

Proceedings of the Ogle County Board Meeting
October 18, 2011

State of Illinois)
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 member Messer is absent and one vacancy. The Invocation is given by De Arvil and followed with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approval of Minutes

Chairman Barnes asks for a motion to approve the September 20, 2011 County Board Meeting minutes. Gronewold 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, Janes seconds and the motion carries on a voice vote.(Placed on file)

Presentation – John Thompson – Lee County Enterprise Zone

John Thompson explains the need to amend the Lee County Enterprise Zone – Amending Ordinance #9 & Amendment #15 to the Intergovernmental Agreement (O-2011-1001); this is to include a project on the county line near Rochelle for Coated Sands Solutions.

Jason Anderson of GREDCO would like to publicly thank John Thompson and the Lee County Enterprise Board; the work relationship has been beneficial to Ogle County and the City of Rochelle.

Presentation – Kathy Lalley – L.O.T.S. (Lee-Ogle Transportation System)

Kathy Lalley distributed a spreadsheet to the board members. The representative for Ogle County is Board Member Skip Kenney. Lalley is here to present information and states they are continuing to grow. Ogle County has 3 service providers; Village of Progress, Hub City Senior Services and Rock River Center. The county board members are invited to attend a L.O.T.S. meeting which is held the 3rd Friday of every month. Information is included in the County Board Packets and Kenney encourages the board members to read the information.

Resignation – Leaf River Fire Protection District – Dan Zellers – R-2011-1001

Chairman Barnes announces a letter of resignation from Dan Zellers, a member of the Leaf River Fire Protection District. Janes moves to approve R-2011-1001 as presented, De Arvil seconds and the motion carries on a voice vote.(Placed on file)

Appointment – Ogle County Housing Authority – Kimberly L. Suslek – R-2011-1002

Chairman Barnes announces the recommendation to re-appoint Kimberly L. Suslek to the Ogle County Housing Authority for a term which ends October 31, 2011. Kilker moves to approve R-2011-1002 as presented. Kenney seconds and the motion carries on a voice vote.(Placed on file)

Appointment – Ogle County Civic Center – Linda C. Hayenga – R-2011-1003

Chairman Barnes announces the recommendation of Linda C. Hayenga to the Ogle County Civic Center Authority Board for a term which ends October 31, 2016. Kilker moves to approve R-2011-1003 as presented. Finfrock seconds and the motion carries on a voice vote.(Placed on file)

Vacancies –

- Ogle County Civic Center Authority – 1 unexpired term ends 10/31/2012 & 2 full terms
- Mental Health 708 Board – 2 unexpired terms end 12/31/2014
- Board of Health – 4 vacancies (1 applicant must be a Medical Doctor)
- Leaf River Fire Protection District – 1 unexpired term ends 04/30/2013

Application and Résumé deadline - Friday, October 28, 2011 at 4:30 p.m.
in the County Clerk's Office located at 105 S. 5th St – Suite 104, Oregon, IL

- Mental Health 708 Board – 2 vacancies

Application and Résumé deadline - Friday, December 2, 2011 at 4:30 p.m.
in the County Clerk's Office located at 105 S. 5th St – Suite 104, Oregon, IL

Zoning – #8-11 SPECIAL USE – Ordinance 2011-1002

Williams presents the petition of Kenneth E. Sheely, 8200 W. White Eagle Rd., Forreston, IL for a Special Use permit in the AG-1 Agricultural District to allow future extension of an existing aggregate quarry to the adjacent parcel on property described as follows and owned by the petitioner: Part of the S1/2 of the SW1/4 of Section 8 Buffalo Township 23N, R8E of the 4th P.M., Ogle County, IL, 4.43 acres, more or less. Property Identification Number: 14-08-300-005 - Common Location: 2010 S. Galena Trail Rd. Williams moves to approve the petition of Kenneth E. Sheely – O-2011-1002, Hopkins seconds and the motion carries on a voice vote.(Placed on file)

Zoning - #9-11 SPECIAL USE – Ordinance – 2011-1003

Williams presents the petition of Eswood School District #269, %Dwight Mayberry, Superintendent, 304 N. Main St., Lindenwood, IL for a Special Use Permit to allow a private wind energy conversion system in the R-2 Single-Family Residence District on property described as follows and owned by the petitioner: S 25' Lot 4, Lots 5&6, and part of vacated Galena St., Block 6 Lynnville (Original Town); and Lots 1-5 Block 2 Perry=s Addition; and a 3.58 acre westerly adjoining parcel; all part of the SW1/4 Section 5 Lynnville Township 41N, R2E of the 3rd P.M., Ogle County, IL. P.I.N.: 19-05-326-001, -011, & -015 - Common Location: 304 N. Main St. Williams moves to approve the petition of Eswood School District #229 – O-2011-1003, Welty seconds and the motion carries on a voice vote.(Placed on file)

Zoning - #3-11 AMENDMENT – Ordinance – 2011-1004

Williams presents the petition of CJ Materials Land Holdings, LLC by Randy Holesinger, 14849 Lyndon Rd., Morrison, IL for an Amendment to the Zoning District to rezone from B-1 Business District to I-1 Industrial District on property described as follows and owned by the petitioner: Part of the NE3 of the NE3 of Section 20 Forreston Township 25N, R8E of the 4th P.M., Ogle County, IL, 1.78 acres, more or less. Property Identification Number: 02-20-200-022 - Common Location: 13168 W. Pit Rd. Williams moves to approve the petition of CJ Materials Land Holdings, LLC – O-2011-1004, White seconds and the motion carries on a voice vote.(Placed on file)

Zoning - #10-11 SPECIAL USE – Ordinance 2011-1005

Williams presents the petition of CJ Materials Land Holdings, LLC by Randy Holesinger, 14849 Lyndon Rd., Morrison, IL for a Special Use Permit in the I-1 Industrial District to allow for the installation of an updated concrete ready-mix plant to replace the existing concrete ready-mix plant on property described as follow and owned by the petitioner: Part of the NE3 of the NE3 of Section 20 Forreston Township 25N, R8E of the 4th P.M., Ogle County, IL, 1.78 acres, more or less. Property Identification Number: 02-20-200-022 - Common Location: 13168 W. Pit Rd. Williams moves to approve the petition of CJ Materials land Holdings, LLC – O-2011-1005, White seconds and the motion carries on a voice vote.(Placed on file)

Zoning - Byron Township Comprehensive Plan – R-2011-1004

Williams presents and makes the motion to approve the Byron Township Comprehensive Plan – R-2011-1004 as presented. Boes seconds and the motion carries on a voice vote.(Placed on file)

Public Comments –

- Willem Dijstelbergen of Leaf River – expresses his disappointment in the recommendation of the WECS Performance Standards presented by the Zoning Board of Appeals.
- Chet Olson – Mayor of Rochelle – Announces he is running for State Representative and has information available to distribute.

Road & Bridge – none

Ogle County Claims – Clerk reads the claims:

- Payments in Vacation – August 2011 - \$61,594.66
- County Board Payments - September 20, 2011 - \$124,718.32
- County Highway Fund – \$116,239.94
- Utility Expenses – Transfer from Solid Waste Fund
 - Buildings & Grounds - \$51,858.88
 - Highway - \$1,041.01
 - Focus House - \$5,781.49

Nye moves to approve claims as presented and Colbert seconds. Saunders compliments the Department Heads for keeping a low amount of Payments in Vacation. The motion carries on a voice vote.(Placed on file)

COMMITTEE REPORTS

The following committee minutes have been placed on exhibit: Buildings & Grounds and Central Purchasing, Circuit Clerk and State’s Attorney, Executive, Finance and Insurance, 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, Road & Bridge, Sheriff & Coroner and Supervisor of Assessments and Planning & Zoning

The following committees had no minutes to file: 911 ETS Board, Blackhawk Hills RC&D, Board of Health, G.I.S. Partnership, LRP –Emergency Operations Center, Liquor Commission, Planning Commission, Safety Committee, Tri-County Opportunities and UCCI/ICRMT.

**Circuit Clerk
&**

State’s Attorney
Closed Meeting Minutes
R-2011-1005

Minutes placed on exhibit

Kilker presents R-2011-1005 regarding the Review of Closed Meeting Minutes. Kilker moves to approve R-2011-1005 as presented, Janes seconds and the motion carries on a voice vote.(Placed on file)

**Personnel & Salary
County Clerk**
County Clerk Fees
O-2011-1006

Minutes placed on exhibit

Boes presents O-2011-1006 Authorizing fees for Marriage and Civil Union Applications, Certified Copies of Vital Records and for Cancelling Tax Sale and Issuing and Sealing Certificates of Redemption.

- Marriage & Civil Union Applications - \$40 (includes \$5 transferred to Illinois Domestic Violence Fund)
- Birth & Marriage Certified Copies - \$22 for 1st copy and \$4 each additional copy
- Death Certified Copy - \$26 for 1st copy and \$6 each additional copy
- Cancelling Tax Sale and Issuing and Sealing Certificates of Redemption - \$58

Boes moves to adopt O-2011-1006 as presented and Bowers seconds. Welty asks how much Revenue will be generated annually from this increase. Boes states approximately \$50,000.

Kenney moves to suspend the rules according to the Ogle County Board Rules of Order #25 to vote on O-2011-1006, Janes seconds and a roll call vote is taken:

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

NO: None

ABSENT: Messer

Motion carries on a roll call vote.

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Chairman Barnes asks when the fees will become effective.
County Clerk Huntley states tomorrow.

A roll call vote is called:

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

NO: Saunders

ABSENT: Messer

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

Executive
Lee County Enterprise Zone
O-2011-1001

Minutes placed on exhibit

Finfrock presents and makes the motion to adopt O-2011-1001 regarding the Lee County Enterprise Zone – Amending Ordinance and Amendment #15, Janes seconds and the motion carries on a voice vote.(Placed on file)

Finance & Insurance
Concierge Program
R-2011-1006

Minutes placed on exhibit

Gouker presents and make the motion to adopt R-2011-1006 to add Medical Concierge Service to the Employee Health Insurance Plan and Horner seconds. Gouker states the Medical Concierge Service is designed to provide information to patients in need of non-emergency medical procedures that will assist them in choosing high-quality, cost-effective medical care. The \$3.00 per employee per month will be paid from the Insurance Reserve Fund. The motion carries on a voice vote.(Placed on file)

Budget Update

Gouker updates the board members regarding the FY2012 Ogle County Budget and Appropriations. We have had several meetings with lots of spirited discussion and input from department heads. At the current time we have a difference between our Revenue and Expenses of \$1,374,000.00. We will continue to meet and have set a tentative date of Wednesday, October 26, 2011 at 5:30 p.m. for the Budget Hearing.

The final decision of the committee has been not to offer an Early Retirement Program when we bring the budget forward, comments Gouker.

Bauer asks if the board will receive a copy of the budget documents. Gouker states they have been working on this as a committee. Bauer is asking to see a copy of the budget document. After discussion, Gouker will send information to all board members via e-mail.

Bauer would like see something discussed regarding the accelerated debt repayment program. This is not part of the General Fund debt and any debt reduction cannot begin until 2013, says Gouker.

**Long Range
&
Strategic Planning**
LRP Bills
R-2011-1007

Minutes placed on exhibit

Williams presents and makes the motion to approve R-2011-1007 in the amount of \$29,995.24 as follows:

Frostline Inc.	Service Call - Onsite for AV Equip in Board Room	\$	575.00
DanLee Wood Products	Balance owed on County Clerk Bookshelves	\$	3,605.00
ISPFUCU Credit Card/Dell	Server for New World/Logos System	\$	4,408.04
New World Systems	Time & Attendance Interface Software & Install	\$	8,600.00

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New World Systems	Server/System Upgrade Svcs – Travel time & expenses	\$	5,600.00
TigerDirect	Back up Drives & Hard drives for new server	\$	915.30
CDW Government	Windows & SQL Software for New Server	\$	2,593.15
Dynamic Horizons	Labor - install & redo Printers to NW server –		
Computer Services	County Clerk’s Office	\$	357.50
Kronos	Timekeeper - Setup	\$	3,341.25
		TOTAL:	\$ 29,995.24

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

County Board District 1
Appointment
R-2011-1008

Minutes placed on exhibit

De Arvil moves to approve the appointment of Max E. Baumgardner to fill the vacancy of Ron Colson, R-2011-1008 as presented. Welty seconds and the motion carries on a voice vote.(Placed on file)

Sheriff & Coroner
Sheriff Fees Increase
O-2011-1007

Minutes placed on exhibit

De Arvil presents and moves to approve O-2011-1007 to increase Sheriff’s Fees related to certain services and Gronewold seconds. Welty asks how much Revenue will be generated annually from this increase. Sheriff Harn states probably greater than \$15,000.00.

Hopkins moves to suspend the rules according to the Ogle County Board Rules of Order #25 to vote on O-2011-1007, Kilker seconds and a roll call vote is taken:

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

NO: None

ABSENT: Messer

The motion to Suspend Ogle County Board Rules of Order #25 carries on a roll call vote.

The motion to approve O-2011-1007 carries on a voice vote.(Placed on file)

Towing Ordinance
O-2011-1008

De Arvil presents and moves to approve O-2011-1008 Towing Ordinance and Janes seconds. Welty asks how much Revenue will be generated annually. Sheriff Harn states this is new and anticipates in excess of \$25,000.00.

Saunders does not like the increase of fees. Gouker states he felt hesitant at first; however we do need to cover costs. Hopkins feels it is appropriate to have the offenders pay for this instead of the tax payers.

De Arvil moves to suspend the rules according to the Ogle County Board Rules of Order #25 to vote on O-2011-1008, Hopkins seconds and a roll call vote is taken:

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

NO: None

ABSENT: Messer

The motion carries on a roll call vote.

A roll call vote is called:

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

NO: Saunders

ABSENT: Messer

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

Sheriff Harn states the Sheriff's Department has not increased fees since 1999. These fee increases help deflect the cost of insurance, employee costs and maintenance of vehicles which has all increased since 1999. We didn't max out the increases as the Fee Study indicated.

Vice-Chairman Heuer compliments the committees for their work on the Fee Study which took about 10 months. Some of the fees need to be implemented tonight for the upcoming budget.

Supervisor of Assessments Minutes placed on exhibit

Board of Review
Annual Salary Adjustment
R-2011-1009

Heuer moves to remove the Board of Review Annual Salary Adjustment R-2011-1009 from the table and Finfrock seconds.

Bauer has concerns over the possible number of appeals of assessments which could be filed.

There was discussion regarding the pay for the Board of Review versus Zoning Board of Appeals and the Planning Commission.

White asks for a point of order and asks for the vote to be taken to remove R-2011-1009 from the table. A roll call vote is taken:

YES: Kilker, Simms, Welty, White, Williams, Bauer, Boes, De Arvil, Finfrock, Gouker, Heuer and Barnes

NO: Hopkins, Horner, Janes, Kenney, Nye, Saunders, Stahl, Bowers, Colbert and Gronewold

ABSENT: Messer

The motion to remove R-2011-1009 from the table carries on a roll call vote.

Hopkins moves to amend the motion to strike \$2,000.00 and insert \$3,000.00 and Bauer seconds.

Kenney is concerned about the research done regarding the reduction of salary. The Board of Review has to research every appeal and this is the wrong thing to do at this time. Kenney feels there will be more appeals with the economy. You want qualified knowledgeable people on the Board of Review.

Simms supports the reduction in salary. You should be here for the county and the people of Ogle County and not the money. Boes agrees with Simms.

Saunders states the Board of Review has to be certified through the State of Illinois and should not be compared to the Zoning Board of Appeals and Planning Commission. You do need certain credentials to be on the Board of Review.

Williams speaks about the comparison which was presented to the committee. Williams supports the recommendation of \$2,000.00 for the salary.

A roll call vote is called:

YES: Horner, Nye, Stahl, Bauer, Colbert and Hopkins

NO: Janes, Kenney, Kilker, Simms, Welty, White, Williams, Boes, Boers, De Arvil, Finfrock, Gouker, Gronewold and Barnes

ABSENT: Messer

The motion is defeated on a roll call vote.

Williams makes the motion to adopt R-2011-1009 as presented and Simms seconds. A roll call vote is called:

YES: Janes, Kilker, Nye, Simms, Welty, White, Williams, Boes, De Arvil, Finfrock, Gouker, Gronewold, Heuer and Barnes

NO: Kenney, Saunders, Stahl, Bauer, Bowers, Colbert, Hopkins and Horner

ABSENT: Messer

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

Chairman Comments

Committee Reassignments R-2011-1010:

Chairman Barnes presents R-2011-1010 regarding Committee Reassignments due to a resignation on the Ogle County Board. Chairman Barnes states the following appointments:

I.T./N.I.T.T./G.I.S. Committee – John Finfrock
Long Range and Strategic Planning Committee – Lynne Kilker

Janes makes the motion to approve R-2011-1010 as presented and De Arvil seconds.

Saunders asks why these are being reassigned. Chairman Barnes states the two appointments are to replace Ron Colson. Baumgardner will be appointed to Road and Bridge and Buildings and Grounds Committee.

The motion carries on a voice vote.(Placed on file)

Vice-Chairman Comments

Vice-Chairman Heuer says there are six County Board Members who will attend the UCCI Conference.

Unfinished Business –

Bauer asks what the County Board Salary line item is at right now. Gouker states the amount paid year to date is \$70,650.00 and we have budgeted \$70,000.00. Bauer states since we are over budget in our salaries; then we won't receive any pay for the next couple of months. Gouker states we are paying for the Secretary to take Committee Meeting minutes from this line item. Bauer states we need to put ourselves under the same microscope and not accept any pay for the months of October and November. Gouker states with the restructuring of new committees, there are additional Committees. Bauer asks what the rest of board feels about this situation. Horner agrees we shouldn't be taking any additional money from the County Board Salary line item.

County Clerk Huntley reminds the County Board members; statutorily you have to receive the \$150 per month salary. You can choose not to turn in your monthly report card to my office to receive extra pay per meeting.

Bauer would like to have this issue placed on the Agenda next month. Chairman Barnes states we are not paying \$80,000.00 for a County Administrator. Saunders states we have agreed to use some of the money from the Administrator line item to the Circuit Clerk.

White comments on the mileage reimbursement for board members who travel from Forreston, Stillman Valley and Polo who receive \$.01 per mile.

New Business –

Communications –

Adjourn Meeting

At 6:49 p.m., Nye moves to adjourn the Ogle County Board until Tuesday, November 15, 2011 at 5:30 p.m. to be held at the Ogle County Courthouse. Colbert 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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Public Budget Hearing
October 26, 2011

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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 Boes, Bowers, Hopkins, Horner, Messer, Simms and Williams absent. This is followed with the Pledge of Allegiance. (Hopkins enters at 5:33)

Welcome -

Chairman Barnes welcomes new County Board Member Max Baumgardner.

Presentation – FY 2012 Ogle County Budget & Appropriations

Chairman Barnes turns the meeting over to Finance Committee Chairman Gouker. Chairman Gouker refers to the Summary and Approvals page of the document:

	FY2012 Budget Amount		FY2011 Budgeted	
	Appropriation	Levy	Appropriation	Levy
Animal Control Fund	147,725.00	0.00	140,295.00	00.00
Bond Fund	1,145,000.00	0.00	1,130,000.00	0.00
Co-Operative Extension Services	150,000.00	150,000.00	150,000.00	150,000.00
County Bridge Fund	1,375,717.00	742,050.00	1,718,620.00	765,000.00
County General Fund	12,656,818.61	4,078,121.00	11,904,687.00	4,050,000.00
County Highway Fund	2,576,476.00	1,484,100.00	2,522,858.00	1,530,000.00
Federal Aid Matching Fund	2,045,834.00	742,050.00	1,489,861.00	765,000.00
GIS Committee Fund	118,849.00	0.00	113,225.00	0.00
IMRF Fund	0.00	1,465,000.00	0.00	1,465,000.00
Insurance Premium Levy Fund	735,000.00	500,000.00	765,000.00	502,000.00
Long Range Planning Fund	2,257,326.00	0.00	2,108,000.00	0.00
Mental Health Fund	807,298.00	810,000.00	821,298.00	807,298.00
Motor Fuel Tax Fund	1,737,089.00	0.00	1,151,607.00	0.00
Senior Social Services Fund	222,900.00	225,000.00	229,417.00	229,417.00
Social Security Fund	850,000.00	800,000.00	850,000.00	800,000.00
Solid Waste Fund	4,010,355.00	0.00	3,797,519.00	0.00
TB Care & Treatment Fund	35,580.00	34,080.00	32,450.00	34,080.00
War Veterans Fund	96,000.00	96,000.00	96,000.00	96,000.00
SUBTOTAL	30,967,967.61	11,126,401.00	29,020,837.00	11,193,795.00
Additional Fund Appropriations	3,698,530.00	0.00	3,698,530.00	0.00
Total Appropriations & Levies	34,666,497.61	11,126,401.00	32,719,367.00	11,193,795.00

Gouker comments on the Revenue portion of the General Fund. There are funds from the Long Range Planning Budget for repairs and planned maintenance of \$220,000.00. The committee decided it is important to fund the repairs and begin a planned maintenance program for county properties. The committee has also decided to fund all of the service contracts. Last year the Buildings & Grounds repairs and maintenance line item was used up by service contracts and didn't leave much money for needed repairs.

Gouker said the committee's approach regarding salaries was to increase the funding for departments who have not had raises in three years. The departments in the General Fund Budgets are Zoning, Coroner and Supervisor of Assessments; all other salary line items were funded at the same amount as the previous year. The committee did correct the four budgets under the Sheriff to allow for the budgeting errors made in the previous year. The amount in the document is at the level they have funded this year.

Saunders asks about the Zoning Revenue increase on the line item for “Other Licenses & Permits” in the amount of \$130,000.00. This is the amount the Zoning Department is anticipating to come in from permits regarding the Baileyville Wind Farm, comments Gouker. Saunders asks if we can count on that. Welty updates the board on the wind farm and states they used a formula to calculate the potential revenue.

Kenney asks what percentage of increase was used regarding the devaluation of real estate taxes. Gouker states he took into account this is the last year of Exelon agreement and the Exelon property will go up in value according to the agreement by \$10 million; and I used a 2 ½ % decrease on the remaining. Kenney says this is very light. Welty comments he has worked with Supervisor of Assessments, Jim Harrison and the 2 ½% is probably good for this year. However, we anticipate bigger impacts over the next year and the year after.

Bauer asks about the Circuit Clerk line item for salaries listed at \$508,000.00 for last year. Gouker states this amount reflects not the budgeted amount but last year \$420,500 was budgeted for FY2011. The proposed budget includes the adjustment of transfers of \$65,000 from the Circuit Clerk Automation Fund and \$65,000 from the Administrator salary line item. This is an amended budget amount to show the true figure. Bauer asks if we can request for the Circuit Clerk to pay for some of the salaries out of the Document Storage Fund. Gouker states yes we can; however it is not our place to tell the Elected Official how to spend the funds. We feel it is more important to reflect the actual amount needed to fund for salaries in the General Fund.

Bauer asks about using the Long Range Planning Funds to use for repairs and maintenance for infrastructure services for the next couple of years. Gouker states according to the resolution on file, the funds can be used for infrastructure. Bauer has a question regarding service contracts as this is really an operating expense for your equipment purchase. Gouker states there was a lot of debate about that and we feel that it is important for the infrastructure to be serviced. If it is not serviced it will begin to deteriorate. If our goal is to pay off our debt in the next couple of years; will the money be available for these contracts in the next three years or is this a one time deal, asks Bauer. Gouker says the committee did have a discussion on this at the meeting this morning regarding the debt and bond payoff; which cannot happen until 2013. We have funds available now and counting what will come in next year we should have enough to accomplish that. You would agree that we need to keep the infrastructure up to a good operational level, says Gouker. Bauer is concerned we will not have enough money in the future to fund the service contracts and still pay off our debt.

Kenney would like to review the salary adjustments for some departments. Gouker says there are 3 departments in the General Fund and 3 departments in Non-General Fund who have not given their employees a raise in the 3 years as asked of them. They are Zoning, Coroner and Supervisor of Assessments from the General Fund and Highway, Solid Waste and Animal Control from the Non-General Fund. Some of the department’s salaries were well below the salary scale set by the Personnel Committee.

Nye asks if this will cause hard feelings between departments. Gouker states there are other departments who will have to honor Union Contracts. It will make it a situation where we funded the line items the same as last year, but the Union Contracts will determine how it is divided

Saunders asks if there are concerns raised with the Coroner’s office supplies, office equipment and vehicle maintenance line items which were zeroed out; because of the situation with the Circuit Clerk’s Office this year. At the request of the Elected Official he has a new fund and he will take care of those expenses himself, explains Gouker.

Kenney asks if anything will trigger the “me too” clause in the Circuit Clerk’s Union Contract? Gouker says he doesn’t think the Circuit Clerk has a “me too” clause at this time because their contract expired and they under negotiations. Since we are not a co-employer with them, I am not aware of the negotiation status. (A copy of the budget will be placed on file in the County Clerk’s Office)

Public Comments – none

Chairman Comments – Chairman Barnes thanks the Finance Committee for their hard work during the budget process.

Gouker thanks the Department Heads for their openness and cooperation during the budget process. I also appreciate the help received from the Committee and other County Board members who attended the various meetings.

Adjourn Meeting

At 6:06 p.m., White moves to adjourn and Janes seconds and the motion carries on a voice vote.

Chairman James L. Barnes
Ogle County Board

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