

Proceedings of the Ogle County Board Meeting
January 17, 2012

State of Illinois)
County of Ogle) ss

Call to Order

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

Roll Call

The roll call shows member Nye is absent. The Invocation is given by Gronewold and followed with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approval of Minutes

Chairman Barnes asks for a motion to approve the December 21, 2011, County Board Meeting minutes. Bowers moves to approve, Janes seconds and the motion carries on a voice vote.

Approval of Reports

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

Presentation – Jenny Beckman - United Way

Greg Martin, Director of Court Services introduces Jenny Beckman to the members of the board. Ms. Beckman explains how the United Way of Rock River Valley benefits various organizations in Ogle County and how you can designate a donation to other organizations in other counties.

Presentation – Curtis Cook – Annual County Highway Report

County Engineer Curtis Cook presents the 2011 Annual County Highway Report and a hard copy is located on the County Board desks. Cook has a PowerPoint presentation on various construction, maintenance and Township projects completed in 2011. Cook thanks the County Board for their continued support.

Presentation – Amy Jo Clemens – Regional Office of Education

Regional Superintendent of Schools, Amy Jo Clemens presents her Annual Report which is on file in the County Clerk's Office. Clemens reviews information regarding her budget, training and services which is included in the report.

Welty asks if the decrease in the number of students enrolled is related to families who home-school their children. There is no monitoring of home-schooled children in the school code, states Clemens. The family only has to guarantee verbally two things to the State or County; the instruction is in English and covers all seven subjects. Clemens thanks the County Board for their support of the Regional Office of Education.

Resignation – Board of Review – Jerry Griffin – R-2012-0101

Chairman Barnes announces the resignation of Republican Member, Jerry Griffin, of the Board of Review. Kilker makes the motion to approve R-2012-0101 and accept the resignation, Simms seconds and the motion carries on a voice vote.(Placed on file)

Resignation – Board of Review – Paul Lower – R-2012-0102

Chairman Barnes announces the resignation of Democrat Member, Paul Lower, of the Board of Review. Janes makes the motion to approve R-2012-0102 and accept the resignation, Colbert seconds and the motion carries on a voice vote.(Placed on file)

Vacancies –

- Board of Review – Democratic Candidate – 1 unexpired term & 1 Alternate
- Board of Review – Republican Candidate – 1 unexpired term

Appointment – Mental Health 708 Board – Seth McCause – R-2012-0103

Chairman Barnes announces the recommendation to appoint Seth McCause to the Mental Health 708 Board for a term which ends December 31, 2015. Bowers moves to approve R-2012-0103 as presented. Finfrock seconds and the motion carries on a voice vote.(Placed on file)

Appointment – Board of Review Alternate 1 (R) – Robert A. Godman – R-2012-0104

Chairman Barnes announces the recommendation to appoint Robert A. Godman as Republican Member Alternate 1 on the Board of Review. Kilker moves to approve R-2012-0104 as presented. Kenney seconds and the motion carries on a voice vote.(Placed on file)

Appointment – Board of Review Alternate 2 (R) – Sheryl R. Hopkins – R-2012-0105

Chairman Barnes announces the recommendation to appoint Sheryl R. Hopkins as Republican Member Alternate 2 on the Board of Review. Boes moves to approve R-2012-0105 as presented. Bowers seconds. Hopkins will abstain from the vote. The motion carries on a voice vote.(Placed on file)

Appointment – Ogle County Housing Authority – Barbara Gillette – R-2012-0106

Chairman Barnes announces the recommendation to appoint Barbara Gillette to the Ogle County Housing Authority for an unexpired term which ends November 30, 2012. Kilker moves to approve R-2012-0106 as presented. De Arvil seconds and the motion carries on a voice vote.(Placed on file)

Appointment – Board of Review (R) – Robert A. Godman – R-2012-0107

Chairman Barnes announces the recommendation to appoint Robert A. Godman as Republican Member on the Board of Review. De Arvil moves to approve R-2012-0107 as presented. Janes seconds.

Chairman Barnes states appointing Robert Godman as the full member and Sheryl Hopkins as the Alternate member will allow the Board of Review to continue County business in a timely manner.

Saunders asks if the vacancy was announced and advertised. Colbert states the resignations were not received until January 5, 2012. The vacancies were not advertised since the board had to vote on the resignations this evening.

State's Attorney Roe states the Chairman of the Board can make a recommendation for appointment with the consent of the County Board.

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

Appointment – Board of Review (D) – Thomas P. Lewandowski – R-2012-0110

Chairman Barnes recommends appointing Thomas P. Lewandowski as the Democratic Member on the Board of Review. There was some discussion regarding the new pay scale. Chairman Barnes moves to approve R-2012-0110 as presented. De Arvil seconds and the motion carries on a voice vote.(Placed on file)

Appointment – Board of Review Alternate (D) – Mitch Montgomery – R-2012-0111

Chairman Barnes recommends appointing Mitch Montgomery as the Alternate Democratic Member on the Board of Review. Chairman Barnes moves to approve R-2012-0111 as presented. Colbert seconds and the motion carries on a voice vote.(Placed on file)

Vacancies -

- Ogle County Civic Center Authority – 1 unexpired term ends 10/31/2012 & 2 full terms
- Board of Health – 1 vacancy
- Leaf River Fire Protection District – 1 unexpired term

Application and Resumé deadline – Friday, February 3, 2012 at 4:30 p.m.
in the County Clerk's Office located at 105 S. 5th St – Suite 104, Oregon, IL

Zoning – #2-11 Amendment – WECS Text Amendment - Ordinance 2012-0201

Chairman Barnes presents the petition of the Supervisor of Assessments and Planning & Zoning Committee of the Ogle County Board c/o Ogle County Planning & Zoning Department, 911 W. Pines Rd., Oregon, IL for an Amendment to the text of the *Ogle County Amendatory Zoning Ordinance*, involving the following:

Division 2 Rules and Definitions, Section 2.02 Definitions (Delete the following definitions: WECS Tower; WECS Tower Height)

Division 5 Schedule of Zoning District Regulations; Section 5.01 AG-1 Agricultural District; Paragraph C. Special Uses (Amend "Wind Energy Conversion Systems,

Commercial” be adding “...subject to the Commercial Wind Energy Conversion Systems [WECS] Performance Standards as found in Appendix V herein.”)

Appendices (Add Appendix V - Commercial Wind Energy Conversion Systems [WECS] Performance Standards)

De Arvil moves to introduce O-2012-0201 and Williams seconds. This Ordinance will lay over and be voted on at the February County Board Meeting. Saunders asks if there will be any discussion. Chairman Barnes states discussion will be held next month.

Public Comments –

- Jim Griffin – Attorney representing the Ogle County Farm Bureau - speaks about WECS and the concern for agricultural property rights. Mr. Griffin asks on behalf of the Farm Bureau and their members to vote against the Assessment, Planning and Zoning Committee (APZ) recommendations; but consider and vote in favor of the ZBA recommendations. Mr. Griffin distributes a letter he sent to State’s Attorney Ben Roe dated January 8, 2012.
- Dennis Probasco of Kings – reads a prepared statement concerning WECS regulations, Zoning regulations and property rights.
- Brad Lila – Development Manager from RES Americas – They have a wind project in the Southern part of Ogle County. The current proposal will not allow a wind project in Ogle County.
- Saunders – Suggests board members read the Findings of Facts and recommendations from the ZBA. Saunders comments on the document presented by Bill Welty on January 2, 2012 and states this is his opinion and our decision should be based only on the sworn testimony given at the ZBA.
- John Martin – Senior Project Manager for Mainstream Renewable Power – The current recommendations from the APZ would form a Wind Ban in Ogle County. He is concerned with some of the conditions regarding shadow flicker, noise and set backs.
- Brian Duncan – President of the Ogle County Farm Bureau- Concerned with the APZ setting a dangerous precedent to dramatically change the Findings of Fact the ZBA has recommended. Mr. Duncan distributes a letter sent to Assistant State’s Attorney Michael O’Brien dated January 13, 2012, regarding the WECS recommendations being proposed.
- Dick Gambrel of Chana reads a prepared statement regarding health conditions and WECS recommendations.
- Tom Smith – White Rock Township – Has attended 3 State conferences, WECS Sub-Committee meetings, ZBA meetings and APZ Committee meetings and heard all the testimony and concerns. Ogle County has a great quality of life and you should be proud of the work you are doing. It was said you wanted sworn testimony; you were to take the expert witness testimony and consider them heavily over any laymen comments.
- Herb Olujic – Mt Morris – Protect our standard of living in Ogle County and not protect the standards of someone coming into Ogle County for a profit.
- Kilker – distributed information on an E-filing pilot project announced for the Illinois Supreme Court and asks Circuit Clerk Ron McDermott to speak on behalf of this information. McDermott states DuPage and Ogle Counties were asked to participate in this project. This is on the cutting edge of opening this up for all 102 counties in the State of Illinois.

Road & Bridge – none

Ogle County Claims – Clerk reads the claims:

- Payments in Vacation – December 2011 - \$70,426.71
- County Board Payments - January 17, 2012 - \$103,254.80
- County Highway Fund – \$114,550.36

Bowers moves to approve claims, Finfrock 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, Buildings & Grounds and Central Purchasing, Circuit Clerk and State’s Attorney, Executive, Finance and Insurance, HEW & Solid Waste, I.T./N.I.T.T./G.I.S., Juvenile & Probation and Judiciary, Long Range and Strategic Planning, Personnel & Salary and County Clerk, Planning Commission, Road & Bridge, Sheriff & Coroner and Supervisor of Assessments and Planning & Zoning.

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The following committees had no minutes to file: Blackhawk Hills RC&D, Board of Health, G.I.S. Partnership, LRP –Emergency Operations Center, Liquor Commission, L.O.T.S., Mental Health ‘708 Board, Safety Committee, Tri-County Opportunities and UCCI/ICRMT.

Executive Committee:

- R-2012-0108 - Support continuation of mail processing through Rockford Postal Center. Chairman Barnes presents R-2012-0108; Congressman Manzullo has asked we pass this Resolution. Kenney moves to approve R-2012-0108 and Janes seconds.

Baumgardner reads a prepared statement. We all know the USPS is losing billions of dollars each year. The USPS has conducted a study to propose and merge some distribution centers which they believe can save money. Aren't we all in favor of identifying ways to reduce spending by our Federal Government? If we are, why would we encourage the USPS not to make this change? Why would we say to the people who have studied the situation that they should close other distribution centers all over the Nation; but don't close ours. We should be encouraging the USPS to continue making the necessary changes to get the postal costs under control. If that means closing some distribution centers for productivity reason, we should support their efforts. For these reasons, I cannot support this Resolution.

Bauer agrees with Baumgardner and states the USPS is fading out and may not be around in 15 years. There are questions being raised about the study and maybe politics has played a role in merging with Madison. Maybe Madison is not the most efficient and we should keep Rockford open instead. I think we should support the Rockford facility.

A roll call vote is called:

YES: De Arvil, Finfrock, Gouker, Gronewold, Heuer, Hopkins, Horner, Janes, Kenney, Kilker, Messer, Saunders, Simms, Stahl, Welty, White, Williams, Bauer, Bowers, Colbert and Barnes

NO: Baumgardner

ABSENT: Nye

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

- FOIA Training – State's Attorney Ben Roe sent an e-mail to the County Board members regarding the FOIA training which is required to be taken by all Appointed and Elected Officials. Roe suggests after you have taken the FOIA training, print out the certificate and file it with the County Clerk's Office.

Long Range & Strategic Planning Committee:

- R-2012-0109 – Long Range Planning Bills

Kronos	Timekeeper – remote service	\$2,516.25
TOTAL:		\$2,516.25

White moves to approve R-2012-0109 as presented, Heuer seconds and the motion carries on a voice vote.(Placed on file)

Chairman Comments:

- The March 20th County Board meeting has been moved to Wednesday, March 21st due to the Election.

Vice-Chairman Comments:

- UCCI Legislative Reception will be held on February 28, 2012 in Springfield, Illinois.

Chairman Barnes reminds everyone the Monday, February 13, 2012 Committee Meetings will be moved to Wednesday, February 15, 2012. The Executive Committee will be meeting on Wednesday, February 15, 2012 at 6 pm.

Closed Session –

At 7:17 p.m., Chairman Barnes asks for a motion to go into Closed Session to discuss possible acquisition of property pursuant to 5 ILCS 120/2 (c) (5). Bowers makes the motion to go into Closed Session, Heuer seconds and a roll call vote is taken:

YES: Finrock, Gouker, Gronewold, Heuer, Hopkins, Horner, Janes, Kenney, Kilker, Messer, Saunders, Simms, Stahl, Welty, White, Williams, Bauer, Baumgardner, Boes, Bowers, Colbert, De Arvil, and Barnes

NO: None

ABSENT: Nye

The motion carries on a roll call vote.

Open Session –

At 8:04 p.m., the County Board enters into Open Session. Chairman Barnes announces there will be no action taken from the Closed Session.

Unfinished Business –

New Business –

Communications –

- o Regional Office of Education – Annual Report on file

Adjourn Meeting

At 8:06 p.m., White moves to adjourn the Ogle County Board until Tuesday, February 21, 2012 at 5:30 p.m. to be held at the Ogle County Courthouse. Heuer seconds and the motion carries on a voice vote.

Chairman James L. Barnes
Ogle County Board

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