

Proceedings of the Ogle County Board Meeting  
April 21, 2015

State of Illinois    )  
County of Ogle    ) ss

**Call to Order**

Chairman Gouker calls the Ogle County Board Meeting to order at 5:33 p.m..

**Roll Call**

The roll call shows Griffin and Nordman (5:45) are absent. The Invocation is given by Brooks and is followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Additions to Consent Agenda**

Chairman Gouker informs the board of 3 Resolutions to be added to the consent agenda:

- R-2015-0416 – Recognition of Assistance following the April 9, 2015 tornado
- R-2015-0417 – Recognition of action of Ava Mirtoska during April 9, 2015 tornado
- R-2015-0418 – Recognition of Service of Lloyd Funk & Jason Sword

Chairman Gouker thanks Ogle County Emergency Management Director Tom Richter and Sheriff Brian VanVickle for their efforts during this natural disaster.

Chairman Gouker has OCEMA Director Tom Richter speak to the board in regards to the recovery effort after the tornado. Richter states we are now in “Long Term Recovery” and looking to establish a Long Term Recovery Committee for the community.

Chairman Gouker has Sheriff Brian VanVickle speak to the board in regards to his experience. Sheriff states from a Law Enforcement stand point, they are back to normal operations as of Friday. The Sheriff’s Department has been able to help DeKalb County with dispatching needs and will be providing some deputys to help in Fairdale this weekend. This is a credit to the recovery work we had. VanVickle says the Illinois State Police were phenomenal during this time and provided whatever we needed which was a great asset to us. The Illinois Law Enforcement Alarm System (ILEAS) is an organization we belong to which is a Mutual Aid System for Law Enforcement. ILEAS contacted their resources and we had 30 different officers from all of the State here to help. There were others as well: Lee County Sheriff, Dixon Police Department, City of Rochelle and Rochelle Township High School who hosted the Red Cross all week.

Chairman Gouker says the amount of volunteers who came to help with the recovery was amazing. Groups such as Operation Blessing who organized the volunteers who came from all over, Samaritan’s Purse and Salvation Army.

**Presentation – Recognition of action of Ava Mirtoska & Ava Mirtoska Day in Ogle County**

Chairman Gouker states Ogle County lost a landmark with the tornado as Grubsteakers was totally destroyed. Chairman Gouker says with the action Ava Mirtoska who owns Grubsteakers took during the tornado saved the lives of the 12 people who were at the restaurant. Chairman Gouker announces May 7, 2015 as Ava Mirtoska Day for life-saving, heroic actions on April 9, 2015 during the tornado. Ava thanks everyone and really appreciates the people in the area as they have given her a lot of support.

**Presentation – Mental Health 708 Board – Kathe Wilson, President**

Kathe Wilson reads a prepared statement on the Mental Health 708 Board and these agencies who receive 708 tax dollars: Sinnissippi Centers, Village of Progress, H.O.P.E. Shelter and Counseling, Serenity Hospice and Home and Easter Seals Autism Services. The Mental Health 708 is a separate line item on your tax bill and does not diminish funds from any other service. The 708 Board members are appointed by the Ogle County Board and is rigorous in its research to assure that Ogle County monies are spent on Ogle County citizens. Wilson thanks the board for their time tonight.

**Presentation – Recognition of Service – Lloyd Funk & Jason Sword**

Chairman Gouker states Lloyd Funk has been Chairman of the Planning Commission for 8 years and a member for 20 years and Jason Sword has been Chairman of the Zoning Board of Appeals for 3 years and a member for 17 years.

Chairman Gouker asks for the Recognition Resolutions to be added as #7 on the Agenda and #8 will be Communications. Chairman Gouker asks for a motion to amend the Consent Agenda. Oltmanns makes the motion to amend the Consent Agenda, Bowers seconds and the motion carries.

Meyers asks for item #3f be removed from the Consent Agenda and a separate roll call to be taken.

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

1. Approval of March 17, 2015 County Board Meeting Minutes
2. Accept Monthly Reports – Treasurer, County Clerk & Recorder and Circuit Clerk
3. Appointments –
  - a. Forreton Fire Protection District - Richard L. Runte - R-2015-0401
  - b. Leaf River Fire Protection District – Julie A. Anderson - R-2015-0402
  - c. Lynn-Scott-Rock Fire Protection District – Rodney E. Hayenga - R-2015-0403
  - d. Oregon Fire Protection District – Brian A. Stuart - R-2015-0404
  - e. Lost Lake RCD – James A. Brown - R-2015-0405
  - f. Planning Commission – Thomas K. Smith - R-2015-0406
  - g. Planning Commission – Alan L. Nelson - R-2015-0407
  - h. Zoning Board of Appeals – Cody D. Considine - R-2015-0408
  - i. Zoning Board of Appeals Chairman – Randy Ocken – R-2015-0415
4. Resignations – none
5. Vacancies -
  - Board of Review – (Republican candidates) – 2 vacancies
  - Board of Health – 1 unexpired term ends 11/30/2015
  - Mental Health 708 Board – 2 five year terms
  - Mental Health 708 Board - 2 unexpired terms end 11/30/2015
  - Ogle County Civic Center Authority – 6 vacancies
  - Franklin Grove Fire Protection District – 1 vacancy

Application and Resumé deadline – Friday, May 1, 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

Byron Museum District – 1 vacancy

Application and Resumé deadline – Friday, May 29, 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 – March 2015 - \$15,684.49
  - County Board Payments – April 21, 2015 - \$134,654.66
  - County Highway Fund – \$86,916.74
7. Recognitions –
  - R-2015-0416 – Recognition of Assistance following the April 9, 2015 tornado
  - R-2015-0417 – Recognition of action of Ava Mirtoska during April 9, 2015 tornado
  - R-2015-0418 – Recognition of Service of Lloyd Funk & Jason Sword
8. Communications –
  - Sales Tax for January 2014 was \$29,590.93 and \$59,956.89
  - Sales Tax for January 2015 was \$36,348.24 and \$59,765.28
  - Illinois Dept. of Correction – 2015 Jail Inspection Report – on file in County Clerk’s Office

Moved by Sparrow to approve the Consent Agenda with item #3f being removed and seconded by Bolin and be approved by a roll call vote:

YES: Meyers, Nordman, O’Brien, Oltmanns (abstains from #3c due to employment), Saunders, Sparrow, Typer, Welty, Bolin (abstains from #3c due to employment), Bowers, Brooks, Colbert, Colson, Finfrock, Fritz, Gronewold, Heuer, Hopkins, Janes, Kenney, McKinney and Gouker

NO: Simms

ABSENT: Griffin

The motion carries.(Placed on file)

**Resolution - Planning Commission – Thomas K. Smith - R-2015-0406**

Welty moves to approve R-2015-0506 to appoint Thomas K. Smith to the Planning Commission and O'Brien seconds. Chairman Gouker asks if there is any discussion, there being none a roll call vote is called:

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

NO: Saunders, Colson, Fritz, Heuer, Hopkins, Kenney, McKinney and Meyers

ABSENT: Griffin

The motion carries.(Placed on file)

**Zoning – none**

**Public Comment –**

- Kenney comments on the level of professionalism of the people of the county and first responders who came in to assist during the natural disaster. Kenney appreciates the people who decided to keep the media out of the areas hardest hit. Thank you to everyone who helped with the recovery after the tornado.

**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, Personnel and Salary, 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, Regional Planning Commission, Public Aid Appeals, Safety Committee, UCCI/ICRMT and Tri-County Opportunities.

**Executive:**

- o R-2015-0409 –Authoring the enhancement of the existing Veterans Memorial by Oregon VFW Post 8739

Chairman Gouker presents R-2015-0409 and asks for a motion to approve. Janes makes the motion to approve R-2015-0409 and Oltmanns seconds. Chairman Gouker states this is to ratify the decision of approval of the Infrastructure Committee last fall. The Oregon VFW plans to enhance the existing Veterans Memorial on the Courthouse grounds and erect a new one.

Sparrow makes a motion to amend under the 4<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> WHEREAS and THEREFORE to add “age or gender” after color, creed, religion and Kenney seconds. The motion to amend carries.

The motion to approve the resolution as amended carries.(Placed on file)

- o R-2015-0410 – Support Senate Bill 1390 – Truck Length

Hopkins presents and makes the motion to approve R-2015-0410 to support Senate Bill 1390 to change the maximum overall truck length dimensions in the State of Illinois to 65' on all County and Township roads and Sparrow seconds.

Janes states County Engineer Curtis Cook has said if this bill passes that there could be some financial implications to the county.

The motion carries.(Placed on file)

**Long Range Planning:**

- o Long Range Bills – R-2015-0411

Oltmanns presents and moves to approve R-2015-0411 as follows:

SUPPLIER NAME	DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT
Fischer's Inc.	Signs for Public Safety Complex	\$ 999.76
Grainger	Terminal Strip - 18 Pole - Public Safety Complex	\$ 137.70
Menard's	Misc. Electronics (cords, surge prot.) Public Safety Complex	\$ 251.66
Moring Disposal	Temporary 20 Yard Dumpster Public Safety Complex	\$ 350.00
Sauk Valley Media	Public Notice - LRP RFP Energy Savings Contract	\$ 120.60
The Ogle County Life	Public Notice - LRP RFP Energy Savings Contract	\$ 124.60
Nicor	Disconnect Charge for 501 W. Washington Street	\$ 936.45
	Monthly Service Charges for Public Safety Complex	\$ 23.64
Saavedra Gehlhausen Architects	Construction Phase & Reimb. Exp. for Public Safety Complex - March 2015	\$ 1,064.40
	Professional Services for 501 W. Washington St. - March 2015	\$ 3,545.00
Zones	APC Back-UPS & Smart-UPS &	\$ 1,781.30
	Optiplex Compter for IT	\$ 737.21
	Rack Towers for Public Safety Complex	\$ 6,356.16
Rockford Structures Constr.	Public Safety Complex - Appl #11 - Through 3/31/2015	\$ 29,326.90
Larry Callant	Cables, Adapters, Module-Amazon for IT	\$ 583.90
	TOTAL:	\$ 46,339.28

Sparrow seconds.

Saunders asks about the bill for Saavedra Gehlhausen in the amount of \$3,545.00; why did we hire architects to tell us tanks were present when we have known of their existence. Chairman Gouker states we are no longer using their services and have turned the project over to the County Engineer. Saunders asks who authorized their services. Chairman Gouker states it was authorized by the Long Range Planning Committee who asked for the information, Oltmanns concurs. Oltmanns states they looked into the history of the building, looked into grants and what our responsibilities and obligations to the State would be. Chairman Gouker states at the time we acquired the property the owner stated the tanks were filled with sand and we needed to clarify it. Heuer states originally we were told there were 4 tanks and when Saavedra Gehlhausen did some boring they found 2 more tanks. They provided preliminary engineering services for the demolition and the curbing around the lot. This was appropriated in the Long Range Budget.

The motion carries.(Placed on file)

- o Project Update :

- ◆ Oltmanns states everyone has moved into the new Public Safety Building and there were approximately 400 at the Open House.
- ◆ Greg Suthers of Rockford Structures says the building sign will go up next week, paving will be completed and we are currently working on the punch list.
- ◆ Sheriff VanVickle states the evidence room has been moved and the only person left in the old building is himself.

**Road & Bridge – County Seal Coat – 15-00000-02-GM – R-2015-0412**

Janes presents and makes the motion to approve R-2015-0412 for County Sealcoat - 15-00000-02-GM - \$262,000 from County Motor Fuel Tax (MFT) Fund and \$262,000 from Federal Aid Matching Fund and O'Brien seconds. Meyers asks where the company Steffens 3-D construction is located. Janes states they are from LaSalle County and states there were only 2 bids received. The motion carries.(Placed on file)

**Road & Bridge – Leaf River & Montague Rds – Culvert Replacements – 14-00307-00-BR – R-2015-0413**

Janes presents and makes the motion to approve R-2015-0413 for Leaf River & Montague Rds – Culvert Replacements - 14-00307-00-BR - \$257,000 from County Bridge Fund and Nordman seconds. Meyers asks where Fischer Excavating is located. It is stated they are out of Freeport and they do employ local people. The motion carries.(Placed on file)

**Road & Bridge - Altered Speed Zone Ordinance - Cliff Road between Mud Creek Road and Hill Road – O-2015-0401**

Janes presents and makes the motion to approve O-2015-0401 for an Altered Speed Zone on Cliff Road between Mud Creek Road and Hill Road to 35 MPH and Bowers seconds. Janes states County Engineer did a speed study on this road that is less than a .25 miles. Meyers asks if this is a gravel road. It was stated that it is not a gravel road. Meyers asks if this speed limit is low enough. Janes states it was determined by the traffic study specs for the 35 MPH. The motion carries.(Placed on file)

**State’s Attorney and Juvenile & Probation**

- Open Closed Minutes – R-2015-0414

Finrock presents and makes the motion to approve R-2015-0414 to Open Closed Minutes listed on the resolution. McKinney seconds and the motion carries.(Placed on file)

**Unfinished and New Business: none**

**Chairman Comments: none**

**Vice-Chairman Comments: none**

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

**Adjourn Meeting**

At 6:25 p.m., Bowers moves to adjourn the meeting until Tuesday, May 19, 2015 at 5:30 p.m. at the Courthouse in Oregon, McKinney 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