancies
- Fire Protection Districts – Ashton – Forreston – German Valley – Leaf River and Oregon
- Lost Nation/New Landing RCD – 1 vacancy
- Regional Planning Commission – 3 vacancies
- Zoning Board of Appeals – 3 vacancies (1 Regular Member – Alternate 1 & Alternate 2)
- Mental Health 708 Board – 3 vacancies
- Ogle County Civic Center Authority – 1 unexpired term

Application deadline for vacancies will be
Friday, April 1, 2011 at 4:30 p.m. in the County Clerk's Office
located at 105 S. 5th St – Suite 104, Oregon, IL

Zoning – #1-11 SPECIAL USE – Ordinance 2011-0302

Welty presents the petition of Glenn Borneman, 5993 W. IL Rte. 72, Leaf River, IL and Robert & Karen Borneman, 6679 W. IL Rte. 72, Leaf River, IL for a Special Use Permit to allow a Small Rural Business (quilt shop) in the AG-1 Agricultural District on property described as follows and owned by the petitioners: Part of the E1/2 of the NW1/4 of Section 33 Maryland Township 25N, R9E of the 4th P.M., Ogle County, IL, 75.72 acres, more or less. P.I.N.: 03-33-100-002 - Common Location: 6679 W. IL Rte. 72. Welty moves to approve #1-11 Special Use for Glenn Borneman -Ordinance 2011-0302. Bowers seconds and the motion carries on a voice vote.(Placed on file)

Zoning - #2-11 SPECIAL USE – Ordinance 2011-0303

Welty presents the petition of Todd M. & Kristin A. McLester, 11708 N. Tower Rd., Byron, IL for a Special Use Permit to allow an indoor dog boarding kennel in the AG-1 Agricultural District on property described as follows and owned by the petitioners: Part of G.L.2 NW1/4 Fractional Section 7 Byron Township 25N, R11E of the 4th P.M., and part of the S1/2 of the NE1/4 Section 12 Byron Township 25N, R10E of the 4th P.M., Ogle County, IL, 44.0 acres, more or less. P.I.N.: 05-07-100-011 and 04-12-200-010 - Common Location: 11708 N. Tower Rd. Welty moves to approve #2-11 Special Use for Todd M. & Kristin A. McLester Ordinance 2011-0303. Finfrock seconds and the motion carries on a voice vote.(Placed on file)

WECS (Wind Energy Conversion Systems) Update -

Welty states the Supervisor of Assessments and Planning and Zoning Committee are continuing to review the Wind Energy Conversion Systems (WECS) Subcommittee's recommended WECS performance Standards dated August 3, 2010. A copy of this report was included in the Board packets and asks all board members to take this document to the constituents in your district and obtain comments. Please assemble the information and get to the committee no later than May 1, 2011. A copy of the WECS report will be available on the County Website at www.oglecounty.org. The public can access the documents, send comments and find where to obtain a hardcopy of the document.

Saunders questions the procedure outlined in the committee minutes on page 4 – “After the Planning & Zoning Committee receives the information above, these comments and documents will be reviewed by the Planning & Zoning Committee. The Planning & Zoning Committee will then make any final appropriate review changes to the WECS Performance Standards and pass the final approved WECS Standards to the full County Board for their consideration.” The normal procedure would be to go through the Planning Commission and Zoning Board of Appeals. “Are we bypassing these steps?” Saunders asks. Welty says this is not a Text Amendment nor is it a change to the Zoning Ordinance; these WECS sub-Committee recommendations are a set of suggested standards like we have had in the county since 2003. The Zoning Department has had a set of suggested standards and distributes these when a developer comes into their office. The only thing it says in the Zoning Ordinance is listed under AG-1 Special Use section Wind Energy Conversion System, Commercial (9/03), says Welty. We are not changing the Ordinance and we are not adding this document, this is just a set of standard suggestions for the design of their system. Saunders is confused by the process and is not sure of what the weight of these suggestions would carry. Welty states we are a Special Use Permit County and the process would be:

- Supervisor of Assessments and Planning and Zoning Committee to review document
- Committee to make recommendation to the full County Board for approval (May or June)
- County Board to approve or disapprove as set of guidelines for Zoning Department

Whatever the board approves in May or June will be the guidelines to follow. Once the board takes action on the suggested standards and the moratorium is lifted; a developer has the right to make an application in the Zoning Department. Rice asks if the first set of ordinances passed by the County Board for wind farms went through the Zoning Board of Appeals. Welty states the Ordinance itself is a Text Amendment Ordinance that says commercial wind farms are a Special Use application and is worded as “Wind Energy Conversion System, Commercial (9/03)”; this is the only verbiage in the Zoning document. Rice asks if the Zoning Board of Appeals reviewed the current Zoning Ordinance in place for wind farms. Welty says yes, as a Text Amendment the ZBA was involved in 2003. Rice would like to see this go back to the ZBA as a courtesy to let them look at the information. We can definitely consider that, says Welty. Saunders has been under the impression as a board member they can get input from the community; but when it comes to a zoning matter the guideline has been to listen to sworn testimony only. Saunders asks Reibel to confirm this and Reibel states yes. If we do not have sworn testimony; how can we honestly do our jobs the correct way, comments Saunders. Chairman Barnes says it was discussed at the last Planning & Zoning Committee meeting to maybe bypass the ZBA and make this a Text Amendment. After talking to other board members and some constituents; everyone feels we should not bypass the ZBA. We are giving you the information to review and talk to your constituents and come back with suggestions. Bauer states it is setup now not to go before the ZBA, when are we going to decide what process this will follow? What direction is this going, asks Bauer. Welty says the Planning & Zoning committee will bring the recommendations to the board in May or June, once they are finished with the public comment period. Hopkins feels this is a stall tactic to the windmill effort. Hopkins further comments that we did allow Baileyville Wind Farm decisions on setbacks and such at the ZBA hearings. We have had sub-committee meetings to obtain public comment and we are not going to gain anymore by going through this again. It is time to remove the moratorium and see if people want to come and apply through the Special Use permitting process, comments Hopkins.

Public Comments –

- ⇒ Kara Principe an Attorney for the Indiana-Illinois-Iowa Foundation for Fair Contracting reads a prepared statement in favor of wind development in Ogle County.
- ⇒ Mark McCaffrey of Rochelle is a heavy equipment operator and the past couple of years he has worked on wind turbine farms in DeKalb and Grundy Counties. He would like to help the local economy and purchase gas and other items locally instead of traveling to other counties for work. It makes more sense to build wind turbines here and create our own energy.
- ⇒ Al Woodin of Polo is a property owner and a heavy equipment operator; he is in favor of wind development in Ogle County.
- ⇒ Ed Motter on behalf of International Union of Operating Engineers Local 150 reads a prepared statement in favor of wind farms
- ⇒ Dan Cox of Lightsville Rd in Ogle County and an operator for Local 150 – in favor of wind farms and opposes the suggested recommendations by the WECS sub-committee.
- ⇒ Mike Krezsge an operator for Local 150 and a resident of DeKalb County – reads some facts regarding the DeKalb County wind farm which was put in by Florida Power and Light.
- ⇒ Brian Duncan – President of the Ogle County Farm Bureau distributes a draft of Commercial Wind Energy Conversion System (WECS) Performance Standards dated March 2010 to members of the board. This is the original document given to the WECS Committee to review and drafted by Mike Reibel. Duncan urges members of the board to review this document versus the WECS sub-committee recommendations.
- ⇒ Peggy Allison of Rochelle – this isn’t only about money and jobs – it is about the health safety and well being of the citizens of Ogle County - Do not hurry the process since this is something we will live with for the rest of our lives.
- ⇒ Don Conn speaks out about the departments who have come before the Finance Committee regarding the money in their budget. The budget was prepared by the Finance Committee and approved by the County Board. These departments need to live within their budget that was given to them.
- ⇒ Tom Smith of White Rock Twp is a retired iron worker and urges the board to continue what you are doing. The developers want to install, build and sell; take their money and run. We have to protect ourselves and the future of our children.

- ⇒ Mark Szula, Business Manager for Local 150, Rockford – talks about searching for the truth and commends Saunders comments on sworn testimony. We are not opposing anything we are opposing the process; this is about property rights.
- ⇒ Melvin Schaneberg of Rochelle comments on his experience of working for the Union.
- ⇒ Rob Freyer of Byron attends Highland Community College in the Wind Tech Program. He is looking to make a career as a Wind Tech and is in favor of wind farms.
- ⇒ Diane McNeilly of Rochelle is in favor of wind energy from an environmental standpoint as wind is free and part of a solution.
- ⇒ Bruce Rose of Stillman Valley is a retired engineer and has also done research regarding wind farms.
- ⇒ Mike Dale of Focus House announces the Annual Spaghetti Supper at Focus House on April 20th from 4 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.
- ⇒ Lant Huntley invites everyone to a movie presentation called Windfall which will be at the Historic Dixon Theatre on Friday, March 25th at 7:30 p.m. and Saturday, March 26th at 1:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. – this event is FREE.

Road & Bridge – Union Road Box Culvert – 10-00278-00-BR - R-2011-0302

Hopkins moves to approve the Award and Appropriation Resolution – Union Rd Box Culvert - Section 10-00278-00-BR - \$145,000.00 from County Bridge Fund (R-2011-0302)
Colson seconds and the motion carries on a voice vote.(Placed on file)

Road & Bridge – Freeport Rd Bridge – Section 10-00279-00-BR - R-2011-0303

Hopkins moves to approve the Award and Appropriation Resolution – Freeport Rd Bridge - Section 10-00279-00-BR - \$829,000.00 from County Bridge Fund (R-2011-0303). Kenney seconds – Williams abstains and the motion carries on a voice vote.(Placed on file)

Road & Bridge – Section 2011 Striping – R-2011-0304

Hopkins moves to approve the Award and Appropriation Resolution – Section 2011 Striping - \$45,000.00 from County Highway Fund (R-2011-0304). De Arvil seconds and the motion carries on a voice vote.(Placed on file)

Road & Bridge – Stillman Rd – Section 08-00256-00-RS - R-2011-0305

Hopkins moves to approve the Appropriation Resolution – Stillman Rd - Section 08-00256-00-RS - \$41,436.43 from Federal Aid Matching fund and \$41,436.42 from Motor Fuel Tax Fund (R-2011-0305). Kenney seconds and the motion carries on a voice vote.(Placed on file)

Ogle County Claims – Clerk reads the claims:

- Payments in Vacation – February 2011 - \$127,267.52
- County Board Payments - March 15, 2011- \$133,264.01
- County Highway Fund – \$116,871.71
- Utility Expenses – Transfer from Solid Waste Fund
 - Buildings & Grounds - \$36,054.22
 - Highway - \$2,718.90
 - Focus House - \$4,135.03

Hopkins moves to approve the claims as read, Colbert seconds and the motion carries on a voice vote.(Placed on file)

COMMITTEE REPORTS

The following committee minutes have been placed on exhibit: 911 ETS Board, Blackhawk Hills RC&D, Buildings & Grounds and Central Purchasing, Circuit Clerk and States Attorney, Executive, Finance and Insurance, G.I.S. Partnership, HEW & Solid Waste, I.T./N.I.T.T./G.I.S., Juvenile & Probation and Judiciary, Long Range and Strategic Planning, L.O.T.S., Mental Health '708 Board, Personnel & Salary and County Clerk, Planning Commission, Reapportionment Committee, Road & Bridge, Supervisor of Assessments and Planning & Zoning, Sheriff & Coroner and Tri-County Opportunities.

The following committees had no minutes to file: Board of Health, Liquor Commission, LRP – Emergency Operations Center, Safety Committee and UCCI/ICRMT.

Long Range & Strategic Planning Minutes placed on exhibit

R-2011-0306

Williams moves to approve Long range Planning bills in the amount of \$18,682.39 -

Stillman Bank Corporation	Bond recording fees	\$ 250.00
Rockford Tech Systems	Boys/Girls Residence fire alarm system upgrades – Focus House	\$11,322.39
CDW Government	CIS Service Contract (8 servers and 2 tape back up systems)	\$ 7,110.00

Janes seconds and the motion carries on a voice vote.(Placed on file)

Finance Committee

Minutes placed on exhibit

O-2011-0304

Gouker presents Ordinance 2011-0304 regarding the Early Retirement of 2003 and 2004 Bonds. These Bonds are due to mature in 2012 - \$195,000 at 5.00% and in 2013 - \$200,000 at 5.00%. We will save approximately \$30,000 retiring these Bonds early.

Colson moves to suspend the rules according to the Ogle County Board Rules of Order #25 to vote on Ordinance 2011-0304 regarding the Early Retirement of 2003 and 2004 Bonds as presented, Bauer seconds and a roll call vote is taken:

YES: Saunders, Stahl, Welty, White, Williams, Bauer, Boes, Bowers, Colbert, Colson, De Arvil, Finfrock, Gouker, Gronewold, Heuer, Hopkins, Horner, Janes, Kenney, Kilker, Nye, Rice and Barnes

NO: None

ABSENT: Messer

The motion carries on a roll call vote.

Gouker moves to approve Ordinance 2011-0304 regarding the Early Retirement of 2003 and 2004 Bonds as presented, Welty seconds and a roll call vote is taken:

YES: Stahl, Welty, White, Williams, Bauer, Boes, Bowers, Colbert, Colson, De Arvil, Finfrock, Gouker, Gronewold, Heuer, Hopkins, Horner, Janes, Kenney, Kilker, Nye, Rice, Saunders and Barnes

NO: None

ABSENT: Messer

The motion carries on a roll call vote.(Placed on file)

R-2011-0308

Gouker presents Resolution 2011-0308 regarding an Interfund Transfer for Short Term Cash Flow as follows:

In order to conduct business in a timely fashion it from time to time becomes necessary to transfer money for such purposes.

Therefore be it resolved that the County Treasurer is directed to loan up to \$3 million as needed during FY2011 from the Solid Waste Fund and or Long Range Capital Improvement Fund to County General for cash flow purposes.

Be it further resolved that the loan(s) shall be repaid to their respective fund as practical during FY 2011.

Gouker makes the motion to approve R-2011-0308, White seconds and the motion carries on a voice vote.(Placed on file)

Personnel & Salary Committee Minutes placed on exhibit

Employee Recognition Program Boes informs the board of an Employee Recognition Program drafted by Bauer which is supported by the committee. Bauer touches on the following which was presented to the Personnel & Salary Committee and will be discussed further:

Employee of the Month Award Program

- The Personnel & Salary Committee will collect the nomination and vote to decide the initial 6 employees of the month.
- Areas of focus:
 1. Customer Service
 2. Teamwork
 3. Innovation in Work Processes
 4. Leadership
 5. Mentor/Resource
- After the first 6 months are chosen by the Personnel & Salary Committee – the group of employees will serve on the Employee of the Month Committee and they will decide future employees of the month.
- Recipient of the Employee of the Month Award will be recognized at the next full County Board
- The Employee of the Month Committee will be charged with developing a Code of Conduct for all County employees
- This process will involve the voice of the employees to develop behavior expected from each other
- This is not a County Board function, except for the initial participation.

Unfinished Business –

- Gronewold announces an Open House for Not-for-Profit Agencies to be held at the Health Department on Thursday and Friday from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. – The old desks and oak doors are not to be removed.

Chairman Comments –

- Chairman Barnes announced the Electronic Recycling Event to be held on Saturday, April 2, 2011 at the Rochelle Township High School
- Vice-Chairman Heuer announces the UCCI Education Seminar has been rescheduled and will be held on April 1st at Sauk Valley Community College information has been sent to board members. All board members are encouraged to attend this free seminar.
- Vice-Chairman Heuer announces the Annual Legislative Reception to be held on March 29th and 30th in Springfield – there is still time to register.

New Business –

Communications –

- University of Illinois Extension Office
- Blackhawk Hills RCD – Regional CEDS Summit Luncheon Results
- U.S. Army Corps of Engineers – Public Notice (on file)

Adjourn Meeting

At 7:08 p.m., Gouker moves to adjourn the Ogle County Board until Tuesday, April 19, 2011 at 5:30 p.m. Bowers seconds and the motion carries on a voice vote.

Chairman James L. Barnes
Chairman - Ogle County Board

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

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