

Proceedings of the Ogle County Board Organizational Meeting
December 3, 2012

State of Illinois)
County of Ogle) ss

Swearing In Ceremony

County Clerk Rebecca Huntley calls the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. Judge Robert T. Hanson swears in the newly elected and re-elected County Board Members.

Roll Call

The roll call shows members all members are present. This is followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

County Board members draw for Terms

County Clerk Huntley explains they are drawing for following terms:

2 years – 4 years – 4 years
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4 years – 2 years – 4 years

The County Board Members are called by their Districts to the front of the room to select their terms:

County Board District 1		County Board District 2	
Kim Kirkolis	2 – 4 – 4	Patt Nordman	2 – 4 – 4
Dick Petrizzo	4 – 2 – 4	Bill Welty	4 – 4 – 2
Zach Oltmanns	4 – 4 – 2	Jerry Brooks	4 – 2 – 4
County Board District 3		County Board District 4	
Bobbie Colbert	2 – 4 – 4	Bruce McKinney	2 – 4 – 4
Ashley Simms	4 – 4 – 2	Skip Kenney	4 – 4 – 2
Greg Sparrow	4 – 2 – 4	John O'Brien	4 – 2 – 4
County Board District 5		County Board District 6	
Marty Typer	4 – 4 – 2	Kim Gouker	4 – 2 – 4
Don Griffin	4 – 2 – 4	Lee Meyers	2 – 4 – 4
Dan Janes	2 – 4 – 4	Dorothy Bowers	4 – 4 – 2
County Board District 7		County Board District 8	
Rich Gronewold	2 – 4 – 4	Lyle Hopkins	2 – 4 – 4
John Finfrock	4 – 4 – 2	Pat Saunders	4 – 2 – 4
Ron Colson	4 – 2 – 4	Marcia Heuer	4 – 4 – 2

Nomination and Election of County Board Chairman

County Clerk Huntley accepts nominations for Chairman of the Ogle County Board. Bruce McKinney nominates Lyle Hopkins for Chairman and reads a prepared statement. Zach Oltmanns nominates Kim Gouker for Chairman. McKinney moves to close nominations and Bowers seconds.

Dick Petrizzo would like to have each of the candidates speak to the board on their prospective as to how they see the role of the Chairman. County Clerk Huntley states if the body has no problem; they can speak after the roll call to close the nominations. A roll call vote to close nominations is called:

YES: Bowers, Brooks, Colbert, Colson, Finfrock, Gouker, Griffin, Gronewold, Heuer, Hopkins, Janes, Kenney, Kirkolis, McKinney, Meyers, Nordman, O'Brien, Oltmanns, Petrizzo, Saunders, Simms, Sparrow, Typer and Welty

NO: None

The motion carries and nominations are closed on a roll call vote.

Hopkins speaks to the board as to the role of the County Board Chairman.

Gouker speaks to the board as to the role of the County Board Chairman.

County Clerk Huntley will now take the roll call vote for the nomination of Lyle Hopkins:

YES: Brooks, Colbert, Griffin, Gronewold, Heuer, Hopkins, Kenney, Kirkolis, McKinney, Saunders, Sparrow and Bowers

NO: Colson, Finfrock, Gouker, Janes, Meyers, Nordman, O'Brien, Oltmanns, Petrizzo, Simms, Typer and Welty

The motion is defeated on a roll call vote.

County Clerk Huntley will now take the roll call for the nomination of Kim Gouker:

YES: Colson, Finfrock, Gouker, Griffin, Janes, Meyers, Nordman, O'Brien, Oltmanns, Petrizzo, Simms, Typer and Welty

NO: Colbert, Gronewold, Heuer, Hopkins, Kenney, Kirkolis, McKinney, Saunders, Sparrow, Bowers and Brooks

The motion carries on a roll call vote.

County Clerk Huntley asks Chairman Gouker to please take over the meeting for the nomination and election of the County Board Vice-Chairman.

Chairman Comments

Chairman Gouker would like to thank the board for the election and the confidence in him as Chairman. One of the first things I will do is talk to the board members who did not vote for me and see what we can do to work together.

Chairman Gouker was reminded by Board Member Brooks it was common in the past for the newly elected Chairman to nominate the Vice-Chairman.

Nomination and Election of County Board Vice-Chairman

Chairman Gouker nominates John Finfrock for County Board Vice-Chairman. Dorothy Bowers nominates Marcia Heuer for Vice-Chairman. Welty moves to close nominations and Janes seconds. A roll call vote to close nominations is called:

YES: Colson, Finfrock, Gouker, Griffin, Gronewold, Heuer, Hopkins, Janes, Kenney, Kirkolis, McKinney, Meyers, Nordman, O'Brien, Oltmanns, Petrizzo, Saunders, Simms, Sparrow, Typer, Welty, Bowers, Brooks and Colbert

NO: None

The motion carries and nominations are closed on a roll call vote.

County Clerk Huntley will now take the roll call vote for the nomination of John Finfrock:

YES: Finfrock, Gouker, Griffin, Gronewold, Janes, Meyers, Nordman, O'Brien, Oltmanns, Petrizzo, Simms, Sparrow, Typer, Welty, Brooks, Colbert and Colson

NO: Heuer, Hopkins, Kenney, Kirkolis, McKinney, Saunders and Bowers

The motion carries on a roll call vote.

Committee Assignments

Chairman Gouker would like for the returning County Board members to continue with their regularly assigned committees and the Chairman of the Committee will remain the same for this month. The process used for the newly elected County Board members assignments was explained and I will e-mail this information in the morning. Chairman Gouker asks Colson to attend the Committee meetings assigned to Williams for the month of December.

Adjourn Meeting

At 6:04 p.m., Chairman Gouker adjourns the meeting until Tuesday, December 18, 2012 at 5:30 p.m. at the Courthouse in Oregon.

Chairman, Kim P. Gouker
Ogle County Board

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

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Call to Order

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

Roll Call

The roll call shows all members present. Chairman Gouker would like to ask for a moment of silence after the prayer for the families in Newtown Connecticut. The Pledge of Allegiance is followed by the Invocation is given by Bowers.

Approval of Minutes

Chairman Gouker asks for a motion to approve the November 20, 2012 Ogle County Board Meeting minutes. Janes moves to approve, Petrizzo seconds and the motion carries on a voice vote.

Approval of Reports

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

Presentation – Lee County Enterprise Zone – Amending Ordinance and Amendment #16 – O-2013-0101

John Thompson speaks to the board regarding the Lee County Enterprise Zone Amendment and states the actual vote will not be taken until the January 15, 2013 Ogle County Board Meeting. The purpose is to add 92 acres for a manufacturing facility to be constructed on the property. The proposed building is to be approximately 300,000 square feet and would employ an additional 100 employees after it is completed. This is for Project Golden Prairie and they will be manufacturing parts at this facility. Mr. Thompson reviewed the history of the Lee County Enterprise Zone #9 explaining the need to come before the board to add or remove property. County Clerk Huntley states the Tax Abatement will only be on the improved value of the land.

Appointment – State’s Attorney – M. Thomas Suits - R-2012-1212

Chairman Gouker presents R-2012-1212 to appoint M. Thomas Suits as Ogle County State’s Attorney. Welty moves to approve R-2012-1212 and Finfrock seconds.

Chairman Gouker asks for a motion to go into Closed Session per 5 ILCS 120/3 (5) to discuss an appointment of an elected official. Colson moves to go into Closed Session, Simms seconds and roll call vote is taken:

YES: Griffin, Gronewold, Heuer, Hopkins, Janes, Kenney, Kirkolis, McKinney, Meyers, Nordman, O’Brien, Oltmanns, Petrizzo, Saunders, Simms, Sparrow, Typer, Welty, Bowers, Brooks, Colbert, Colson Finfrock and Gouker

NO: None

ABSENT: None

The motion carries on a roll call vote.

Chairman Gouker states the Open Meetings Act allows for the exception for the appointment of an elected official. Committee meetings were held last week and this will give the board members an opportunity to discuss the issue. Normally when the County Board enters into a Closed Session we have the State’s Attorney present; however we will excuse State’s Attorney Ben Roe from this session, comments Chairman Gouker.

Chairman Gouker would like to allow Public Comments on this topic only and each person will be allowed one minute.

- Lucille Peterson – Byron – reads a prepared statement in support of applicant Assistant State’s Attorney Mike Rock for appointment as Ogle County State’s Attorney.
- Susie Corbitt – City Clerk of Polo – reads a prepared statement in support of applicant Attorney M. Thomas Suits for appointment as Ogle County State’s Attorney.
- Ed Suits – supports M. Thomas Suits for appointment as Ogle County State’s Attorney.
- Dave Schreiner – President and Chief Executive Officer of KSB Hospital, supports M. Thomas Suits for appointment as Ogle County State’s Attorney.
- Phil Fossler – Buffalo Township Supervisor – supports M. Thomas Suits for appointment as Ogle County State’s Attorney. Mr. Fossler comments on the State’s Attorney position is largely an Administrative position as well as the Sheriff’s position.
- Sheriff Harn – disagrees with Phil Fossler and clarifies the Sheriff’s position is more involved and says is it about 50% Administrative.

Closed Session –

At 5:57 p.m., the Ogle County Board enters into Closed Session.

Open Session –

At 6:57 p.m., the County Board enters into Open Session.

Chairman Gouker says there is a motion on the floor: Welty moves to approve R-2012-1212 and Finfrock seconds. A roll call vote is taken:

YES: Janes, O’Brien, Oltmanns, Saunders, Simms, Sparrow, Typer, Welty, Colson, Finfrock and Gouker

NO: Gronewold, Heuer, Hopkins, Kenney, Kirkolis, McKinney, Meyers, Nordman, Petrizzo, Bowers, Brooks, Colbert and Griffin

ABSENT: None

The motion is defeated on a roll call vote.

Appointment – County Board Committee Assignments – R-2012-1207

Chairman Gouker presents R-2012-1207 regarding the County Board Committee Assignments. Bowers moves to approve R-2012-1207 as presented and Petrizzo seconds.

Chairman Gouker states the new revision has been distributed on the desks this evening and briefly explains the restructuring of the committees. The Committee Meetings will be held on Tuesday at the Courthouse in room 100.

Vice-Chairman Finfrock stated they did try to place individuals on the committees they requested.

Simms asks Chairman Gouker about times of the new committee meetings. Chairman Gouker states he tried to keep the committee times the same, but the meetings will be held in the Courthouse. The public will find these meetings easier in one location and all on the same day.

Hopkins asks if they want all of the Road Commissioners in the building and for efficiency would like to have the Road and Bridge meetings remain at the Highway Department. Chairman Gouker states the Road and Bridge meeting will be at 7:30 a.m. at the Courthouse. Hopkins states the building is not open at that time.

The motion carries on a voice vote.(Placed on file)

Appointment – Mental Health 708 Board – Kathleen E. Wilson – R-2012-1201

Chairman Gouker announces the recommendation of Kathleen E. Wilson for reappointment to the Mental Health 708 Board for a term which ends November 30, 2016. Bowers moves to approve R-2012-1201 as presented, Oltmanns seconds and the motion carries on a voice vote.(Placed on file)

Appointment - Ogle County Civic Center Authority Board (3) – postponed

Vacancies –

- Ogle County Civic Center Authority – 5 vacancies
- Mental Health 708 Board – 1 vacancy

Application and Resumé deadline – Friday, December 28, 2012 at 4:30 p.m.

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in the County Clerk's Office located at 105 S. 5th St – Suite 104, Oregon, IL

Saunders asks if the issue regarding the Civic Center Authority Board appointments will be resolved. Chairman Gouker says the State's Attorney is working with the City Attorney to see if there is a necessity to have a County Civic Center or just a Municipal Civic Center.

Zoning – none

Public Comments –

- Tom Smith – White Rock Township – Thanks all of the board members and State's Attorney Roe for their efforts and has cookies from his family to share with the board members.
- Sheriff Harn – Concerned about the committee meetings starting early at the Courthouse. The maintenance staff and trustees are working on removing snow before employees arrive and additional vehicles for these meetings will hamper their efforts.

Road & Bridge – County MFT General Maintenance – 13-00000-00-GM – R-2012-1202

Hopkins presents R-2012-1202 County Motor Fuel Tax General Maintenance Appropriation of \$650,000.00. Hopkins moves to approve R-2012-1202, Colson seconds and the motion carries on a voice vote.(Placed on file)

Ogle County Claims – Clerk reads the claims:

- Payments in Vacation – November 2012 - \$158,748.52
- County Board Payments - December 18, 2012 - \$105,024.53
- County Highway Fund – \$66,905.06

Petrizzo asks for the definition of "Payments in Vacation" on this report. Chairman Gouker states these are payments made between the committee meeting dates in order to pay utilities, payroll and other necessities.

Simms moves to approve claims, Nordman 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, Finance and Insurance, G.I.S. Partnership, Juvenile & Probation and Judiciary, Mental Health '708 Board, Personnel & Salary and County Clerk, Road & Bridge and Supervisor of Assessments and Planning & Zoning.

The following committees had no minutes to file: Blackhawk Hills RC&D, Board of Health, Buildings & Grounds and Central Purchasing, Circuit Clerk and State's Attorney, Executive, HEW & Solid Waste, I.T./N.I.T.T./G.I.S., Liquor Commission, Long Range and Strategic Planning, L.O.T.S., Planning Commission, Safety Committee, Sheriff & Coroner, Tri-County Opportunities and UCCI/ICRMT.

Circuit Clerk & State's Attorney Committee:

- State's Attorney Appellate Prosecutor for 2013 – R-2012-1203:

Chairman Gouker presents R-2012-1203 and asks State's Attorney Ben Roe to explain. State's Attorney Roe states this has been appropriated in the budget and this is a set fee from the Office of the State's Attorney Appellate Prosecutor's Office for all 102 counties in the State of Illinois. They handle all of the criminal appeals and potential conflict cases for Ogle County. Typer moves to approve R-2012-1203, McKinney seconds and the motion carries on a voice vote.(Placed on file)

Executive Committee:

- Electrical Aggregation – O-2013-0102:

Chairman Gouker presents O-2013-0102 regarding Electrical Aggregation which will not be voted on tonight. There is still a question as to whether we can place this on the ballot twice in two years. If this is going to be on the April ballot we have to have this information in the

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County Clerk's Office in January. Chairman Gouker states we are looking for a resolution on the question as to whether or not this can be done. If it cannot, we will pull the Ordinance next month.

Finance and Insurance Committee:

o Bond Abatement \$9.8 General Obligation Bonds – O-2012-1201:

Chairman Gouker presents O-2012-1201 and this will be the last abatement on these bonds since we are paying them off this year. Colson moves to approve O-2012-1201 and Petrizzo seconds. A roll call vote is taken:

YES: Heuer, Hopkins, Janes, Kenney, Kirkolis, McKinney, Meyers, Nordman, O'Brien, Oltmanns, Petrizzo, Saunders, Simms, Sparrow, Typer, Welty, Bowers, Brooks, Colbert, Colson, Finfrock, Griffin, Gronewold and Gouker

NO: None

ABSENT: None

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

o Bond Abatement \$5.2 General Obligation Bonds – O-2012-1202:

Chairman Gouker presents O-2012-1202 and asks for a motion. Janes moves to approve O-2012-1202 and Griffin seconds. A roll call vote is taken:

YES: Hopkins, Janes, Kenney, Kirkolis, McKinney, Meyers, Nordman, O'Brien, Oltmanns, Petrizzo, Saunders, Simms, Sparrow, Typer, Welty, Bowers, Brooks, Colbert, Colson, Finfrock, Griffin, Gronewold, Heuer and Gouker

NO: None

ABSENT: None

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

o 2012 Budget Amendment – R-2012-1204:

Chairman Gouker presents R-2012-1204 for the 2012 Budget Amendment which is done annually as needed. Hopkins moves to approve R-2012-1204, Oltmanns seconds and the motion carries on a voice vote.(Placed on file)

o Mileage Reimbursement – R-2012-1205:

Chairman Gouker presents R-2012-1205 to Establish the Mileage Reimbursement Rate for County Board members. Several years ago the County Board reduced the reimbursement rate to \$.01 and this will return the rate to the IRS reimbursement rate, says Gouker. Gouker comments on the verbiage: "...for personal vehicle usage by County Board members, in the course of conducting County business, and as determined by usage guidelines established by the Ogle County Board,..". There are no usage guidelines as of this time; but this is something that will be addressed, states Gouker. McKinney moves to approve R-2012-1205 and O'Brien seconds.

Petrizzo states this resolution addresses County Board members; will other committees have to adopt their own? Gouker states no, they are reimbursed at an established rate and only the County Board members are affected.

Meyers asks what is the reimbursement rate set by the IRS. It was stated the rate is currently at \$.555 per mile.

Saunders is in favor of keeping the mileage reimbursement rate at \$.01 per mile to show our department heads and taxpayers we are serious about saving money. This is why it was reduced a couple of years ago, comments Saunders. Chairman Gouker states it is serious for the board members who live farther away who have to contribute more. McKinney states with the price of gas increasing it will cost more to attend the committee meetings. The

County Board members sacrifice a lot each month attending meetings and answering questions on the street. We should be reimbursed for our gas mileage, says McKinney.

The motion carries on a voice vote.(Placed on file)

IT / NITT / GIS Committee:

- NITT Amended and Restated Fiber Ring Project Participation Agreement – R-2012-1206:

Chairman Gouker presents R-2012-1206 and asks Vice-Chairman Finfrock to explain this resolution to the members of the County Board. Vice-Chairman Finfrock states this item was tabled last month since we didn't want just Ogle County and the City of Rochelle as participants. We now have DeKalb and Winnebago Counties as participants at this time and we are waiting on the City of Rockford. Janes moves to approve R-2012-1206, Kenney seconds and the motion carries on a voice vote.(Placed on file)

Long Range Planning Committee:

- LRP Bills – R-2012-1208:

Chairman Gouker says this will be addressed next month.

Personnel and Salary & County Clerk and Recorder Committee:

- Irrevocable Annual 1,000 Hour Standard for IMRF Participation (Elected Officials) – R-2012-1209:

Vice-Chairman Finfrock presents R-2012-1209 for Irrevocable Annual 1,000 Hour Standard for IMRF Participation for the Circuit Clerk, Coroner, Treasurer, County Clerk and Recorder, Sheriff, State's Attorney and County Board Members. The County Board member enrollment is questionable by IMRF and the hours could be audited. County Clerk Huntley states the IMRF representative John Renner clarified it is all of the County Board or none of the County Board. Finfrock moves to approve R-2012-1209 and McKinney seconds.

Hopkins moves to amend R-2012-1209 and remove County Board member from the resolution and Gronewold seconds. Meyers asks for an explanation on the amended motion. Chairman Gouker explains how an amended motion is voted on. A roll call vote is taken:

YES: Janes, Kenney, Kirkolis, Meyers, O'Brien, Oltmanns, Petrizzo, Saunders, Welty, Brooks, Finfrock, Gronewold and Hopkins

NO: McKinney, Nordman, Simms, Sparrow, Typer, Bowers, Colbert, Colson, Griffin, Heuer and Gouker

ABSENT: None

The amendment to the motion carries on a roll call vote.

Chairman Gouker states we will now vote on the resolution as amended. The motion carries on a voice vote.(Placed on file)

- Transcribing minutes of County Board Committee meetings – R-2012-1210:

Vice-Chairman Finfrock presents R-2012-1210 for the process to hire personnel to be responsible for County Board Agendas, Committee minutes and various County Board communications. Vice-Chairman Finfrock states the Clerk Huntley shall hire a person to be responsible for committee agendas, minutes and various board communications and shall be paid on a pay scale commensurate to the County's wage and pay schedule. This will be funded from the Finance Contingencies line item 100.16.4100. Petrizzo moves to approve R-2012-1210 and Hopkins seconds.

Meyers asks who does this now. Chairman Gouker says we do not have anyone at this time. The past couple of years a clerk in the County Clerk's Office was paid for this responsibility and she resigned at the end of November. Meyers asks about how many hours a month will this be. County Clerk Huntley says the person will need to prepare committee agendas, attend the meetings, transcribe the minutes and get the minutes to the County Clerk's Office before

noon on Friday. This is a part-time position and it is estimated at about 20 – 30 hours a month.

Petrizzo asks how this position will be posted. County Clerk Huntley states the committee wants this position posted on the Internet and will be advertised.

Gronewold asks for clarification and if this person were to work in the County Clerk's Office; there was concern last time about receiving their normal salary as they are working at this job. Chairman Gouker states yes, they would be paid an additional wage. Colson states they would not be on county time while they are working this schedule. Chairman Gouker agrees. Gronewold doesn't believe it was that way last time and he asked that question. County Clerk Huntley states there is no one in her office who wants to take on this responsibility. In regards to other county employees who apply, it will have to be up to their department head.

Simms asks if this person will also be responsible for other committees who currently take their own minutes. Currently Curtis Cook completes Road and Bridge minutes and the Sheriff has a secretary take the minutes for his committees. Chairman Gouker does not think this has been determined yet.

Meyers asks if the departments have a person who could take the minutes of the committee meetings. Chairman Gouker states it is not the responsibility of the departments; it is the responsibility of the County Board. There is a choice of the board members taking the minutes or hire someone to take the minutes, states Gouker.

Hopkins states Curtis Cook takes the minutes of the Road and Bridge Committee; Zoning has a staff member to take the minutes of the Supervisor of Assessments and Planning & Zoning Committee and the Sheriff has a secretary take the minutes of Buildings & Grounds and Central Purchasing Committee, Sheriff and Coroner Committee and I.T./N.I.T.T./G.I.S. Committee. Hopkins states this position would only be for the committees who do not have someone who currently takes the minutes.

The motion carries on a voice vote.(Placed on file)

Supervisor of Assessments:

o **Multi-Township Assessment Districts – R-2012-1211:**

Welty presents R-2012-1211 for the Multi-Township Assessment Districts which is required by the State of Illinois if a township has less than 1,000 people. The districts are:

Forreston-Brookville
Lincoln-Maryland
Eagle Point-Woosung-Pine Creek-Grand Detour
Pine Rock-Lafayette-Taylor
White Rock-Lynnville-Dement

These townships have all approved the proposed map. Welty moves to approve R-2012-1211 and O'Brien seconds. Hopkins and Heuer will both abstain from the vote since they are Trustees of Pine Creek Township. The motion carries on a voice vote.(Placed on file)

Chairman Comments:

Workforce Investment Board 4 – Restructuring status and update – This is proceeding and there is a meeting in Freeport tomorrow which I will attend.

Chairman Gouker states he has logged about 85 hours since December 3rd on County business and states it has been a good process. I have had an opportunity to sit down with each county board member to discuss some of the goals for their participation on the County Board. Chairman Gouker thanks Vice-Chairman Finrock for the help he has been able to provide.

Vice-Chairman Comments:

Vice-Chairman Finfrock states it was a good first meeting although it was a long meeting. We did get some items accomplished and some were not; but everyone has a vote and that is what we look for.

Merry Christmas to everyone.

Unfinished Business –

McKinney reminds board members of the UCCI meeting in January in Dixon for new County Board members. Chairman Gouker says this is a great meeting and new county board members are encouraged to attend.

New Business –

Communications –

- Sales Tax for September 2011 was \$27,597.74 and \$69,927.19
- Sales Tax for September 2012 was \$25,523.58 and \$66,561.16

Adjourn Meeting

At 7:47 p.m., Colbert moves to adjourn the Ogle County Board until Tuesday, January 15, 2013 at 5:30 p.m. at the Courthouse in Oregon. McKinney seconds and the motion carries on a voice vote.

Chairman Kim P. Gouker
Ogle County Board

Attest: Rebecca Huntley, Ogle County Clerk &
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