

**Executive Committee  
Tentative Minutes  
May 14, 2019**

1. Call Meeting to Order: Chairman Gouker called the meeting to order at 5:52 p.m. Present: Finfrock, Griffin, Janes, Kenney, Nordman and Sparrow. Others: Typer, Whalen, IT Manager Larry Callant, Circuit Clerk Kim Stahl and Treasurer Linda Beck.
2. Approval of Minutes: April 9, 2019: Motion by Griffin to approve the minutes as presented, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Sparrow. Motion carried.
3. Public Comment: None
4. Reports of Committees:
  - Personnel & Salary: 1 item
  - Road and Bridge: none
  - Judiciary & Circuit Clerk: 1 item
  - County IT: none
  - Supervisor of Assessment, Planning & Zoning: 3 items
  - HEW, Solid Waste & Veterans: 1 appointment & Health Dept. fee schedule; discussion was held regarding the fee changes
  - County Facilities: none
  - County Security – Sheriff & Coroner: none
  - State’s Attorney, Court Services – Focus House: 4 appointments
  - Long Range & Strategic Planning: 3 items for Judicial Center Annex and LR bills
  - Finance & Insurance: 1 item
  - Agriculture: none
  - Workplace Safety: none
  - Board Presentation Requests: none
  - Other: none
5. Old Business
  - Administrative Assistant: Gouker stated the job description is complete.
  - Update on Tower Status – State’s Attorney: Gouker stated he is waiting on a meeting with Sheriff VanVickle and State’s Attorney Morrow.
  - Update - Ogle County Supervisor of Assessments Vacancy: Gouker stated IL Dept. of Revenue will hold an exam here at the Courthouse on May 21<sup>st</sup> at 11 a.m.
  - County CPR Training: Gouker stated there is not a conflict if Oltmanns performs the services as long as the contract is under \$2,000. Gouker will speak with Oltmanns to set up the schedule.
  - Update Statutory Court Fees: Stahl presented her ordinance; fees will be effective July 1<sup>st</sup> on new cases. Discussion was held. Motion by Kenney to approve the ordinance as presented, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Janes. Motion carried.
  - Other: none

6. New Business

- Electronic Meeting Attendance: Gouker stated he was asked to look into it and received a draft policy. There will be no action taken tonight; he wants the Committee to review it. Gouker doesn't want to see it used on a regular basis, only for special situations. Discussion was held.
- Other: Callant addressed the Committee regarding a software add-on to New World for time keeping purposes. We currently use Kronos for the Sheriff and Highway Depts. but it does not work well. Focus House would like to utilize it as well. They did receive a quote from Tyler Technologies but they are waiting for more clarification. Callant stated they do not have the upgrade in the budget. Gouker asked them to come back with better figures.
- Gouker stated he received an email from Rockford Mayor McNamara requesting Ogle County to support their letter opposing the Peotone airport project because the Rockford Airport is under-utilized.
- Gouker stated that at last month's County Board meeting there was discussion regarding the pending IMRF law; Gouker distributed a copy of his letter he sent.
- Gouker stated currently the Rochelle EOC has a cleaning contract with an outside company and recently that company received a letter from Sheriff VanVickle cancelling the contract effective June 1<sup>st</sup>. Gouker stated nothing has been discussed with any of the other departments that utilize the building. Currently the contract cost is split between the Health Dept. and the County. Gouker has reached out to Sheriff VanVickle for more clarification and no complaints have been received regarding the cleaning services.
- Gouker stated he has spoken with State's Attorney Morrow regarding creating the IT Dept. and Morrow's review did not find any conflicts.

7. Comments/Suggestions from Committee Members/Department Heads: none

8. Adjournment: With no further business, Chairman Gouker adjourned. Time: 6:44 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Tiffany O'Brien



# OGLE COUNTY BOARD

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April 20, 2019

The Honorable Michael J. Madigan  
Speaker of the House  
Illinois House of Representatives  
300 Capitol Building  
Springfield, IL 62706

Re: Senate Bill 1236; Local Government Officer compensation

During our County Board meeting this month, the above bill came before us for discussion, which has already moved through the Senate, and is currently being considered by the House.

While our Board agrees with the fundamental concern as to “double dipping” of state salaries, we unanimously agreed that this bill does not address that problem, and in fact poses serious harm to the future operation of our County Board, and surely others across the state. On our County Board, clearly one-third of our membership would be impacted by this legislation. Only one-third of that third is constituted as IMRF service solely as County Board members, a practice we have discontinued. But the others come from diverse governmental backgrounds who provide invaluable experience to assist our operation – a former mayor, two former municipal clerks, a retired county elected official and a retired local park district employee. And, two-thirds of these Board members with IMRF participation serve as valuable committee chairs.

As you will agree, public service at all levels is valuable to the healthy operation of our democracy. While some see the “double dipping” of salaries as an issue to be corrected, we believe the “double dipping”, if we can use that term, is more in the sense of the available “talent pool” for good, conscientious Board members, because the experience they gained in their government service provides us a wealth of knowledge that would be stripped from our Board if S.B. 1236 were to become law.

It is for that reason that the Ogle County Board, by unanimous public consent, has instructed that I convey their complete opposition to this legislation. Thank you for your consideration in this matter, and for your own public service to the citizens of Illinois.

Sincerely,

Kim P. Gouker  
Ogle County Board Chairman