

**Proceedings of the Ogle County Board Meeting
August 17, 2021**

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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 members are present. The invocation is given by Hopkins and followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Presentation: Christopher Tennyson, Regional Superintendent of Schools

Josh Knuth, the Assistant Regional Superintendent, came on behalf of Tennyson due to a conflict in schedule. Knuth took the time to introduce himself and share his excitement for being on the ROE #47 team.

Presentation: Blackhawk Hills Annual Report, Andy Shaw, GIS Mapping & Enterprise Zone Specialist
Shaw presented the Annual report and shared some of the projects done within the last year.

Presentation: Kyle Auman, Health Department Administrator - COVID 19 Update

Bowers shared that Auman is on vacation but has sent an update to the board via email for their review.

Consent Agenda Items – by Roll Call Vote

1. Approval of Ogle County Board Meeting Minutes - July 20, 2021
2. Accept Monthly Reports –Treasurer, County Clerk & Recorder and Circuit Clerk
3. Appointments -
 - Jeffrey Franklin - Planning Commission - R-2021-0801
 - Mark Probasco - Zoning Board of Appeals - Alternate 2 - R-2021-0802
4. Resignations -
 - Frank Swingel - Mental Health 708 Board - R-2021-0803
5. Vacancies -
 - 911 ETS Board (Fire/EMS) - 1 vacancy (unexpired term)
 - Board of Health - 2 vacancies (unexpired term)
 - Mental Health 708 Board - 4 vacancies (unexpired term)
 - Franklin Grove Fire Protection District - 1 vacancy
 - Application and Resumé deadline – Friday, September 3, 2021, at 4:30 p.m. in the County Clerk’s Office located at 105 S. 5th St – Suite 104, Oregon, IL
 - Housing Authority - 1 vacancy (term)
 - Application and Resumé deadline – Friday, October 1, 2021, at 4:30 p.m. in the County Clerk’s Office located at 105 S. 5th St – Suite 104, Oregon, IL
 - Board of Health - 2 vacancies (2 terms)
 - Application and Resumé deadline – Friday, October 29, 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 –
 - Department Claims - July 2021 - \$182,261.01
 - County Board Payments – \$36,521.32
 - County Highway Fund – \$71,440.75
7. Communications -
 - Sales Tax - May 2020 \$22,169.49 and \$72,127.75
 - Sales Tax - May 2021 \$54,278.77 and \$104,382.29
 - ComEd Vegetation Management Letter
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McKinney moves to approve the Consent Agenda, Smith seconds.

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

NO: None

ABSTENTION: Fritz from R-2021-0802 due to familial relations

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

Zoning - #001-21 AMENDMENT – Rhoads – O-2021-0701

Fritz presents #001-21 AMENDMENT – Caryl & Robert Rhoads, 4799 S. Center Rd., Rochelle, IL for an Amendment to the Zoning District to rezone from AG-1 Agricultural District to R-2 Single Family Residential District on property described as follows and owned by the petitioners: Part of the Southwest Quarter (SW1/4) of the Southeast Quarter (SE1/4) of Section 9, Township 40 North, Range 1 East of the 3rd P.M., Flagg Township, Ogle County, IL, 5.0 acres, more or less – P.I.N: 24-09-400-004 - Common Location: 4799 S. Center Rd.

Regional Planning Commission 5-0 to reject and Zoning Board of Appeals 5-0 to approve.

Fritz moves to send O-2021-0801 back to Regional Planning, Zoning Board of Appeals, and Planning and Zoning committees for clarification, Smith seconds:

Oltmanns asks why this item wasn't voted on 3 months ago. Fritz explained the first time it was postponed was due to the ZBA minutes not being available for the board to review before the vote. The second time it was sent back for clarification based on the information that was in the minutes. This time it is being sent back because there has been discussions with Planning and Zoning and sending it back to the committees for clarification is the best decision. Oltmanns said he was going to support Fritz's recommendation but hoped that this issue would be clarified and fixed so that we don't have these problems in the future.

Hopkins shared he thought the original issue for postponing this item a problem with the number of acres. The acreage had been updated and now is unclear what the problem is with approving this item tonight.

Kenney stated that this process can be very expensive and we keep sending this item back with additional charges. Kenney stated he is aware of the property and it has never been anything more than pasture. Kenney feels they should not have additional charges.

Roll Call was taken:

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

NO: Heuer and Hopkins

ABSENT: None

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

Zoning - #005-21 Special Use - Polo Cooperative Association – O-2021-0802

Fritz presents #005-21 SPECIAL USE – Polo Cooperative Association, 3820 S. IL Rte. 26, Polo, IL for a Special Use Permit in the I-1 Industrial District to allow a liquid propane storage and distribution facility on property described as follows and owned by the petitioner: Part of the Southeast Quarter (SE1/4) of the Southwest Quarter (SW1/4) of Section 21 Township 23 North, Range 8 East of the 4th P.M., Buffalo Township, Ogle County, IL, 18.9 acres, more or less - P.I.N.(s): 14-21-300-005 - Common Location: 3820 S. IL Rte. 26

Fritz moves to approve O-2021-0802, Janes seconds and Roll Call was taken:

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

NO:

ABSENT: None

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

Public Comment –

Rick Rhoads, the cousin of the property owners of O-2021-0801, Rhoads explained that he and his wife took over the care of his cousin due to health issues and they are looking to build a single story, 1 family home on the premises to allow them to better care for them. Rhoads shared after the first meeting of the vote being postponed, he spoke with ZBA about why they were asking for things to be zoned the way they were. Rhoads said ZBA had no problem with it after the explanation. Rhoads explained that he now is being pushed into next year with his contractor because of the County’s delay. Rhoads explained he hoped the County would resolve this so that he isn’t hanging in “limbo”.

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**

○ 2022 Holiday Schedule – R-2021-0804

Finrock moves to approve R-2021-0804 adding Election Day to the Holiday list and Sparrow seconds.

Smith asked if that meant all departments in the County get the day off except for the County Clerk’s office. Ogle County Clerk, Laura J. Cook, stated she was told that her office was exempt from the holiday.

Motion carries. (Placed on file)

○ American Rescue Plan Act Funding Request – O-2021-0804

Nordman presents and Sparrow moves to approve O-2021-0804 and Youman seconds.

Nordman took the time to review some of the process that has been gone through by the different Departments and where they are headed to now. Nordman also went through a one page breakdown of costs provided by Departments.

\$ 480,917.00	County Clerk’s Election Equipment (Approved July)
\$ 14,172.00	Coroner’s Coolers (Approved July)
\$ 1,941,149.13	IT Projects
\$ 177,780.00	Pines Annex
\$ 134,592.53	FOCUS House
\$ 2,748,610.66	TOTAL

Janes clarified the total amount of \$2,748,610.66 and Nordman confirms.

Sparrow shared that the calculation from Bellwether for the loss of revenue is \$1.698 million in 2020. Those monies will be brought into the General Fund to be used.

Motion carries. (Placed on file)

• **Long Range**

○ Long Range Bills – R-2021-0805

Griffin moves to approve R-2021-0805 for the County’s portion of Iron Mike project for \$5000 and Williams seconds.

Motion carries. (Placed on file)

○ Demolition Bid – 607 Washington Street – R-2021-0806

Griffin moves to approve R-2021-0806 for \$24,000 from Martin & Company Excavating and Janes seconds.

Hopkins asked how successful the sale of items inside the house went. Griffin shared it went very well and the County was able to make just over \$7,500 at this point. Griffin also thanked Janes for all his hard work.

Janes shared there are still some items in the house that are still being picked up. The target goal was \$8,000. Janes said the County was able to operate at Tax Exempt and able to reduce the demolition costs making it a successful process.

Motion carries. (Placed on file)

- **Road & Bridge**

- Altered Speed Zones – Pine Rock/Oregon–Nashua Twp Subdivisions – O-2021-0803

Hopkins presents and moves to approve O-2021-0803 for the Establishment of Altered Speed Zones in the four subdivisions in Pine Rock and Oregon-Nashua Townships and Bowers seconds.

Motion carries. (Placed on file)

- Petition for County Aid: Pine Rock Township Culvert Replacement on Prairie Rd, Section 21-20128-00-BR - R-2021-0807

Hopkins moves to approve R-2021-0807 a petition for County Aid from Pine Rock Township for the reconstruction of a pipe culvert on Prairie Road, Section 21-20128-00-BR. This petition is a request for county aid for 50% of the local share of the project from the County Aid to Bridge fund and McKinney seconds.

Motion carries. (Placed on file)

Unfinished Business & New Business:

Bowers shared H.E.W. announces their funding hearing will be Wednesday, August 25th.

Chairman Comments:

Chairman Finfrock shared it is a pleasure to be able to be back together and that he looks forward to being in person again next month at FOCUS House.

Vice-Chairwoman Comments:

Stay healthy everyone.

Adjourn Meeting

At 6:07 p.m., with no further business Chairman Finfrock adjourns the meeting until Tuesday, September 21, 2021 at 5:30 p.m. at FOCUS House in Rochelle.

Chairman, John Finfrock
Ogle County Board

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