

Proceedings of the Ogle County Board Meeting
February 15, 2005

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

Call to Order

Chairman Gocken calls the meeting to order at 5:35 p.m.

Roll Call

The roll call shows Johnson, Nye and Zuehl are absent. The invocation is given by Bobbie Colbert and this is followed with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Amend Agenda

Chairman Gocken announces the need to amend the Agenda for this evening's meeting to add a Closed Session regarding pending litigation . Horner moves to approve the Agenda as amended, Bauer seconds and the motion carries on a voice vote.

Approval of Minutes

Chairman Gocken asks for approval of County Board minutes:

- January 18, 2005 meeting minutes - Clayton moves to approve, Swanson seconds and the motion carries on a voice vote.

Approval of Reports

Brooks moves to accept and place on file the monthly report of the Treasurer. Spencer seconds and the motion carries on a voice vote.(Placed on file)

Rice moves to accept and place on file the monthly, six-month and Annual reports of the County Clerk and Recorder. Remhof seconds and the motion carries on voice vote.(Placed on file)

Hearing - The Galena Trail and Coach Road Society

Chairman Gocken announces Betty Obendorf of Polo is here representing The Galena Trail and Coach Road Society. The information is presented on the board members desks. Ms. Obendorf addresses the board and informs the board about the trail which covers roads from Peoria, Illinois to Prairie du Chien, Wisconsin and Iowa. The roads can be traveled through the counties of JoDaviess, Carroll, Stephenson, Whiteside, Ogle, Lee, Bureau, Marshall and Peoria. Ms. Obendorf states in October of 2001, the Galena Trail and Coach Road workgroup was formed. Ms. Obendorf asks the board to support the resolution and reads it to the board. Clayton moves to adopt the resolution and support The Galena Trail and Coach Road Society, Colson seconds and the motion carries on a voice vote.(Placed on file)

Vacancies

Chairman Gocken announces the reminder of the following vacancies:

- Ogle County Housing Authority - 1 unexpired term ends October 31, 2005
- Lynn-Scott-Rock F.P.D. - 1 unexpired term - ends April 30, 2007
- Mental Health "708" Board - 1 unexpired term - ends December 31, 2006

Application deadline for these appointments will be Friday,
February 25, 2005, at 4:30 p.m. in the Ogle County Clerk's Office

Resolution - Oregon / Nashua Township change in Polling Places

The clerk reads the resolution as it was presented last month:

- Oregon - Nashua 1, 2, 3 & 5 - Nash Recreation Center
304 S. 5th Street
Oregon, IL
- Oregon - Nashua 4 - Oregon-Nashua Township Building
107 N .Etnyre Ave
Oregon, IL
- Oregon - Nashua 6 - Church of God
860 W. Oregon Trail Rd
Oregon, IL

Last month the motion was made last month to hold over for thirty days. Remhof moves to take the resolution to change the polling places in Oregon/Nashua Township off the table, Rice seconds. The motion was made last month as follows: Colson moves to accept the recommendations, Rice seconds. Chairman Gocken asks all in favor say aye, any opposed? The motion carries on a voice vote and the resolution is adopted.(Placed on file)

Resolution - POW/MIA

Chairman Gocken asks Remhof to address the board regarding this resolution. Remhof states in the last newsletter from the Illinois Association of County Board Members there was a list of bills passed by the General Assembly which effected county boards, and one of these was Public Act 093-0697. This act allows for the flying of the POW/MIA flag at our courthouse on the same or different flag pole as the American flag. Remhof has contacted several Veteran's groups and they are in support of this resolution which is being presented tonight. If this resolution is approved tonight, his intention is to have a group of Veteran's to present the County Board with a POW/MIA flag at the March Ogle County Board meeting. The next day an Honor Guard of Veteran's will have a ceremony to raise the flag to its proper place beneath the American flag in front of the Courthouse. Remhof states several Veterans' organizations have expressed interest in helping maintain the flag by replacing or repairing it as time goes by and their help is greatly appreciated. Remhof reads the resolution he has drafted and presented to the County Board. Remhof moves to approve the resolution, Rice seconds and the motion carries on a voice vote. Chairman Gocken recognizes the group of 3 Veteran's present tonight and thanks them for attending.(Placed on file)

Zoning - Final Plat - Hickory Ridge - Unit Three

The clerk presents the Final Plat of Hickory Ridge - Unit Three- Section 17, Flagg Township - Developer: H.P. Walker - Surveyor/Engineer: Wendler Engineering Services Inc. Hopkins moves to approve the Final Plat of Hickory Ridge - Unit Three, Kenney seconds and the motion carries on a voice vote.(Placed on file)

Zoning - Final Plat - Rockrobin Subdivision

The clerk presents the Final Plat of Rockrobin Subdivision - Section 22, Oregon/Nashua Township, Developer: Nancy M. Culbertson Trust c/o Ed Culbertson - Authorized Agent: Wendler Engineering Services Inc - Surveyor/Engineer: Wendler Engineering Services Inc. Hopkins moves to approve the Final Plat of Rockrobin Subdivision, Swanson seconds and the motion carries on a voice vote.(Placed on file)

Road & Bridge - Local Agency Agreement for Jurisdictional Transfer

The clerk reads the Local Agency Agreement for the Jurisdictional Transfer of Lowell Park Rd (04-00191-01-FP) which begins at the existing point of jurisdictional change. County Engineer Cook informs the board this is to clarify the records of the county and IDOT regarding 381 feet of road south of Mt. Morris. The county will take over 381 feet of Lowell Park Rd, south of Church Street in Mt. Morris. Clayton moves to approve the Local Agency Agreement for Jurisdictional Transfer between the Village of Mt Morris and Ogle County 04-00191-01-FP, Remhof seconds and the motion carries on a voice vote.(Placed on file)

Road & Bridge - Local Agency Agreement for Federal Participation

The clerk reads the Local Agency Agreement for Federal Participation (04-00225-00-RS) regarding Daysville Rd from Lighthouse Rd to lee County. Also, Kishwaukee Road from IL 72 to Winnebago County. Also, Lowden Rd from Daysville Rd to Sinnissippi Tree Farm and the local agency share will be \$130,000. Huntley moves to approve 04-00225-00-RS Local Agency Agreement for Federal Participation - Daysville Rd. Rice seconds and the motion carries on a voice vote.(Placed on file)

Road & Bridge - Local Agency Agreement for Federal Participation

The clerk reads the Local Agency Agreement for Federal Participation (03-08111-00-BR) regarding Anterior Road over Sevenmile Branch, 3.5 miles NW of Grand Detour and the local agency contribution is \$34,000 with the federal contribution of \$136,000 for a total of \$170,000 for the project. Clayton moves to approve 03-08111-00-BR Local Agency Agreement for Federal Participation - Anterior Rd - Grand Detour Township, FHWA 80% \$136,000, County 10% \$17,000 and Township 10% \$17,000. Huntley seconds and the motion carries on a voice vote.(Placed on file)

Road & Bridge - Resolution for County Bridge Construction

The clerk reads the resolution for 2005 Pipe Supply and the low bid from Contech Construction Products in the amount of \$16,439.90 was accepted and awarded. The resolution appropriates \$16,500 from the County Aid to Bridge Fund. Spencer moves to approve the resolution, Scholl seconds and the motion carries on a voice vote.(Placed on file)

Road & Bridge - Resolution for County Bridge Construction

The clerk reads the resolution of County Bridge Construction regarding Thorpe Road overpass (02-06121-00-BR). The low bid from Len Trovero Construction in the amount of \$3,319,833.30 was accepted and awarded. Colson states the money comes from the Commerce Commission and Union Pacific Railroad and not from county funds. Colson moves to approve the Resolution for Bridge Construction for the Thorpe Road overpass 02-06121-00-BR in the amount of \$3,319,833.30. Rice seconds and states this is going over 4 railroad tracks. Remhof asks when will dirt begin to move on this project? Cook states the project should begin within 60 days. The motion carries on a voice vote.(Placed on file)

Recess to refer claims to a committee

At 6:05 p.m., Remhof moves to refer claims to committees, Huntley seconds and the motion carries on a voice vote. Chairman Gocken calls the meeting back to order at 6:20 p.m..

Claims

The clerk reads the claims for the General Fund - \$77,686.44 and the County Highway Fund - \$49,897.58. Scholl moves to approve the claims as read, Huntley 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: *Building & Grounds, State's Attorney & Legislative, 9-1-1 E.T.S. Board and Tri-County Opportunities*. The following had no minutes to file: *Blackhawk Hills RC&D, Planning Commission, Ill Risk Management, Safety Committee, IT Committee, Board of Health, G.I.S. Committee, Liquor Commission and Byron Dragway*.

G.I.S. Committee

No minutes on exhibit

Introduction

Chairman Gocken asks Curtis Cook to please come to the front of the meeting to introduce the new G.I.S. Technician to the board. Cook introduces Mike Nolte to the board and states he began with the office on February 2nd. Mike is a graduate of U of I and has moved here from Tampa, Florida. Mr. Nolte has been in the photogrammetry business for several years after he graduated from school.

Comment

Don Huntley states it originally cost Pine Rock Township \$1,500 annually to participate the G.I.S. Program and this year the township will pay \$150 to participate. Huntley states the committee has done a fantastic job with keeping the costs down and making this affordable for other municipalities.

County Clerk & Insurance

Minutes placed on exhibit

Change in membership

Chairman Gocken informs the board due to time constraints, Kim Stahl will no longer be able to serve on this committee. Chairman Gocken would like to recommend Paul White take Kim Stahl's position. Rice moves to accept Paul White to serve on this committee, Colson seconds and the motion carries on a voice vote. Chairman Gocken thanks Paul White for agreeing to take this position.

Finance & Revenue

Minutes placed on exhibit

Circuit Clerk information

Spencer states information has been distributed and if there are any questions to please ask them. Chairman Gocken mentions the motion regarding resolving the Circuit Clerk's Budget on the Agenda in this spot and would like a motion to postpone until New Business. Remhof moves to postpone, Colson seconds and the motion carries on a voice vote.

H.E.W.

Minutes placed on exhibit

Lunch & Learns

Doreen O'Brien informs the board of the Health Department offering "Lunch and Learns" for all Ogle County Employees and board members are encouraged to attend. Information has been distributed this evening.

Solid Waste

Minutes placed on exhibit

S.W. Management Report

Chairman Gocken informs the board that on the advice of Chuck Helsten, the Environmental Lawyer, the committee moved not to consider amending the Solid Waste Management Program and not look into to re-doing the Solid Waste Management Plan until the committee hears someone is wanting to make an application to open a new landfill. Chairman Gocken also says if they hear about an application, they will follow the usual format for updating. This would be a Citizen's Advisory Committee with public input and public comment.

Landfill Host Fees

Chairman Gocken states fees for the fourth quarter of 2004 were \$530,935.43 plus the first Five-Year expansion fee of \$20,000. Since the Onyx Orchard Hills landfill opened in 1998, Ogle County has received a total of \$11,054,198.81 in Host Fees from this landfill.

Judiciary & Circuit Clerk

Minutes placed on exhibit

Meeting

Stahl says the committee toured Marty's office and the committee thought this tour was very beneficial to see the staff work in their surroundings.

Juvenile & Probation

Minutes placed on exhibit

Committees minutes

Rice states in the committee minutes that Jerry Rice seconded a motion. Rice says he's pretty sure Jerry Rice is in San Francisco. (This information will need to be corrected at the next committee meeting.)

Planning, Assessment & Zoning Minutes placed on exhibit

Meeting

Hopkins states the Regional Planning Commission will meet on February 17th at 7p.m. in the County Board Room

I-39 meeting

There will be a Regional Planning Commission and I-39 Corridor meeting on Tuesday, February 22nd, at 7 p.m. at the Davis Junction Village Hall

ZBA

The Zoning Board of Appeals will meet February 24th at 7 p.m. in the County Board Room

Sheriff & Coroner

Minutes placed on exhibit

Lease on vehicles

Horner says the committee has recommended to proceed with the Sheriff to purchase the 16 squad cars and continue with the Take Home Squad Program which has been in effect since 1990. Horner moves to have the County Board Chairman and Sheriff sign the necessary papers to proceed with the purchase of squad cars and Colbert

seconds. Remhof asks State's Attorney Roe if he has researched this to see if there was anything the board needs to be concerned about? Roe states as long as the County Board appropriates the money for the lease situation, there is not a problem. Gouker reads a prepared statement regarding the purchase/lease of the vehicles without being brought to the Sheriff's Committee and County Board for consent or approval. Gouker also stated the bidding process for the purchase of the cars and the Sheriff's new Yukon was not done correctly. Gouker calls for a roll call vote. Kenney commends Gouker for bringing this to the boards attention, however, he states quotes in the Creston Observer from Gouker at the last County Board meeting were irresponsible. Gouker states the board didn't know what the final dollar amount was for the purchase of the vehicles at the time of the meeting. He talked to Greg Beitel the next day to find out the figure for this purchase. Hoekstra states in the past the Sheriff and previous County Board Chairman have hidden things from the board and not informing even their committee. Kenney says in the minutes this did surface in 1990. Hoekstra states after 1990, nothing has been voted on. Kenney also states it's kind of ironic, a couple of days after the comments Gouker made, an announcement was made by a candidate for Sheriff and members of the County Board received an anonymous letter. Kenney states if this is a slam against the men and women of the Sheriff's Department and implying that the County Board is not doing its job, then he says let's fix it. Gouker states there is no nexus between his statement, the announcement of a candidate for Sheriff and the anonymous letter. Saunders says four years ago she had questioned the Sheriff about the \$104,000 in the Sheriff's budget line item. She states they had discussed this at that time and it was not a lease it was a revolving contract for so many cars per year. This was approved from the committee and approved from the County Board earlier and why wasn't this information brought up at that time? By having this in the budget and allocating this money when the budget was approved, why didn't we approve that? She states the money was allocated and the County Board did approve this when the board approved the budget. Gouker states this is the annual payment and the Sheriff cannot obligate the county outside of that particular year. Horner informs the board Greg Beitel is present to answer any questions the board may have tonight. Spencer calls for the motion and Remhof asks for the language of the motion. The motion was read to say: "To have the County Board Chairman and Sheriff sign the necessary papers to proceed with the purchase of squad cars." Chairman Gocken asks Beitel if he has a figure on the cars? Beitel

says they will be purchased at the State bid price and as of 01-11-2005, total purchase price for the 16 squad cars is \$254,383.82, after the trade-in value.

There is about \$81,400 left in the Sheriff's squad car purchase line which will reduce the loan amount to \$172,983.82. Remhof asks Beitel if this is the loan amount that the Sheriff is asking to be approved tonight? Beitel says yes, then add the 4.5% interest to the loan amount that has been quoted which would make the loan payments \$188,780 for 3 years. Beitel says he was informed today there is another financial institution offering a 4.25% rate. Chairman Gocken says she would like to have something either included in the motion or a separate motion regarding each deputy having their own squad. County Clerk Huntley has researched this information for the Chairman since 1990 and cannot find anywhere regarding a vote on the Take Home Squad Program. Scholl asks again what the motion is? Horner replies, "To have the County Board Chairman and Sheriff sign the necessary papers to proceed with the purchase of squad cars for the loan amount of \$172,983.82." Beitel asks if the motion can state "not more than 16 squad cars?" Chairman Gocken clarifies the motion to say: "To have the County Board Chairman and Sheriff sign the necessary papers to proceed with the purchase of not more than 16 squad cars for the loan amount of \$172,983.82." Chairman Gocken asks if Colbert, who seconded the motion is okay with this verbiage? Colbert says yes. Chairman Gocken says Gouker did ask for a roll call vote and asks the clerk to read the roll.

YES: Horner, Huntley, Kenney, Rice, Saunders, Scholl, Spencer, Stahl, Swanson, White, Bauer, Clayton, Colbert, Hopkins and Gocken

NO: Remhof, Colson, Gouker, Heuer, Hoekstra

ABSTAIN: Brooks (Has close ties with department & is a sworn deputy at this time)

ABSENT: Johnson, Nye and Zuehl

The motion carries on a roll call vote.

Horner moves to adopt the Sheriff's Take Home Squad Program for his office. Spencer and Rice object and say this is a policy decision and should be decided by the Sheriff's Office. Huntley agrees with this decision. Chairman Gocken asks for a second to the motion. Hopkins seconds the motion. Beitel says the Take Home Squad Program historically has found the squads to have less wear-n-tear on the vehicle and the vehicles are strategically and logistically placed throughout the

County. Beitel also brings up Homeland Security and the primary responsibilities of Law Enforcement in Ogle County since September 11th. The motion carries on a voice vote.

Road & Bridge

Minutes placed on exhibit

Bid Process

Clayton refers the board to the back page of the Road & Bridge minutes regarding bids. You can visit the county website, under Ogle County Highway Department and "Doing Business", where you can review the bid process.

Illinois Association of County Board Members

Information placed on exhibit

Information

Clayton informs the board there is information which was included in the County Board packets.

U.C.C.I.

Information placed on exhibit

Information

Heuer refers to the information distributed regarding the Annual Conference in Springfield on March 15 - 16, 2005.

Planning Commission

Minutes placed on exhibit

Meeting

Remhof says the next meeting will be this Thursday at 7 p.m.

I-39 meeting

Remhof informs the board of an I-39 Corridor meeting to be held on February 22nd at 7:00 p.m. in Davis Junction at the Village Hall.

Mental Health

Minutes placed on exhibit

Quarterly Update

Horner says he has distributed the Quarterly Update and if there are any questions, please contact him or a member of the "708 Board.

Personnel & Salary

Minutes placed on exhibit

Changes in classes

Saunders informs the board St. Paul has changed the meeting days for the Workplace Harassment Seminars and a handout has been distributed on the desks. The new dates are as follows:

Wednesday, March 9th - 9:30 a.m. & 2:30 p.m.
Tuesday, March 22nd - 9:30 a.m.

All County employees and board members are required to attend one of the sessions. These session will be at the Sheriff's Department Training Room.

Long Range Planning

Minutes placed on exhibit

Update on progress

Gouker informs the board of the memo handed out tonight from Green | Associates regarding updates on the Judicial Center. Jerry Guy reviews the information for the board members.

Bills for approval

Gouker reviews the various bills which have been submitted for payment. Gouker moves to approve payment of the expenditures from the Judicial Center Project Fund in the amount of \$596,759.04. There is a change to be made to the completion percentage of the project, it is now 63% complete. Hoekstra seconds and the motion to approve the bills as presented carries on a voice vote.

Space Needs
Assessment Report

Gouker informs the board members information was distributed regarding the Space Needs Assessment Report which was done in July of 2000, and is on the desks. Gouker reviews other recommendations from this report with the board and public for other county facilities.

IT Committee

No minutes

Update

Colson informs the board there are no minutes in the packets. The last meeting focused on Rochelle Municipal Utilities expanding services and they looked into how the county can continue to work with RMU.

Executive Committee

Minutes placed on exhibit

Asbestos Assessment

Chairman Gocken says the committee has recommended to have Green | Associates develop a request for proposal on an asbestos assessment for the present courthouse and not to exceed \$25,000. Hopkins moves to approve the recommendation, Spencer seconds. Kenney agrees the assessment needs to be done, but why doesn't the Buildings & Grounds Committee handle this rather than turning this over to Green | Associates? Gouker says this needs to be done by people who are certified by the State. Hopkins was under the impression to let the LRP Committee pay for this out of LRP funds and not use the Buildings & Grounds money since their budget is tight. Kenney asks why can't the Buildings & Grounds staff put together the RFP for this assessment and not pay Green | Associates? It was then clarified, we are not paying Green | Associates \$25,000 for the RFP - the bid is not to exceed \$25,000 for the assessment. Once this was clarified, the motion carries on a voice vote.

Chairman Comments

U.C.C.I.

Chairman Gocken informs the board members, if they would like to attend the Annual Conference in March, U.C.C.I. will reimburse the county \$75 per member. Please contact Marcia Heuer or myself if you plan to attend.

Rockford Airport

Chairman Gocken thanks Ron Colson for representing Ogle County at the dedication of the new International Terminal at the Rockford Airport.

IT Fibre Optic Lines

Chairman Gocken also thanks Ed Rice, Shirley Clayton, Doug Zuehl and Skip Kenney for attending the press conference for the IT Fibre Optic lines. Rice said he believes the Mayor's from Milledgeville and Chadwick also attended. Within the last month, a fibre optic line has been found that runs from Freeport, down Route 26 to Dixon. This will open up these areas if they are ever connected to another level out west, like we are going to be. The Governor has promised he will support this and promised no money.

Public Comments

Don Huntley comments on the new tower on Stone Hill Rd - the lights came on last Thursday night and he refers to the lights when the ComEd plant was first constructed. Since then, the lights have been toned down a little. Huntley says he was inundated with many calls from the citizens of Pine Rock Township. Huntley called Mike Reibel and was informed he would have to call the attorney for Mr. Bates, who is Attorney Chuck Cole. Mr. Cole is not returning phone calls. The people who constructed the tower were contacted and they are in the process of working on this situation.

Horner asks if there is a way to receive the information put on the desks tonight on a CD? Laura said she will look into this and see what she can do.

Unfinished Business

New Business

Remhof states he was on the Internet the other night and noticed the magazine "Progressive Farmer" has rated 600 rural counties in the country and Ogle County was rated number 61. Only a couple of other counties were ahead of Ogle and they were Livingston, LaSalle, Whiteside, JoDaviess and Tazewell.

Chairman Gocken also asks Treasurer John Coffman to explain the Sales Tax Report. Coffman says the sales tax is 6.25% - .25% comes back to the county which is the larger number every month and the 1% for businesses in the unincorporated areas of Ogle County and if a business is within a city of village they receive the 1% sales tax. County Clerk Huntley says to shop local.

Colson asks Ben Roe to explain the information regarding the memo on everyone's desks tonight. Roe states he was asked to look into the Circuit Clerk's budget from a legal perspective and drafted this memo. There are 3 options for the County Board:

- #1 - Is for the County Board not to take any action;
- #2 - Under the Statute of 55 ILCS 5/6-1003 - allows the County Board to move money in a particular budget and utilize money already in the budget from one area to another and in order to do so, the County Board needs to declare an immediate emergency at hand. The County Board determines what constitutes an immediate emergency at hand. This option does take a 2/3 vote by the County Board;
- #3 - There are funds available to the Circuit Clerk - Child Support - Document Storage and Court Automation funds

Roe says the County Board cannot legally tell the Circuit Clerk to use the money in those funds. Colson asks Roe, if this were to become a legal confrontation between a department and the board, what would be the position of the State's Attorney? Would you represent one side or other or does it go to outside attorneys, how would it be handled? Roe says most likely he would have a conflict, he legally represents the department heads and the County Board. There would need to be one attorney to represent the department and another to represent the county. Rice asks can the Circuit Clerk choose to pay Child Support personnel from the Child Support Funds? Roe says yes, the Circuit Clerk has that option. Colbert asks, legally the board cannot tell the Circuit Clerk to use the Automation Fund or the 3 funds, but the Circuit Clerk could take money out and use them on operating expenses? Typer says Colbert is asking if he can use the funds to pay for supplies like pens, pencils and operating supplies from the funds. Roe says the Circuit Clerk has the authority to use the funds, but money from the Child Support Fund needs to be used to main child support orders. Remhof asks Marty what is the dollar amount he is asking for? Typer says the original budget request asks for \$533,000. Typer states approximately \$61,000 was used from the above dedicated funds last year and this helps keep the general revenue down as much as possible. The money from last years budget was spent down and bought \$3,000 in stamps, some envelopes and other items to take care of the jury supplies, since there was nothing coming from the Finance Committee. Typer says the Judge came to him and asked that they protect the jury selection process. Typer states if you take off the money used to purchase the jury supplies in advance, you can get down to \$515,000 - \$520,000, somewhere in that range is what he can work with. Typer asks for \$64,000 to end up with the final budget amount of \$518,000 for 2005. Rice asks that a recommendation come from the Circuit Clerk Committee since the budget process has been completed. Chairman Gocken states she put the Circuit Clerk information under the Finance Committee portion of the Agenda because the Circuit Clerk Committee was going to make a recommendation to Finance Committee at the meeting on Monday. She also reminds the board, the Agenda for the County Board meeting was put together before the meetings were to happen. Kim Stahl who is the Chairman of the Circuit Clerk Committee states they were to have a special meeting but the meeting was not posted and therefore could not take place. The committee has not met to come forth with a recommendation. Rice states the committee needs to be involved with the recommendation to resolve this situation. Spencer states we cannot amend the budget unless this is an immediate emergency situation and he sees no immediate emergency in this budget. Spencer says a grievance has been filed regarding travel to court in Rochelle. Spencer asks why do we hold court in Rochelle and not in Polo or Forreston? He doesn't think this is fair to have court on one side of the county and not anywhere else. Spencer does not see the need to hold court in Rochelle and pay personnel for travel time and mileage. Chairman Gocken asks the Circuit Clerk Committee to come back next month with a recommendation. Stahl says the next meeting will be held on March 8th at 3:30 p.m.. Spencer also wants the committee to discuss the Rochelle court issue,

do we need to hold court in Rochelle and why do we need to hold court in Rochelle. Chairman Gocken asks Stahl to discuss this issue at the next committee meeting.

Communications

- Sales Tax for November, 2004 was \$29,172.46 and \$66,583.20
- Sales Tax for November, 2003 was \$26,726.99 and \$65,276.32
- Update from Representative Pritchard

Unfinished Business

New Business

Closed Session

At 8:00 p.m., Chairman Gocken informs the County Board State's Attorney Roe has asked for a Closed Session to discuss pending litigation regarding the Byron Dragway. Rice moves to go into Closed Session to discuss pending litigation regarding the Byron Dragway, Colson seconds and roll call is called:

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

NO: none

ABSENT: Johnson, Nye and Zuehl

Return to Open Session

At 8:20 p.m., the County Board returns to Open Session and no action was taken.

Motion to Adjourn

At 8:25 p.m., Heuer moves to adjourn the February Ogle County Board meeting until Tuesday, March 15, 2005, at 5:30 p.m., Rice 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