

Proceedings of the Ogle County Board Meeting
August 17, 2010

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County of Ogle) ss

Call to Order

Chairman Rice calls the Ogle County Board Meeting to order at 5:31 p.m.

Roll Call

The roll call shows all members are present. The Invocation is given by Kenney and followed with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approval of Minutes

Chairman Rice asks for a motion to approve the July 20, 2010 Ogle County Board Meeting minutes. Huntley moves to approve, Horner seconds and the motion carries on a voice vote.

Approval of Reports

Chairman Rice asks for a motion to accept the monthly report of the Treasurer, Ogle County Clerk & Recorder and Circuit Clerk. Kenney moves to accept the reports as filed, Messer seconds and the motion carries on voice vote.(Placed on file)

Resignation – Martin W. Typer – Ogle County Circuit Clerk

Chairman Rice announces the resignation from Circuit Clerk Marty Typer effective November 30, 2010. (Placed on file)

Vacancies –

- Mental Health 708 Board – 1 unexpired term
- Ogle County Housing Authority

Application deadline for vacancies is
Friday, October 1, 2010 at 4:30 p.m. in the County Clerk's Office
located at 105 S. 5th St – Suite 104, Oregon, IL

Zoning – #5-10 Amendment -- Dennis G. & Nancy S. Ewald – Ordinance 2010-0801

Chairman Rice and County Clerk Huntley present the petition of -- Dennis G. & Nancy S. Ewald, 15950 E. Big Mound Rd., Lindenwood, IL and Brian Finkboner, PO Box 404, Rochelle, 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, owned by Dennis G. & Nancy S. Ewald and being purchased by Brian Finkboner:

Part of the SE1/4 of the SE1/4 Section 30 Monroe Township 42N, R2E of the 3rd P.M., Ogle County, IL, 5.0 acres, more or less
Property Identification Number: Part of 12-30-400-016
Common Location: 15950 E. Big Mound Rd.

Hopkins moves to approve Ordinance 2010-0801 - #5-10 Amendment for Dennis G & Nancy S Ewald and being purchased by Brian Finkboner. Messer seconds and Nye abstains from vote. The motion carries on a voice vote.(Placed on file)

Zoning – Final Plat – Minerva Freeze Addition to Maryland Twp – Ordinance 2010-0802

Chairman Rice presents the “Final Plat of Minerva Freeze Addition to Maryland Township”. Hopkins states Mrs. Freeze’s husband has passed away and they had a business at this site. She would like to sell of the business portion of property. Hopkins moves to approve Ordinance 2010-0802 – Final Plat – Minerva Freeze Addition to Maryland Township and Saunders seconds. The motion carries on a voice vote.(Placed on file)

Zoning – Update on Wind Energy Conversion Systems

Hopkins states the Planning & Zoning Committee has received the recommendations from WECS Sub-Committee and will be reviewing the information. The process that this will go through will be for the Planning & Zoning Committee to pass the information to the Planning Commission, Zoning Board of Appeals and Planning & Zoning Committee; then present the information to the County Board.

Public Comments –

- o Carolyn Cryer of Rochelle
 - Today is her first day in the Courthouse and WOW it is beautiful.
 - Lincoln Highway Heritage Festival is this weekend in Rochelle. The automated phone system at the courthouse needs to be looked into because the message on the machine does not go to an attendant. She states this is very confusing for the elderly. Several years ago if you called the Courthouse you would get a live person and she would like the board to consider going back to that.
 - On her Real Estate tax bill she has seven lines with figures all labeled “pension” and doesn’t know why they are on her tax bill. She went to two Pension Board Meetings and the ones she went to have big pension mutual funds. She doesn’t understand why they are on the tax bills. She would like to recommend they be removed and the county pays for them or bring it to the people to vote.
 - She has questions about the infrastructure of the board – there are 24 members and commends them on all being present tonight. She asks the following questions:
 - Are you volunteers or are you paid?
 - How did you decide on the number of board members or is it by geographical area or by population?
 - Are all 24 board members really necessary to conduct County Business?

Chairman Rice says County Clerk Huntley can answer her questions and will get in touch with you.

Road & Bridge – Resolution & Certificate of Vacation - R-2010-0801

Huntley presents the Resolution & Certificate of Vacation for a portion of Center Avenue and Block 5 alley in the Town of Chana, Pine Rock Township – R-2010-0801. Huntley moves to approve R-2010-0801 as presented. Bauer seconds and the motion carries on a voice vote.(Placed on file)

Ogle County Claims – Clerk reads the claims:

- Payments in Vacation – July 2010 - \$40,300.08
- County Board Payments - August 17, 2010 - \$90,229.32
- County Highway Fund – \$116,419.14

Janes 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: Blackhawk Hills RC&D, Executive and State’s Attorney, Finance and Insurance, GIS Committee, HEW & Solid Waste, Juvenile & Probation/Judiciary & Circuit Clerk, LRP-Courthouse Renovations, Personnel & Salary - County Clerk, Planning & Zoning – Supervisor of Assessments, Road & Bridge, Sheriff & Coroner/Buildings & Grounds/IT Committee and Tri-County Opportunities.

The following committees had no minutes to file: 911 ETS Board, Board of Health, Ill Assoc of Co Bd Members, Liquor Commission, LRP –Emergency Operations Center, Mental Health Board, Regional Planning Commission, Safety Committee and UCCI/ICRMT.

Executive Committee Minutes placed on exhibit

R-2010-0802 Chairman Rice presents Resolution 2010-0802 to grant a Real Estate Tax Abatement for Project Love:

- o Located in the City of Rochelle/Flagg Township
- o Estimated number of jobs created 25-35 (full-time)
- o Estimated Capital Improvement \$1,500,000
- o Estimated size of bldg: 40,000 sq ft (addition to 120,000 sq ft)
- o Type of Industry: Manufacturing/Printing

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- o Average starting wage: \$35,000/yr (including benefits)

They qualify for a three year tax abatement at 90% the first year, 75% the second year and 60% for the third year.

Horner moves to approve R-2010-0802 as presented and Saunders seconds. Williams asks if the county gets feedback from these companies when they decide not to come to Ogle County. Chairman Rice states yes we do and that is why these abatements have been developed. With these Tax Abatements Ogle County is competitive with surrounding areas. Williams would like to get an update on the various projects. Chairman Rice states he will have Jason Anderson from GREDCO give the board an update. Williams asks if there is verification that the jobs are actually created. Chairman Rice states during the process of the abatement after the first year the company provides actual payroll information to GREDCO. That information is brought to the County Clerk's Office which will apply that to the abatement. If this information is not provided, they do not receive the abatement. Barnes states the average starting salary is at \$35,000; this is hardly a livable wage. Heuer asks if there is a "claw back". After the three year abatement is there again a check on the number of jobs created. Chairman Rice states each year they apply for the abatement; they have to verify the number of jobs. Once the abatement has ended there is no check. Kilker asks for a roll call vote. Gouker asks if GREDCO can put together information regarding the various abatements and their statuses. County Clerk Huntley states Jason Anderson of GREDCO came to the board in January at the Farm Bureau Building with updates on previous Tax Abatements. Huntley states maybe we could have GREDCO come in once a year to present this information to the Board. Gouker doesn't know what the purpose of the incentive is for an existing business. Chairman Rice states it is still an incentive because this business has another site it could build on. Saunders states the problem with this economy part of the budget crisis we are having is the income taxes have decreased enormously. There are a lot of people who may not be happy with \$35,000 a year, but may be relieved to have a job. If we abate the taxes and create more jobs, then the income tax will increase. There will be a balance and once it gets going and the abatement is gone, we will see a bigger net increase. Saunders is in favor of tax abatements to bring and/or keep businesses in Ogle County. This keeps us from raising everybody else's taxes. A roll call vote is taken:

YES: Hopkins, Horner, Huntley, Janes, Kenney, Messer, Nye, Saunders, Stahl, White, Bauer, Bowers, Colbert, Colson, De Arvil, Diehl, Gronewold, Heuer and Rice

NO: Kilker, Williams, Barnes, Boes and Gouker

ABSENT: None

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

Finance

Minutes placed on exhibit

R-2010-0803

Hopkins presents R-2010-0803 for the Authorization for IMRF Out of State Service Credit Purchase for Sheriff Beitel. Hopkins states Sheriff Beitel will purchase this out of state time at his expense to add to his retirement. Hopkins moves to approve R-2010-0803 and Huntley seconds. Kilker states she was at the Finance and Executive Committee meetings and recalls there

would be no cost to the county. Kilker contacted County Clerk Huntley and asked her to check with IMRF to get a declaration from them stating there would be no cost to the county. County Clerk Huntley states she did contact IMRF last Thursday and they said Sheriff Beitel will have the largest portion to buy back. Right now it is the most expensive time to buy back and it is currently at 10% which is completely out of the Sheriff's pocket. Then once the Sheriff's final rate of earning (FRE) is determined the county is charged for that as well and will be put on the County's rate. At that time we did not have the Sheriff's FRE; we do now and I will contact IMRF tomorrow. Kilker states as of tonight we do not have any numbers. County Clerk Huntley agreed. Kilker would like to hold this over until next month when we have all the figures. Sheriff Beitel states he is asking for the same consideration as the buyback of service for Military service credit. Kilker says at the meetings it was said there would be no cost to the county and there is no definitive answer. Sheriff Beitel states he said there would be no up front cost to the county. Kilker states if the rates go up; is that not an additional cost to the county? Hopkins makes the motion to postpone this vote on R-2010-0803 until next month. Heuer seconds and the motion carries on a voice vote.

Revenue Projection Update

Hopkins asks Treasurer Coffman to give an update to the board. Treasurer Coffman refers to handouts and states the revenue shortfall could be a \$250,000 by the end of the fiscal year. This loss is due to a drop in the amount of income tax and sales tax the county receives from the state. Coffman states revenue from jail boarding fees is estimated to be down \$100,000. There have been some increases in the County Officers fees. Gouker asks what is the interfund transfer from the County Officers Fund listed on the report? Coffman states this is personal property we receive from the State and what comes in from the County Officers Fund. The County Officers Fund is what the earnings are from the County Clerk's Office, delinquent taxes collected in the Treasurer's Office, Sheriff, Circuit Clerk, Probation and State's Attorney's Office all collect fees. Then this money is transferred into the next year's budget. There was discussion regarding the \$750,000 transfer from reserves and this was not included as income on the budget since it is not income. This is a permanent transfer. This money was transferred from the General Fund Reserves and not Solid Waste Fund as previously discussed. There was enough money to make the cash flow work with out any transfers. Gouker asks how current the State is on their payments. Coffman says the payments from the State are current on the Sales Tax and Use but the income tax payments are currently \$626,000 behind for the year. White asks if there is a way to get more information as to where the transfer money comes from. Coffman states yes there is a way.

H.E.W. Committee

Minutes placed on exhibit

O-2010-0901

Bauer presents O-2010-0901 regarding Health Department Public Health and Sanitation Fees:

<u>Fee Description</u>	<u>Proposed Fees</u>
A. Food Service License Fees:	
Type III facility (low)	\$125
Type II facility (medium)	\$187.50
Type I facility (high)	\$250

Temporary Food service permit:

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Type III (low)	\$31.25
Type II (medium)	\$50
Type I (high)	\$68.75

B. Other Food Service Fees

Plan Reviews (new or renovation)	
Type III	\$93.75
Type II	\$176.25
Type I	\$312.50

Bauer says the current fees do not cover the cost of the inspections and the increased fees will bring it closer to the actual cost. Boes asks if there was any consideration given to the non-profits and abate these fees. Bauer states yes they did consider this and realized it still costs the same whether they are non-profit or for-profit organizations. Boes thinks this may put a financial hardship on the non-profit organizations. Hopkins states even the non-profit organizations need to be knowledgeable on how to handle food safely. Boes asks if the Beef Producers who will be serving sandwiches this Friday have taken out a permit. Hopkins says yes they have an annual permit and they have a certified food handler on duty every time they serve. Bauer will take Boes' questions back to Doreen O'Brien at the next meeting. Colbert states food pantries are exempt.

R-2010-0804

Chairman Rice presents R-2010-0804 regarding Rock River Center USDA Funding to help with funding the new facility. Bowers makes the motion to approve R-2010-0804 as presented, Barnes seconds and the motion carries on a voice vote.(Placed on file)

Juvenile & Probation

Minutes placed on exhibit

R-2010-0805

Director of Court Services Greg Martin addresses the County Board regarding R-2010-0805 Enacting Fee to Support Ogle County Drug Court. Martin states a year ago this month with the assistance of the State's Attorney's Office and Judges they have started Ogle County Drug Court. They currently have 11 adults who are participating in this program. The State allows counties to pass resolutions to support Drug Courts; DeKalb & Lee counties have passed a resolution. This will assist with services provided for the adult drug court. Nye makes the motion to approve R-2010-0805 as presented, De Arvil seconds and the motion carries on a voice vote.(Placed on file)

**Long Range Planning
Courthouse Renovation**

Minutes placed on exhibit

Update

Stahl updates the board on the following:

- No quorum at the regular Committee meeting and conducted business at the Executive Committee meeting for approval
- Change Orders were presented for planters outside the west entrance of the building, sandstone repair and final mortar joint repairs
- Dedication will be Friday, August 20, 2010 at 10:00 am – serving sandwiches on courthouse lawn during the lunch hours with the proceeds going to restoring the monuments
- Requests County Board members and Long Range Planning committee members to attend the Dedication

R-2010-0806

Stahl presents Resolution 2010-0806 authorizing \$20,129.96 to be paid out of the Long Range Planning Fund as follows:

SUPPLIER NAME	DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT
Holabird & Root LLC	Professional Services for June 2010 & Reimbursable Expenses	\$ 3,270.05
Kone Inc.	Elevator Repairs - Watt Bldg.	\$ 677.60
Fischer's Inc.	Courthouse Signage	\$ 43.65
Verizon Select Services, Inc.	Final Bill-Cable Move - Courthouse	\$ 2,125.00
Verizon Select Services, Inc.	Phone set up in Courthouse	\$ 1,397.40
Velma Hendrickson	Historic Documents	\$ 67.91
CDW Government	Network - Exchange Server Licenses	\$ 12,245.04
Capital One/GIS Committee	Postage - Return of Network Equip.	\$ 43.40
Larry Callant	Wireless Routers-Courthouse	\$ 194.97
Larry Callant	Audio Recorder Memory Card – AV Equipment	\$ 64.94
	TOTAL:	\$ 20,129.96

Stahl moves to approve R-2010-0806 as presented and Messer seconds. A roll call vote is called:

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

NO: Janes, Kilker, White, Williams, Barnes, Colson and De Arvil

ABSENT: None

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

Chairman Comments

- Chairman Rice, Administrator McKinley and Board Member Heuer attended the UCCI Conference and asks Heuer to comment on information received from the conference:
 - * Other Counties are in the same predicament due to the State's failure to pay on time
 - * Most Counties our size who receive reimbursements from the State are anywhere from \$500,000 to \$1,000,000 behind
 - * A panel addressed the conference which was organized by the University of Illinois Infrastructure & Intergovernmental Studies Division – which consisted of John Bloom the Chairman of Stephenson County and Dave Zimmerman the Chairman of Tazewell County – Stephenson County as enacted some draconian measures; they are looking at outsourcing some of their county services – Tazewell County is also instituted outsourcing on several levels of government
 - * Heuer states the Chairman, Administrator and herself took notes and will present the information to the Finance and Executive Committees for possible consideration
 - * Chairman Rice states Whiteside County has closed their satellite office in Sterling due to lack of funds
 - * Heuer states there have been consolidations and outsourcing
- Chairman Rice has received a letter from Com Ed and they have applied for a rate increase

Administrator Comments

- McKinley wants to publicly thank Bonnie Hendrickson and Sheryl Hopkins along with the Historical Committee for their hard work getting the courthouse ready for the dedication ceremony – Many pictures have been framed as well as some documents
- McKinley also thanks the maintenance staff for their work as well

Unfinished Business

- Gouker says starting in February he has asked the County Board what are we doing for a contingency plan for this years budget. It looks like we will be about \$900,000 short in revenue this year and with the \$750,000 Coffman has transferred from reserves; we will be about \$1.6 million. What will be doing about a contingency spending plan for this year?

McKinley asks for clarification from Coffman regarding the \$750,000 and \$900,000. On the projections they discussed last year regarding the figures – is it \$750,000 plus the \$900,000 or does the \$900,000 include the \$750,000 transfer. Coffman states last year we talked about being short \$1 million on the budget. McKinley says it's not \$750,000 plus \$900,000 – we expect to be \$1 million short and we have already had to use \$750,000 from reserves as expected in the budget. Gouker says we are at about \$7.5 million at the end of July – if we are going to lower our revenue projection by \$350,000 for next year and the income is already down a \$1 million – what are we going to do for this year? McKinley states from the previous discussions we knew we would be down \$1 million and we are still tracking the information and still expect to be down \$1 million. Hopkins says we are still in the ballpark of expenses and actually we are down a little bit. It seems like we are following the budget pretty close. Gouker disagrees. Gouker cites numbers get distorted a little bit, the inter-fund transfers are done in the beginning of the year. Gouker states we are going to be about 8% to 10% short once you recalculate. McKinley states it was her understanding the agreement between the Finance Committee and the County Board; they are agreeable to closing the gap of \$1 million this year. For clarification if we expect to be more than \$1 million short and that is not what she is hearing. In terms of plans for this year as long as we are tracking as expected she has not seen the committee say they are going to do anything different other than pulling from reserves. Then tackle the \$1 million shortfall for the 2011 budget planning which is coming up. Gouker asks how much in the red were we last year? McKinley states we were off \$2 million. We cut expenses by \$1 million and agreed to cover the remaining \$1 million through reserves; which is what we have been watching. We are still that million off for next year and that's where the expense cutting measures and revenue increases will have to come for 2011. Gouker says we are draining our reserves by ignoring the shortfall in our income. Coffman says we need to be careful extrapolating the numbers; we also have property tax which comes in the later half of the year. If you take off the \$750,000 using reserves and not income you would be at 59% of revenue instead of 66% which is where it is now. What he is seeing with the additional \$250,000 plus wherever the state is with the income tax. McKinley asks if this will keep us with the \$1 million we are expecting. Coffman states no that is on top of the \$1 million, we will be looking at \$1.250,000. Gouker states it's the other revenue which is slow the income tax and sales tax, we do not control the income but we do control the expenses. Gouker began asking about this contingency plan in February and it has been ignored. Here it is August and we still have not discussed this. Hopkins asks what expenses we should cut out. Gouker states we should talk about it and we have been ignoring it. Hopkins states we will continue to work on this. McKinley states they have had a tolerance for pulling from reserves and being able to take a loan from Solid Waste if necessary. She does not agree that nothing has been done, they have been watched and not felt that the dollar amount was warranting making cuts to the departments this year. It's not that they haven't been looked at nor discussed it's that the agreement was to take the money from reserves, a possible loan from Solid Waste versus cut this year. But the committee has agreed that the budget cuts and reductions will have to come in 2011 budget preparation.

New Business –

- Gouker informs the board of District 3 County Board Town Hall meeting to be held on Thursday, September 16, 2010 at 6:30 p.m. at the Rockvale Twp building located on Route 2

Communications –

- Sales Tax for May 2009 was \$19,928.67 and \$60,457.90
- Sales Tax for May 2010 was \$20,133.03 and \$62,351.29

Motion to Adjourn

At 6:36 p.m., Nye makes the motion to adjourn the Ogle County Board meeting until Tuesday, September 21, 2010. Bowers 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