

Proceedings of the Ogle County Board Meeting  
December 20, 2005

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

**Call to Order**

Chairman Gocken calls the meeting to order at 5:36 p.m.

**Roll Call**

The roll call shows Spencer is absent. Chris Remhof asks for a moment of silence in memory of Andrew Patton of the U.S. Marine Corps from Byron who was killed in Iraq on December 1, 2005. The invocation is given by Remhof and this is followed with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. Chairman Gocken thanks Remhof and states our hearts go out to the Patton family as well as the other families who have suffered a loss.

**Approval of Minutes**

Chairman Gocken asks for approval of the November 9, 2005, Special Ogle County Board Meeting minutes. Kenney moves to approve the November 9, 2005, Special Ogle County Board meeting minutes, Horner seconds and the motion carries on a voice vote.

Chairman Gocken asks for approval of the November 15, 2005, Ogle County Board minutes. Clayton moves to approve the November 15, 2005, Ogle County Board minutes, Huntley seconds and the motion carries on a voice vote.

**Approval of Reports**

Colson to accept and place on file the monthly reports of the Treasurer and Circuit Clerk. Rice seconds and the motion carries on voice vote.(Placed on file)

**Swearing in of new County Board member**

Chairman Gocken states the new board member was not contacted and is currently on his way to the meeting. This appointment will be moved down the agenda until he arrives.

**Hearings - Judge Pemberton**

Judge Pemberton welcomes everyone to the Judicial Center and he expresses his appreciation to the board and the Long Range Planning Committee for making this building a reality. Judge Pemberton states they have received a lot of good comments regarding the building from Attorneys outside of the county. This building was built for the public, for the county and helps us serve the public better and to provide a better service for the Judicial system. Judge Mallon states this is a beautiful building and it is a privilege to come to work everyday. Judge Mallon speculates on the foresight the Judge over 114 years ago had to build the old courthouse and how we now have had the foresight to build the new Judicial Center. Judge Pemberton states about ½ hour ago the first Jury returned a verdict on a Jury trial which started yesterday. Judge Kauffmann reiterates the same and thanks everyone for the visit this evening and thanks for the beautiful building.

**Vacancies**

Chairman Gocken announces a vacancy on the Mental Health “708 Board. The deadline for this vacancy will be Friday, January 6, 2006, at 4:30 p.m. in the County Clerk’s Office.

**Resolutions - GREDCO Tax Abatement**

Chairman Gocken asks Rice to speak to the board regarding the GREDCO Tax Abatement Resolution which was included in the packets. Rice states since he is the President of GREDCO this past year, they have been working since January on the new Tax Abatement Program. This program will include taxing districts within the GREDCO area; City of Rochelle, Creston Grade School District, Creston-Dement Library District, Creston-Dement Park District, Dement Township, Dement-Lynnville Multi-Township Assessment District, Flagg Township, Flagg-Rochelle Park District, Flagg-Rochelle Library District, Kishwaukee Community College, Ogle County, Ogle-Lee Fire Protection District, Rochelle Elementary School District and Rochelle Township High School District. Colson asks for clarification and asks if any part of the county can go with a parallel situation and asks if this is specific to the GREDCO area? Rice states yes this is specific to the GREDCO area. Kenney moves to approve the resolution, Colbert seconds and the motion carries on a voice vote - with Rice and Zuehl abstaining from the vote.(Placed on file)

**Resolution - County Delinquent Tax Agent**

Chairman Gocken asks Treasurer John Coffman to speak regarding the County Delinquent Tax Agent Resolution which was included in the packets. Coffman states the resolution has 5 parcels which were sold through the County Trustee program which takes any of the properties which are not sold at the Tax Sale and goes through the process of obtaining the deed for the property in order to be put back onto the tax rolls. These are the parcels that were sold at a sealed bid auction this year. Swanson moves to approve the resolution, Hoekstra seconds and the motion carries on a voice vote.(Placed on file)

**Resolution - Amend Flex Spending Plan - Grace Period**

Chairman Gocken asks Rice to explain this resolution which is titled “Certificate of Corporate Resolution” and was included in the packets. Rice states this resolution will allow participants to spend the money in this plan to extend the expenditure from this account to March 15<sup>th</sup> of the following year. Rice moves to approve the resolution, Remhof seconds and the motion carries on a voice vote.(Placed on file)

**Ordinance - Ogle County Bond Abatement #2005-1220A**

Chairman Gocken states these Ordinances were included in the packets last month. Chairman Gocken reads the Ordinance - “An Ordinance abating the taxes heretofore levied for the year 2005 to pay debt service on \$9,800,000 General Obligation Bonds (Alternate Revenue Source), Series 2003, of the County of Ogle, Illinois. The clerk calls the roll:

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

**NO:** None

**ABSENT:** Spencer

Chairman Gocken states we did not have a motion and asks for a motion to approve both Ordinances, Ogle County Bond Abatement #2005-1220A and #2005-1220B. Colson moves to approve both Ordinances, Bauer seconds and

the roll call vote stands as called. The motion carries on a roll call vote.(Placed on file)

**Ordinance - Ogle County Bond Abatement #2005-1220B**

Chairman Gocken reads the Ordinance - "An Ordinance abating the taxes heretofore levied for the year 2005 to pay debt service on \$5,200,000 General Obligation Bonds (Alternate Revenue Source), Series 2004, of the County of Ogle, Illinois. The clerk calls the roll:

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

**NO:** None

**ABSENT:** Spencer

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

**Swearing in of new County Board Member District #3**

Hoekstra states the committee will recommend Larry E. Boes, Swanson seconds. Bauer states during this process there was no meeting with Board District #3 members regarding this recommendation. Hoekstra states these applicants were interviewed during the last vacancy. Gouker states each member talked to the Chairman of the committee and there was a meeting scheduled and it was cancelled due to the weather. The Chairman decided this was the same group which applied about 3 months ago. Bauer questions the validity of this appointment and State's Attorney Roe is called upon to answer the question. State's Attorney Roe states he cannot comment on the legality of this issue without further research. County Clerk Huntley asks if the appointment can be made by the County Board Chairman and the recommendation from the committee would be immaterial? Heuer reads the Ogle County Bylaws Rules of Order #19: The County Board Chairman shall, appoint, with the advice and consent of the County Board, the members of all committee, commissions, boards and districts under the jurisdiction of the County Board. Whenever such an appointee misses three consecutive meetings without due cause, a vacancy shall be declared and a replacement shall be named in the same manner as the original appointment. Chairman Gocken will entertain a motion to appoint Larry Boes to County Board District #3. Swanson moves to approve the appointment, Hoekstra seconds and the motion carries on a voice vote.

Judge Mallon reads the Oath of Office to Larry E. Boes for his appointment to the Ogle County Board District #3.

**Zoning - #7-05 SPECIAL USE: Baileyville Wind Farm**

Baileyville Wind Farm, LLC by its Manager Christopher Moore, 3001 Broadway Street NE, Ste. 695, Minneapolis, MN for a Special Use Permit to allow Commercial Wind Energy Conversion Systems (WECS) Project in the AG-1 Agricultural District on property described as follows and being leased by the petitioner: Part of Sections 3, 10,11,13,14,15, and 23 Leaf River Township 25N, R9E of the 4th P.M., Ogle County, IL - Part of Sections 6,7,8,9,17,18 and 20 Maryland Township 25N, R9E of the 4th P.M., Ogle County, IL - Part of Sections 12 and 13 Maryland Township 25N, R8E of the 4th P.M., Ogle County, IL

Property Identification Numbers: 03-06-100-003; 03-06-200-002; 03-06-300-001; 03-06-400-001; 02-12-200-002; 02-12-200-009; 02-12-400-004; 02-12-400-003; 03-07-100-001; 03-07-100-002; 03-07-100-008; 03-07-300-003; 03-07-400-004; 03-08-300-003; 03-08-200-008; 03-08-400-001; 03-09-100-

002; 03-09-400-002; 03-09-300-001; 03-09-400-001; 02-13-200-003; 03-18-200-001; 03-18-400-001; 03-17-100-006; 03-17-200-001; 03-17-300-001; 03-17-300-003; 03-20-100-001; 03-20-200-008; 03-20-100-003; 03-03-100-001; 03-03-200-006; 03-03-300-002; 03-03-400-002; 03-03-400-001; 03-10-100-002; 03-10-100-003; 03-10-200-009; 03-10-400-003; 03-10-300-004; 03-10-300-006; 03-10-400-004; 03-10-400-005; 03-10-400-003; 03-11-300-001; 03-15-100-001; 03-15-200-001; 03-15-200-017; 03-14-100-001; 03-14-300-006; 03-14-200-005; 03-14-400-010; 03-14-400-011; 03-14-400-006; 03-14-300-002; 03-14-400-006; 03-13-300-002; 03-23-100-001; 03-23-300-001

The clerk reads the Special Use Permit Ordinance No. 07-05 SU in its entirety -

STATE OF ILLINOIS        )  
                                  )SS  
COUNTY OF OGLE         )

SPECIAL USE PERMIT ORDINANCE NO. 07-05 SU

AN ORDINANCE GRANTING A SPECIAL USE PERMIT  
TO BAILEYVILLE WIND FARM, LLC  
FOR A WIND ENERGY CONVERSION SYSTEMS (WECS) PROJECT  
ON VARIOUS PROPERTIES IN MARYLAND AND LEAF RIVER TOWNSHIPS

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WHEREAS, Baileyville Wind Farm, LLC has filed an application for a Special Use Permit, in accordance with the applicable requirements of the *Ogle County Amendatory Zoning Ordinance*, to allow the construction and operation of a Commercial Wind Energy Conversion Systems (WECS) Project, as specified in the Special Use Permit application, on multiple properties located in Maryland and Leaf River Townships as depicted in Exhibit "A" attached hereto, said properties being zoned AG-1 Agricultural District and more precisely described in said application for Special Use Permit; and

WHEREAS, following due and proper notice by publication in the *Ogle County Life*, a newspaper of general circulation within the County of Ogle at least fifteen (15) days prior thereto, and by mailing notice to all owners of any land adjacent to or immediately across any street, alley, or public right-of-way from the property proposed as a special use at least fifteen (15) days prior thereto, and by mailing notice to all municipalities within 1.5 miles of the property proposed as a special use, and by mailing notice to the Leaf River and Maryland Township Supervisor, Road Commissioner and Planning Commission Chairman (Leaf River Township), and by mailing notice to the Forrestville Community Unit School District and Leaf River and Forreston Fire Protection Districts, the Ogle County Zoning Board of Appeals conducted a public hearing as required by law commencing on November 7, 2005, continuing on November 8, 9, 10, 16, 29, 30, December 1 and finally concluding on December 13, 2005, at which the petitioners presented evidence, testimony, and exhibits in support of the requested Special Use Permit, and members of the public testified both in support of and in opposition to the proposed Special Use Permit; and

WHEREAS, the Zoning Board of Appeals, having considered the evidence, testimony and exhibits presented has made its report and findings of fact, and has recommended that the requested Special Use Permit be approved, subject to conditions, as set forth in the Findings of Fact and Recommendation of the Ogle County Zoning Board of Appeals, dated December 13, 2005, a copy of which is appended hereto as Exhibit "B"; and

WHEREAS, the Planning & Zoning Committee of the Ogle County Board has reviewed the testimony and exhibits presented at the aforesated public hearing and has considered the findings of fact and recommendations of the Zoning Board of Appeals, and has forwarded a recommendation to the Ogle County Board that the Special Use Permit be granted subject to conditions, set forth in Exhibit "B" appended hereto; and

WHEREAS, the Ogle County Board has considered the report and findings of fact and recommendation of the Zoning Board of Appeals and the recommendation of the Planning & Zoning Committee, and has determined that granting the Special Use Permit to allow construction and operation of a Commercial Wind Energy Conversion Systems Project on the subject properties with conditions, is consistent with the requirements established by the *Ogle County Amendatory Zoning Ordinance*;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNTY BOARD OF OGLE COUNTY, ILLINOIS, as follows:

SECTION ONE: The Findings of Fact and Recommendation of the Ogle County Zoning Board of Appeals, Exhibit "B" appended hereto, is hereby accepted, and the finding of fact set forth above are hereby adopted as the findings of fact and conclusions of the Ogle County Board.

SECTION TWO: Based on the finding of fact set forth above, a Special Use Permit is hereby granted to Baileyville Wind Farm, LLC to construct and operate a Commercial Wind Energy Conversion Systems Project on various properties precisely described in the petition for Special Use Permit and generally described as follows:

Part of Sections 3, 10, 11, 13, 14, 15, and 23 Leaf River Township 25N, R9E of the 4th P.M., Ogle County, IL

Part of Sections 6, 7, 8, 9, 17, 18 and 20 Maryland Township 25N, R9E of the 4th P.M., Ogle County, IL

Part of Sections 12 and 13 Maryland Township 25N, R8E of the 4th P.M., Ogle County, IL

Property Identification Numbers: 03-06-100-003; 03-06-200-002; 03-06-300-001; 03-06-400-001; 02-12-200-002; 02-12-200-009; 02-12-400-004; 02-12-400-003; 03-07-100-001; 03-07-100-002; 03-07-100-008; 03-07-300-003; 03-07-400-004; 03-08-300-003; 03-08-200-008; 03-08-400-001; 03-09-100-002; 03-09-400-002; 03-09-300-001; 03-09-400-001; 02-13-200-003; 03-18-200-001; 03-18-400-001; 03-17-100-006; 03-17-200-001; 03-17-300-001; 03-17-300-003; 03-20-100-001; 03-20-200-008; 03-20-100-003; 03-03-100-001; 03-03-200-006; 03-03-300-002; 03-03-400-002; 03-03-400-001; 03-10-100-002; 03-10-100-003; 03-10-200-009; 03-10-400-003; 03-10-300-004; 03-10-300-006; 03-10-400-004; 03-10-400-005; 03-10-400-003; 03-11-300-001; 03-15-100-001; 03-15-200-001; 03-15-200-017; 03-14-100-001; 03-14-300-006; 03-14-200-005; 03-14-400-010; 03-14-400-011; 03-14-400-006; 03-14-300-002; 03-14-400-006; 03-13-300-002; 03-23-100-001; 03-23-300-001

SECTION THREE: This grant of Special Use Permit is subject to the conditions set forth in Exhibit "B" appended hereto.

SECTION FOUR: This Special Use Permit Ordinance shall be in full force and effect upon its adoption by the County Board of Ogle County, Illinois.

SECTION FIVE: Failure of the owners or other party in interest or a subsequent owner or other party in interest to comply with the terms and conditions of this Special Use Permit Ordinance, after execution of such Special Use Permit Ordinance, shall subject the owners or party in interest to the penalties set forth in the Ogle County Amendatory Zoning Ordinance, including revocation of said Special Use Permit.

PASSED BY THE OGLE COUNTY BOARD THIS \_\_\_\_\_ DAY OF \_\_\_\_\_ A.D.

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Betty K. Gocken  
Chairman, Ogle County Board

ATTEST:

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Rebecca Huntley  
Ogle County Clerk and  
Ex Officio Clerk of the Ogle County Board

and is placed on file. Hopkins moves for the approval of the Ordinance granting the Special Use Permit for the commercial WECS Project No. 7-05 Special Use and Gouker seconds. White comments on the ADHOC Committee report included in the packets and suggests everyone look at this information. White discusses the information regarding the Home Seller Protection Program and would like to have this read in its entirety tonight. County Clerk Huntley reads the "Home Seller Protection Program" in its entirety and is placed on file. Kenney states he still has some unanswered questions and would like the board to lay this over for 30 days to allow further research. He states this is an important decision and has some serious concerns, since he has the unfortunate experience of dealing with one of those. Hopkins states the Planning Commission

voted 5-0 in favor of this and spent nine days during Zoning Board of Appeals Hearings and feels everything has been discussed and covered and this needs to be voted on tonight. The ZBA voted on this issue 4-1 to recommend approval and sounds like they were satisfied with the information presented. Colson reinforces what Hopkins has just said and this issue deserves a decision and not procrastination. Heuer states after sitting through each of the ZBA hearings, she was impressed when they reviewed the Findings of Facts. Each one of the members of the ZBA were very thorough with reviewing the testimony, compared data from the opposition and those in favor of this issue. The data collection and recommendations were one of the most complete from the ZBA and made this commendation during the Planning and Zoning Committee. Heuer agrees with Hopkins and Colson and states she believes all of the evidence has been produced and we should vote on this tonight. Heuer recommends a roll call vote. There was discussion regarding the motion and Hopkins reads the following: Hopkins moves to approve Special Use Permit Ordinance No. 7-05, the Baileyville Wind Farm with all the staff recommendations to be tied to the Special Use and Gouker seconds. The roll call vote is called:

**YES:** Rice, Saunders, Scholl, Stahl, Swanson, White, Zuehl, Bauer, Brooks, Clayton, Colbert, Colson, Gouker, Heuer, Hoekstra, Hopkins, Horner, Huntley, Nye, Boes and Gocken

**NO:** Kenney and Remhof

**ABSENT:** Spencer

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

**Zoning - #22-05 AMENDMENT -Robert & Lois Johnson**

The clerk reads the petition of Robert & Lois Johnson, 12864 Elkhorn Rd., Como, CO for an Amendment to the Zoning District to rezone from I-1 Industrial District to AG-1 Agricultural District on property described as follows and owned by the petitioners: Part of N ½ Section 21 Forrester Township 25N, R8E of the 4th P.M., Ogle County, IL, 130.41 acres, more or less. P.I.N.: 02-21-100-010.

Hopkins moves to postpone this request until the January 17, 2006, Ogle County Board meeting at the request of the petitioner. Zuehl seconds and the motion carries on a voice vote.

**Zoning - #18-05 AMENDMENT - Richard J. & Marjorie A. Reed**

The clerk reads the petition of Richard J. & Marjorie A. Reed, 8953 Fowler Rd., 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 and owned by the petitioners: SW Fractional 1/4 SW Fractional 1/4 Section 7 Flagg Township 40N, R1E of the 3rd P.M.; part of SE Fractional 1/4 Section 25 Pine Rock Township 23N, R11E of the 4th P.M.; and part of NE 1/4 Section 36 Pine Rock Township 23N, R11E of the 4th P.M., Ogle County, IL, 112.71 acres, more or less. P.I.N.: 17-25-400-004, 17-25-400-005, 17-36-200-001 and 24-07-300-003 - Common Location: 8953 E. Fowler Rd. Hopkins moves to postpone this request until the January 17, 2006, Ogle County Board meeting at the request of the petitioner. Scholl seconds and the motion carries on a voice vote.

**Zoning - Final Plat - "PHASE 3 WESTWOOD SUBDIVISION**

The clerk presents the Final Plat of "Phase 3 Westwood Subdivision -- Replat of Lots 19 thru 38 of John W. Tilton's Westwood Subdivision" - Section 20, Flagg Township - Developer: Tom Simmons - Authorized Agent and Surveyor: Fehr-Graham & Associates. Part of the W 1/2 SE 1/4 Section 20 Flagg Township 40N, R1E of the 3<sup>rd</sup> P.M., Ogle County, IL, 22.12 acres, more or less. Hopkins moves to approve the Final Plat for Phase 3 Westwood Subdivision subject to staff recommendations. Rice seconds and the motion carries on a voice vote.(Placed on file)

**Zoning - Meridian C.U.S.D. #223 - School Land Dedication Resolution**

Hopkins moves to approve the Resolution to amend article VI of the Ogle County Land Subdivision Regulations, Heuer seconds. Saunders asks how this compares to surrounding counties? Hopkins states our rate is cheaper than the counties to the East of Ogle County. The School Superintendent of Meridian C.U.S.D. #223 states in relation to other counties he believes DeKalb County has just increased theirs to \$15,000 per lot. This proposal is far below the counties to the East of Ogle County. Bauer states he is against the impact fees and states this is a tax increase and is opposed to this. The motion carries on a voice vote.(Placed on file)

**Road & Bridge - County Road Construction Reso - 2006 Sign Material**

Zuehl moves to have the Ogle County Highway Department accept the low bid of \$3,000 from Hall Signs for the 2006 Sign material. This information was included in your November packet. Huntley seconds and the motion carries on a voice vote.(Placed on file)

**Road & Bridge - Petition for Vacation - Dement Township**

Huntley states the County Board has the power and the right to vacate said street in the County when in their judgement they believe that said street serves no useful public interest. The County Engineer requests the vacation of right-of-way, a portion of Main Street and Steward Road, Rochelle. Huntley moves the County Board accept this Petition of Vacation, Clayton seconds and the motion carries on a voice vote.(Placed on file)

**Road & Bridge - Resolution for Vacation - Dement Township**

Huntley states the next procedure after Petition of Vacation is the Resolution of Vacation. Huntley moves that the Resolution of Vacation, a portion of Main Street and Steward Road, Rochelle be approved. Clayton seconds and the motion carries on a voice vote.(Placed on file)

**Road & Bridge - Application & Ordinance for altered speed zone - Mill Rd**

The Application and Ordinance for an altered speed zone on Mill Road in Byron is presented. Colson moves that the application for the establishment of an altered 40 MPH speed zone on which is from the Byron corporate limits to Tower Road. Clayton seconds and the motion carries on a voice vote.(Placed on file)

**Road & Bridge - County Engineer Salary Program Resolution**

Clayton states the Ogle County Engineer salary is paid from the Federal Surface Transportation Rural Funds and Motor Fuel Tax Funds. Clayton moves an appropriation of ninety-six thousand, nine-hundred and twelve dollars be made by the County Board of Ogle County from the Motor Fuel Tax Funds be allotted to pay the salary of the County Engineer for the period of January 1, 2006 to December 31, 2006, Section 06-00000-00-CS. This is an increase of 3 percent. Colson seconds and the motion carries on a voice vote.(Placed on file)

**Recess to refer claims to a committee**

At 6:40 p.m., Chairman Gocken asks for a motion to recess and refer claims to committee. Heuer moves, Scholl seconds and the motion carries on a voice vote. Chairman Gocken calls the meeting back to order at 6:55 p.m.

**Claims**

The clerk reads the claims for the General Fund - \$110,731.12 and the County Highway Fund - \$82,020.83. Rice moves to approve the claims as read, White 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: *County Clerk & Insurance, Judiciary & Circuit Clerk, Juvenile & Probation, Sheriff & Coroner, State's Attorney & Legislative, Road & Bridge, Mental Health Board, Tri-County Opportunities, Personnel & Salary and GIS.* The following had no minutes to file: *H.E.W., Board of Health, Ill Assoc. of County Board Members, U.C.C.I., Ill Risk Management, Safety Committee, IT Committee, Liquor Commission and Byron Dragway*

**Buildings & Grounds**

Minutes placed on exhibit

Announcement

Zuehl states the B&G 2005 budget was under and owes a special thanks to the Maintenance Department for keeping down the costs.

Judicial Center

Zuehl comments on a few items regarding the Judicial Center:

- 1- Problem with snow removal in the new parking lot
- 2- Smoking in 3<sup>rd</sup> floor bathroom - this is a non-smoking building
- 3- Humidity problems with windows
- 4- Temperature in boiler room
- 5- Heater in receiving area is too small
- 6- Generator room has no heat - Architects say it was designed this way

Gouker comments on some of the items:

- 1- Parking lot - constructed properly by the contractor - problems regarding who is responsible for the engineering - there is an agreement on this and the county will not have to pay for this error
- 2- Generator room - designed this way - air louviere for the diesel generator
- 3- Humidity problem - Emory has been working with Jim McBride on this problem - Maintenance had the humidifier too high

<b>Finance &amp; Revenue</b>	Minutes placed on exhibit
<u>Resolution</u>	Coffman explains the need to transfer funds - \$200 to cover the Weed Commissioner salary for the month of December - the Weed Commissioner term ran January 1 to December 31- \$1.00 the Regional Schools Office was over. White moves to approve the Resolution to transfer funds as presented, Scholl seconds and the motion carries on a voice vote.(Placed on file)
<b>H.E.W.</b>	Minutes placed on exhibit
<u>Transportation</u>	Chairman Gocken informs the members of the board to read the H.E.W. minutes regarding Transportation Funding. This is a request for grant funds regarding transportation and there is no cost to the county.
<b>Planning, Assessment and Zoning</b>	Minutes placed on exhibit
<u>ZBA</u>	The next meeting will be in January which will include a Special Use and a couple of amendments.
<b>Blackhawk Hills RC&amp;D</b>	Newsletter placed on exhibit
<u>Update</u>	Colson states the newsletter has been distributed on the desks for this evening.
<b>Illinois Association of County Board Members</b>	Talking Points placed on exhibit
<u>Update</u>	Clayton states Talking Points has been included in the packets.
<b>Planning Commission</b>	Minutes placed on exhibit
<u>Meeting announced</u>	Remhof states the meeting will be held Thursday at 7P.M. in the County Board Room.
<b>Safety Committee</b>	No minutes
<u>Chairman Comments</u>	Chairman Gocken states they are working on a plan.
<b>Long Range Planning</b>	Minutes placed on exhibit
<u>Items to discuss</u>	Gouker reviews the following items for discussion:  <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1 - Additional computers needed for security (read min) Gouker moves to approve this item not to exceed \$3,500, Zuehl seconds and the motion carries on a voice vote.</li><li>2 - Battery powered backup system for video system on 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> floors - Gouker moves to approve this item not to exceed \$3,091, Hopkins seconds and the motion carries on a voice vote.</li></ol>

- 3 - Purchase of 3 computers (see minutes) - Gouker moves to approve this item not to exceed \$2,955, Scholl seconds and the motion carries on a voice vote.

#### **WARRANTIES**

- 1 - Gouker moves to approve the Simplex Alarm System warranty for 3 years at a cost of \$59,775, Zuehl seconds and the motion carries on a voice vote.
- 2 - Gouker moves to approve the warranty for the emergency generator with Electrical Engineering for 2 years at a cost of \$3,000 per year plus parts, Rice seconds and the motion carries on a voice vote.
- 3 - Gouker moves to approve the upgrade of the telephone system for e911 capability with Verizon at a cost of \$23,669 which will come from the Long Range Capital Improvement Fund, Scholl seconds and the motion carries on a voice vote.
- 4 - Gouker states the cost of the tool needed for the diagnostic testing of the elevators was costly. This item will not be brought up until next month.

#### Bills for approval

##### Postage Meter

Gouker states there is one invoice which came in after the Executive Committee meeting regarding the postage meter for the Judicial Center - Gouker moves to approve the upfront cost of the lease to Pitney Bowes in the amount of \$2,831 to be paid from the Project Fund and Judicial Center departments will be required to pay for the monthly costs, Hoekstra seconds and the motion carries on a voice vote.

Gouker moves to approve payment of the expenditures in the amount of \$529,014.14, of which \$31,564.64 will be paid from the LRP Capital Improvement Fund and Swanson seconds. Saunders asks about the possibility of retainage funds from the contractors who have not completed their work. Colson states there is a 5 to 10 percent retainage in all of the contracts until they are fulfilled. The motion carries on a voice vote.

##### Furniture

Chairman Gocken reminds the board members of a meeting held in February of 2005, in which the Judges, Attorneys, Circuit Clerk people, Secretaries, Probation people and the Executive Committee to discuss a furniture assessment to be completed by Masters Business Interiors. There was discussion regarding the files in the basement of the Circuit Clerk's Office which would be kept in the courthouse and to be used by the County Clerk once they have moved to that area. Chairman Gocken also reminds the board members of the presentation by Master Business Interiors to utilize the present furniture in the departments.

**IT Committee**

Minutes placed on exhibit

ROC-NET

Colson alerts the board members of a document titled "Memorandum of Understanding to support the ROC-NET Regional Fiber-Optic Initiative" which was included in the packets. Colson discusses information regarding this Fiber-Optic Initiative to board members. Colson moves to approve the Memo of Understanding, Rice seconds and the motion carries on a voice vote.(Placed on file)

**Chairman Comments**

Long Range Planning Appointments

Chairman Gocken states there is a need to continue with the remodeling of the courthouse and recommends the following Department Heads to be appointed to the LRP Committee - Huntley and Coffman. There is also a need to appoint Zuehl and Jim McBride as Regular Members of the LRP Committee. Gouker moves to approve the recommended appointments, Swanson seconds. Chairman Gocken states Mike Reibel will be stepping down from the LRP Committee. The motion carries on a voice vote.

Chairman Office

Chairman Gocken announces her office has moved from the basement of the courthouse and is now located in the previous Circuit Clerk's Office. Chairman Gocken announces the plan for the office area - table and chairs from basement will be moved to the East of the office - meetings will be held in this location. Through the double doors to the South of the elevator - remove the counter and this can be a place for a secretary and the County Administrator - this is a temporary location.

Furniture

Chairman Gocken states there have been requests from departments regarding furniture which is left at the courthouse. There are departments which would like to see if there is any furniture left to be used in the offices. The Health Department in Rochelle has asked if there are any desks which they can use? Chairman Gocken states once the former courthouse office holders have moved all of their items to the Judicial Center, they notify Laura to have the other office holders go and review the items. Then they will make an application to the Buildings and Grounds Committee on what items they would like to have. The Buildings and Grounds Committee will then be in charge of who gets what items which are being requested. Saunders states there was discussion regarding the antiques to remain at the courthouse and asks if these items will be removed during this process? Gouker explains the only items will be small items in which there was no use for at the Judicial Center, but the antiques will remain at the courthouse. There was a comment of some antiques which were moved to the Judicial Center. County Clerk Huntley states there was a table from the Recorder's Office which was moved to the Judicial Center and used as someone's desk. Huntley states at one time Coffman and Typer's desks were actually the tables used in the Recorder's Office before the counters were installed.

**Closed Session**

At 7:50 p.m., Chairman Gocken asks for a motion to go into Closed Session to discuss possible Land Acquisition. White moves to go into Closed Session, Kenney seconds and a roll call vote is taken:

**YES:** Saunders, Scholl, Stahl, Swanson, White, Zuehl, Bauer, Brooks, Colbert, Colson, Gouker, Heuer, Hoekstra, Hopkins, Huntley, Kenney, Nye, Boes, Remhof, Rice and Gocken

**NO:** None

**ABSENT:** Spencer, Clayton and Horner

The motion carries on a roll call vote.

**Open Session**

At 8:00 p.m., the board returns to Open Session. Hopkins makes the motion to allow the Chairman of the Board and the State's Attorney to investigate the purchase of property for the county, Hoekstra seconds and the motion carries on a voice vote.

**Communications**

- Sales Tax - August 2005, \$31,885.83 & \$71,764.98
- Sales Tax - August 2004, \$64,004.49 & \$78,166.58
- Sales Tax - September 2005, \$28,441.24 & \$71,227.14
- Sales Tax - September 2004, \$26,076.77 & \$61,245.15

**Unfinished Business**

**New Business**

**Public Comments**

Remhof states this is the last County Board meeting for him and states this was a big decision for him to make. Remhof will be able to spend more time with his family and a new addition is on the way at this time, Terry is due in June. At this time he would like to thank the board members for their time and it has been a great experience. Remhof thanks Colbert, the other Democrat on the board for trying to keep him straight. Remhof thanks the three Chairman he has served under Rice, Scholl and Hopkins for indulging him and helping him along the way. Remhof thanks Chairman Gocken for her leadership and thanks the staff and department heads who are here. Remhof turns in his resignation letter to Chairman Gocken and thanks everyone.

**Motion to Adjourn**

At 8:15 p.m., White moves to adjourn the December Ogle County Board meeting until Tuesday, January 17, 2006, at 5:30 p.m., Remhof 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