

Proceedings of the Ogle County Board Organization Meeting  
December 1, 2014

State of Illinois )  
County of Ogle ) ss

**Swearing In Ceremony**

County Clerk Rebecca Huntley calls the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. Judge Robert T. Hanson swears in the newly elected and re-elected County Board Members:

County Board District 1 J. Nick Bolin	County Board District 2 Patt Nordman
County Board District 3 Bobbie Colbert	County Board District 4 Bruce McKinney
County Board District 5 Dan Janes	County Board District 6 Lee Meyers
County Board District 7 Rich Gronewold	County Board District 8 Lyle Hopkins

**Roll Call**

The roll call shows members all members are present. This is followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Nomination and Election of County Board Chairman**

County Clerk Huntley accepts nominations for Chairman of the Ogle County Board. Welty nominates Kim Gouker for Chairman and Sparrow seconds. Bowers nominates Lyle Hopkins for Chairman and McKinney seconds. Bowers moves to close nominations and Janes seconds.

A roll call vote is taken to close nominations for County Board Chairman:

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

NO: Colson

The nominations are closed on a roll call vote.

County Clerk Huntley will now take the roll call vote for the nomination of Kim Gouker:

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

NO: Bowers, Colbert, Colson, Gronewold, Heuer, Hopkins, Kenney, McKinney, Meyers, Petrizzo and Saunders

The motion carries on a roll call vote.

County Clerk Huntley asks Chairman Gouker to please take over the meeting for the nomination and election of the County Board Vice-Chairman.

**Nomination and Election of County Board Vice-Chairman**

Sparrow nominates John Finfrock for County Board Vice-Chairman and Simms seconds. Bowers moves to close nominations and Oltmanns seconds. A roll call vote to close nominations is called:

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

NO: None

The nominations are closed on a roll call vote.

County Clerk Huntley will now take the roll call vote for the nomination of John Finfrock:

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

NO: None

The motion carries on a roll call vote.

**Chairman Comments**

Chairman Gouker welcomes newly Elected Sheriff Brian E. VanVickle and State's Attorney Eric Morrow to the table. Glad to have both in attendance at the meeting this evening.

**Committee Assignments**

Chairman Gouker would like for the returning County Board members to continue with their regularly assigned committees and the Chairman of the Committee will remain the same for this month. Chairman Gouker asks Bolin to attend the Committee meetings assigned to Kirkolis for the month of December. The Chairman and Vice-Chairman will be working on committee assignments for the next couple of days and asks the board members for input if they want to be placed on a certain committee.

**Vice-Chairman Comments**

Vice-Chairman Finfrock is looking forward to continuing working with the board.

**Adjourn Meeting**

At 5:40 p.m., Griffin moves to adjourns the meeting until Tuesday, December 16, 2014 at 5:30 p.m. at the Courthouse in Oregon, Bolin seconds and the motion carries on a voice vote.

Chairman, Kim P. Gouker  
Ogle County Board

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

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**Call to Order**

Chairman Gouker calls the Ogle County Board Meeting to order at 5:32 p.m..

**Roll Call**

The roll call shows Simms (5:43 p.m.) is absent. The Invocation is given by Chairman Gouker and is followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Approval of Minutes**

Chairman Gouker asks for a motion to approve the October 27, 2014 Ogle County Budget Hearing minutes. Heuer makes the motion to approve, Bowers seconds and the motion carries on a voice vote.

Chairman Gouker asks for a motion to approve the November 18, 2014 Ogle County Board meeting minutes. Janes makes the motion to approve, Nordman seconds and the motion carries on a voice vote.

**Approval of Reports**

Chairman Gouker asks for a motion to accept the monthly report of the Ogle County Clerk & Recorder, Treasurer, and Circuit Clerk. Brooks moves to accept the reports as filed, McKinney seconds and the motion carries on a voice vote. (Placed on file)

**Presentation – Soil & Water Conservation District – Sterling Taylor, Executive Director**

Executive Director Sterling Taylor gives a PowerPoint Presentation on the services and programs they provide for Ogle County. Some of the programs highlighted were:

- Conservation Practices – Up to 60% cost share to install conservation practices
- Conservation Reserve – Idle cropland for 10-15 years and receive annual rental payment to establish wildlife cover or plant trees
- Abandoned Well Sealing – Cost share to seal wells no longer used to protect water quality
- Stream Bank Erosion Protection – Cost share to install stream bank protection measures
- Tree Stewardship – Annual tree sales and promote tree plantings through Federal and State Programs
- Education Programs:
  - Outdoor Stewardship Days for 1,300 3<sup>rd</sup> grade students
  - Arbor Day white pine distribution to 1,200 students
  - Envirothon

Saunders asks with the money the Federal Government gives to the Soil and Water District, do you get to use that money towards administrative costs. Taylor states they do not, but the USDA Office houses the Soil & Water District Office as a tradeoff.

**Presentation – Sinnissippi Centers, Inc. – Patrick Phelan, President & CEO**

President and CEO Patrick Phelan thanks the board for supporting the Mental Health 708 Board which is where Sinnissippi Centers receives some funding. Phelan has distributed some information which highlights the services provided.

**Resolution – Forreston Football Class 1A State Championship – R-2014-1213**

Chairman Gouker introduces R-2014-1213 to Honor the Forreston Cardinals for winning the Class 1A Football Championship. Gronewold moves to approve R-2014-1213, Bowers seconds and the motion carries on a voice vote. Bowers would also like to applaud the Forreston Football Team for their accomplishment. (Placed on file)

**Resignation - Lost Lake Conservancy District – John M. Harris – R-2014-1201**

Chairman Gouker asks for a motion to accept R-2014-1201 for the resignation of John M. Harris from the Lost Lake Conservancy District. Finfrock moves to approve R-2014-1201, Oltmanns seconds and the motion carries on a voice vote. (Placed on file)

**Resignation - Lynn-Scott-White Rock FPD - Gerald Strohman - R-2014-1202**

Chairman Gouker asks for a motion to accept R-2014-1202 for the resignation of Trustee Gerald Strohman from the Lynn-Scott-White Rock Fire Protection District. Kenney moves to approve R-2014-1202, O'Brien seconds and the motion carries on a voice vote. (Placed on file)

**Vacancies –**

- Lost Lake River Conservancy District – 1 unexpired term ends 04/30/2015
- Board of Health – 1 unexpired term ends 11/30/2015
- Lynn-Scott-White Rock Fire Protection District – 1 unexpired term ends
- Ogle County Civic Center Authority – 6 vacancies
- Franklin Grove Fire Protection District – 1 vacancy
- Mental Health 708 Board – 2 five year terms and 1 unexpired term vacancies

Application and Resumé deadline – Monday, January 5, 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

**Appointment – Forreton Fire Protection District - Nina Moring - R-2014-1203**

Chairman Gouker presents R-2014-1203 to appoint Nina Moring as a Trustee on the Forreton Fire Protection District. Bowers moves to approve R-2014-1203, Colbert seconds and the motion carries on a voice vote. (Placed on file)

**Appointment - Board of Review – Mitchell Montgomery - R-2014-1204**

Chairman Gouker presents R-2014-1204 to appoint Mitchell Montgomery to the Board of Review. Sparrow moves to approve R-2014-1204, O'Brien seconds and the motion carries on a voice vote. (Placed on file)

**Appointment - Lost Lake RCD – 1 unexpired term ends 04/30/2019 – postponed**

**Appointment - Board of Health – postponed**

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**Zoning – #11-14 Amendment - Ronald & Janet Bearrows and Bradley & Laura Gray – O-2014-1201**

Welty presents the petition of Ronald & Janet Bearrows, 17459 E. Edson Rd., Rockford, IL and Bradley & Laura Gray, 312 Oak St., Box 313, Stillman Valley, IL for an Amendment to the Zoning District to rezone from AG-1 Agricultural District to R-1 Rural Residential District on property described as follows, owned by Ronald & Janet Bearrows and being purchased by Bradley & Laura Gray: The Easterly 330' of the Northerly 660' of the NE1/4 of the NW1/4 of Section 4 Monroe Township 42N, R2E of the 3<sup>rd</sup> P.M., Ogle County, IL, 5.0 acres, more or less. P.I.N.: Part of 12-04-100-003 - Common Location: 17459 E. Edson Rd.

Welty moves to approve O-2014-1201, Simms seconds and the motion carries on a voice vote. (Placed on file)

**Zoning – Honey Homestead Final Plat – O-2014-1202**

Welty presents the "Honey Homestead" Final Plat - Part of the Southeast Quarter of Section 3, Township 22 North, Range 9 East of the Fourth Principal Meridian - Owner: Ward, Murray, Pace & Johnson P.C. Profit Sharing Plan F.B.O. Lisa A. Gabriel, 5500 W. Edgewood Rd., Dixon, IL - Developer: Christopher & Stephanie Beran - Surveyor: Survey-Tech – P.I.N.: Part of 21-03-400-018 - Common Location: 5450 Block of W. Edgewood Road.

Welty moves to approve O-2014-1202, McKinney seconds and the motion carries on a voice vote. (Placed on file)

**Public Comment –**

- Meyers thanks Tina Ketter of the Ogle County Life and Vinde Wells of the Ogle County Newspapers for publishing the information on the Ogle County 50 year plan.
- Meyers also thanks Chairman Gouker for the article in the paper on upcoming County business.

**Road & Bridge – 2015 County Motor Fuel Tax General Maintenance Appropriation - 15-00000-00-GM, \$650,000.00 – R-2014-1205**

Hopkins presents R-2014-1205 to appropriate \$650,000 from the Motor Fuel Tax allotment for the maintenance on county highways. Hopkins moves to approve R-2014-1205, Colson seconds and the motion carries on a voice vote. (Placed on file)

**Ogle County Claims – Clerk reads the claims:**

- Department Claims – November 2014 - \$278,634.89
- County Board Payments - December 16, 2014 - \$181,969.36
- County Highway Fund – \$106,315.11

Janes moves to approve the claims as presented, Bolin seconds and the motion carries on a voice vote. (Placed on file)

**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, Mental Health 708 Board, Regional Planning Commission, Road & Bridge and Mapping (GIS), State’s Attorney and Juvenile & Probation and Supervisor of Assessments and Planning & Zoning.

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., Negotiations Committee, Public Aid Appeals, Safety Committee, UCCI/ICRMT and Tri-County Opportunities.

County Security:

- Law Enforcement Mutual Aid Agreement – R-2014-1206  
Janes presents and moves to approve R-2014-1206 a Law Enforcement Mutual Aid Agreement, Meyers seconds and the motion carries on a voice vote. (Placed on file)

Long Range Planning:

- Long Range Bills – R-2014-1207  
Griffin presents and moves to approve R-2014-1106 as follows:

SUPPLIER NAME	DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT
Saavedra Gehlhausen Architects	Construction Phase and	\$5,178.15
	SGA Reimb. Expenses - Sheriff's Admin. Bldg – Nov. 2014	\$143.75
Rockford Structures Constr. Co.	Sheriff's Admin Building - Appl #7 - thru 11/30/14	\$437,598.42
NICOR Gas	Excess Footage Charge	\$639.10
	Monthly Usage Charge	\$33.04
Ogle County Treasurer	501 W. Washington St Property Tax	\$1,597.14
	TOTAL:	\$445,189.60

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

- 50 Year Plan – R-2014-1208  
Griffin presents R-2014-1208 to establish a 50-Year Property Acquisition Plan and Petrizzo seconds. Griffin thanks Simms and Oltmanns for their hard work on this plan. Griffin reads a prepared statement that this is a guide that can be modified for the County Board and future County Boards for future growth.

Oltmanns states they have worked on this plan for about a year and worked with DeKalb County as they have a plan in place. This plan provides us movement for the future for the possibility of building another building. Because past boards bought property we were able to build the Judicial Center where it is today. This just gives a road map to the future.

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Meyers would like to cite the property bought behind the Judicial Center which has sat idle for approximately 12 years and has been taken off the tax rolls. Meyers doesn't think we need to project that far ahead. Meyers states we do not need to be in the real estate business with our track record. Meyers comments on the property located in Rochelle which was to be used for the Emergency Operations Center that is currently for sale.

Gouker states we are not in the real estate business. There was a lot of debate about 12 years ago about the Judicial Center and the location of building it in or out of town. Chairman Gouker states he understands about the loss of property tax, but the loss of revenue for this community would be detrimental had it not been for the foresight to purchase that land in advance. The offices that were across the street were moved to the building on Pines Road Annex which is not a permanent building; it might serve its purpose for 20 years. They do need to be moved back up here and that is why we need to have that land.

Colson appreciates the concern for the loss of property tax and comments on a study done by Western Illinois University and the loss of revenue. We need to look at the bigger picture.

Simms states Oltmanns and she worked very hard on this plan and is looking out for the best of the county. The goal is to have the departments together and centralize the Ogle County Government Offices.

Oltmanns states this plan is supported by the City of Oregon.

A roll call vote is called:

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

NO: Kenney, Meyers, Saunders and Welty

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

o **Project Update :**

Griffin has Greg Sutherland of Rockford Structures give the board an update on the progress of the Sheriff's Administration Building. Sutherland states they are dry walling, painting and will be working on ceilings soon. Sutherland states this is a critical use facility with a 50 to 100 year life use design. There has been pressure to speed things along; however his goal is to get it right the first time.

Meyers asks about the ridges in the ceiling between the Coroner's area of the Sheriff's building. You are going to say for sure that there will be no fumes from the Coroner go into the Sheriff's building? Sutherland states there is a special caulk that will be installed that will expand and contract to keep everything sealed. I have been working with the subcontractors to verify and check this and there shouldn't be an issue. The heating system for the Coroner's Office is a specialty designed unit which will be separate from the other area of the building.

Executive:

o **Corrected FY2015 Budget & Appropriations Ordinance 2014-1101 – O-2014-1203**

Chairman Gouker presents and makes the motion to approve O-2014-1203 to correct a Scribner's error. The Insurance Premium Levy Fund amount was inadvertently omitted from the Levy amount. Sparrow seconds and a roll call vote is taken:

YES: Bowers, Brooks, Colbert, Colson, Finfrock, Griffin, Gronewold, Heuer, Hopkins, Janes, Kenney, McKinney, Meyers, Nordman, O'Brien, Oltmanns, Petrizzo, Saunders, Sparrow, Typer, Welty and Gouker

NO: none

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

○ **County Board Committee Assignments – R-2014-1211**

Chairman Gouker presents R-2014-1211 for the County Board Committee Assignments. Oltmanns makes the motion to approve R-2014-1211 as presented, Bolin seconds and the motion carries on a voice vote.

Chairman Gouker states a couple of the committee meeting times has changed to accommodate members of the committee and their time commitments. (Placed on file)

○ **Annual Public Notice of Regular Meetings – R-2014-1212**

Chairman Gouker presents R-2014-1212 for the Annual Public Notice of Regular Meetings. Janes moves to approve R-2014-1212 as presented, Kenney seconds and the motion carries on a voice vote. (Placed on file)

Finance:

○ **2014 Budget Amendment – R-2014-1209**

Chairman Gouker presents R-2014-1209 the 2014 Budget Amendment which is an annual housekeeping item for the General Fund line items:

<b>\$7,100.00</b>	from 100.16.4490 <i>Finance - Contingencies</i>	to 100.06.4465 <i>Judiciary - Jurors- Circuit Court</i>
<b>\$400.00</b>	from 100.16.4490 <i>Finance - Contingencies</i>	to 100.06.4324 <i>Judiciary - Appointed Attorneys</i>
<b>\$11,000.00</b>	from 100.06.4490 <i>Judiciary - Contingencies</i>	to 100.06.4345 <i>Judiciary - Interpreter</i>
<b>\$4,000.00</b>	from 100.06.4490 <i>Judiciary - Contingencies</i>	to 100.06.4324 <i>Judiciary - Appointed Attorneys</i>

Sparrow moves to approve R-2014-1209 as presented, Nordman seconds and the motion carries on a voice vote. (Placed on file)

State's Attorney and Juvenile & Probation:

○ **Authorizing the extension of a certain bank note – Focus House – R-2014-1210**

Finrock presents R-2014-1210 to authorize the extension of a certain bank note for Focus House. Sparrow moves to approve R-2014-1210 and Nordman seconds. Chairman Gouker states this is a note that Focus House has had on the property where the classrooms are located. This is being paid from the Dependent Children's Fund and Director of Court Services Ken Burn wants the flexibility of extending the loan to the end of this Fiscal Year. The motion carries on a voice vote. (Placed on file)

● Chairman Comments:

Chairman Gouker welcomes the two newly elected Officials State's Attorney Eric Morrow and Sheriff Brian VanVickle to their first meeting this evening.

Chairman Gouker also wishes everyone a Merry Christmas and a Blessed start to the New Year.

● Vice-Chairman Comments: none

**Unfinished Business –**

**Closed Session –**

At 6:36 p.m., Chairman Gouker asks for a motion to go into Closed Session per 5 ILCS 120/2 (c)21 Review and Approval of Closed Minutes – (content only and subject to State's Attorney review of Closed Minutes). Kenney moves to go into Closed Session and Typer seconds. A roll call vote is taken:

YES: Brooks, Colbert, Colson, Finfrock, Griffin, Gronewold, Heuer, Hopkins, Janes, Kenney, McKinney, Meyers, Nordman, O'Brien, Oltmanns, Petrizzo, Saunders, Simms, Sparrow, Typer, Welty and Gouker

NO: None

**Open Session –**

At 6:42, the County Board Returned to Open Session. Bowers moves to approve the contents of the April 15, 2014 Closed County Board Meeting Minutes, Meyers seconds. Bolin will abstain from the vote as he was not a County Board Member at that time. The motion carries on a voice vote.

**New Business –**

- o McKinney would like to have the Executive Committee look into having a “Consent” Agenda for County Board Meetings. Chairman Gouker asks if there are any objections to this please contact him. Chairman Gouker states we will discuss this at the next Executive Committee meeting and bring it to the board.

**Communications –**

**Adjourn Meeting**

At 6:47 p.m., there being no further business Chairman Gouker declares the meeting adjourned until Tuesday, January 20, 2015 at 5:30 p.m. at the Ogle County Courthouse in Oregon.

Chairman, Kim P. Gouker  
Ogle County Board

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



Proceedings of the Closed Session  
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The County Board goes into Closed Session at 6:36p.m. to review Closed County Board Minutes for content pursuant to 5 ILCS 120/2. Others in attendance: State's Attorney Eric Morrow, Sheriff Brian E. VanVickle, County Clerk and Recorder Rebecca Huntley and Chief Deputy Clerk Laura Cook.

Chairman Gouker states the purpose of the Closed Session is to review County Board Meeting minutes from April 15, 2014 for content only as they are subject to the State's Attorney review.

Chairman Gouker states these are minutes in regards to pending litigation of a Federal prisoner.

Please return the closed minutes as the State's Attorney reviews the closed minutes twice a year for release.

It was decided to have Bolin abstain from voting in Open Session since he was not on the board at that time.

At, 6:42 p.m., Gronewold moves to return to Open Session, Colson seconds and the motion carries on a voice vote.

Kim P. Gouker  
Chairman Ogle County Board

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

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Open Meeting by State's Attorney  
& Legislative Committee  
Resolution dated 12-21-15-1009