

**Proceedings of the Ogle County Board Meeting  
March 21, 2018**

State of Illinois    )  
County of Ogle    ) ss

**Call to Order**

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

**Roll Call**

The roll call shows Bowers, Finfrock, and Williams are absent. The invocation is given by Saunders and then followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Presentation – Annual County Highway Report, County Highway Engineer Jeremy Ciesiel**

County Engineer, Ciesiel shared the damage that was made from the rapid flooding throughout Ogle County in early July and the conclusion of the 2017 projects. The amount of rain damage was roughly \$90,000.00 to the infrastructure on the county highway system and about \$300,000.00 to roads. Ciesiel expressed that although there was damage done it did allow for the involved parties to come together and file for FEMA assistance. Ciesiel shared that the parties worked quickly and well together to get the submissions prepared but unfortunately came up just short of the proposed damage amount for assistance.

Ciesiel showed the different locations that the Highway Department has improved. Ciesiel spoke of the culvert replacement project along Milledgeville Road, where 13 culverts had been replaced but 5 were in decent enough condition that they just needed to be extended. Those five culverts along Milledgeville and one on Eagle Point roads has been finished and the roadway is now safer for road traveling. A portion of the road was also resurfaced which allowed the highway department to provide a wider shoulder.

Bridge work was done in a couple different locations. The first was the removal and replacement of the two concrete bridge decks; Lindenwood Road – Ogle County and Mt. Morris Road – Leaf River Twp. Some of the drain work was replaced due to corrosion from salt water setting inside the concrete. The second project was bridge repairs to two bridges; Daysville Road – Ogle County and Big Mound Road - Scott Twp. The Daysville Road project involved the replacement of the type of expansion joints used. The previous type that was used failed often and quickly so the expansion joint was replaced entirely by a new type of joint. The underside was all cleaned and painted to eliminate all of the corrosion. The Big Mound Road project included removing and replacing all of the failing concrete at the joints.

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

1. Approval of February 20, 2018, Ogle County Board Meeting Minutes
2. Accept Monthly Reports – Treasurer, County Clerk & Recorder and Circuit Clerk
3. Appointments -
  1. Board of Health - Elizabeth Mendeloff - R-2018-0301
4. Resignations - None
5. Vacancies -
  1. Board of Health – 2 vacancies - 1 Applicant must be a dentist
  2. Housing Authority Board - 1 vacancy
  3. Mental Health 708 Board - 2 vacancies
  4. Fire Protection Districts: Franklin Grove, Forreston, Leaf River, Lynn-Scott-Rock, & Oregon - 1 vacancy each
  5. Lost Lake River Conservancy District - 1 vacancy
  6. Planning Commission - 2 vacancies
  7. Zoning Board of Appeals - 1 vacancy
  8. Civic Center Authority Board - 4 vacancies  
Application and Resumé deadline – Friday, March 30, 2018, at 4:30 p.m. in the County Clerk’s Office located at 105 S. 5th St – Suite 104, Oregon, IL
9. Board of Review - Applicant must be a Democrat - 1 vacancy  
Application and Resumé deadline – Friday, April 27, 2018, 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 - February 2018 - \$19,763.03
  - o County Board Payments – \$167,844.52
  - o County Highway Fund – \$163,018.24
- 7. Communications -
  - o Sales Tax for December 2017 was \$42,331.43 and \$73,177.80
  - o Sales Tax for November 2017 was \$38,531.01 and \$77,629.75
  - o ComEd Vegetation Management - Ogle County

McKinney moves to approve the Consent Agenda as presented and Bolin seconds. Roll call vote is called:

YES: Saunders, Smith, Sparrow, Typer, Whalen, Bolin, Colbert, Colson, Fritz, Griffin, Gronewold, Heuer, Hopkins, Janes, Kenney, McKinney, Meyers, Nordman, Oltmanns, Reising, and Gouker

NO: None

ABSENT: Bowers, Finfrock, and Williams,

Motion carries on roll call vote.

**Zoning -#2-18 - Special Use - Oltmanns - O-2018-0301**

Janes presents #2-18 SPECIAL USE - Kenneth Oltmanns, 1233 Lost Nation Rd., Dixon, IL for a Special Use Permit to allow a boarding house in the AG-1 Agricultural District on property described as follows and owned by the petitioner: Part of Island Ten (10) in the Rock River lying in that part of Sections 12 & 13, Township 22N, R9E of the 3rd P.M., described as follows: the North 500 feet of the Island lying West of the original West bank of the Rock River and East of the bank of Mill Race along said West Bank, situated in Township of Grand Detour, County of Ogle and State of Illinois - P.I.N.: 21-13-200-003 & 21-12-400-018 - Common Location: 8081 S. IL Rte. 2

Janes moves to approve O-2018-0301 as presented, Fritz seconds. Reising stated that he would be abstaining from voting due to the fact that the party was a client of his office and Oltmanns commented that due to no conflict of interest he would be voting and the motion carries. (Placed on file)

**Zoning - #8-17 - Special Use - Elkhorn - O-2018-0302**

Janes presents #8-17 SPECIAL USE - Elkhorn Solar, LLC, % Geoff Fallon, 601-A W. Main St., Carrboro, NC; Rodney Wubbena, 11129 Abbotsford Pl., Belvidere, IL; and Joan L. Wubbena, Trustee, JL Wubbena Trust, 7891 S. Tampan Dr., Dixon, IL for a Special Use Permit to allow a Solar Farm in the AG-1 Agricultural District on property described as follows, being leased by Elkhorn Solar, LLC and owned by Rodney Wubbena and Joan L. Wubbena, Trust: East Half (E1/2) of G.L.2 and G.L.1 of Northeast Quarter (NE1/4) of Fractional Section 5, Township 24 North, Range 8 East of the 4th P.M.; and G.L.1 and part of G.L.2 of the Northwest Quarter (NW1/4) of Fractional Section 4, Township 24 North, Range 8 East of the 4th P.M.; and part of G.L.1 and part of G.L.2 of Northeast Quarter (NE1/4) Fractional Section 4, Township 24 North, Range 8 East of the 4th P.M.; all in Lincoln Township, Ogle County, IL, 359.5 acres, more or less. P.I.N.: 07-05-200-002; 07-04-100-003; 07-04-200-001; and 07-04-200-003 - Common Location: 6974 N. IL Rte. 26

Janes took the time to comment on the procedure that was followed in the process of getting this ordinance to the County Board. Janes wanted to make sure that the process that has been set up has been set up for the sake of making sure that all parties involved have their freedom to express their concerns and ask questions because not all issues are going to affect everyone in the same manner.

Chairman Gouker expressed that he has sent emails to all of the board members and asked that they handle the information that was provided in a way that a jury would. He stressed that all votes should be based only on the information that was provided by the ZBA sworn testimony.

Janes moves to approve O-2018-0301 as presented and Hopkins seconds.

Meyers asked for a Roll Call vote.

Kenney shared that he is having a difficult time trying to understand the negative impact that this will have on the Village of Forreston. Due to that feeling Kenney stated he will be voting for this project.

Colson reiterated that Solar Farms are listed as one of the special uses under the Agricultural section of the Village of Forreton's Comprehensive Plan.

Hopkins stated that after reading all of the findings and the facts he felt that there was too much voting from the heart and not necessarily from the head of what the laws and stuff that have been set up for this process. He feels that all the findings and facts have been met.

Saunders stated she agrees with Hopkins that all the findings have been met. As much as she thinks they are ugly; she also doesn't feel that she has any right to tell her neighbor what they can put on their ground either. Saunders stated that she voted for the wind turbines and those are certainly much more intrusive than solar farms are so she will be voting in favor.

Chairman Gouker shared his one issue he has is that generically he is in favor of the Solar Farm but there is a process that has been set in place. Chairman Gouker also shared that Vice-chairman Finrock and he attended a UCCI meeting and the Illinois Power Agencies Director was there and talked about a lot of the regulation process that is going on. Chairman Gouker shared that there is a lot going on all over the State of Illinois. It seems that the Solar Farm push has come about due to Exelon's legislation that passed to save their two nuclear plants. In order to do that they created these green power energy credits and that is what is bringing them in. This is happening all over the County and State and we will probably be getting several more.

Roll call vote is called:

YES: Smith, Sparrow, Typer, Whalen, Bolin, Colbert, Colson, Fritz, Griffin, Gronewold, Heuer, Hopkins, Kenney, McKinney, Meyers, Oltmanns, Reising, and Saunders

NO: Janes, Nordman, and Gouker

ABSENT: Bowers, Finrock, and Williams,

Motion carries on roll call vote.

#### **Public Comments –**

- Adrian Nicholas Head, coming to the board as a citizen with questions and concerns about the jail project. Head clarified that he doesn't take exception to the fact that there is a need for a jail, location of the jail, or that our Sheriff's department keeps us safe. Head shared that he has had opportunities to work with parts of the board and has found them a group to be balanced, to be fair, frugal, and parsimonious with the Counties resources and for that he thanked them. Head shared that he had sent out a letter a while ago to county board members and would be addressing the main issues in that letter.

His first concern is; will the jail design going to take advantage of some of the more recent trends. Designed for the level of criminal in that the more harmful or threatening would have a confined cell but those with less hardened or less secure environment shouldn't be as confined. Is there going to be an opportunity to design the jail for those who represent less trouble by virtue of their threat of harm or escapes.

Head's second issue he raised was the numbers being shared. Where are the numbers that are representing the design that is being driven. Head shared that DeKalb County has done a lot of reporting and that they have done an extensive needs analysis on the front end of their design that describes the jail population in some detail. The analysis also shows average daily jail counts, trends over the years, makes distinctions between felony and misdemeanor offenders. A lot of the information that was gathered has been made public information and the numbers or information that was used to design the jail for Ogle County is not. Head shared that the links on the website are great but that maybe the numbers could also be shared within the project information. Head also shared that the front end communication for this project was great. Head also shared that the DeKalb County jail project phased out the project over a period of years and have been very careful in going through different committees and reporting to the public, county board and that would be useful. We would like to think that they are coming out of the jail better than when they went in.

Head would also like to know how Mental Health and substance abuse issues will be accommodated while in the jail. Lastly to what extent does the imprisonment of Federal prisoners figure into the projection to the need and size of the jail. Head stressed that he didn't want to see the Federal prisoners taking up the space needed for the Ogle County citizens. Head stated that he understands that that is a revenue stream and it is projected out that is what is going to help pay for this jail. Head shared he is more concerned with the building to meet the needs of the citizens we have today.

- Chris Corcoran, Mt. Morris resident, wanted to thank the County for doing a superior job on planning this jail. Also wanted to thank the Sheriff’s Office for doing a superior job on saving and protecting our community. Corcoran shared his beliefs that after the jail is built the people are really going to appreciate the fact that we have a nice and safe facility that is going to benefit all. Thanked the board for doing a well done job.
- Kari Wolfe, Assistant Director of Lee-Ogle Transportation System – provided the report that was given to the HEW Committee meeting. She also shared that they have received their brochures that layout the routes, fees and other pertinent information. Wolfe offered her assistance in getting those out to people who may need them if they want to offer them to people. The brochure also includes the Greyhound schedule.
- Laura Cook, Ogle County Clerk, wanted to take the time to thank the staff in the Clerk’s Office for preparing for the election and on Election Day. Cook shared that this election was the first election for two of her staff members, Becky Duke & Shari Stump, and they did a fantastic job. She also expressed her gratitude for the election judges who come out because it is a long day and not everyone had ideal circumstances. The troubleshooters were also thanked for their time and efforts to keep all polling places running. Cook also thanked the election night workers who put the information up on the internet and answered telephones. She shared without the election night workers, the judges of elections, and troubleshooters we would not be able to have an effective election in Ogle County. Cook also stated that the County is always looking for election judges due to a lot of the current judges retiring. Cook shared that there was an influx of Democratic voters and the office had prepared for that but, there were still about 16 precincts that additional ballots had to be sent to. Cook shared that besides the staff the office also had a new digital tabulator for early & grace period voting that did take a lot longer to print the precinct results at the end of the evening. It took about an hour and a half for those results and until those results were run the early voting card couldn’t be read. Cook shared that if the hour and a half would have been taken off the time it took to get results out we would have been right on target. Cook shared it is ultimately the responsibility of the County Clerk on election night to make sure that we report accurate results and because of the process that was implemented in the office we were able to protect the integrity of the election process and report accurate results.

Chairman Gouker stated that what the County Clerk does is a monumental logistical job and he frankly doesn’t know how you do it but you did it well. So, thank you.

Meyer also expressed being impressed and thankful for the Clerk’s Office. He shared that he was an election judge and when they had questions they called the Clerk’s Office and got answers and the bags for the equipment were all packed with everything the judges needed for the day. Meyers again stated the County Clerk and her team deserve a lot of credit for the election. Meyers also congratulated Linda Beck on her victory last night.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

The following committee minutes have been placed on exhibit: County Facilities, County IT, County Security, Executive, Finance and Insurance, HEW & Solid Waste and Veterans, Judiciary and Circuit Clerk, Long Range and Strategic Planning, Mental Health 708, Personnel and Salary, Regional Planning Commission, Road & Bridge, State’s Attorney and Juvenile & Probation, and Supervisor of Assessments and Planning & Zoning.

• **Long Range Planning:**

- Long Range Invoices - R-2018-0302

Oltmanns presents R-2018-0302 for the following bills:

<u>VENDOR NAME</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
I-39 Logistics Corridor Assoc.	Membership Pledge	\$ 500.00
Manheim Solutions, Inc.	Economic Development - Professional Services for February 2018 & Expenses	\$ 4,726.75
GovConnection, Inc.	IT Hardware for Cameras - Not Budgeted Replacement for Sheriff’s Building	\$ 1,841.16

GovConnecton, Inc.	IT - Hardware for Cameras	\$ 1,755.11
CDW Government	IT - Software for Devnet Upgrade	\$ 1,652.57
Aspen Contruction Systems, Inc.	Repair water damaged wall in IT room Drywall patching and repainting	\$ 2,360.00
Syndeo	IT - Fiber Splicing Network	\$ 2,280.00
Syndeo	IT - UCS Hardware	\$ 19,890.00
HOK, Inc.	Professional Services for February 2018 Adult Detention Center/Jail	\$ 125,000.00
<b>TOTAL:</b>		<b>\$ 160,005.59</b>

Oltmanns moves to approve R-2018-0302 as presented and Bolin seconds. The motion carries. (Placed on file)

o 251 Fiber Project - R-2018-0303

Oltmanns moves to approve R-2018-0303 for \$198,897.60 for the County Fiber line that runs from Hillcrest to 64 and 251 and Sparrow seconds.

Typer questioned besides the redundancy what else is there or is there other driving feature of this resolution.

Larry Callant, Ogle County –IT Coordinator, explained that it will allow for high-speed, secured data from Oregon down to our Rochelle data center. This will allow for our backup to be faster so we are not using 80-85% of our backbone of our Fiber at night. This will allow for our Sheriff’s Department and 911 to run with no issues. Callant explained that we need a type of Fiber that is secure (DARK) and that we cannot get that on our present system and IFiber has been going down on a continued basis. When it does go down we lose internet for all of the County offices – 911 especially. Callant stated that is the main driving force behind this Fiber project.

The motion carries. (Placed on file)

• **Road & Bridge:**

o Pleasant Grove Road Culvert – Sec.15-21128-00-BR - R-2018-00304

Colson moves to approve R-2018-0304 for the bid of \$269,389.49 from Martin & Company Excavating and Janes seconds. The motion carries. (Placed on file)

o Freeport Gutter Relocation - Sec. 13-00300-00-CG - R-2018-0305

Colson moves to approve R-2018-0305 for the bid of \$86,277.70 from M&M Concrete and Fritz seconds. The motion carries. (Placed on file)

o Flagg Road Culvert Extension - Sec. 15-00310-00-BR - R-2018-0306

Colson moves to approve R-2018-0306 for the bid of \$96,875.30 from O’Brien Civil Works and McKinney seconds. The motion carries. (Placed on file)

o 2018 County Stripping - R-2018-0307

Colson moves to approve R-2018-0307 for the bid of the stripping of the County roads with America’s Parking Remarketing gave the low bid of \$53,586.72 and Hopkins seconds.

Meyers asks what percentage of the roads in the County are being restriped. County Engineer, Jeremy Ciesiel shared that it was going to be 100% of the center lines and about 35% of the edge line. Meyers states that his main question is if the Townships are included. Ciesiel replied that both Townships and municipalities are included.

The motion carries. (Placed on file)

• **Executive:**

○ Cable Television Franchise Agreement – R-2018-0308

Gouker moves to approve R-2018-0308 as presented and Sparrow seconds.

Gouker stated that this is the same agreement that is given every 10 years and that the State's Attorney has reviewed it and there is very little change from what it was 10 years ago. This is an agreement that allows us some revenue. The minor change that was made involved an option to have a public access channel. Gouker stated that he wouldn't recommend that it be done now but the contract would allow for a future board to adopt a public channel if they wanted. Gouker shared it doesn't seem cost effective right now.

The motion carries. (Placed on file)

○ Jail Public Utility Relocation Contract – Willett, Hofmann & Associates - R-2018-0309

Gouker moves to approve R-2018-0309 as presented and Janes seconds.

Gouker shared that the City's Engineer would be the ones over the jail projects street since they are most familiar with layout of the water mains. There is also an addition of a site survey of the entire property where the jail is going to be located. The architects do need a current survey and they were in the agreement to have the City of Oregon's Engineer take care of the items needed.

The motion carries. (Placed on file)

○ Jail Planning

Chairman Gouker shared that IDOT has approved the street jurisdiction transfer for 6<sup>th</sup> Street; it is now a County street. The County is now in the process of designing the building and that the schematic designs should be done probably around the board meeting in May.

Gouker also shared that there have been discussions with the Landfill as they have requested an expansion of their facility. Currently the discussion has involved the current host agreement and set the fee to the same amount from here on out. Gouker expressed that the negotiations really aren't going anywhere.

The County has contracted a firm to give us advice on selling Bonds for the jail project and Gouker is sharing he doesn't think that is prudent until there is a signed agreement with the revenue source that is going to be used. The other option is to just operate under the old agreement and not make a new one. Gouker stated that interest rates are slowly going up and that from an operational side of things we don't need to borrow money until much later in this year. Gouker expressed two options make a new host agreement and allow expansion or just operate under the current agreement.

**Unfinished and New Business:** None

**Chairman Comments:**

Chairman Gouker stated not knowing if there was going to be comment after the closed session he wanted to congratulate all the candidates who won. Also to all of those who didn't win. It is difficult to put your name on the ballot knowing that you could get rejected by very many people around the County.

**Vice-Chairman Comments:** None

**Closed Session:** At 6:33 pm, Heuer makes a motion to adjourn to a closed session for purchase or lease of real property per 5 ILCS 120/2 (C)(5) and McKinney seconds then roll call was taken:

YES: Sparrow, Typer, Whalen, Bolin, Colbert, Colson, Fritz, Griffin, Gronewold, Heuer, Hopkins, Janes, Kenney, McKinney, Meyers, Nordman, Oltmanns, Reising, Saunders, Smith, and Gouker

NO: None

ABSENT: Williams, Bowers, and Finfrock

Motion carries on roll call.

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**Open Session:** At 6:55 pm, the board returns to Open Session.

Sparrow moves to approve R-2018-0310 for the purchase of property located at 607 West Washington Street, Oregon, IL, for the purchase price of not to exceed \$167, 000 and Colson seconds. Roll Call vote is called:

YES: Typer, Whalen, Bolin, Colbert, Colson, Fritz, Griffin, Gronewold, Heuer, Hopkins, McKinney, Janes, Oltmanns, Nordman, Reising, Smith, Sparrow and Gouker

NO: Kenney, Meyers, and Saunders

ABSENT: Williams, Bowers, and Finfrock

Motion carries on roll call vote.

**Adjourn Meeting**

At 6:58 p.m., Fritz makes the motion to adjourn the meeting until Tuesday, April 17, 2018 at 5:30 p.m. at the Courthouse in Oregon, Janes seconds and the motion carries.

Chairman, Kim P. Gouker  
Ogle County Board

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