

Proceedings of the Ogle County Board Meeting
April 19, 2005

State of Illinois)
County of Ogle) ss
City of Oregon)

Call to Order

Chairman Gocken calls the meeting to order at 5:35 p.m.

Roll Call

The roll call shows Nye and Swanson are absent. The invocation is given by Kim Gouker and this is followed with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Approval of Minutes

Chairman Gocken asks for approval of County Board minutes:

- March 15, 2005 meeting minutes - Hoekstra states the March 15 minutes need to be corrected as follows:
 - Page 165 - Judiciary & Circuit Clerk Committee - 3rd sentence should state: *“Typer states these attorneys are provided by the Administrative Office of the Illinois Courts and they negotiate contacts, **but they do not** go into grievance litigation.”*

Heuer moves to accept the correction as stated, Clayton seconds and the motion carries on a voice vote.

Approval of Reports

Rice moves to accept and place on file the monthly report of the Treasurer, County Clerk/Recorder and Circuit Clerk. Hoekstra seconds and the motion carries on voice vote.(Placed on file)

Hearing - Blackhawk Hills RC&D

Colson introduces Steve Haring to the members of the board to talk to the board about the funding problems which the Blackhawk Hills Resource Conservation & Development program and Economic Drought District we will be facing. Colson introduces Steve Haring and he reviews information which has been placed on the desks for this evening. Haring states the President’s 2006 Budget proposal calls for a \$26 million funding cut to the Resource Conservation & Development program, from its current \$52 million. The proposed cut will eliminate funding for 189 RC&D Councils across the nation and his office is one of the Councils affected. The Economic Development District is funded through the Economic Development Administration which is a Department of Commerce program. They are looking to eliminate the Economic Development Administration, one of the 17 other community and economic development programs. Haring states there are draft letters of support he would like to have the board send to the legislators to support the RC&D & EDD. Colson would like to suggest to the board to direct Chairman Gocken to send letters to the legislators as the Ogle County Board Chairman and there were no objections.

G.I.S. Presentation - Pinnacle Mapping Technologies, Inc.

Mike Nolte of the G.I.S. Partnership informs the board ariel photography was completed for all of Ogle County at the end of March. In order to ensure the geographic accuracy of the ariel photography, there were targets placed throughout Ogle County. Nolte introduces representatives from Pinnacle Mapping - Brian Mayfield & Phil Worrall and Boy Scout Troop 52 lead by Ray Gruber.

Brian Mayfield states they have an obligation to the community to remove the targets from private property, out of right-of-ways or road. Pinnacle Mapping has developed a program giving back to the community and they have selected Boy Scout Troop 52 to remove the targets and Pinnacle is donating \$500 for the work. The boys of the troop will learn how to read a map and see how mapping is used in Ogle County. Ray Gruber says the boys will be using the money towards a trip to the Boundary Waters this summer.

Resignations

Mental Health "708" Board

Chairman Gocken informs the board there are two resignations from the Mental Health Board - Julie Gates- Hardesty is resigning due to health reasons and Josh Waddell cannot devote time to the board. Colson moves to accept the resignations with regret, Rice seconds and the motion carries on a voice vote. (Placed on file)

Vacancies -

Chairman Gocken announces the following vacancies:

- Board of Health - 2 vacancies
- Board of Review - 2 vacancies (Republican candidates)
- Farmland Assessment Review Board - 1 vacancy

An application deadline for these appointments will be Friday, April 29, 2005, at 4:30 p.m. in the Ogle County Clerk's Office

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- Mental Health "708 Board - 2 unexpired terms
- Byron Museum District - 1 vacancy

An application deadline for these appointments will be Friday, June 3, 2005, at 4:30 p.m. in the Ogle County Clerk's Office

Appointments -

Zoning Board of Appeals

Chairman Gocken informs the board these appointments are postponed.

Fire Protection Districts

Chairman Gocken announces the recommendation to the following Fire Protection Districts:

☼ Ashton - Clifford C. Jones

Hoekstra moves to approve the appointment, Colson seconds and the motion carries on a voice vote.(Placed on file)

☼ Forreston - Jack Daws

Clayton moves to approve the appointment, Hoekstra seconds and the motion carries on a voice vote.(Placed on file)

☼ Leaf River - Nancy A. Watkins

Hoekstra moves to approve the appointment, Clayton seconds and the motion carries on a voice vote.(Placed on file)

☼ Lynn - Scott - Rock - Dennis L. Shearer

Hoekstra moves to approve the appointment, Clayton seconds and the motion carries on a voice vote.(Placed on file)

Fire Protection Districts (continued)

☼ Oregon - John M. Long

Hoekstra moves to approve the appointment, Clayton seconds and the motion carries on a voice vote.(Placed on file)

☼ German Valley - Arnold E. Schelling

Hoekstra moves to approve the appointment, Clayton seconds and the motion carries on a voice vote.(Placed on file)

Chairman Gocken states these terms will expire on April 30, 2008.

Farmland Assessment Review Board

Chairman Gocken announces the recommendation to appoint Ronald A. Lewis to the Farmland Assessment Review Board, and this term expires on April 30, 2008. Hoekstra moves to approve the appointment, Rice seconds and the motion carries on a voice vote.(Placed on file)

Farmland Assessment Review Board

Chairman Gocken announces the recommendation to appoint DeWayne C. Adams to the Farmland Assessment Review Board, and this term expires on April 30, 2008. Zuhel moves to approve the appointment, Hoekstra seconds and the motion carries on a voice vote.(Placed on file)

Planning Commission

Chairman Gocken announces these appointments have been postponed.

Lost Nation /New Landing RC&D

Chairman Gocken announces the recommendation to appoint Gerald A. Sellers to the Lost Nation/New Landing RC&D for a term which will expire April 30, 2010. Hoekstra moves to approve the appointment, Clayton seconds and the motion carries on a voice vote.(Placed on file)

Zoning - #3-05 Amendment - Wildwood OC, LLC

The clerk reads the petition of Wildwood OC, LLC, by William E. Hoyt, 1515 Elmwood Rd., Rockford, IL and Randall & Nancy Anderson, 7424 Wildwood Rd., Stillman Valley, IL for an Amendment to the Zoning District to rezone from AG-1 Agricultural District to R-2 Single-Family Residence District on property described as follows, owned by Randall & Nancy Anderson and being purchased by Wildwood OC, LLC:

Part of the ½ of SW 1/4 and part of the W ½ of SE 1/4 Section 26 Marion Township 25N, R11E of the 4th P.M., Ogle County, IL, 104.491 acres, more or less. P.I.N. - 05-26-300-012 & -013 and 05-26-400-003

Common Location - 7424 Wildwood Rd.

Hopkins moves to concur with the Zoning Board of Appeals and approve Amendment #3-05, Bauer seconds and a roll call vote is called:

YES: Scholl, Spencer, Stahl, Zuehl, Bauer, Brooks, Clayton, Colbert, Colson, Gouker, Heuer, Hoekstra, Hopkins, Horner, Johnson, Kenney, Remhof, Rice, Saunders and Gocken

NO: White and Huntley

ABSENT: Swanson and Nye

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

Zoning - Resolution - Lynnville Township General Development Plan

The clerk presents the Lynnville Township General Development Plan as distributed in the board packets. Hopkins moves to approve the resolution to adopt the Lynnville Township General Development Plan, Remhof seconds and the motion carries on a voice vote.(Placed on file)

Road & Bridge - Resolution for County Road Construction

The clerk presents the County Road Construction Resolution (05-00000-02-GM) for County Sealcoat Program on various county highways. Clayton says the Road & Bridge Committee recommends the approval of \$79,000 from Federal Aid Matching Funds for Section 05-00000-02-GM County Sealcoat Program award and appropriation resolution. Colson seconds and the motion carries on a voice vote.(Placed on file)

Road & Bridge - Petition for Vacation - Cunningham St - Woosung Township

The clerk presents the Petition for Vacation a portion of Cunningham Street in the unincorporated Township of Woosung. Huntley says the Road & Bridge Committee recommends approval of the Petition for Vacation, right of way, a portion of Cunningham Street, Town of Woosung. Scholl seconds and the motion carries on a voice vote.(Placed on file)

Road & Bridge - Resolution of Vacation - Cunningham St - Woosung Twp

The clerk presents the Resolution of Vacation a portion of Cunningham Street in the unincorporated Township of Woosung. Zuehl says the Road & Bridge Committee recommends approval of the Petition for Vacation, a portion of Cunningham Street, Town of Woosung. Rice seconds and the motion carries on a voice vote.(Placed on file and Recorded in the Ogle County Recorder's Office)

Road & Bridge - Application & Ordinance for altered speed zone - Rockvale & Oregon/Nashua Townships

The clerk presents the Application and Ordinance for an altered speed zone on Mongan Drive and Jenny Lane in Rockvale and Oregon/Nashua Townships. Colson reports the Road & Bridge Committee recommends approval of the Ordinance for the establishment of an altered 30 MPH speed zone on Mongan Drive and Jenny Lane, Rockvale & Oregon/Nashua Townships. This will be held over for one month and voted at the May meeting. Colson gives a quick report and says these are residential streets without a posting and they are automatically considered to have a 55 MPH speed limit. It is necessary to establish a 30 MPH speed limit on these residential roads.(Placed on file)

Update on County Board Member Marguerite Nye

Chairman Gocken announces she has talked to Maggie Nye. She is home recuperating and hopes to attend the meeting in May. There is a card up front for anyone to sign during the break.

Recess to refer claims to a committee

At 6:11 p.m., Remhof moves to refer claims to committees, Heuer seconds and the motion carries on a voice vote. Chairman Gocken calls the meeting back to order at 6:26 p.m..

Claims

The clerk reads the claims for the General Fund - \$105,601.00 and the County Highway Fund - \$133,904.64. Rice moves to approve the claims as read, Johnson seconds and the motion carries on a voice vote.(Placed on file)

COMMITTEE REPORTS

The following committees had no additional report other than the minutes that are placed on an exhibit: *Juvenile & Probation, Road & Bridge, Blackhawk Hills RC&D, Mental Health Board, Tri-County Opportunities and G.I.S. Committee*. The following had no minutes to file: *Board of Health, U.C.C.I., Ill Risk Management, Safety Committee, 9-1-1 E.T.S. Board, Liquor Commission and Byron Dragway*.

County Clerk & Insurance Minutes placed on exhibit

Sexual Harassment Rice informs the board the Sexual Harassment Seminar has been completed and the board members who were not able to attend have CD's on their desks for review. After they have reviewed the CD, there is an acknowledgment form to be returned to the Personnel & Salary Committee.

Election Remhof thanks Becky Huntley for her nice work on the Election and it ran smoothly. Becky Huntley thanks Remhof.

Finance & Revenue Minutes placed on exhibit

Labor matters Spencer states State's Attorney Roe has sent a letter to the Finance Committee requesting the authorization fo Nick Sakellariou to assist in labor matters in relationship to the Circuit Clerk's union. Spencer moves to approve the hiring of Nick Sakellariou, Special Assistant State's Attorney for the purpose of assisting in the representation of the County in the Circuit Clerk's labor grievance action. Rice seconds. Kenney states the Personnel & Salary Committee are trying to bring everything together as a unit. It would benefit the county to have a member of the Personnel & Salary Committee join in with the Negotiating Committee to keep the unity and make the attorney aware of what they are trying to accomplish as a whole. Rice asks who is on the Negotiating Committee? Chairman Gocken states the members are Rice, Horner and Chairman Gocken. Horner says Jerry Daws was on the committee when he was on the board. After some discussion, Rice moves to appoint Kenney to replace Daws and Johnson seconds. Remhof asks what the cost is associated with the hiring of Nick Sakellariou? The clerk and Chairman reviewed the latest bill and determined it may cost \$130 per hour and his services will be paid through the contingencies line item. The motion carries on a voice vote.

Buildings & Grounds Minutes placed on exhibit

Janitorial Note Zuehl informs the board there was a situation at the courthouse regarding a burning candle unattended after hours. The Buildings and Grounds Committee have made a request that no lit candles are to be burned in County Buildings.

Becky Huntley asks if the department head was informed of this situation? Zuehl says yes, the department was contacted and he wanted the board to be aware of the situation.

Executive Committee

Zuehl and Don Huntley attended the last Executive Committee to discuss the roll of the Buildings & Grounds Committee regarding the renovation of the current courthouse. According to the Illinois State Statutes, maintenance of county buildings falls under the jurisdiction of the Buildings & Grounds Committee. Zuehl says no action was taken. Chairman Gocken has a reply - Reflecting upon the concerns and questions, we need to know more about the remodeling process in order to make decisions about who does the work. There is work which will need to be done: heating and cooling, windows and electrical wiring. If she remembers correctly from previous plans shown - the Assessor's Office will be located on the 2nd floor and the County Clerk and Treasurer's Offices will change sides on the 1st floor. The question is - do the heating and cooling, windows and electrical wiring be done all at once or done as each individual sections are done? Is the 1st floor torn up all at once or are the Treasurer & County Clerk sections each done separately? The work would need to be done quickly to accommodate the department heads and not to expose the public to construction any longer than necessary. The architects and planners may be far enough to have this figured out, but the Long Range Planning or rest of the board has been filled in on how all of this will happen. Chairman Gocken says we need more information in order to make the decisions on how to handle this situation. Zuehl says he does have the plans he had requested.

Solid Waste

Minutes placed on exhibit

Delegation Agreement
Renewal

Chairman Gocken informs the board members of the Delegation Agreement Renewal which was included in this month's packets. Steve Rypkema will present this next month to the board and it will be voted on at that time.(Placed on file)

Judiciary & Circuit Clerk

Minutes placed on exhibit

Document Storage

Kenney says Typer has a lot of money earmarked for equipment, assets and things for the new Judicial Center. Can you explain to the members who were not on the board at the time of the presentation and agreements made for the Judicial Center, why Typer is paying for the rollers from his fund instead of the project? Gouker says Typer collects money for "Document Storage" and the money for the basement rollers is coming from the Document Storage Fund. Horner asks if this

money is tax money? Gouker states this money is collected as user fees through the court system. Typer reminds the board several years ago when he first purchased the rollers in the current basement of his office, and he invited members to see how they work. These were also paid out of the Document Storage Fund years ago and these rollers are to remain in the courthouse. The County Clerk's Office, intends to take them over. The funds are collected and intended for this type of purchase. Kenney asks who determines the designation of the funds? Gouker responds the statutes allow the Circuit Clerk to collect for the various funds and it is at the Circuit Clerk's sole discretion as to how the money is used.

Planning & Zoning

Minutes placed on exhibit

Meeting

Hopkins says ZBA will be very busy this month and will meet on April 28, 2005

Appointments

Hopkins updates the board regarding the postponement of the Zoning Board of Appeals and Planning Commission appointments. There is some legal information which was given to the committee and have asked State's Attorney Roe to look into this information.

Sheriff & Coroner

Minutes placed on exhibit

Coroner vehicle

Horner moves to give the County Board Chairman Betty Gocken and the Ogle County Coroner the authority to sign a loan agreement to purchase a van not to exceed \$22,500.00. Colbert seconds. Spencer asks how will the Coroner pay for this vehicle? Coroner Finch says he has found a financial institution which will finance the vehicle at 4.25% and the first payment will not be made until the 2006 Budget. Finch will be working with the Finance Committee with his budget this year. Huntley and Cook thank Horner for turning in a written motion.

Judicial Center

Horner says it has been brought to the committee's attention regarding the Judicial Center opening prior to December. The Sheriff's Department will not be ready to staff the Judicial Center until December. Gouker wants to clarify this situation - he read the minutes of the Sheriff, Buildings & Grounds and the Finance Committee - a comment was made that the Sheriff's Department was assured the Judicial Center would not be open until December 2005. Gouker says no one was assured the building would not be opened until December. The Buildings & Grounds Committee was informed at the same time the paying of utilities came up for discussion during the budget process - Gouker said he knew we would be in the building by December - the punch list might not be

finished by December and we are looking at a Thanksgiving moving date. But it would more than likely be September, but it could be as early as July 2005. Chairman Gocken states the electrical and heating are to be paid by the Long Range Planning until December 1, 2005 and Gouker agreed. It was agreed the utilities are paid from Long Range Planning since it was hard for the B&G Committee to budget for this expense. Colson says there are bailiffs and a machine at the current courthouse and they move them to the Judicial Center and set-up over there and it is done. So he doesn't understand where are we getting into training? Scholl asks who will watch all of the cameras being installed. There was discussion regarding the time and cost to train the personnel for the Judicial Center. Rice suggested the Sheriff make a presentation in reference to this situation to the Long Range Planning Committee and the County Board. Horner says he will talk to the Sheriff to make a presentation.

**State's Attorney &
Legislative**

Minutes placed on exhibit

Abatement

Hoekstra informs the board of two letters received from GREDCO on two companies asking for a Tax Abatement for 2004 and 2005. Since this information was not received until Thursday - the committee will review and make a recommendation at the next County Board meeting.

**Illinois Association of
County Board Members**

Newsletter placed on exhibit

Senate Bill 192

Clayton alerts the board regarding Senate Bill 192 regarding manufactured homes and this has been on the docket for the Legislative Committee for at least five years. Please contact your representatives to support this issue.

SLEP benefits

There is information on the update from Clayton regarding the SLEP benefits.

U.C.C.I.

No minutes

Update

Heuer was absent from the last board meeting because she attended the conference. Information from the conference was passed along to Rice regarding Insurance opportunities for the county.

Planning Commission

Minutes placed on exhibit

Meeting

Remhof states the next meeting will be on Thursday, April 21st at 7:00 p.m. in the Ogle County Board Room.

Personnel & Salary

Minutes placed on exhibit

Sexual Harassment Update

Saunders informs the board members who were unable to attend the Sexual Harassment Seminar(s), a CD has been put on their desks to review.

Long Range Planning

Minutes placed on exhibit

Change Order - Contract #17

Jerry Guy reports to the board members regarding the chilled/heated water for the Courthouse and the Judicial Center. The setup and cost would be \$89,854.59 to Mechanical Incorporated for this portion of the project. There was discussion regarding the cost of a new boiler and cooling/heating of the courthouse. Gouker moves to approve the Change Order for Contract #17 in the amount of \$89,854.59. Heuer seconds and the motion carries on a voice vote.

Update on progress

Jerry Guy informs the board of the various updates on the building of the Judicial Center:

- 1- Sjostrom & Sons - continuing on stone and brick work
- 2- Rock Valley Glass - continuing on aluminum framing
- 3- Superior Drywall - 1st thru 3rd floors is about 95% complete
- 4- Elevators 1, 2, & 3 have been installed and tested

Rice asks if there is an additional charge to have someone come in and adjust the air flow and thermostat temperatures? Guy says this was bid in Contract #13 as part of the project.

Bills for approval

Gouker reviews the various bills which have been submitted for payment. Gouker moves to approve payment of the expenditures from the Judicial Center Project Fund in the amount of \$648,368.28 and \$13,600.45 to be paid from Long Range Planning Capital Improvement Fund (\$12,935.45 to R.M.U. - \$125.00 to Stillman Bank and \$540.00 to Potter-Lawson). Hopkins seconds and the motion to approve the bills as presented carries on a voice vote.

IT Committee

Minutes placed on exhibit

Update

Colson informs the board the IT Committee will be meeting with the department heads tomorrow at 8:30 a.m. in the Sheriff's Training Room.

Chairman Comments

Chairman Gocken gives the board some advice - when you purchase gas with a credit card at the pump, make sure you get the receipt. Last Friday Chairman Gocken stopped to get gas and when she returned home there was a message on the machine from the Sheriff's Department. Apparently she had driven away from the gas station without paying for the gas and to call the number to discuss how she was going to take care of the situation. Chairman Gocken called the number and said she had the receipt, Deputy Hogan came to the house to verify the receipt and said that was good enough for him. The amount of gas Chairman Gocken purchased was \$44 and the amount of the drive-off was \$32.

Public Comments

Chairman Gocken introduces Lowell Taylor from the Ogle County Farm Bureau and reads a letter he has distributed to the board members. Mr. Taylor is extending their courtesies and help, if there is something the Farm Bureau can do for the board please call.

Communications

- Sales Tax for January, 2005 was \$24,352.14 and \$58,503.58
- Sales Tax for January, 2004 was \$21,901.78 and \$54,643.98
- Sales Tax for December, 2004 was \$40,924.26 and \$57,211.26
- Sales Tax for December, 2003 was \$51,895.76 and \$68,285.72
- Public Notice - US Army Corps of Engineers - Grand Detour Island Retreat

Closed Session

At 7:43 p.m., Chairman Gocken informs the County Board State's Attorney Roe has asked for a Closed Session to discuss pending litigation regarding the McKnight Quarry and pending litigation. Horner moves to go into Closed Session to discuss pending litigation regarding the McKnight Quarry and pending litigation, Rice seconds and roll call is called:

YES: Spencer, Stahl, White, Zuehl, Bauer, Brooks, Clayton, Colbert, Colson, Gouker, Heuer, Hoekstra, Hopkins, Horner, Huntley, Johnson, Kenney, Remhof, Rice, Saunders, Scholl and Gocken

NO: none

ABSENT: Swanson and Nye

Return to Open Session

At 7:55 p.m., the County Board returns to Open Session and no action was taken.

Unfinished Business

New Business

Motion to Adjourn

At 8:00 p.m., Heuer moves to adjourn the April Ogle County Board meeting until Tuesday, May 17, 2005, at 5:30 p.m., Kenney seconds and the motion carries on a voice vote.

Betty Gocken
Chairman Ogle County Board

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