

Proceedings of the Ogle County Board Meeting  
April 15, 2008

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

**Call to Order**

Chairman Rice calls the meeting to order at 5:31 p.m.

**Roll Call**

The roll call shows all members are present. The invocation is given by Messer and this is followed with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

**Approval of Minutes**

Chairman Rice asks for a motion to approve the April 15, 2008, Ogle County Board minutes. Nye moves to approve the April 15, 2008, Ogle County Board minutes. Huntley seconds and the motion carries on a voice vote.

**Approval of Reports**

Kenney moves to accept and place on file the monthly reports of the Treasurer – Circuit Clerk and County Clerk/Recorder. Horner seconds and the motion carries on a voice vote.(Placed on file)

**Vacancies -**

Chairman Rice announces the following vacancies:

- Board of Health – 2 vacancies
- Board of Review – 1 vacancy (Democrat)
- Zoning Board of Appeals – Alternate Member

Application deadline for vacancies will be Friday, May 2, 2008 at  
4:30 p.m. in the Ogle County Clerk's Office

- 911 ETS Board – 4 vacancies
- Byron Museum District – 1 vacancy

Application deadline for vacancies will be Friday, May 30, 2008 at  
4:30 p.m. in the Ogle County Clerk's Office

**Appointments -**

Ashton Fire Protection District

Chairman Rice states Clifford C. Jones has been recommended for reappointment to the Ashton Fire Protection District for a term ending April 30, 2011. Barnes moves to approve the appointment, Colson seconds and the motion carries on a voice vote. (Placed on file)

Forreston Fire Protection District

Chairman Rice states Bruce L. Nielsen has been recommended for appointment to the Forreston Fire Protection District for a term ending April 30, 2011. Hopkins moves to approve the appointment, White seconds. Gronewold abstains since he is a member for this Fire Protection District. The motion carries on a voice vote.(Placed on file)

German Valley Fire Protection District

Chairman Rice states Randy Stenback has been recommended for appointment to the German Valley Fire Protection District for a term ending April 30, 2011. Bowers moves to approve the appointment, Horner seconds and the motion carries on a voice vote.(Placed on file)

Leaf River Fire Protection District

Chairman Rice states there was no applicant for this appointment.

Lynn-Scott-Rock Fire Protection District

Chairman Rice states Dennis L. Shearer has been recommended for reappointment to the Lynn-Scott-Rock Fire Protection District for a term ending April 30, 2011. Messer moves to approve the appointment, Barnes seconds and the motion carries on a voice vote.(Placed on file)

Oregon Fire Protection District

Chairman Rice states John M. Long has been recommended for reappointment to the Oregon Fire Protection District for a term ending April 30, 2011. Kenney moves to the appointment, Kilker seconds and the motion carries on a voice vote.(Placed on file)

Lost Nation / New Landing River Conservancy District

Chairman Rice states Steven Larry has been recommended for the appointment to the Lost Nation / New Landing River Conservancy District for a term ending April 30, 2013. Boes moves to approve the appointment, Barnes seconds and the motion carries on a voice vote.(Placed on file)

Ogle County Regional Planning Commission

Chairman Rice states Ron Colson has been recommended for reappointment to the Regional Planning Commission for a term ending April 30, 2011. Bowers moves to approve the appointment, Kilker seconds and the motion carries on a voice vote.(Placed on file)

Ogle County Regional Planning Commission

Chairman Rice states Don Conn has been recommended for reappointment to the Regional Planning Commission for a term ending April 30, 2011. Kenney moves to approve the appointment, Stahl seconds and the motion carries on a voice vote.(Placed on file)

Ogle County Regional Planning Commission

Chairman Rice states David G. Poole has been recommended for reappointment to the Regional Planning Commission for a term ending April 30, 2011. Colbert moves to approve the appointment, Hopkins seconds and the motion carries on a voice vote.(Placed on file)

Zoning Board of Appeals

Chairman Rice states Curtis R. Freeberg has been recommended for reappointment to the Zoning Board of Appeals as a Regular member for a term ending April 30, 2013. Colbert moves to approve the appointment, Huntley seconds and the motion carries on a voice vote.(Placed on file)

Farmland Assessment Review Committee

Chairman Rice states Ronald A. Lewis has been recommended for reappointment to the Farmland Assessment Review Committee for a term ending April 30, 2011. Swanson moves to approve the appointment, Kenney seconds and the motion carries on a voice vote.(Placed on file)

Farmland Assessment Review Committee

Chairman Rice states Shirley J. Bartelt has been recommended for reappointment to the Farmland Assessment Review Committee for a term ending April 30, 2011. Horner moves to approve the appointment, Hopkins seconds and the motion carries on a voice vote.(Placed on file)

Farmland Assessment Review Committee

Chairman Rice states DeWayne C. Adams has been recommended for reappointment to the Farmland Assessment Review Committee for a term ending April 30, 2011. Horner moves to approve the appointment, Messer seconds and the motion carries on a voice vote.(Placed on file)

## **Zoning – #15-07 TEXT AMENDMENT**

Chairman Rice presents the petition of Michael Reibel, Ogle County Planning & Zoning Administrator, 911 W. Pines Rd., Oregon, IL for an Amendment to the text of the *Ogle County Amendatory Zoning Ordinance*, involving the following:

Division 5, Section 5.01 (AG-1 Agricultural District, Paragraph A. Purpose and Intent; Paragraph C. Special Uses)

Division 5, Section 5.02 (IA Intermediate Agricultural District, Paragraph A. Purpose and Intent; Paragraph B. Permitted Uses; Paragraph C. Special Uses)

Division 5, Section 5.03 (R-1 Rural Residence District, Paragraph A. Purpose and Intent)

Division 5, Section 5.04 (R-2 Single-Family Residence District, Paragraph A. Purpose and Intent)

Division 5, Section 5.05 (R-3 Mobile Home Park District, Paragraph A. Purpose and Intent; Paragraph M. Spatial Standards)

Division 5, Section 5.06 (R-3 Mobile Home Park District, Paragraph A. Purpose and Intent, Paragraph L. Spatial Standards)

Division 5, Section 5.07 (B-1 Business District, Paragraph A. Purpose and Intent)

Division 5, Section 5.08 (B-2 Business Recreation District, Paragraph A. Purpose and Intent)

Division 5, Section 5.09 (B-3 Restricted Interstate Highway Area Business District, Paragraph A. Purpose and Intent)

Division 5, Section 5.10 (I-1 Industrial District, Paragraph A. Purpose and Intent)

Division 5, Section 5.11 (PD Planned Development District, Paragraph A. Purpose and Intent)

Hopkins moves to lay this over for 30 days and vote on this at the next County Board Meeting, Kenney seconds. Williams states he has received numerous phone calls and letters from a lot of the businesses in his district. These Amendments send the message of restrictions and will have a severe economic impact on the businesses in his district. Williams makes an amendment to the motion to lay this over for 60 days and would like to have the senior member of each district schedule a meeting with the members of each district and present this to the public for input. He would like for the County Members to explain how this impacts everyone as it applies to their particular location. Chairman Rice asks if Hopkins would like to change his motion to lay this over for 60 days and not 30 days. Hopkins states he does not want to change his motion – this has been discussed for quite a while and he feels 30 days will give people ample time to get answers to their questions. Gouker seconds Williams' motion. There was discussion regarding the amendment to the motion for clarification - Williams amends the motion to say: Lay this Zoning Change over for 60 days and during this time frame each senior district member shall meet with his/her district counterparts to schedule a public meeting. This will allow an opportunity to understand the impacts of the amendments as it applies to each district. After the public input is received, the discussion should then be presented to the Planning and Zoning Committee for discussion and consideration. A roll call vote is called. Huntley states they have been working on this for 16 to 18 months and have held public meetings in 4 different areas. Gouker states these proposed changes have been modified and the public should have the opportunity to review them. Hopkins states the proposed changes have been modified and are less restrictive than they were before. Chairman Rice asks to have the motion read again for clarification for the roll call vote: Williams amends the motion to lay over the Land Use Amendment for a period of 60 days. During this 60 day time period we would ask that the County Board Member with the longest history of being on the County Board for that District to schedule a meeting with all of the other District members. Each District is to schedule a Public Meeting to allow the opportunity to understand the impact of the Amendment as it applies to each District. After public input is received, the discussion should then be presented to the Planning and Zoning Committee for discussion and consideration. Gouker seconded the motion. Colson asks for a point of clarification and asks if this motion covers all of the following:

➤ #15-07 TEXT AMENDMENT

- AMENDMENTS TO THE LAND SUBDIVISION REGULATIONS
- AMENDMENTS TO THE LAND VALUATIONS/SITE ASSESSMENT SYSTEM & PROPOSED AGRICULTURAL LAND RATING SYSTEM

Williams says it would be for all. Hopkins states his original motion was for the #15-07 Text Amendment and then separate motions for the remaining Amendments. Chairman Rice informs Williams he would have to make an amended motion for each of the Zoning Amendments. A roll call vote is taken:

**YES:** Brooks, Colson, Gouker, Kilker, Swanson, Williams and Bauer

**NO:** Boes, Bowers, Colbert, Diehl, Gronewold, Heuer, Hopkins, Horner, Huntley, Kenney, Messer, Nye, Scholl, Stahl, White, Barnes and Rice

**ABSENT:** None

The amended motion is defeated.

The original motion will now be voted on at this time: "Hopkins moves to lay this over for 30 days and vote on this at the next County Board Meeting and Kenney seconds." A Roll Call vote is taken:

**YES:** Bowers, Brooks, Colbert, Colson, Diehl, Gouker, Gronewold, Heuer, Hopkins, Horner, Huntley, Kenney, Kilker, Messer, Nye, Scholl, Stahl, Swanson, White, Williams, Barnes, Boes and Rice

**NO:** Bauer

**ABSENT:** None

The motion carries.(Placed on file)

**Zoning - AMENDMENTS TO THE LAND SUBDIVISION REGULATIONS**

Chairman Rice presents the Amendments to the Land Subdivision Regulations:

*Article I, Section 1.11 (Variances, Exceptions and Waiver of Conditions)*  
*Article IV, Section 4.05 (Water Facilities)*  
*Article IV, Section 4.06 (Sewerage Facilities)*

Hopkins moves to lay Amendments to the Land Subdivision Regulations over for 30 days and vote on this at the next County Board Meeting and Messer seconds. A Roll Call vote is taken:

**YES:** Brooks, Colbert, Colson, Diehl, Gouker, Gronewold, Heuer, Hopkins, Horner, Huntley, Kenney, Kilker, Messer, Nye, Scholl, Stahl, Swanson, White, Williams, Barnes, Boes, Bowers and Rice

**NO:** Bauer

**ABSENT:** None

The motion carries.(Placed on file)

**Zoning - AMENDMENTS TO THE LAND EVALUATIONS/SITE ASSESSMENT SYSTEM AND PROPOSED AGRICULTURAL LAND RATING SYSTEM**

Chairman Rice presents the Amendments to the Land Evaluation/Site Assessment System and Proposed Agricultural Land Rating System. Hopkins moves to lay the Amendments to the Land Evaluation/Site Assessment System and Proposed Agricultural Land Rating System over for 30 days and vote on this at the next County Board meeting and Heuer seconds. A Roll Call vote is called:

**YES:** Colbert, Colson, Diehl, Gouker, Gronewold, Heuer, Hopkins, Horner, Huntley, Kenney, Kilker, Messer, Nye, Scholl, Stahl, Swanson, White, Williams, Barnes, Boes, Bowers, Brooks and Rice

**NO:** Bauer

**ABSENT:** None

The motion carries.(Placed on file)

Hopkins states Mike Reibel is available in his office to answer any questions regarding the above changes. Hopkins also states as of yesterday, hardly anyone has contacted his office regarding the changes. The amended changes are available in the Planning & Zoning Office for review.

**Zoning - #1-08 AMENDMENT – Douglas & Gayla Creason**

Chairman Rice and County Clerk Huntley present the petition of Douglas & Gayla Creason, 9886 E. Fowler Rd., Rochelle, 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 and owned by the petitioners:

Part of the SE1/4 SE1/4 Section 7 Flagg Township 40N, R1E of the 3rd P.M., Ogle County, IL, 6.268 acres, more or less  
Property Identification Number: 24-07-400-010 & -015  
Common Location: 9886 E. Fowler Rd.

Hopkins moves to concur with the Zoning Board of Appeals and approve #1-08 Amendment for Douglas & Gayla Creason. Messer seconds. Nye abstains from voting since her husband's law firm represents the petitioner. The motion carries on a voice vote.(Placed on file)

**Zoning - FINAL PLAT - "SITTNICK SUBDIVISION"**

Chairman Rice and County Clerk Huntley present the Final Plat for Owner/Developer: Michael Sittnick, 7431 E. State St., #116, Rockford, IL 61108 - Authorized Agent & Surveyor: Willett, Hofmann & Associates - "Sittnick Subdivision" - A subdivision located in part of the NE1/4 of SW1/4 Section24, Scott Township 42N, R1E of the 3rd P.M., Ogle County, IL, 4.27 acres, more or less. Common Location: 14511 E. IL Rt 72, Davis Junction, IL

Hopkins moves to approve the Final Plat for Sittnick Subdivision by Michael Sittnick. Boes seconds and the motion carries on a voice vote.(Placed on file)

**Road & Bridge – County Bridge Construction Resolution – 07-00250-00-BR  
Lowden Road Box Culverts**

Huntley moves to approve the Award and Appropriation Resolution in the amount of \$268,000 from the County Aid to Bridge Fund for Lowden Road Box Culverts – 07-00250-00-BR. Messer seconds and the motion carries on a voice vote.(Placed on file)

**Road & Bridge – County Bridge Construction Resolution – 07-00248-00-BR  
Freeport and Lowden Road Culverts**

Huntley moves to approve the Award and Appropriation Resolution in the amount of \$77,000 from County Bridge Fund for Freeport & Lowden Road Culverts – 07-00248-00-BR. White seconds and the motion carries on a voice vote.(Placed on file)

**Road & Bridge – County Road Construction Resolution – 07-00247-00-CG  
River Road Curb & Gutter**

Huntley moves to approve the Award and Appropriation Resolution in the amount of \$490,000 from the County Aid to Bridge Fund for River Road Curb & Gutter – 07-00247-00-CG. Williams seconds and the motion carries on a voice vote.(Placed on file)

**Road & Bridge – County Road Construction Resolution – 08-00000-02-GM  
County Sealcoat**

Huntley moves to approve the Award and Appropriation Resolution in the amount of \$65,000 from the Federal Aid Matching Fund for the County Sealcoat – 08-00000-02-GM. Barnes seconds and the motion carries on a voice vote.(Placed on file)

**Road & Bridge – Local Agency/State Agmt – IL 251 & Flagg Rd – 07-00210-01-WR**

Huntley moves to approve the Local Agency/State Agreement for the construction of Illinois Route 251 and Flagg Road Intersection. Colson seconds. Horner asks what will this project do for the intersection. Nathan Schwartz explains this will be widening the intersection of IL Route 251 and Flagg Road because of the growth in the area. Horner also asks what the time frame is for this project. Schwartz states it should take approximately 6 to 7 months to complete and will start late spring or early summer of 2009. Horner asks if there has been any discussion regarding the intersection of 20<sup>th</sup> Street and Flagg Road. Schwartz states this is a different project. The motion carries on a voice vote.(Placed on file)

**Road & Bridge – Supplemental County Maintenance Resolution**

Huntley moves to approve the 2007 Supplemental County Maintenance Resolution in the amount of \$230,135.60 from the Motor Fuel Tax Fund. Messer seconds and the motion carries on a voice vote.(Placed on file)

**Road & Bridge – Preliminary Engineering Services Agreement – 08-00251-00-RS  
Pines Road & Angus Road Realignment**

Huntley moves to approve the Preliminary Engineering Services Agreement with Willett, Hoffman and Associates for the design of Pines and Angus Roads Intersection not to exceed \$44,000. Colson seconds and the motion carries on a voice vote.(Placed on file)

**Road & Bridge – Lease Agreement with West Shore Pipe Line Company**

Huntley moves to approve the Lease Agreement with the West Shore Pipe Line Company for the crossing of County Highway Right-of-Way. Messer seconds and the motion carries on a voice vote.(Placed on file)

**Claims**

The clerk reads the claims:

Payments in Vacation – March 2008 - \$120,822.14  
County Board Payments - April 2008 - \$217,716.00  
County Highway Fund - \$57,466.19

Bowers moves to approve the claims as read, Horner seconds and the motion carries on a voice vote.(Placed on file)

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

The following committee minutes have been placed on exhibit: 911 ETS Board, Blackhawk Hills RC&D, Executive and State's Attorney, Finance and Insurance, HEW & Solid Waste, Liquor Commission, LRP-Courthouse Renovations, LRP –Emergency Operations Center, Mental Health Board, Personnel & Salary - County Clerk, Regional Planning Commission, Planning & Zoning – Supervisor of Assessments, Road & Bridge, Safety Committee and Sheriff & Coroner – Buildings & Grounds – IT Committee and Tri-County Opportunities.

The following committees had no minutes to file: Board of Health, Byron Dragway, GIS Committee, Ill Assoc of Co Bd Members, Juvenile & Probation / Judiciary & Circuit Clerk, Land-Use Task Force and UCCI/ICRMT.

**Sheriff Committee** Minutes placed on exhibit

Electric Supply Contract Horner asks Mike Mudge to address the board about the electric supply contract with Mid-American Energy which is up in May. Mudge states the committee has

recommended to have the two large accounts (Courthouse and Judicial Center) remain with Mid-American Energy and other smaller accounts are to remain with ComEd rates. There was discussion regarding kilowatt rates for the contracts. Horner moves to approve the committee recommendation, Hopkins seconds and the motion carries on a voice vote.

## **Personnel & Salary**

Minutes placed on exhibit

### Coroner Salary

Kenney makes the motion to recommend the Coroner's salary of \$50,000 for the term beginning December 1, 2008 and followed by an annual increase of \$2,500 for the remainder of the term. Kenney states by the end of the term the salary for the Coroner will be \$57,500. Messer seconds. Bauer says he doesn't think we should be basing a salary with the population of the county. There are more variables to consider – the number of staff in the department to manage, the caseload for the office and number of desks in the office. Bauer states we need to change the way we do things. Nye says this is not comparable to a 40 hour a week job like the Treasurer, County Clerk/Recorder and Circuit Clerk. Kenney states the committee will be looking into how things are done and will make recommendations for changes in the future. Messer states the salaries for elected officials of Ogle County have always been way behind other counties. Messer states the Coroner does work 40 hours a week – he gets called out at all hours of the night and cannot predict the number of times he will get called out. Just last week the Coroner was working on the homicide in Stillman Valley all day and all night, an accident which had a fatality over the weekend and it took him a long time to locate the family. Messer states the Coroner puts in a lot of hours – they may not be between the hours of 8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. everyday, but he gets more hours than many other people. Colbert says the Coroner is on the clock 24 hours a day – seven days a week. A Roll Call vote is called:

**YES:** Colson, Diehl, Gouker, Gronewold, Heuer, Hopkins, Horner, Kenney, Kilker, Messer, Scholl, Stahl, Swanson, White, Williams, Barnes, Bowes, Bowers, Brooks, Colbert and Rice

**NO:** Huntley, Nye and Bauer

**ABSENT:** None

The motion carries on a roll call vote.

Horner asks if the salary for an elected official can be adjusted to a lower rate if they do not have experience. It was noted the salary for an elected official needs to be set 180 days prior to the term. Boes states one thing we need to consider about elected offices is that many run unopposed. He states if you are wanting to attract good quality people, you have to be willing to pay people a fair salary to do the job.

### Circuit Clerk Salary

Kenney makes the motion to recommend the Circuit Clerk Salary to be \$65,000 effective December 1, 2008 with an increase of \$2,500 as of December 1, 2009. Boes seconds and the motion carries on a voice vote.

**LRP – Courthouse  
Renovations**

Minutes placed on exhibit

Resolution – ITEP

Stahl states the committee met before the board meeting tonight in a special meeting to discuss the Illinois Transportation Enhancement Program Resolution. The committee has decided not to apply for this Grant for the possible landscapes/streetscapes to be done between the Judicial Center and the Courthouse. The Resolution was not to exceed \$5,500 for the writing of the grant for this project. Stahl makes the motion not to proceed with the Illinois Transportation Enhancement Program Resolution. Kenney seconds and the motion carries on a voice vote.(Placed on file)

Consulting Agreement

Stahl states there will be no action on the Consulting Agreement since the Resolution was not approved.

Asbestos Abatement

Stahl says the committee has recommended not to approve the Asbestos Abatement at this time. This is nothing that needs to be removed right away since it is on the old boiler. They will wait until they receive more affirmative bids at a later date.

**Emergency  
Communications  
Center**

Minutes placed on exhibit

Land Purchase

Mielke states financial information was sent to the County Board members on April 3, 2008, along with a list of correspondence and reviews some of this information. Mielke states there is a memo in the county board packets regarding the purchase of this 4 acre parcel at a cost of \$261,360. Sheriff Beitel states with the purchase of this land we will be completing the first step in the continuing planning of the new Emergency Communications Center. Chairman Rice states there are approximately 7 to 8 funding methods for this project. Chairman Rice states there also needs to be a site in order to obtain the funding for this project. That is why we are bringing this land purchase forward to the full County Board. Mielke states we will not be undertaking the building of this project until 2011 or 2012. Mielke states the Courthouse renovation will be completed first before construction on the Emergency Communications Center. There was discussion regarding the detention pond and the cost of the land. Williams does not agree with the spending of the money for this land at this time. Mielke states the county is not committed to build the property, this is strictly for the land purchase. Messer states the county has been very fortunate for the past 17 years to use the Rochelle Hospital Facility at virtually no cost to the county. If you divide the cost of this project over 16 to 18 years, you are not talking about a lot of money that could have been spent every year if we did not have the agreement with Rochelle. There was discussion about having this facility in other parts of the county. It was stated that the property has to be outside of the 10 mile zone which is required. The other communities do not have the technology like Rochelle does at this time. There was discussion regarding those communities looking to get the



technology in their area and who will pay for the technology? The discussion ensued regarding buying the property before the county has agreed to build. Colbert states the purchase of this property makes more sense than the spending of the money to purchase the property on Sixth Street with no purpose. Horner makes the motion to proceed with the contract with the City of Rochelle and Bauer seconds. A Roll Call vote is called:

- YES:** Diehl, Gronewold, Hopkins, Horner, Huntley, Kenney, Messer, Nye, Scholl, Stahl, Swanson, Bauer, Bowers, Colbert and Rice
- NO:** Gouker, Heuer, Kilker, White, Williams, Barnes, Boes, Brooks and Colson
- ABSENT:** None

The motion carries on a roll call vote.

**Executive**

Minutes placed on exhibit

Bills

County Administrator Mielke states there is a bill in the amount of \$4,489.95 for Holabird & Root. Stahl moves to approve the bill as presented, Horner seconds and the motion carries on a voice vote.(Placed on file)

Rules of Order #16

Chairman Rice has State's Attorney Roe update the County Board on the Rules of Order #16 regarding Audio Recording of Ogle County Meetings. Roe states before the March County Board Meeting he received an informal verbal opinion from the Attorney General's Office. It was stated that there was not a problem with the Rule and that other counties have adopted similar rules. However, since that meeting there was a conflicting oral opinion given and Roe has made the determination to ask for a formal opinion from the Attorney General's Office on this request. There has not been an opinion issued on this type of an issue since 1975 and there are not many interpretations. However, Section 2.05 of the Open Meetings Act does allow for reasonable rules to be passed. Chairman Rice asks if there are any objections to postponing the effective date of the Rules of Order #16 regarding Audio Recording of Ogle County Meetings – there being no objection this will be postponed indefinitely until we receive the official opinion.

**Chairman's Comments**

Chairman Rice announces the May 20, 2008, Ogle County Board Meeting will be held at Focus House on Illinois Route 251.

Chairman Rice has received a request to support the Rockford Airport and asks all members to support RFD and use their facilities.

Exelon has offered a tour of the Byron Station – Please contact Jim Mielke if you are interested.

Animal Control will offer a Chip Placement Program on May 17<sup>th</sup> at the Pines Road Annex Building.

This week is National Telecommunication Week and the Sheriff's Office held an Open House today.

Focus House will hold their 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Spaghetti Dinner on April 16<sup>th</sup> from 4 to 7 p.m.

**Administrator Comments –**

Mielke informs the board of presentations which will be held at the next County Board Meeting:

- ❖ Lee – Ogle Transportation System
- ❖ 2007 Ogle County Audit - Sikich
- ❖ Greg Martin will present his Annual Report & Presentation

The Board of Health has settled their Union Contract and this takes care of their wages for the next 3 years.

Mielke states the ventilation system at the Morgue has been completed and the Coroner will now be able to use his facilities again.

**Public Comment –**

John McLane addresses the County Board regarding the remodeling of the County Board Room. Mr. McLane reads a prepared statement and he is in favor of the board to restore the courtroom back to a two-story design. Mr. McLane reads a letter from the Illinois Historic Preservation Agency addressed to Mr. McLane and gave a copy of this to County Board Member Stahl and the committee will receive a letter in the mail. Mr. McLane reads another letter from the National Trust for Historic Preservation written to Ed Rice and the Ogle County Board and presents the letter to Chairman Rice. Mr. McLane urges the Committee and the County Board to reconsider their decision.

Otto Dick agrees we need to preserve our history for all of Ogle County.

Russ Martin suggests burn the courthouse down and build a new building.

Richard Nelson talks about the Historical Marker about the Regulator and the Banditos burning down the courthouse & asks if the board members are descendants to the banditos. He feels the County Board is trying to steal part of our history regarding the most important room in the County.

Don Conn commends the board members regarding their decision made on March 18<sup>th</sup>. He didn't think it was not so much about the money but this is space that the County needs. This was a decision the county made several years ago and doesn't feel we should go back and take the floor out. Yes, we need the space and we can restore this room as close to the old courtroom as can be done. Conn states the rest of the courthouse will be done in the modern form.

Chris Corcoran says he would like for the county to restore the courtroom for future generations to see and says he was married and divorced in the old courthouse twice.

Bonnie O'Connell addresses the board and states she has been contacted by many people and has lists of people who have concerns about this issue. Ms. O'Connell states these people believe the board has made the wrong decision and wants them to do the right thing for Oregon and Ogle County. Ms. O'Connell asks the board to reconsider their decision. There will be future meetings about this restoration hopefully at the courthouse, coliseum and other sites. The media asked who Ms. O'Connell represents and who contacted her. Ms. O'Connell states she represents "Citizens of Oregon" and was asked if she would represent the group at the meeting. She is also a resident of Ogle County and is a Nurse in Dixon, Illinois.

Joe Gargano is here representing Landmarks of Illinois. He was asked by the Advocacy Director Lisa DiChiera from this agency. Mr. Gargano states Landmarks of Illinois would like to express their support for the proposal of historical restoration of the courtroom. Mr. Gargano states since the board decision - he has received criticism about the process because of the overwhelming majority of positive comments from the public. Since then there have been numerous letters to the editor in support of the restoration - it is disturbing that the public opinion was ignored. Mr. Gargano would

like to respectfully request the board to reconsider their decision based on the public statements of support tonight, the Open House, numerous letters to the Editor and etc...

Chairman Rice addresses the comments regarding the motion to reconsider – According to Roberts Rules of Order the County Board cannot make a motion to reconsider because a motion to reconsider must be made the same day the vote was taken. Chairman Rice states you can make a motion to rescind. Hopkins states he is in District #4 and he has not had one person in his district come to him to take the floor out. The people have commended him for voting the way he did. Hopkins states we are trying to use the money to the best of our ability and add office space which is what we need. We have to keep the building nice on the outside. The rest of us are here to do business everyday – we are not building a museum – we have business to take care of in the county and that is what this building was built for.

**Unfinished Business –**

**New Business –**

**Communications -**

- Sales Tax for November 2006 was \$41,699.07 and \$72,641.11
- Sales Tax for November 2007 was \$36,698.20 and \$72,573.09

**Closed Session –**

At 7:25 p.m., Chairman Rice asks for a motion to go into Closed Session to discuss Imminent or probable Litigation of Byron Nuclear Power Plant Assessment (5 ILCS 120/2(c) (11). Horner makes the motion to go into closed session, Bowers seconds and a roll call vote is taken:

**YES:** Gouker, Gronewold, Heuer, Hopkins, Horner, Huntley, Kenney, Kilker, Messer, Nye, Scholl, Stahl, Swanson, White, Williams, Barnes Bauer, Boes, Bowers, Brooks, Colbert, Colson, Diehl and Rice

**NO:** None

**ABSENT:** None

The motion carries on a voice vote.

**Open Session –**

At 7:49 p.m., the board returns to Open Session.

**Motion to Adjourn**

At, 7:50 p.m., Chairman Rice makes the motion to adjourn the April Ogle County Board meeting until May 20, 2008 at 5:30 p.m. at Focus House which is located at 3279 Highway 251 North - Rochelle. Nye seconds and the motion carries on a voice vote.

W. Ed Rice  
Chairman Ogle County Board

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