

Proceedings of the Ogle County Board Meeting
August 18, 2009

State of Illinois)
County of Ogle) ss

Call to Order

Chairman Rice calls the Ogle County Board Meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

Roll Call

The roll call shows all members are present. Chairman Rice asks for a moment of silence for the Family of Myron Richter; who was an Employee of the Ogle County Health Department and died in a tragic farm accident. The Invocation is given by Gronewold and followed with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approval of Minutes

Chairman Rice asks for a motion to approve the July 21, 2009 Ogle County Board Meeting minutes. Bowers moves to approve, Messer seconds and the motion carries.

Approval of Reports

Chairman Rice asks for a motion to accept the reports of the Ogle County Clerk & Recorder, Treasurer and Circuit Clerk. Nye moves to accept the reports as filed, Kenney seconds. Nye has a small clarification in the Judiciary & Circuit Clerk Committee minutes regarding the \$28,000 overage of Circuit Clerk salaries due to the Union Contract. Nye states the Judiciary & Circuit Clerk and Finance Committees were aware of this in October of 2008. The motion carries on voice vote.(Placed on file)

Presentation – Boy Scouts of America – Geoff Gephart

Chairman Rice introduces Geoff Gephart, Campaign Director of the Boys Scout Adventure Camp near Rochelle to speak to the board. They are moving forward with projects and scouts are still utilizing areas of the camp which are open. Horner asks if board members can visit the facility. Mr. Gephart says the Ranger is on-duty 24 hours a day – 7 days a week and a number will be posted.

Appointment – Lost Nation – New Landing RCD – R-2009-0801

Chairman Rice announces the recommendation of Timothy J. Spelde to the Lost Nation-New Landing RCD board for an unexpired term which ends April 30, 2011. Barnes moves to approve Resolution 2009-0801, Nye seconds and the motion carries on a voice vote.(Placed on file)

Vacancies –

- Board of Health – 2 unexpired term ends 11/30/2012
- Board of Health – 1 unexpired term ends 11/30/2011 - applicant required to be a Dentist
- Mental Health “708” Board – unexpired term ends 12/31/2012
- Ogle County Civic Center Authority Board – 1 unexpired term ends 05/31/2011

Application deadline for these vacancies will be
Friday, August 28, 2009 at 4:30 p.m. in the County Clerk’s Office

- Ogle County Housing Authority – 1 term ends 10/31/2009

Application deadline for this vacancy will be
Friday, October 2, 2009 at 4:30 p.m. in the County Clerk’s Office

Zoning - #4-09 Amendment – Peter & Tammy Santi - Ordinance 2009-0801

Chairman Rice and County Clerk Huntley present the petition of Peter & Tammy Santi, 6 Dorchester Ct., Algonquin, IL for an Amendment to the Zoning District to rezone from R-2 Single-Family Residence District to IA Intermediate Agricultural District on property described as follows and owned by the petitioners:

Part of the W1/2 of the SE1/4 Section 4 and part of the W1/2 of the NE1/4
Section 9 Taylor Township 22N, R10E of the 4th P.M., Ogle County, IL, 23.40
acres, more or less

Property Identification Number: 22-04-451-005 and 22-09-204-008
Common Location: 700 Block of Cottonwood Ct.

Hopkins moves to adopt #4-09 Amendment – Ordinance 2009-0801 for Peter & Tammy Santi. Diehl seconds and the motion carries on a voice vote.(Placed on file)

Zoning – #5-09 Amendment – Anderson Family Trust - Ordinance 2009-0802

Chairman Rice and County Clerk Huntley present the petition of Anderson Family Trust, Eric G. Anderson Trustee, 1993 W. Mud Creek Rd., Oregon, IL for an Amendment to the Zoning District to rezone from AG-1 Agricultural District to R-1 Rural Residence District on property described as follows and owned by the petitioners:

Part of the NE1/4 of the SE1/4 Section 30 Rockvale Township 24N, R10E of the 4th P.M., Ogle County, IL, 7.60 acres, more or less
Property Identification Number: Part of 09-30-400-008
Common Location: 2200 Block of W. Mud Creek Rd.

Hopkins moves to deny #5-09 Amendment – Ordinance 2009-0802 and Messer seconds. Kenney asks what the issue was on this request. Hopkins states the area is a corn field at this time and there are several livestock facilities in the area. The adjoining land owner has filed a protest against this. The motion carries on a voice vote.(Placed on file)

Zoning – #2-09 Special Use – Eugene Davis – James Davis – Dorothy Modeler – Michael Modeler & Quentin Davis Living Trust - Ordinance 2009-0803

Chairman Rice and County Clerk Huntley present the petition of Eugene E. Davis, 2614 Kristie Rd., Dothan, AL; James M. Davis, 1611 Hickory Ave., Panama City, FL; Dorothy M Modeler, 210 N. Wesley Ave., Mt. Morris, IL; Michael R. Modeler, 1007 W. 6th St., Sterling, IL; and Quentin H. Davis Living Trust, Quentin Davis Trustee, 13779 W. White Oak Rd., Forreston, IL for a Special Use permit to allow dwelling for the son of the farm owner in AG-1 Agricultural District on property described as follows, owned by Eugene E. Davis; James M. Davis; Dorothy M Modeler; and Michael R. Modeler; and being purchased by Quentin H. Davis Living Trust:

Part of the SW1/4 of the SW1/4 Section 26 Leaf River Township 25N, R9E of the 4th P.M., Ogle County, IL, 1.0 acre, more or less
Property Identification Number: Part of 03-26-300-002
Common Location: 4828 W. Pond Rd.

Hopkins moves to adopt #2-09 Special Use – Ordinance 2009-0803, Bowers seconds and the motion carries on a voice vote.(Placed on file)

Zoning - #6-09 Amendment – Elmer & Martha Sue Hudson - Ordinance 2009-0804

Chairman Rice and County Clerk Huntley present the petition of Elmer & Martha Sue Hudson, 7162 E. Gristmill Rd., Chana, IL for an Amendment to the Zoning District to rezone from AG-1 Agricultural District to R-1 Rural Residence District on property described as follows and owned by the petitioners:

Part of the NW1/4 Section 23 Pine Rock Township 23N, R11E of the 4th P.M., Ogle County, IL, 5.454 acres, more or less
Property Identification Number: Part of 17-23-100-031
Common Location: 7162 E. Gristmill Rd.

Hopkins moves to adopt #6-09 Amendment – Ordinance 2009-0804 and Colson seconds. Huntley states he will be voting no on this issue – he states they do need a house on this property but not Residential. Huntley states the Pine Rock Township Planning Commission and the Township Board all voted no. Hopkins states the homes in the area were built as AG-1 and the Zoning Laws have changed since then. Reibel states that there is no available Special Use Permit in the AG-1 Agricultural District for this situation. Chairman Rice states a ¾ vote is needed on this request and a roll call vote is called:

YES: Diehl, Gouker, Gronewold, Heuer, Hopkins, Horner, Janes, Kenney, Messer, Saunders, White, Williams, Barnes, Bauer, Boes, Bowers, Colbert and Colson

NO: DeArvil, Huntley, Kilker, Nye, Stahl and Rice

ABSENT: None

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

Public Comment –

- Lyle Harris, County Commander of the American Legion would like to ask for a meeting with County Administrator Meggon McKinley regarding funds which may be available. Meggon McKinley states she will gladly meet with Mr. Harris after the meeting tonight.
- Ron Colson refers to the Blackhawk Hills RC&D Report – reviews the Broadband Application process – Colson also states it took many meetings at the NIU field campus in Naperville, RC&D Office in Rock Falls and other various locations. Colson comments on the upcoming Resolution regarding the reduction in mileage reimbursement for County Board Members...things like this don't happen if we do not get our people to the meetings.
- Don Conn makes comments regarding the Zoning issue and the possible Sheriff Budget cuts.

Road & Bridge – Update on Road & Bridge Tour

Don Huntley comments on the Road & Bridge Tour which took place this month. Huntley also states there are a lot of projects going on in Ogle County.

Ogle County Claims – Clerk reads the claims:

- Payments in Vacation – July 2009 - \$33,382.06
- County Board Payments - August 2009 – \$94,724.44
- County Highway Fund – \$59,225.76

Huntley moves to approve the claims as read, Bowers 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, Juvenile & Probation/Judiciary & Circuit Clerk, LRP-Courthouse Renovations, Personnel & Salary - County Clerk, Planning & Zoning – Supervisor of Assessments, Regional Planning Commission, Road & Bridge and Sheriff & Coroner/Buildings & Grounds/IT Committee

The following committees had no minutes to file: Board of Health, GIS Committee, Ill Assoc of Co Bd Members, Liquor Commission, LRP –Emergency Operations Center, Mental Health Board, Safety Committee, UCCI/ICRMT and Tri-County Opportunities.

Finance and Insurance Minutes placed on exhibit

Budget Presentation County Administrator Meggon McKinley gives a PowerPoint Presentation to the County Board regarding the FY2009 and FY2010 Budget Reductions:

- (1) 10% General Fund Expense Reduction Target
 - 2009 Expense Budget = \$13,443,119
 - 2009 3% target = (\$403,294)
 - 2010 7% target = (\$941,018)
 - Total General Fund Reduction Goal for 2009 & 2010 = (\$1,344.312)
- (2) 2009 Reductions proposed by various Departments = (\$309,737)
 - Sheriff Department (5 budgets) = (\$155,000)
 - County Clerk = (\$58,000)
 - State’s Attorney = (\$31,000)
 - Zoning = (\$23,200)
 - Health Department = (\$19,000)
 - Judiciary = (\$9,537)
 - Assessment = (\$8,000)
 - Treasurer = (\$6,000)

- Coroner = needs are at budget
 - Regional Office of Education = needs are at budget
 - Soil & Water = needs are at budget
 - Highway, Animal Control & Solid Waste =
 - ~ Self-funded / Outside of General Fund
 - ~ Each is at or below budget
 - Finance = reduction options are being reviewed
- (3) NET: 2009 3% Target = (\$403,294)
- TOTAL Projected 2009 = (\$309,737)
 - Plus \$70,000 planned overages
 - ~ \$28,000 Circuit Clerk Salaries per Union Contract
 - ~ \$22,000 Probation for extra Juvenile Detention Fees – approved by Board
 - ~ \$20,000 Insurance from 2008 aggressive budgeting
 - Net (\$239,737) under 2009 budget overall
 - \$163,557 short of 3% total 2009 reduction target
- (4) 2010 7% Target = (\$941,018)
- Keep 2009 operational reductions
 - Reallocate levies to fund IMRF & FICA for Health Dept; \$67,000 General Fund Reduction
 - Streamline IT; \$15,000 minimum support annual fee reduction
 - Probation self-funds 1x bonus instead of union comp schedule (\$0 increase to General Fund)
 - Other union wages as in contracts
 - Non-union wages 2-3%
 - 2 County Elections
- (4) 10% Target Reduction Summary
- Total General Fund Reduction Goal for 2009 & 2010 = (\$1,344,312)
 - 2009 Net = (\$239,737)
 - 2010 Net = (\$300,000)
 - Total (\$539,737)
 - \$804,575 short of goal
- (5) Revenue Scenarios
- Current Projections
 - ~ 2009 = down \$700,000
 - ~ 2010 = down \$1,100,000
 - Worst Case Projections
 - ~ 2009 = down \$1,000,000
 - ~ 2010 = down \$1,700,000
 - ~ 2011 = flat or down more?

County Administrator McKinley presents questions the Finance Committee and County Board will need to discuss to balance the budget:

- Is this a short term financial crisis?
- Is this the new norm?
- Which revenues may likely never return?
- What other sources of revenue must we pursue?
- What level of core services the county must provide?
- What level of service are we willing to forgo to balance the budget?
- Could wage freezes and /or concessions help us avoid layoffs? How would future budget spikes impact us?
- How would inequitable wage solutions impact our employees?
- Could furlough days help us avoid layoffs?
- What would early retirement save?
- If we deplete funds in a short term crunch, what are the cash flow implications?
- How can the wage study help us avoid spiraling wage costs in the future?
- Cost Containment Options – presented by Personnel Committee Chairman
- Tax Levy for referendum (for Increased Revenues)

McKinley distributes a Board Directional Survey which the Finance Committee has asked the board members to complete and turn in tonight. Gouker would like a point of clarification regarding the completion of the survey...he states as a Public Body this is more like a secret ballot. Chairman Rice states the information on the survey has been discussed in open meetings and is nothing new to the board members. Gronewold states it was his idea to complete a survey since they are under a time crunch...he doesn't want a delay in the process. The County Board Parliamentarian, Heuer reads from page 405 in her "Roberts Rules of Order" book regarding the methods of voting. County Board Members can complete the survey and include their names at the top as requested. There was discussion regarding the property taxes, housing values and assessments in Ogle County. McKinley states Ogle County was somewhat protected from the housing spike which surrounding counties have experienced. White has asked for the Finance Committee to receive information a couple of days before the special meeting. McKinley will keep him updated as to the progress of his request.(Survey's on file with the County Clerk's Office)

There will be a Special Finance Committee Meeting on Wednesday, August 26th at 5:30 p.m. at the Ogle County Farm Bureau Building.

UCCI No minutes

Update Heuer has hard copy of the information which she will discuss –
2009 there was a \$2 billion drop in State Revenues as of June 30
2010 there will be another drop of \$1 billion in projected revenues
One time Revenue sources that will continue to meet expenditures will be
amnesty's and we will not receive our money
They are slowing payments by 2 or 3 months
Pension Holidays

Heuer refers to McKinley regarding salary reimbursements and stipends...they are not sure as to how much or when this money will come to the county.

Heuer states the County is reimbursed \$300 per attendee at the Seminars and this money is sent to the Treasurer's Office from UCCI.

Executive Committee Minutes placed on exhibit

Mileage Reduction
Resolution 2009-0802 Chairman Rice presents Resolution 2009-0802 regarding the Reduction of Mileage Reimbursement for County Board Members presented by Bauer. Chairman Rice reminds board members a resolution was presented and adopted in December of 2008 to reduce the mileage reimbursement from \$.585 per mile to \$.485 per mile. This resolution will reduce mileage reimbursement for County Board members to \$.01 per mile effective September 1, 2009. Bauer moves to approve Resolution 2009-0802, Saunders seconds. White believes this item should be brought before the Finance Committee. White doesn't believe this will be a very equitable savings and suggests a change in the county board salaries. There was discussion regarding the county board salaries and it was stated the County Board salaries are set before an Election which will not be until 2012. Bauer states the only way to make a reduction was to reduce the mileage reimbursement for County Board members. Gouker states the mileage reduction will create an inequitable situation – he understands what Bauer is trying to do. Gouker suggests the County Board Committees meet once every three months and the Executive Committee meeting every month and leave the mileage reimbursement as is. Bauer states the base salary is still \$150 per month whether you attend 1 meeting or no meeting during that month. Bauer states we can debate whether this is a policy issue or a Finance issue. Bauer suggests the use of fleet vehicles for meetings attended out of the county such as Springfield.

White asks for a point of clarification regarding mileage reimbursement for County Board members who are also Planning Commission members. It was stated the board member would be a Planning Commission member and be reimbursed for mileage. Gouker states the resolution under “Therefore be it resolved” does not state for County Board members. Bauer makes the motion to amend the resolution to say:

NOW THEREFORE, be it resolved that the Ogle County Board adopts to reduce the mileage reimbursement rate to \$.01 per mile for County Board Members travel and will become effective September 1, 2009.

Gronewold seconds. Gouker would like to see this go back to the Finance Committee for evaluation. Bauer states if this vote goes stale then it can go right back to the Finance Committee. Chairman Rice asks for a vote on the amended motion and the motion carries on a voice vote. Chairman Rice asks for a roll call vote on Resolution 2009-0802:

YES: Diehl, Gronewold, Hopkins, Horner, Huntley, Kenney, Messer, Nye, Saunders, Stahl, Bauer, Bowers, Colbert and Rice

NO: Gouker, Heuer, Janes, Kilker, White, Williams, Barnes, Boes, Colson and DeArvil

ABSENT: None

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

Long Range Planning
Courthouse Renovation Minutes placed on exhibit

Update Stahl updates the board on the following:

- Holabird & Root Fees – waiting for response
- LRP Expense Report is included in the County Board packets
- Paint Specialist meeting & Owner/Contractor Meeting – additional demolition done we are looking to have more Lead Paint Abatement done and are looking into bids
- Revised recommendations to accommodate the wiring to support an Emergency Generator
- Additional Plaster patching work to be done on the 3rd floor due to peeling plaster behind vapor barrier

R-2009-0803 Stahl presents Resolution 2009-0803 authorizing \$136,508.68 to be paid out of the Long Range Planning Fund as follows:

SUPPLIER NAME	DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT
Old Limestone, LLC	Watts Bldg. - September Rent	\$ 5,800.00
Wes's Tree Service	Tree Removal & Trees Trimmed – old courthouse	\$ 500.00
Holabird & Root, LLC	Professional Services for June 2009	\$ 1,986.68
Dynamic Horizon Computer	Consulting with Contractor-Demolition	\$ 130.00
Stillman BancCorp	GO Bonds - Series 2003-Agent fees	\$ 125.00
	Fees assessed for 2/1/09 to 7/31/09	
Stillman BancCorp	GO Bonds - Series 2004 - Agent fees	\$ 125.00
	Fees assessed for 2/1/09 to 7/31/09	
Ringland Johnson	Construction	\$ 127,842.00
	TOTAL:	\$ 136,508.68

Stahl makes the motion to approve the invoices as presented.
Bowers seconds and the motion carries on a voice vote.(Placed on file)

Chairman Comments – None

Administrator Comments –

- Jail Tour – see McKinley after the meeting if you are interested in a tour

Unfinished Business -

Boes questions the purchase of a Toyota truck for the Solid Waste Department and approved by the HEW Committee. Boes would like to see us support local businesses within our county. Chairman Rice states we can ask the departments to do that. But as we set the budgets for the department heads and their committee approves it, it is in their hands. Barnes agrees with Boes and this needs to be a local purchase. Barnes says a Chevrolet or Ford should have been purchased and not a Toyota. Messer asks why the State Bid was not used. Bauer states they only had the larger trucks on their list. Saunders agrees about supporting local businesses; however the last tractor bought by the Highway Department was a Mahindra. Saunders states we have a Dealer here in Ogle County, but it's not made here. Barnes states the Highway Department did solicit bids from local vendors.

New Business –

Communications –

- Sales Tax for May 2009 was \$19,928.67 and \$60,457.90
- Sales Tax for May 2008 was \$27,720.82 and \$77,300.87

Motion to Adjourn

At 7:16 p.m., Nye makes the motion to adjourn the Ogle County Board meeting until Tuesday, September 15, 2009. Heuer 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