

Proceedings of the Ogle County Board Meeting  
May 20, 2014

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 McKinney is absent. The Invocation is given by Petrizzo and is followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Approval of Minutes**

Chairman Gouker asks for a motion to approve the April 15, 2014 Ogle County Board meeting minutes. Heuer makes the motion to approve, Bowers 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. Petrizzo moves to accept the reports as filed, Janes seconds and the motion carries on a voice vote.(Placed on file)

**Presentation – CASA – Trisha Morrow, Executive Director**

Chairman Gouker introduces Trisha Morrow, Ogle County CASA Executive Director. Ms. Morrow states CASA stands for Court Appointed Special Advocates. They recruit, screen and train members of the community. These volunteers are then appointed as the Guardian Ad Litem for children that are involved in our abuse and neglect court system. CASA is always looking for volunteers. If you know of someone, my contact information has been left with Laura Cook.

Judge Kathleen Kauffmann speaks about CASA and how the advocate functions as the courts eyes and ears outside of the courtroom. The advocate is the one constant presence for the children throughout the court case. The child may experience multiple caseworkers during their case, multiple prosecutors and possibly more than one attorney who may be assigned the case. With the advocate having hands on with the child, they are able to provide the Judge with the historical prospective which is very critical to the case. Judge Kauffmann thanks Ogle County for their support of the CASA program.

Tyler asks how many cases and advocates does Ogle County have? Mary Jo Griffin, Volunteer Coordinator states there are currently 16 cases with 26 children. There are 7 advocates serving at this time and 2 volunteers who are going through the process to become an advocate. Tyler asks how much of a time commitment does being an advocate take? Griffin states we ask for about 5 to 8 hours a month, but it does depend upon the case and where the children are located.

Welty asks what the annual budget is and where funding from CASA comes from? Ms. Morrow states the budget is generally \$50,000 to \$60,000 and the county funding comes from the Ogle County Probation, Judiciary and Circuit Clerk Offices. This has been in existence since CASA expanded into Ogle County in October 2006.

Chairman Gouker states he attended the meeting in Dixon when CASA was looking into expanding into Ogle County. He also encourages the media to talk to CASA to try and get more volunteers to come forward.

**Resolution – CASA – R-2014-0511**

Chairman Gouker presents R2014-0511 to Support CASA. Oltmanns moves to approve R-2014-0511 and Bowers seconds. Griffin will abstain from the vote as his wife is the volunteer coordinator for CASA.

Saunders comments that during a meeting with Chairman Gouker, Vice-Chairman Finfrock, Judge Robert Hanson and Circuit Clerk Kim Stahl the Judge commented that without CASA the Judicial System would need to appoint attorneys to represent the children. These appointed attorneys are not trained and cost more than what the county contributes.

Colson states the resolution number on the agenda does not correspond with the motion. County Clerk Huntley states the resolution number will be R-2014-0511. The motion carries on a voice vote.(Placed on file)

**Announcement – Ogle County Public Health Administrator – Lucinda Bauling**

Bowers asks for Health Administrator Doreen O'Brien to announce her replacement. Health Administrator O'Brien announces Lucinda Bauling of Polo will be the new Health Department Administrator who will take over when O'Brien retires.

Bowers announces there will be a reception for Doreen O'Brien's retirement which will be held at 4:00 p.m. before the June 17<sup>th</sup> County Board Meeting. Bowers states she, County Clerk and Recorder Rebecca Huntley and Chairman Gouker will be hosting the reception.

**Appointment – Board of Review (Democrat) – Thomas Lewandowski – R-2014-0501**

Chairman Gouker announces the recommendation of Thomas Lewandowski to the Board of Review for the Democratic Appointment for a term which will end May 31, 2016. Finfrock moves to approve R-2014-0501, Colbert seconds and the motion carries on a voice vote.(Placed on file)

**Appointment - Zoning Board of Appeals (Alternate 1) – David Williams - R-2014-0502**

Chairman Gouker announces the recommendation of David Williams to the Zoning Board of Appeals as Alternate 1 for an unexpired term which ends April 30, 2017. Welty moves to approve R-2014-0502, O'Brien seconds and the motion carries on a voice vote.(Placed on file)

**Appointment - Ogle County Civic Center Authority – Douglas Kroupa – R-2014-0503**

Chairman Gouker announces the recommendation of Douglas Kroupa to the Ogle County Civic Center Authority Board for a term which ends May 31, 2019. Colbert moves to approve R-2014-0503, Oltmanns seconds and the motion carries on a voice vote.(Placed on file)

**Vacancies –**

- 9-1-1 ETSB – Law Enforcement applicant – 1 vacancy
- 9-1-1 ETSB – Fire/EMS applicant – 2 vacancies
- 9-1-1 ETSB – Rochelle PSAP designee – 1 vacancy
- 9-1-1 ETSB – County Board designee – 1 vacancy
- Byron Museum District – 1 vacancy
- Franklin Grove Fire Protection District – 1 vacancy
- Ogle County Civic Center Authority – 6 vacancies

Application and Resumé deadline – Monday, June 2, 2014 at 4:30 p.m.  
in the County Clerk's Office located at 105 S. 5<sup>th</sup> St – Suite 104, Oregon, IL

**Zoning – #2-14 AMENDMENT - Terry L. & Kathleen M. Myers – O-2014-0501**

Welty presents O-2014-0501 regarding the petition of Terry L. & Kathleen M. Myers, 8580 Limestone Rd., Rockford, IL for an Amendment to the Zoning District to rezone from R-2 Single Family Residential District to B-1 Business District on property described as follows and owned by the petitioners: Part of the E1/2 of the NE1/4 of Section 29 Byron Township 25N, R11E of the 4<sup>th</sup> P.M., Ogle County, IL, 1.07 acres, more or less. P.I.N.: 05-29-276-003 - Common Location: 8661 N. IL Rte. 2. Welty moves to approve O-2014-0501, Meyers seconds and the motion carries on a voice vote.(Placed on file)

**Zoning - #3-14 AMENDMENT - Daniel K. Eckburg – O-2014-0502**

Welty presents O-2014-0502 regarding the petition of Daniel K. Eckburg, 11774 N. IL Rte. 2, Rockford, IL for an Amendment to the Zoning District to rezone from B-1 Business District to R-2 Single Family Residential District on property described as follows and owned by the petitioner: Part of the E1/2 of the North Fractional 1/2 of Section 12 Byron Township 25N, R11E of the 4<sup>th</sup> P.M., Ogle County, IL, 2.68 acres, more or less. P.I.N.: 05-12-176-002 - Common Location: 11774 N. IL Rte. 2. Welty moves to O-2014-0502, Janes seconds and the motion carries on a voice vote.(Placed on file)

**Public Comment –**

- Greg Wagner, Pines Automotive in Polo – Wagner states he was on a tow call which Sheriff Harn was on the scene and during their conversation they talked about being taken off the tow rotation. Sheriff Harn said he didn't think that was true and would look into it. Jason Ketter also called and said he was looking into the issue and states there was something wrong and would take care of it. Wagner publicly apologizes to Sheriff Harn and the Ogle County Sheriff's Department.
- Meyers reads a prepared statement in regards to the request at the April Ogle County Board meeting of the postponement of the Sheriff Administration Building.
- Sparrow as the Ogle County Board Economic Development Liaison has been approached by 6 of the 14 liquor license holders to reconsider the video gaming in unincorporated Ogle County. Sparrow states out of the 13 communities in Ogle County every community that has a liquor operation has adopted an Ordinance allowing video gaming. This is starting to have a detrimental effect on these small businesses and he would like to have the State's Attorney Committee review this at their June 10<sup>th</sup> committee meeting. Sparrow would like to have the committee send a positive resolution to the full county board at the June 17<sup>th</sup> meeting.
- Chairman Gouker states while delivering the Ogle County Liquor Licenses last month, video gaming was brought up unsolicited about 3 or 4 times.

**Road & Bridge – Section 13-00294-00-BR – Meridian Rd - R-2014-0504**

Hopkins presents R-2014-0504 Award and Appropriation - \$130,000 from County Aid to Bridge Fund and Kenney seconds.

Meyers asks how do you know a culvert is bad and who inspects the culverts? Hopkins states engineers hired inspect them, but in this case they are extending the culvert. This is due to a new law where they want to do away with guardrails and the back slope needs to be at a degree where there is a less chance to roll a vehicle.

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

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

- Department Claims – April 2014 - \$7,573.27
- County Board Payments - May 20, 2014 - \$129,820.27
- County Highway Fund – \$122,470.91

Bowers moves to approve, Oltmanns 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, 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.

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Executive:

○ Examination of Sheriff’s Administrative Tow Fee Fund – R-2014-0505

Chairman Gouker presents R-2014-0505 regarding the Examination of the Sheriff’s Administrative Tow Fee Fund with Sikich, LLP. The fee for the examination of the fund will be \$7,500 plus out of pocket expenses. Griffin moves to approve R-2014-0505, Welty seconds and the motion carries on a voice vote.(Placed on file)

○ County Vehicle Revolving Purchase Fund – R-2014-0510

Chairman Gouker presents R-2014-0510 in regards to a request from the Ogle County Sheriff for the purchase of 6 vehicles using the County Vehicle Revolving Purchase Fund. Sparrow moves to approve R-2014-0510 and Oltmanns seconds.

Meyers asks if this amount includes the lights, radios and etc... Chairman Gouker states it does not, that will be paid out of the Sheriff’s Administrative Tow Fund which is approximately \$30,000 for the 6 vehicles.

Petrizzo asks if this figure includes the trade-in on the 6 vehicles. Chairman Gouker states it does not. Petrizzo asks what will happen to the vehicles that are being replaced. Chairman Gouker states that is not clear at this time; but states eventually the money from the sales of the vehicles should go back to this fund as reimbursement. Chairman Gouker states the money will be deposited into the General Fund since this was a General Fund purchase on the vehicles.

Petrizzo would also like to ask that when these vehicles are sold, that the Treasurer’s Office is notified of the removal of the vehicles from the Insurance list and add the 6 new vehicles. Chairman Gouker is also going to ask the Treasurer to track the sale and deposit of the proceeds.

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

Finance:

○ Set County Officials Salary – O-2014-0503

Chairman Gouker presents O-2014-0503 to set the salaries of Ogle County Elected Official’s:

	FY2015	FY2016	FY2017	FY2018
	Base Yr.	+ 2%	+ 2½%	+ 3%
County Clerk & Recorder	\$ 75,000	\$ 76,500	\$ 78,412	\$ 80,765
Circuit Clerk	\$ 75,000	\$ 76,500	\$ 78,412	\$ 80,765
Treasurer	\$ 75,000	\$ 76,500	\$ 78,412	\$ 80,765
Sheriff	\$ 82,500	\$ 84,150	\$ 86,254	\$ 88,842

Welty moves to approve O-2014-0503 and Bowers seconds.

Saunders states in talking with the Supervisor of Assessments the county tax base is stagnant and we are at our maximum levy, no agreement with Exelon and the baby-boomers are able to qualify for the Senior Homestead Exemption. Saunders’ question is where will the money come from? When you look at the figures, the first year is a 9.5% increase and over the four years it works out to be 17.9% more than what they are currently making. If we have to make cuts to do this, are they willing to lay off staff? Saunders did contact Lee County and they have been receiving \$250 per year for the last four years. The department heads salaries with their raises will be increased to \$60,312. As of 12/1/2015 they will receive a \$750 raise and again in 12/1/2016. I believe in raises and in a perfect world I would like to be able to give them what is in the Ordinance.

Saunders distributes alternate figures for raises to see if they would be acceptable:

	<b>FY15</b>	<b>FY16</b>	<b>FY17</b>	<b>FY18</b>
<b>County Clerk &amp; Recorder</b>	\$70,000	\$71,000	\$72,000	\$72,500
<b>Circuit Clerk</b>	\$70,000	\$71,000	\$72,000	\$72,500
<b>Treasurer</b>	\$70,000	\$71,000	\$72,000	\$72,500
<b>Sheriff</b>	\$81,500	\$82,500	\$83,500	\$84,000

Chairman Gouker clarifies the Finance Committee minutes were confusing on the stipends and the motion that was presented was to consider the salaries without the stipends, it did not mean the stipends would not be continued. Chairman Gouker states the Sheriff receives two stipends; \$2,500 for Safety and \$2,500 for Emergency Management. The EMA Coordinator definition has changed; the Sheriff cannot hold that position without devoting 50% of his time to that duty, which the Sheriff cannot do.

Meyers questions the raise for the Sheriff since we are going to eliminate some of the current duties. Chairman Gouker states the duties which will be eliminated are not necessarily duties of the Sheriff and the salary has never been defined by the duties of running the maintenance department. This salary is intended to pay the Sheriff for his duties as directed by the Illinois State Statues.

Chairman Gouker states the committee did compare salaries to DeKalb, Boone and Winnebago counties.

Kenney reminds the board of a department head who had asked the board to honor an agreement and consider an increase as promised to get him to the recommended salary by the end of his term. This did not set well with you and was considerably lessened. If this goes through as presented, there will be problems with issues that have not been signed. Chairman Gouker asks for clarification in regards to the potential problems and Kenney states he will tell him privately.

Bowers states our elected officials need to be treated with respect and they deserve these raises.

Nordman disagrees and states these are considerable increases and down the road we will need to do something with the IT Department and Buildings and Grounds. There are potentially new positions coming on board. Nordman does agree the appointed and elected officials work hard and deserve raises; but it needs to be solid and more into the county and where our assessments sit.

Janes asks County Clerk and Recorder Huntley where does she sit in pay with other county employees. County Clerk and Recorder Huntley states presently she sits at 25<sup>th</sup>. Saunders asks if those are all deputies. Huntley states not all are deputies there are other department heads as well.

Welty states if we assume a 2% increase for the appointed department heads in 2015 they will be making more than what Saunders was proposing on the \$70,000 starting salary increase for these elected officials. Welty states the elected officials have more responsibility versus the appointed officials. Welty feels the proposed figures from Saunders is inappropriate.

Meyers asks for a roll call.

Gronewold has concerns regarding the negotiation committee and what is going to be coming out of it, raises for county employees and now the elected officials. It is hard for me to face the constituents when we have 47% free lunches in the Forreston School District, 12% unemployment rate and we are giving 2% to 3% raises.

Heuer asks if the Finance Committee compared EAV's of other counties. Chairman Gouker states they did not but thinks we are on par with Grundy County since they have a power plant and DeKalb County since their population is larger. Heuer wants reassurance that we have the tax revenue to pay for this.

Saunders asks Chairman Gouker if he has plans to pay for these increases. Chairman Gouker says these kind of raises with all of the staff would be significant, however this is

designed for the four elected officials who run the county. Chairman Gouker feels our budget will be able to sustain these raises. The levies are a little higher and the revenues over the past couple of years have become more stable; Sales Tax and Income Tax figures are higher.

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

NO: Kenney, Nordman and Saunders

ABSENT: McKinney

Long Range Planning:

- o Long Range Planning Bills – R-2014-0507

Griffin presents and moves to approve R-2014-0507 as follows:

SUPPLIER NAME	DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT
Ogle County Coroner – Petty Cash	Reimbursement for postage – certified letters (temporary morgue)	\$26.53
Cord Construction Co	Application #3 – Highway Equipment Storage Building	\$118,190.00
Midwest Scale	Charge of relocation of Coroner scale	\$272.00
Ticomix	Cisco switches – iFiber Connection – to replace routers	\$11,111.00
ISPFCU	RTR- Rockford – Ryder rental van – move items from morgue	\$154.75
	TOTAL:	\$129,754.28

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

- o Execution of Change Orders – Coroner and Sheriff Building – R-2014-0508

Griffin presents and moves to approve R-2014-0508 a Resolution to designate the procedures for the execution of Change Orders during the construction of the Coroner and Sheriff Building and Oltmanns seconds. Chairman Gouker states they will try to minimize the Change Orders but the resolution is designed in a way to move the project along but there is some accountability.

Meyers asks if other projects had this type of resolution. Chairman Gouker states yes we have. The executed change orders will be brought to the County Board for full explanation.

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

- State's Attorney and Juvenile & Probation:

- o Closed Minutes – R-2014-0509

Vice-Chairman Finfrock presents and makes the motion to approve R-2014-0509, Bowers seconds. Chairman Gouker thanks County Board members Finfrock, Colbert and Nordman and State's Attorney Mike Rock for reviewing the minutes.

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

- Chairman Comments:

- o Finance Committee has received a copy of the County Audit and other board members have copies on their desks. Please review the Audit and have questions ready for the June County Board meeting when the Auditors will be present.
- o Thank you to the Assessor, County Clerk and Treasurer for sending the tax bills out on time.
- o Attended a few Economic Development meetings this past month; Global Conference in Rockford and Tri-State Alliance.

- Vice-Chairman Comments: none

**Unfinished Business –**

**New Business –**

**Communications –**

- Sales Tax for February 2013 was \$23,168.18 and \$56,316.86
- Sales Tax for February 2014 was \$31,916.56 and \$65,959.61

**Adjourn Meeting**

At 6:45 p.m., Sparrow moves to adjourn the Ogle County Board Meeting until Tuesday, June 17, 2014 at 5:30 p.m. at the Ogle County Courthouse in Oregon. Griffin 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