

**Proceedings of the Ogle County Board Meeting  
April 20, 2021**

(Remote attendance due to COVID-19 crisis)

State of Illinois    )  
County of Ogle    ) ss

**Call to Order**

Chairman John Finfrock calls the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

**Roll Call**

The roll call shows all 23 members present. The invocation is given by Fox and followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Appointment - County Board District #6 – Steven Huber - R-2021-0401**

Honorable Judge Hanson swears Steven Huber into the County Board Member District #6.

Bowers moves to approve R-2021-0401, Billeter seconds and Roll Call is taken:

YES: Fox, Fritz, Griffin, Heuer, Hopkins, Janes, Kenney, McKinney, Miller, Nordman, Oltmanns, Reising, Smith, Sparrow, Typer, Youman, Asp, Billeter, Bowers, Corbitt, Droege, and Finfrock

NO: None

ABSENT: Williams

Motion carries on roll call vote. (Placed on file)

**Presentation - Kyle Auman, Health Department Administrator - COVID-19**

Auman stated the County’s Regional positivity rate has gone up to 6.8%. Auman shared that if we continue to rise and get to the 8% rate for three days that will require us to go back to the Tier 3 mitigation regulations. Since last week there have been several additional cases due to Spring Break sporting events. Ogle County is seeing roughly 40 cases per day and the majority of the increase is due to school age children in High School sports. For this reason the Pfizer vaccines have come in and they are reaching out to school to try and administer them to the 16-18 years old population; in hopes of disrupting the transmission. Auman shared they were able to vaccinate just over 350 high school students recently.

Auman shared there are now two different variants of COVID in Ogle County. There have been 10 cases of the UK strain and 7 cases of the California strain. These are said to be more contagious and more severe cases of illness. Auman explained there are now large allocations being supplied but fewer individuals demanding them. Auman shared some of that may be due to the concern from the Johnson & Johnson vaccine but the Health Department has paused their administering of that vaccine until there is approval to use them again. Auman stated they have a few vaccine clinics coming up with large amounts of allocations. Auman stated they are hoping that those clinics will be filled. The most recent clinic they made the link live and as of 3 pm today there are only 57 slots filled out of 800. There is a second clinic where only 130 people have booked appointments out of 400 doses available. Auman stated they believe a lot of the reasoning for the slowing down is most of the “at risk” individuals have been completely vaccinated already and because of the Johnson & Johnson issues.

In Ogle County we have administered 28,358 doses, 12,019 people have been fully vaccinated. Auman stated, that is only 23.6% of the population and they want to see that number above 60%. He expressed 70% would be fantastic to be able to stop the spread and get things back to normal.

Chairman Finfrock asks Auman how the information about the clinics is being communicated to the public. Auman shared they have been doing local radio, email networks, Facebook, newspapers and State and County websites.

Chairman Finfrock asked if they have been able to complete the overflow list. Auman stated they have been done with the overflow list since last week or the week before. The Health Department and the Hospital has checked those who registered through Ogle County have been vaccinated with the State databases.

Chairman Finfrock thanked Auman and his staff for all of the work they have done and continue to do, to work through COVID. Finfrock also thanked Auman again for updating the Board on Ogle County statistics.

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

1. Approval of Ogle County Board Meeting Minutes - March 2021
2. Accept Monthly Reports – Treasurer, County Clerk & Recorder and Circuit Clerk
3. Appointments -
  1. Richard Runte - Forreston Fire Protection District - R-2021-0402
  2. Sandra Simms - Leaf River Fire Protection District - R-2021-0403
  3. Rodney Hayenga - Lynn-Scott-Rock Fire Protection District - R-2021-0404
  4. Richard Rhoads - Oregon Fire Protection District - R-2021-0405
  5. Hal Warren - Lost Lake River Conservancy District - R-2021-0406
  6. Robert Urish - Zoning Board Appeals (Alternate 1) - R-2021-0407
  7. Randy Ocken - Zoning Board of Appeals - R-2021-0408
4. Resignations -
  1. Tyler Carls - 911 ESTB (Fire/EMS) R-2021-0409
5. Vacancies -
  - o Board of Health - 3 vacancies (unexpired term)
  - o Mental Health 708 Board - 4 vacancies (unexpired term)
  - o Byron Museum District - 1 vacancy (unexpired term)
  - o Planning Commission - 2 vacancies
  - o Zoning Board of Appeals - Alternate #2 - 1 vacancy
  - o Franklin Grove Fire Protection District - 1 vacancy
  - Application and Resumé deadline – Friday, April 30, 2021, at 4:30 p.m. in the County Clerk’s Office located at 105 S. 5th St – Suite 104, Oregon, IL
  - o Byron Museum District - 1 Vacancy
  - Application and Resumé deadline – Friday, May 28, 2021, at 4:30 p.m. in the County Clerk’s Office located at 105 S. 5th St – Suite 104, Oregon, IL
6. Ogle County Claims –
  - o Department Claims - March 2021 - \$154,961.01
  - o County Board Payments – \$54,952.10
  - o County Highway Fund – \$96,841.55
7. Communications -
  - o Sales Tax - January 2020 \$30,321.68 and \$65,201.07
  - o Sales Tax - January 2021 \$51,064.08 and \$84,468.43

Chairman Finfrock stated that the ZBA – Alternate #2 - R-2021-0408 position should not have been announced since they had an applicant turn in his paperwork on time the he just wasn’t able to be interviewed on Committee day. The will be interviewing him at next month’s Committee meeting.

Janes moves to approve the Consent Agenda with the removal of the ZBA – Alternate #2 – R-2021-0408 vacancy and Smith seconds and Roll Call was taken:

Oltmanns abstains from R-2021-0404 due to employment.

YES: Asp, Billeter, Bowers, Corbitt, Droege, Fox, Fritz, Griffin, Heuer, Hopkins, Huber, Janes, Kenney, McKinney, Miller, Nordman, Oltmanns, Reising, Smith, Sparrow, Typer, Youman, and Finfrock

NO: None

ABSENT: Williams

Motion carries on roll call vote. (Placed on file)

**Zoning - #002-21 SPECIAL USE – Pope - O-2021-0401**

Fritz presents #002-21 SPECIAL USE – Edward & Alice Pope, 3080 N. Summer Hill Rd., Polo, IL for a Special Use Permit in the AG-1 Agricultural District to allow a Single-Family Dwelling for the spouse of the farm owner on property described as follows and owned by the petitioners: Part of the Southeast (SE1/4) of the Southeast (SE1/4) of Section 19 Township 24 North, Range 8 East of the 4th P.M., Lincoln Township, Ogle County, IL, 5.0 acres, more or less P.I.N.(s): Part of 07-19-400-006 - Common Location: 3080 N. Summer Hill Rd.

Fritz moves to approve O-2021-0401, McKinney seconds and roll call vote is taken:

YES: Fritz, Griffin, Heuer, Hopkins, Huber, Janes, Kenney, McKinney, Nordman, Oltmanns, Reising, Smith, Sparrow, Typer, Youman, Asp, Billeter, Bowers, Corbitt, Droege, Fox, and Finrock

NO: Miller

ABSENT: Williams

Motion carries on roll call vote. (Placed on file)

**Zoning - #003-21 SPECIAL USE – Zimmerman - O-2020-0402**

Fritz presents #003-21 SPECIAL USE - Eric Zimmerman, 2477 E. IL Rte. 64, Oregon, IL for a Special Use Permit in the AG-1 Agricultural District to allow a Small Rural Business (cabinet making) on property described as follows and owned by the petitioner: Part of the Northeast (NE1/4) of the Southwest (SW1/4) of Section 01 Township 23 North, Range 10 East of the 4th P.M., Oregon-Nashua Township, Ogle County, IL, 2.31 acres, more or less P.I.N.(s): 16-01-300-005 - Common Location: 2477 E. Il Rte. 64

Fritz moves to approve O-2021-0402, Smith seconds and roll call vote is taken:

YES: Griffin, Heuer, Hopkins, Huber, Janes, Kenney, McKinney, Miller, Nordman, Oltmanns, Reising, Smith, Sparrow, Typer, Youman, Asp, Billeter, Bowers, Corbitt, Droege, Fox, Fritz, and Finrock

NO: None

ABSENT: Williams

Motion carries on roll call vote. (Placed on file)

**Zoning - #007-20 Text Amendment – O-2021-0403**

Fritz presents #007-20 Text Amendment request to un-table the proposed text amendment and resubmit to the Zoning Board of Appeals for further analysis.

Fritz moves to approve bringing the Text Amendment back to Committee for discussion, Nordman seconds and roll call vote is taken:

YES: Heuer, Hopkins, Huber, Janes, Kenney, McKinney, Miller, Nordman, Oltmanns, Reising, Smith, Sparrow, Typer, Youman, Asp, Billeter, Bowers, Corbitt, Droege, Fox, Fritz, Griffin, and Finrock

NO: None

ABSENT: Williams

Motion carries on roll call vote. (Placed on file)

**Public Comment –**

Laura J. Cook, Ogle County Clerk, reported on the completion of the Election and thanked her staff, election judges, troubleshooters and all those who helped and make that possible. Cook shared it is a lot of work and the help from everyone makes things possible.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

The following committee minutes have been placed on exhibit: 911 ETS, County Facilities - County Security - County IT, Executive, Finance and Insurance, HEW & Solid Waste and Veterans, Long Range

and Strategic Planning, Personnel and Salary, Road & Bridge, State's Attorney – Court Services – FOCUS House - Judiciary & Circuit Clerk, and Supervisor of Assessments and Planning & Zoning.

- **Executive**

- Protection of Local Control of Zoning & Land Use – R-2021-0410

Chairman Finfrock moves to approve R-2021-0410 a letter of support of SB1602, Smith seconds and roll call vote was taken:

Youman shared that 17 Counties have passed the same agreement and there are 13 more meeting coming up to address this same issue.

Smith shared that White Rock Township has passed the same kind of item.

YES: Hopkins, Huber, Janes, Kenney, McKinney, Miller, Nordman, Oltmanns, Reising, Smith, Sparrow, Typer, Youman, Asp, Billeter, Bowers, Corbitt, Droege, Fox, Fritz, Griffin, Heuer, and Finfrock

NO: None

ABSENT: Williams

Motion carries on roll call vote. (Placed on file)

- Recognition of Service and Dedication of Ron Colson – R-2021-0417

Finfrock moves to approve R-2021-0417 to recognize the service of Ron Colson, Billeter seconds and roll call vote was taken:

YES: Huber, Janes, Kenney, McKinney, Miller, Nordman, Oltmanns, Reising, Smith, Sparrow, Typer, Youman, Asp, Billeter, Bowers, Corbitt, Droege, Fox, Fritz, Griffin, Heuer, Hopkins, and Finfrock

NO: None

ABSENT: Williams

Motion carries on roll call vote. (Placed on file)

- **Finance & Insurance**

- 2021 Budget Amendment – O-2021-0404

Sparrow presents and moves to approve O-2021-0404, Youman seconds.

Typer shared that he expressed his feelings on this item in the Finance meeting. Typer shared that there should be the same accountability across the board for all Departments and he is still of the opinion that this Department is being treated differently than how others are being handled.

Roll call:

YES: McKinney, Miller, Nordman, Oltmanns, Smith, Sparrow, Youman, Asp, Billeter, Bowers, Corbitt, Griffin, Heuer, Hopkins, Huber, and Finfrock

NO: Janes, Kenney, Reising, Typer, Droege, Fox, and Fritz

ABSENT: Williams

Motion carries on roll call vote. (Placed on file)

- 2021 Revolving Vehicle Fund Budget Amendment – O-2021-0405

Sparrow presents and moves to approve O-2021-0405, Nordman seconds.

Roll call:

YES: Kenney, McKinney, Miller, Nordman, Oltmanns, Reising, Smith, Sparrow, Youman, Asp, Billeter, Bowers, Corbitt, Droege, Fox, Fritz, Griffin, Heuer, Hopkins, Huber, Janes, and Finfrock

NO: Typer

ABSENT: Williams

Motion carries on roll call vote. (Placed on file)

- C-Pace – O-2021-0406

Sparrow presents and moves to approve O-2021-0406, Bowers seconds

Corbitt asked if the terminology, "WHEREAS, the County now desires to establish the PACE area as the entire corporate limits of the County. . ." includes the unincorporated areas as well.

State’s Attorney, Rock stated it would include everything.

Roll call:

YES: McKinney, Miller, Nordman, Oltmanns, Reising, Smith, Sparrow, Typer, Youman, Asp, Billeter, Bowers, Corbitt, Droege, Fox, Fritz, Griffin, Heuer, Hopkins, Huber, Janes, Kenney, and Finfrock

NO: None

ABSENT: Williams

Motion carries on roll call vote. (Placed on file)

- **Long Range Planning:**

- Long Range Planning Bills – R-2021-0411

Griffin presents R-2021-0411 for the following bills:

<u>VENDOR NAME</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
Beesing Welding, LLC	Inv# 7326 - Fabrication Work	\$ 1,669.29
Gilbane	Construction Management Services - March 2021 Inv #33	\$ 50,510.83

**TOTAL: \$52,180.12**

Griffin presents and moves to approve R-2021-0411 for \$52,180.12, Janes seconds.

Roll call:

YES: Miller, Nordman, Oltmanns, Reising, Smith, Sparrow, Typer, Youman, Asp, Billeter, Bowers, Corbitt, Droege, Fox, Fritz, Griffin, Heuer, Hopkins, Huber, Janes, Kenney, McKinney, and Finfrock

NO: None

ABSENT: Williams

Motion carries on roll call vote. (Placed on file)

- Project Update –

Griffin went over some documents that were given to him to close out the project.

Smith thanked Griffin for orchestrating this project and that under his hand the project ran smoothly in the correct direction from the beginning.

Sparrow thanked Griffin, Janes, and Treasurer Beck for all of their hard work and time into the Judicial Center Annex project.

- **Road & Bridge:**

- Flagg Road Overlay Project - 20-00329-00-RS - R-2021-0412

Hopkins moves to approve R-2021–0412 to award the project to the low bidder, Martin & Company Excavating, and appropriate \$539,000 out of the County Motor Fuel Tax Fund for the project. Bowers seconds and a roll call vote is taken:

YES: Nordman, Oltmanns, Reising, Smith, Sparrow, Typer, Youman, Asp, Billeter, Bowers, Corbitt, Droege, Fox, Fritz, Griffin, Heuer, Hopkins, Huber, Janes, Kenney, McKinney, Miller, and Finfrock

NO: None

ABSENT: Williams

Motion carries on roll call vote. (Placed on file)

○ Flagg Road Culvert Structural Upgrade - 20-00335-00-BR - R-2021-0413

Hopkins moves to approve R-2021-0413 to award the project to the low bidder, Martin & Company Excavating, and appropriate \$106,000 out of the County Aid to Bridge Fund for the project. Bowers seconds and a roll call vote is taken:

YES: Oltmanns, Reising, Smith, Sparrow, Typer, Youman, Asp, Billeter, Bowers, Corbitt, Droege, Fox, Fritz, Griffin, Heuer, Hopkins, Huber, Janes, Kenney, McKinney, Miller, Nordman, and Finfrock

NO: None

ABSENT: Williams

Motion carries on roll call vote. (Placed on file)

○ Maple Grove Road Culvert Replacement - 19-16120-00-BR - R-2021-0414

Hopkins moves to approve R-2021-0414, to award the project to the low bidder, Martin & Company Excavating, and appropriate \$68,000 out of the County Aid to Bridge Fund for County's share of the project. Oltmanns seconds and a roll call vote is taken:

YES: Reising, Smith, Sparrow, Typer, Youman, Asp, Billeter, Bowers, Corbitt, Droege, Fox, Fritz, Griffin, Heuer, Hopkins, Huber, Janes, Kenney, McKinney, Miller, Nordman, Oltmanns, and Finfrock

NO: None

ABSENT: Williams

Motion carries on roll call vote. (Placed on file)

○ 2021 County Seal Coat Project - 21-0000002-GM - R-2021-0415

Hopkins moves to approve R-2021-0415, to the low bidder, Steffens 3-D Construction, and appropriate \$180,000 out of the County Motor Fuel Tax Fund and \$265,000 out of the Federal Aid Matching Fund for the project. Youman seconds and a roll call vote is taken:

YES: Smith, Sparrow, Typer, Youman, Asp, Billeter, Bowers, Corbitt, Droege, Fox, Fritz, Griffin, Heuer, Hopkins, Huber, Janes, Kenney, McKinney, Miller, Nordman, Oltmanns, Reising, and Finfrock

NO: None

ABSENT: Williams

Motion carries on roll call vote. (Placed on file)

○ 2021 Bridge Inspections Preliminary Agreement - R-2021-0416

Hopkins moves to approve the R-2021-0416 to approve the agreement with Willett, Hofmann & Associates to perform the inspections. Kenney seconds and a roll call vote is taken:

YES: Sparrow, Typer, Youman, Asp, Billeter, Bowers, Corbitt, Droege, Fox, Fritz, Griffin, Heuer, Hopkins, Huber, Janes, Kenney, McKinney, Miller, Nordman, Oltmanns, Reising, Smith, and Finfrock

NO: None

ABSENT: Williams

Motion carries on roll call vote. (Placed on file)

**Unfinished Business & New Business: None**

**Chairman Comments:**

Chairman Finfrock thanked County Clerk Cook and her office for their handling of the Election.

Chairman Finfrock stated that this would be the last Board meeting for longtime board member Marty Typer. He thanked Typer for the years of work and willingness to speak up when he has felt things needed to be shared.

**Vice-Chairwoman Comments:**

Wash and keep your distance.

**Adjourn Meeting**

At 6:31 p.m., with no further business Chairman Finfrock adjourns the meeting until Tuesday, May 18, 2021 at 5:30 p.m. at the Courthouse in Oregon.

Chairman, John Finfrock  
Ogle County Board

Attest: Laura J. Cook, Ogle County Clerk &  
Ex-officio Clerk of the Ogle County Board