

Proceedings of the Ogle County Board Meeting  
July 21, 2015

State of Illinois    )  
County of Ogle    ) ss

**Call to Order**

Chairman Gouker calls the Ogle County Board Meeting to order at 5:31 p.m..

**Roll Call**

The roll call shows Colbert (enters 5:33 pm), Heuer, Kenney and Meyers are absent. The Invocation is given by Finfrock and is followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Presentations** – Pam Furlan, Executive Director - BEST, Inc. (Business Employment Skills Team)

Chairman Gouker introduces Pam Furlan who has distributed information of individuals enrolled in the Workforce Investment Act (WIA) services. Furlan shares the success story of Virginia who was employed through Cable News in Mt. Morris and the plant closed in 2010. She obtained part-time employment to help support her family. She enrolled in college to complete her general education courses and the Registered Nurse program. In the fall of 2013, she was accepted in the ADN RN Program at Highland Community College. She graduated Magne Cum Laude this past year and now has her RN License. She now works full-time at the Freeport Health Network.

Chairman Gouker presents R-2015-0719 which recognizes August 31 through September 6, 2015 as “Workforce Development Week” in Ogle County. Bowers moves to approve R-2015-0791, Griffiin seconds and the motion carries.(Place on file)

**Presentation** – LULAC – no one in attendance

**Consent Agenda Items – by Roll Call Vote**

1. Approval of June 16, 2015 County Board Meeting Minutes
2. Accept Monthly Reports – Treasurer, County Clerk & Recorder and Circuit Clerk
3. Appointments –
  - a. Oregon Fire Protection District – Steven R. Carr – R-2015-0701
  - b. Mental Health 708 Board – Amy L Stephenitch – R-2015-0702
  - c. Board of Review – Paula R. Diehl – R-2015-0703
  - d. Ogle County Civic Center Authority – Mary Ellen Kenney – R-2015-0704
  - e. Ogle County Civic Center Authority – John R. Schindewolf – R-2015-0705
  - f. Ogle County Civic Center Authority - Naomi S. Baldwin – R-2015-0706
  - g. Ogle County Civic Center Authority – Dawn R. Smith – R-2015-0707
  - h. Ogle County Civic Center Authority – Jose E. Lopez – R-2015-0708
4. Resignations – none
5. Vacancies -
  - Mental Health 708 Board - 1 unexpired term
  - Ogle County Civic Center Authority – 1 vacancy
  - Franklin Grove Fire Protection District – 1 vacancy

Application and Resumé deadline – Monday, August 3, 2015 at 4:30 p.m.  
in the County Clerk’s Office located at 105 S. 5<sup>th</sup> St – Suite 104, Oregon, IL
6. Ogle County Claims –
  - Department Claims – June 2015 - \$14,236.27
  - County Board Payments – July 21, 2015 - \$139,770.52
  - County Highway Fund – \$79,053.58
7. Communications –
  - Sales Tax for April 2014 was \$24,769.36 and \$68,475.98
  - Sales Tax for April 2015 was \$28,303.81 and \$66,674.92

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McKinney asks to have items 3d, e, f, g & h removed from the consent Agenda.

Moved by Janes to approve the Consent Agenda with items 3d, e, f, g, & h removed, Typer seconds and motion to be approved by a roll call vote:

YES: Sparrow, Typer, Welty, Bolin, Bowers, Brooks, Colbert, Colson, Finfrock, Fritz, Griffin, Gronewold, Hopkins, Janes, McKinney, Nordman, O'Brien, Oltmanns, Saunders, Simms and Gouker

NO: none

ABSENT: Heuer, Kenney and Meyers

Motion carries.

McKinney makes the motion to postpone the following items:

- Items - 3d. Ogle County Civic Center Authority – Mary Ellen Kenney – R-2015-0704
- 3e. Ogle County Civic Center Authority – John R. Schindewolf – R-2015-0705
- 3f. Ogle County Civic Center Authority - Naomi S. Baldwin – R-2015-0706
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Bowers seconds. McKinney states the Ogle County Civic Center Authority is for Rochelle only. It has nothing to do with the County and there are members on the board who would like to continue. I have talked to Mayor Chet Olson and one of the members is Fred Horner; he has an application in but is not on the list. There are two other members from Mt. Morris and Oregon who have attended one meeting and have not been back since. McKinney states he would like to postpone these appointments until they can get the three members who have been on this board for about 20 years on this list. In the future McKinney would like to see these appointments to be made by the Rochelle City Council with the consent of the County Board.

Chairman Gouker states the application for Fred Horner was submitted in June of 2012 for the appointment that ended May 31, 2011. We do not keep the applications on file from month to month. We announce the vacancies every month with a deadline to be filed in the County Clerk's Office. That is what has happened in this situation; these vacancies have been listed for 4 years. These vacancies have continued for 4 years; applications have been turned in and applicants have not shown up for interviews. The County appoints a lot of boards and the process is to appoint them from the applications received which were these five. The committee held interviews and came to the board with these recommendations. Chairman Gouker states this is a county-wide board set up by the County in the 1980's. McKinney comments that the three people on the board have continued to serve even though their terms have expired. Chairman Gouker states they can continue to serve through an expired term until the appointment has been made to replace them. The statute is there to allow the board to function until a replacement has been made; but adds not typically for four years. There are two of the vacancies that have been since June 1, 2011, two since June 1, 2012 and two since June 1, 2014. Until someone comes forward with an application and has an interview, those people can continue to perform their duties according to the State Law.

Colbert says she has received phone calls from both side of this situation and thinks we should vote on this tonight. Every month for the past 4 years we have announced these vacancies and I have personally asked three of these people to come over for an interview and no one turned in an application. Now someone else has stepped up and gone through the process and there is no reason they shouldn't serve.

Typer states we need to preserve the integrity of this board and it is too bad that this situation has happened. But we need to approach all of the boards fairly and we have a great deal of responsibility. These people had the opportunity to apply and for whatever reason they chose not to. We need to vote on the recommendations from the committee, comments Typer.

Chairman Gouker states if you look at the Agenda tonight there is still one vacancy listed for the Ogle County Civic Center Authority Board. The deadline for applications will be August 3, 2015 in the County Clerk's Office at 4:30 p.m..

Colson states he attended the Closed Session of the State's Attorney Committee Meeting and the committee has followed procedures set by the County Board. We are bound to complete the process that is set before us.

Welty says it would be unfair to these 5 candidates if we were to sit here and not act on these appointments. It would set a terrible precedent.

A roll call vote is called to postpone the appointments as listed above:

YES: McKinney

NO: Typer, Welty, Bolin, Bowers, Brooks, Colbert, Colson, Finfrock, Fritz, Gronewold, Hopkins, Janes, Nordman, O'Brien, Nordman, Oltmanns Simms, Sparrow and Gouker

ABSENT: Heuer, Kenney and Meyers

PRESENT: Saunders

The motion to postpone is defeated.

Welty makes the motion to approve the following appointments as recommended by the committee:

- Items - 3d. Ogle County Civic Center Authority – Mary Ellen Kenney – R-2015-0704
- 3e. Ogle County Civic Center Authority – John R. Schindewolf – R-2015-0705
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Bolin seconds and a roll call vote is taken:

YES: Welty, Bolin, Bowers, Brooks, Colbert, Colson, Finfrock, Fritz, Gronewold, Hopkins, Janes, Nordman, O'Brien, Nordman, Oltmanns Simms, Sparrow, Typer and Gouker

NO: McKinney

ABSENT: Heuer, Kenney and Meyers

PRESENT: Saunders

The motion carries.(Placed on file)

**Zoning – none**

**Public Comment – none**

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

The following committee minutes have been placed on exhibit: County Infrastructure, County Security, Executive Committee, Finance & Insurance and Personnel, HEW & Solid Waste and Veterans, Judiciary and Circuit Clerk, Long Range and Strategic Planning, Personnel and Salary, Regional Planning Commission, Road & Bridge and Mapping (GIS), 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: 911 ETS Board, Agriculture Committee, Blackhawk Hills RC&D, Board of Health, G.I.S. Partnership, Liquor Commission, L.O.T.S., Mental Health 708 Board, Negotiations Committee, Public Aid Appeals, Safety Committee and UCCI/ICRMT.

#### **County Infrastructure:**

- o Autumn on Parade – R-2015-0709  
Gronewold presents and makes the motion to approve R-2015-0709, Griffin seconds and the motion carries.(Placed on file)

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**Executive:**

- Tax Abatement Project Green – R-2015-0710  
Chairman Gouker presents and makes the motion to approve R-2015-0710 and Nordman seconds. Chairman Gouker states this is the same resolution the board approved in May minus the amendment. The amendment was not needed since the abatement is not made until they have proven they have met the requirements. The motion carries.(Placed on file)

**Finance and Insurance:**

- Ogle County Health Insurance Renewal – R-2015-0711  
Sparrow presents and makes the motion to approve R-2015-0711 and Oltmanns seconds. Sparrow states the committee will be advocating a 0% increase in premium since the county is experiencing good claims this year. The motion carries.(Placed on file)
- Add Domestic Medical Travel to Group Health Insurance Plan – R-2015-0712  
Sparrow presents and makes the motion to approve R-2015-0712 and Hopkins seconds. Sparrow explains this is an opportunity from our provider to allow members of the health insurance to be able to go to other specific hospitals or surgical centers to have the procedure done at a lower cost. This program pays the expenses and an incentive to the employee for this alternative which is voluntary. The motion carries.(Placed on file)

**Judiciary & Circuit Clerk:**

- Fixing Alternate Juror Fees in Civil Cases – R-2015-0713  
Simms presents and makes the motion to approve R-2015-0713 and Welty seconds. Simms states this fee is being set by counties as set by State Statute. The motion carries.(Placed on file)

**Long Range Planning:**

- Long Range Bills – R-2015-0714

Griffin presents and moves to approve R-2015-0714 as follows:

SUPPLIER NAME	DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT
CDW Government	(2) APC Smart-UPS Battery Backups IT	\$ 2,805.48
Syndeo	Fortinet Hardware - IT	\$ 1,980.00
Simplex Grinnell	Card Reader - Labor Charge	\$ 9,543.80
Chastain & Associates	Parking lot - 501 W. Washington St. Professional Serv 4/22/15 to 5/30/15	\$ 13,901.60
Ogle County Collector	2014 Real Estate Taxes - 102 S. 5th Street, Oregon	\$ (2,781.64)
United Rentals	Rental of Boom for Tuck Pointing	\$ 3,338.72
Jack Leamanczyk	Tuck Pointing on Old Courthouse	\$ 4,000.00
Tate's Trenching	Work at 501 W. Washington Street	\$ 520.00
David A. Schaefer Architects PC	Energy Review of Opterra	\$ 1,850.00
The Dodge Company	Hydro Aspicator - Coroner - Public Safety Complex	\$ 246.84
ARC Appraisals	Appraisal of EOC Building	\$ 1,800.00
	TOTAL:	\$ 37,204.80

Nordman seconds. The motion carries.(Placed on file)

- Long Range Capitol Maintenance Projects – R-2015-0715 or R-2015-0715 ALTERNATE  
Griffin states that after further review of the OpTerra proposal the Long Range Planning Committee felt it was not a good value for the county. The green sustainable portion of the project was primary and the capital maintenance projects we wanted to accomplish were secondary. The LRP committee has asked Saavedra Gelhausen to submit an apple to apple comparison. Griffin states the difference between R-2015-0715 and R-2015-0715 ALTERNATE is the for the roof repair/maintenance on the Pines Road Annex Building; R-

2015-0715 is to put on a roof coating and R-2015-0715 ALTERNATE is to re-roof the building.

Griffin presents and makes the motion to approve R-2015-0715 ALTERNATE appropriating the sum of \$870,000 for the project and Janes seconds.

Welty asks where the money for these projects will be coming from. Griffin states it will come from Long Range Planning.

Colson has distributed the Resolution Regarding Landfill Hose Fees and Resolution Regarding Long Range Capital Improvements Fund dated November 16, 1999 to all the board members. Colson states the resolution is to be used for Capital Improvement and if you look at the list presented in the resolution the \$100,000 for the demolition of the old Sheriff's Building has been tied to the new building project, but everything else is maintenance. Colson has discussed these resolutions with the State's Attorney because we have been ignoring these resolutions that call for the money to be dedicated for Capital Improvements. These resolutions are binding on this board unless we do something to overturn these responsible resolutions. This money is to be used for bricks and mortar projects not maintenance. Colson makes the motion to postpone the question until the August 18, 2015 County Board meeting. Saunders seconds.

Chairman Gouker states there is a clause that states "Requests for expenditures from the Long Range Capital Improvements Fund shall first be submitted to the Executive Committee of the Ogle County Board for its consideration and ultimately to the Ogle County Board for its approval." It is determined by the board that is seated at the time as to what expenditures are to be used from this fund.

State's Attorney Eric Morrow states this resolution is still in effect since it has not been modified nor superseded. Welty suggests the board readdress the resolutions. Chairman Gouker states these resolutions have done well for the county over the years; we have built the Judicial Center, remodeled the Courthouse and built the Public Safety Complex. Over the years we have tried to define what infrastructure is and how the money is being spent.

Griffin states since he has been on the Long Range Planning Committee anything that needs Capital Improvements to him is a major expense. A capital expense can be more than just brick and mortar. Before I came onto the committee we had been transferring money from the account for maintenance. Janes states we spent \$7.5 on renovating this Courthouse that was a Capital Expense. I could see a concern if we were using the money for salaries and benefits, states Janes.

Chairman Gouker commends Griffin for the work he has done in regards to this project. He saw that the one direction was not the way to go and brought about a process that will involve a more open bidding process.

Simms points out the following from the 1999 Resolutions:

#### Resolution Regarding Landfill Host Fees

Page 2 Paragraph 3: "All remaining Host Fee revenues for the year shall be deposited in the Long Range Capital Improvements Fund."

#### Resolution Regarding Long Range Capital Improvements Fund

3<sup>rd</sup> Whereas: "...one such responsibility of the Ogle County Board is to construct and maintain buildings and offices to carry out the public responsibilities of Ogle County,..."

Sparrow reads from paragraph 4 "...Long Range Planning Committee whose purpose is to study and determine the current and long term needs of the various offices and departments of the Ogle County government, and these needs in relation to the physical structures..." I think the definition is broad enough to include parking lots; which is needed for public access.

Oltmanns states the stairs to the entrance of the Courthouse and parking lots need to be repaired. It is our responsibility to provide a safe working environment for the employees.

Gronewold agrees with the projects and repairs that are needed and we need to clear up what is the definition of a Capital Improvement. About 7 – 8 years ago we did use the fund for



Technology and because of that we were able to pay salaries. We need to address this and settle it.

A roll call is taken to postpone the project:

YES: Colson, Fritz and McKinney

NO: Bolin, Bowers, Brooks, Colbert, Finfrock, Griffin, Gronewold, Hopkins, Janes, Nordman, O'Brien, Oltmanns, Saunders, Simms, Sparrow, Typer, Welty and Gouker

ABSENT: Heuer, Kenney and Meyers

The motion is defeated.

A roll call is called to approve R-2015-0715 ALTERNATE as presented:

YES: Bowers, Brooks, Colbert, Finfrock, Griffin, Janes, Nordman, O'Brien, Oltmanns, Simms, Sparrow, Typer, Welty, Bolin and Gouker

NO: Colson, Fritz, Gronewold, Hopkins, McKinney and Saunders

ABSENT: Heuer, Kenney and Meyers

The motion carries.(Placed on file)

- 501 W Washington St – Parking Lot Construction, Phase I – R-2015-0718  
Griffin presents and moves to approve R-2015-0718, Oltmanns seconds and the motion carries.(Placed on file)
- Project Updates – Jail Feasibility Study  
Griffin informs the board that the Long Range Planning Committee is actively looking for a company to do a feasibility study for a new Jail. Information will be brought forward to the Executive Committee and then the full County Board.

#### **Road & Bridge:**

- Agreement - design of a bridge on Pleasant Grove Road, not to exceed \$44,335.34 from CAB Fund – 15-21128-00-BR - R-2015-0716  
Janes presents and makes a motion to approve R-2015-0716, Colson seconds and the motion carries.(Placed on file)
- Requesting Consent of the Department of Transportation to the Reappointment of the Incumbent as County Engineer – R-2015-0717  
Janes presents and makes the motion approve R-2015-0717, Bowers seconds and the motion carries.(Placed on file)

#### **Unfinished and New Business:**

- Hopkins invites the County Board to Barnicopia for an Open House to celebrate the Hopkins' 50<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary.

#### **Chairman Comments:**

- Enterprise Zone Review: Ogle County does not have an Enterprise Zone at this time but we do share a portion with Lee County. The state has passed legislation and the Enterprise Zones are set to expire this year. There is a consortium to put together an application. The group has decided to hire a consultant which will be split 4 ways at a cost of \$15,000. The Executive Committee will pass the cost to the Finance Committee to be paid from Contingencies.
- Ogle County Fair: Encourages County Board Members to attend and let State's Attorney Eric Morrow know if you are able to spend some time at the County tent.
- Introduces and Welcomes the new Editor of the Ogle County Life, Brad Jennings.

#### **Vice-Chairman Comments:**

- Finfrock congratulates the Hopkins' on 50 years of Marriage.

**Closed Session** (if needed for possible action) - **none**

**Adjourn Meeting**

At 6:45 p.m., Bowers moves to adjourn the meeting until Tuesday, August 18, 2015 at 5:30 p.m. at the Courthouse in Oregon, Sparrow seconds and the motion carries.

Chairman, Kim P. Gouker  
Ogle County Board

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