

Proceedings of the Ogle County Board Meeting  
June 21, 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 Hopkins\*, Johnson and Rice are absent. The invocation is given by Carol Hoekstra and this is followed with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. (\*Hopkins enters at 5:41 p.m.)

**Approval of Minutes**

Chairman Gocken asks for approval of the May 17, 2005, Ogle County Board minutes. Hoekstra moves to approve the May 17, 2005, Ogle County Board minutes, Heuer seconds and the motion carries on a voice vote.

**Approval of Reports**

Clayton moves to accept and place on file the monthly report of the Treasurer, County Clerk/Recorder and Circuit Clerk as well as the 6-month report of the County Clerk/Recorder. Hoekstra seconds and the motion carries on voice vote.(Placed on file)

**Presentation - Eleanor Moehle**

Chairman Gocken asks Eleanor Moehle to come forward and introduces her to the board and the public in attendance. Chairman Gocken states Eleanor Moehle has served on our Long Range Planning Committee since the conception and has been a very active member. One of Eleanor's largest tasks was to help with the colors and trim for the Health Administration Building which will now be called the Pines Annex as well as the Judicial Center. Chairman Gocken presents Ms. Moehle with a plaque that reads, "In Honor of her Service and Dedication, Eleanor Moehle is a Lifetime Member Emeritus of the Ogle County Long Range Planning Committee." Ms. Moehle says it has been a pleasure to serve on this committee and it has meant a lot to her to watch it evolve. She hopes everyone is as happy with the Judicial Center as she is and states this project is under budget. Ms. Moehle thanks the board.

**Appointments -**

Board of Health

Chairman Gocken announces the recommendation of Mohamed F. Harunani, DDS of Oregon, to serve on the Board of Health for a term which will end May 31, 2008. Clayton moves to approve the appointment, Huntley seconds and the motion is carried on a voice vote.(Placed on file)

Board of Health

Chairman Gocken announces the recommendation of Rick Reed of Rochelle, to serve on the Board of Health for a term which will end May 31, 2008. Clayton moves to approve the appointment, Zuehl seconds and the motion carries on a voice vote.(Placed on file)

Mental Health "708 Board

Chairman Gocken announces the recommendation of Sheri S Egan of Oregon, to serve on the Mental Health "708 Board for a term which will end December 31, 2007. Colson moves to approve the appointment, Clayton seconds and the motion carries on a voice vote.(Placed on file)

Byron Museum District

Chairman Gocken announces the recommendation of Randall R. Stukenberg of Byron, to serve on the Byron Museum District for a term which will end June 30, 2010. Hoekstra moves to approve the appointment, Swanson seconds and the motion carries on a voice vote.(Placed on file)

Farmland Assessment Review Committee

Chairman Gocken announces the recommendation of Shirley J. Bartelt of Polo, to serve on the Farmland Assessment Review Committee for a term which will end April 30, 2008. Clayton moves to approve the appointment, Zuehl seconds and the motion carries on a voice vote.(Placed on file)

Zoning Board of Appeals - alternate

Chairman Gocken announces there was a mistake. This appointment was left off the agenda and will be taken care of next month.

**Resignation - County Board District #3**

Chairman Gocken announces and reads a letter of resignation from County Board Member Sven Johnson effective May 17, 2005.

**Vacancies -**

Chairman Gocken announces the following vacancies:

- Mental Health "708 Board - 1 unexpired term

Application deadline for these appointments will be Friday, July 1, 2005,  
at 4:30 p.m. in the Ogle County Clerk's Office

- Ogle County Board District #3 - unexpired term ends November 30, 2006

Chairman Gocken announces this candidate must be a Republican candidate and the remaining Republican members of County Board District #3 will interview applicants for this vacancy. Chairman Gocken appoints Carol Hoekstra of District #3 as Chairman of the committee.

Application deadline for these appointments will be Friday, July 8, 2005,  
at 4:30 p.m. in the Ogle County Clerk's Office

Chairman Gocken informs Hoekstra to have the recommendation for appointment at the July 19, 2005, Ogle County Board Meeting.

**Ordinance - Liquor Ordinance #2005-0621A**

Chairman Gocken states this Ordinance was included in the County Board packets for review. The Liquor Commission met on May 23, 2005, to conduct business regarding the call and request of a package license in Grand Detour. This request had been turned down many years ago. The commission decided to send this request to the board and see how they felt. The current Liquor Ordinance calls for one Class B or B-1 license for the county. If the board allows this change, there will now be two (2) Class B or B-1 licenses in the county. Chairman Gocken states a Class B license allows for the sale of package goods in the original package not for consumption on premises where sold and the cost is \$500 per year - Class B-1 is the same but the establishment is allowed to sell

liquor on Sunday from noon until 10:00 p.m. and the fee is \$1,000 per year. Spencer moves to allow the addition of a Class B or B-1 license and Scholl seconds. Chairman Gocken announces the Ordinance has tonight's date as the date of approval, in order to approve this Ordinance tonight, there will need to be a suspension of rules by a 2/3 vote of the members present. Clayton moves to suspend the rules, Spencer seconds. Brooks asks if there was any opposition from anyone in Grand Detour. Chairman Gocken says they have not heard any opposition. A roll call vote is called:

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

**NO:** None

**ABSENT:** Johnson and Rice

The motion to suspend the rules carries on a roll call vote. The motion is to allow for two (2) Class B or B-1 licenses to the Ogle County Liquor Ordinance and the motion carries on a voice vote.(Placed on file)

**Ordinance - Liquor Ordinance #2005-0621B**

Chairman Gocken states this Ordinance is to add a Class G License for "for-profit" organizations to the Ogle County Liquor Ordinance. The request came from Molly Chisamore of Rochelle as for a one-day Special Event License to cater a company picnic. Ms. Chisamore has received this request from the City of Rochelle in the past and needs a letter from the County stating there is no objection to her having this one day license. Chairman Gocken reads the following from the Ordinance: "A Class G license shall be a one day license issued to for-profit organizations to be used solely for the benefit of the recipient organization. A Class G license shall authorize the retail sale of alcoholic liquor on the premises specified of all alcoholic liquors for consumption on the premises, as well as other retail sales of such liquor. A Class G license shall also authorize the licensed organization to sell alcoholic liquors on Sunday from twelve noon to ten o'clock p.m. The fee for a Class G license shall be sixty-two dollars and fifty cents (\$62.50)." Spencer moves to suspend the rules to approve the Ordinance, Scholl seconds and a roll call vote is called:

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

**NO:** None

**ABSENT:** Johnson and Rice

Spencer moves to approve the Ordinance and add a Class G License, Horner seconds. Zuehl asks how many Class G licenses will be allowed? Chairman Gocken states the not-for-profit license allows 10 per year per organization. The motion carries on a voice vote.(Placed on file)

\*\* Chairman Gocken announces it is a pleasure to have Ms. Nye and Mr. Swanson in attendance tonight. County Clerk Huntley announces Bill Hayes is in attendance tonight as well. A surprise visitor came to the meeting to wish Laura a Happy 40<sup>th</sup> Birthday.

**Zoning - #8-05 AMENDMENT - Bryan T. & Christine C. Molck**

The clerk reads the petition of Bryan T. & Christine C. Molck, 1514 E. Plum Hill Rd., Leaf River, IL for an Amendment to the Zoning District to rezone from AG-1 Agricultural District to R-2 Single-Family Residence District on property described as follows and owned by the petitioners:

Tract B Part of SW 1/4 NE 14/ Section 11 Byron Township 25N, R10E of the 4th P.M., Ogle County, IL, 4.23 acres, more or less  
P.I.N.: 04-11-200-012 - Common Location: 1500 Block E. Plum Hill Rd.

Hopkins moves to concur with the Zoning Board of Appeals and approve #8-05 Amendment, Heuer seconds and the motion carries on a voice vote.(Placed on file)

**Zoning - #9-05 AMENDMENT - Donald L. Adamson and Donene H. Sand**

The clerk reads the petition of Donald L. Adamson, 17102 E. Crill Rd., Monroe Center, IL and Donene H. Sand, 17243 E. Crill Rd., Monroe Center, IL for an Amendment to the Zoning District to rezone from AG-1 Agricultural District to R-1 Rural Residence District on property described as follows, owned by Donald L. Adamson and being purchased by Donene H. Sand:

Part of NE 1/4 SE 1/4 Section 8 Monroe Township 42N, R2E of the 3rd P.M., Ogle County, IL, 3.00 acres, more or less - P.I.N.: Part of 12-08-400-003  
Common Location: 7000 Blk of N. Limestone Rd.

Hopkins moves to concur with the Zoning Board of Appeals and approve #9-05 Amendment, Spencer seconds and the motion carries on a voice vote.(Placed on file)

**Zoning - #2-05 SPECIAL USE - Richard & Mary Gensler and Joel & Margaret Thompson**

The clerk reads the petition of Richard & Mary Gensler, 3170 Queens Rd., Rochelle, IL and Joel & Margaret Thompson, 1121 McCall Ct., Rochelle, IL for a Special Use Permit to allow a single-family dwelling in AG-1 Agricultural District for the daughter of the farm owner on property described as follows, owned by Richard & Mary Gensler and being purchased by Joel & Margaret Thompson:

Part SE 1/4 SE 1/4 Section 34 and part of W 1/2 SW 1/4 Section 35 White Rock Township 41N, R1E of 3rd P.M., Ogle County, IL, 7.81 acres, more or less - P.I.N.: Part of 18-34-400-002 and part 18-34-300-008  
Common Location: 2800 Block of S. Queens Rd.

Hopkins moves to concur with the Zoning Board of Appeals and approve #2-05 Special Use Permit, Zuehl seconds and the motion carries on a voice vote.(Placed on file)

**Zoning - #10-05 AMENDMENT - Jeanette Joyce Brake**

The clerk reads the petition of Jeanette Joyce Brake, 202 Linder Lane, Rochelle, IL as Trustee for Gladys M. Page Trust; Ronald Royce Page, 11005 Willow Grove, Oklahoma City, OK and Pastor Angelo Bonacquisti for First General Baptist Church, 500 S. 12th St., Rochelle, IL for an Amendment to the Zoning District to rezone from AG-1 Agricultural District to R-2 Single-Family Residence District on property described as follows, owned by Gladys M. Page Trust and being purchased by First General Baptist Church:

Part of N1/2 E1/2 SE1/4 Section 16 Flagg Township 40N, R1E of the 3rd P.M., Ogle County, IL, 12.5 acres, more or less - P.I.N.: Part of 24-16-476-002  
Common Location: 11750 Block of Flagg Rd.

Hopkins moves to concur with the Zoning Board of Appeals and approve #10-05 Amendment, Horner seconds and the motion carries on a voice vote.(Placed on file)

**Zoning - #11-05 AMENDMENT - William J. & Cindy L. Holloway**

The clerk reads the petition of William J. & Cindy L. Holloway, 118 Prairie Moon Dr., Davis Junction, IL for an Amendment to the Zoning District to rezone from AG-1 Agricultural District to IA Intermediate Agricultural District on property described as follows and owned by the petitioners:

Part E ½ SW 1/4 Section 3 Byron Township 25N, R10E of the 4th P.M., Ogle County, IL, 40.00 acres, more or less - P.I.N.: 04-03-300-006  
Common Location: 294 E. Egan Rd.

Hopkins concurs with the Zoning Board of Appeals and approves #11-05 Amendment, White seconds and the motion carries on a voice vote.(Placed on file)

**FINAL PLAT - CENTERVIEW ESTATES - FLAGG TOWNSHIP**

The clerk presents the Final Plat for “Centerview Estates”, Rita and John Bearrows - The Final Plat is submitted by the Planning and Zoning Committee for approval or disapproval by the Ogle County Board:

“Centerview Estates”, a Subdivision located in Part of the SE1/4 SW1/4 Section 17 Flagg Township 40N, R1E of the 3<sup>rd</sup> P.M., Ogle County, Illinois - P.I.N. - 24-17-376-001

Hopkins moves to approve the Final Plat for Centerview Estates with the condition that the Home Owner’s Association, its successors and/or assigns shall be responsible for the maintenance of all common subdivision open space and stormwater management facilities and subject to all staff comments being satisfactorily being addressed, Colbert seconds and the motion carries on a voice vote.(Placed on file)

**FINAL PLAT - CHERRY HILL ESTATES - FLAGG TOWNSHIP**

The clerk presents the Final Plat for “Cherry Hill Estates”, William Kuehl - The Final Plat is submitted by the Planning and Zoning Committee for approval or disapproval by the Ogle County Board:

“Cherry Hill Estates”, a Subdivision located in Part of the E1/2 SW1/4 and part of the SW1/4 SE1/4 Section 8 Flagg Township 40N, R1E of the 3<sup>rd</sup> P.M., Ogle County, Illinois - P.I.N. - 24-08-300-006 and Part 24-08-300-004

Hopkins moves to approve the Final Plat for Cherry Hill Estates with the condition that the Home Owner’s Association, its successors and/or assigns shall be responsible for the maintenance of all common subdivision stormwater management facilities and subject to all staff comments being satisfactorily being addressed, Kenney seconds and the motion carries on a voice vote.(Placed on file)

**Zoning - Resolution - I39/IL Route 251 Distribution Corridor Plan**

The clerk presents the Resolution titled “I39/IL Route 251 Distribution Corridor Plan” to the board (this was included in the packets). Colson moves to approve the resolution, Remhof seconds. Kenney asks if all of the communities along this corridor been contacted and are they in favor of this plan? Hopkins says Reibel said during the committee - this is the plan and all of the rules of the plan will be developed once they decide they want a plan. This is just a motion to approve the total plan and all of the details can be worked out at a later time.

Colson states all of the communities have been involved in public meetings and they are well aware of the plan. Colson states he cannot state if they are in total agreement, but there has not been any disagreement expressed. The motion carries on a voice vote.(Placed on file)

**Road & Bridge - Petition for Vacation - Leaf River Township**

The clerk presents the Public Hearing and Petition for Vacation for a portion of North Street in Leaf River Township. Clayton moves to approve the Petition of Vacation be approved, Huntley seconds and the motion carries on a voice vote.(Placed on file)

**Road & Bridge - Resolution for Vacation - Leaf River Township**

The clerk presents the Resolution for Vacation for a portion of North Street in Leaf River Township. Clayton moves to approve the resolution of vacation, Huntley seconds and the motion carries on a voice vote.(Placed on file and Recorded #0506442)

County Clerk Huntley invites all to have some birthday cake with Laura during the break.

**Recess to refer claims to a committee**

At 6:20 p.m., Heuer moves to refer claims to committees, Remhof seconds and the motion carries on a voice vote. Chairman Gocken calls the meeting back to order at 6:38 p.m..

**Claims**

The clerk reads the claims for the General Fund - \$110,541.76 and the County Highway Fund - \$35,618.04. Brooks moves to approve the claims as read, Clayton 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, Buildings & Grounds, Judiciary & Circuit Clerk, Juvenile & Probation, Planning, Assessment & Zoning, Sheriff & Coroner, States Attorney & Legislative, Road & Bridge, Tri-County Opportunities, Mental Health Board, IT Committee, G.I.S. Committee, 9-1-1 E.T.S. Board.* The following had no minutes to file: *Board of Health, U.C.C.I., Ill Risk Management, Safety Committee and Byron Dragway.*

Finance & Revenue

Minutes placed on exhibit

Budget deadline

Spencer announces all department budgets are to be turned into the Treasurer's Office on or before July 19th

Change in meeting

Spencer also states the August meeting will be held on August 10<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 p.m. at the Pines Road Annex

**Solid Waste**

Minutes placed on exhibit

Enforcement Grant

Chairman Gocken announces the Solid Waste Committee recommends approval of the Enforcement Grant for FY 2006 from the IEPA in the amount of \$20,788.72 and authorize Steve Rypkema to sign all grant related documents.

Clayton moves to approve, Spencer seconds and the motion carries on a voice vote.

Recycling Event

Chairman Gocken announces the Tire and Oil Recycling Event will be co-sponsored by the IEPA, Lee and Ogle Counties. The event will be held at the Lee County 4-H Center - 1196 Franklin Rd, Amboy, Illinois on Friday, August 19<sup>th</sup> from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Saturday, August 20<sup>th</sup> from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.. Volunteers are needed and appreciated for this event.

**Blackhawk Hills RC&D**

Newsletter placed on exhibit

Announcement

Colson announces the current newsletter has been distributed and information regarding the Economic Development Summit has been placed on the desks.

**Ill Assoc. of County Board Members**

Update placed on exhibit

Notice

Clayton announces information regarding West Nile Virus and the Ogle County Health Department received a \$1,000 grant.

**U.C.C.I.**

No minutes

HB728

Heuer announces HB728 which would reduce the process necessary for the Illinois State Board of Education to reimburse local school districts for sending a child with special needs to a private out of state school or learning facility. This has passed both houses, but is still on the Governor's desk.

SB1693

Heuer updates the board on SB1693 - this did not pass the Senate and was never called for final passage out of committee. Heuer states UCCI got in contact with the lobbyists and informed them UCCI would oppose this bill. There were 27 counties at the last UCCI meeting and they all voted to oppose.

Seminar & Golf Outing

Heuer states information has been sent to the board members and it is up to them to contact UCCI regarding attendance.

**Planning Commission**

Minutes placed on exhibit

Meeting

Remhof states the next meeting will be on Thursday, June 23rd at 7:00 p.m. in the Ogle County Board Room.

**Illinois Risk Management**

No minutes

Trust information

Heuer informs the board regarding the royalties from the Illinois Risk Management Trust is what provided the stipends to pay for the seminar on the 26<sup>th</sup> of July.

**Tri-County Opportunities**

Minutes placed on exhibit

Scholarships for Ogle County

Scholl announces Ogle County received 4 - \$1,000 Scholarships this year.

**Personnel & Salary**

Minutes placed on exhibit

Chairman Comments

Saunders apologizes to the County Board and the State's Attorney office. The committee had discussion on the County Administrator position and a motion was made and passed unanimously. Their concern was to find out if the majority of County Board Members are in favor of a County Administrator. When someone questioned whether or not this could be voted on without the 48-hour notice and requested the State's Attorney look into the legality of the motion, Saunders called Ben and Betty and withdrew the motion. Saunders says in no way did they want to cloud the issues with questions and want to be up front with the board regarding the County Administrators position. The Personnel & Salary Committee will be meeting on July 6, 2005 at 5:30 p.m. in the County Board Room to present information to the board and the Chairman. Saunders would like any input regarding this position to see if the majority of the board members are in favor of this position. Chairman Gocken and Saunders will defer this conversation until later in the meeting.

Bauer research

Saunders informs the board Jason Bauer has done research on meeting tickets and presented the information to the committee. There was information regarding "Campus Plan" meetings - Saunders had called Chairman Gocken to get more information regarding these meetings. Chairman Gocken informed Saunders these were closed sessions. There was concern that these are charged to the County and there were no agenda or minutes. Chairman Gocken says there was a misunderstanding in the explanation of the meeting. Chairman Gocken states this was three people, a sub-committee from the Long Range Planning and she was asked as an "ex-officio member" from Long Range Planning. This was to look over a plan used by DeKalb County and this was presented to the Long Range Planning during a closed session. Saunders says if there is a \$50 meeting ticket charged to the taxpayers, shouldn't there be an agenda? Gouker says this was not a sub-committee, he called two other board members and asked to discuss this. When we go into the Long Range Planning Committee meeting, Gouker says he wanted to bounce some ideas to the committee. There was nothing

inappropriate and this was a discussion for the future planning of the county. Saunders asks if Gouker thinks it was appropriate to turn in a meeting charge? Gouker says yes, but there are a lot of things done in this county that we do beyond a special meeting. Saunders states there are a lot of things done for the county that are not charged for either. There was discussion regarding some of the committee meetings not lasting an hour. Saunders questions what meeting reimbursements are eligible under the county guidelines which were established in June of 2002? Bauer comments one of his concerns is at the end of the year there will not be any money left over and the line item will be over budget. Bauer says there is a lot of work done outside of committees. He states a lot of the committee meetings only last an hour or two hours and members are receiving \$50 to \$25 per hour to be at a meeting. Saunders states we are setting an example for the employees by asking them to make cuts in their budget and to watch their expenses. Then we are charging meetings to the county which are sometimes a little questionable. Chairman Gocken says when she became chairman she learned Gouker was only turning in one report card per month and not for other work he was doing. Chairman Gocken doesn't think this is right either. Gouker reports to Gocken regarding hours he spends per month and she thinks he should be somewhat compensated for his work. Gouker has been Chairman of the Long Range Planning Committee and he has been keeping very close track of the progress of the Judicial Center, just as he did with the Health Administration Building. There was discussion regarding the payment of construction meetings and having 2 board members in attendance at these meetings. There was more discussion regarding the intent of the Bauer report, an IT Committee meeting Agenda for the month of May and the Campus planning meeting. Hopkins states we have lost sight of what the objective is - to build the new Judicial Center - the building was started and bid at an all time low for prices, labor contracts and interest on the bond. The building is getting accomplished and this type of discussion is not needed. Bauer would like to see the board members only get paid for a meeting that has minutes produced. Bauer states they do a lot of things outside of county board, how many times has a board member gone to a department head for information? If you do not want to do extra, outside of county board, then don't run for county board. We are not here to make money off the county board. Chairman Gocken says

Karen Palmer in the County Clerk's Office does an excellent job at overseeing the committee report cards. If Karen has a question regarding a ticket, she calls for approval. Nye says she attended the Personnel & Salary Committee meeting and she did not feel the report was intended for any one person to be singled out, this was a generic concern regarding discrepancies.

### **Long Range Planning**

Minutes placed on exhibit

#### Update on progress

Jerry Guy informs the board of the various updates on the building of the Judicial Center:

- 1- JP Cullen - concrete stairwell from 1<sup>st</sup> floor to basement is filled
- 2- HLM Steel - there are only 2 major pieces of work to complete
- 3- Sjostroms & Sons - 12 working days left - brick and stone veneers
- 4- All membrane roofing areas are complete
- 5- Most of the glass is complete
- 6- Drywall has been completed on perimeter walls
- 7- Carpeting is on sight for the 2nd and 3rd floors
- 8- Terrazzo is ready to be polished on the 1<sup>st</sup> floor

Other various updates were reviewed during this report.

Horner asks when the building will be ready? Guy states the building will be ready by August 20<sup>th</sup>. Zuehl says he notices there are hefty balances remaining, and Contract #14 shows \$1 million remaining. Guy states there are about \$400,000 worth of wood paneling and trim to come out of that contract.

#### Change Order #22-001

Gouker says the change order is to connect data and communication cabling between the two buildings. Gouker moves to approve Change Order #22-001 - Kelso-Burnett in the amount of \$13,100, Spencer seconds and the motion carries on a voice vote.

#### Security Equipment

Gouker introduces Greg Beitel to the board to discuss the purchase of the Judicial Center Security Screening Equipment. This information was distributed in the county board packets for review. Beitel states the Judicial Center is set-up to have two screening areas, but they will make do with one at this time. There was discussion regarding the amount of people entering the Judicial Center and the possible need of two screening areas. Heuer asks about the maintenance contract. Beitel states the maintenance contracts are optional, we can purchase them now at a

discount but they do not take effect until the warranty runs out. The warranty on the equipment for the x-ray is one year, the magnetometer is 2 years. Hopkins moves to approve the purchase of the security screening equipment in the amount of \$43,878.00, Remhof seconds. This will be paid from the project fund and the motion carries on a voice vote.

Bills for approval

Gouker reviews the various bills which have been submitted for payment. There are bills from the Health Administration Building for the landscaping and signage area. Gouker moves to approve payment of the expenditures from the Judicial Center Project Fund in the amount of \$440,283.52 and \$1,000.00 from the Long Range Capital Improvement Fund. Zuehl seconds and the motion carries on a voice vote.

**Liquor Commission**

Minutes placed on exhibit

Minutes

Chairman Gocken announces minutes from the Liquor Commission have been distributed tonight.

**Executive Committee**

Minutes placed on exhibit

G.I.S. Representative

Chairman Gocken states the G.I.S. Committee has asked for a County Board Representative for the G.I.S. Partnership. It has been recommended to have the County Board Chairman and Vice-Chairman be the county designees. Spencer moves to approve the appointment of the County Board Chairman and Vice-Chairman as designees to represent Ogle County, Colson seconds and the motion carries on a voice vote.

County Administrator

Chairman Gocken asks the Personnel & Salary Committee to study and present the duties and job description of the County Administrator to the Executive Committee at the next regular meeting on July 11<sup>th</sup>. Once the Personnel and Salary Committee have determined the duties and etc., the Finance Committee is to look into the funding the position, office and equipment then report back to the Executive Committee.

**Chairman Comments**

Assessor's Office

Chairman Gocken reports a telephone message from an Ogle County citizen who is formerly of Cook County. He has visited the Assessor's Office at least 3 times in the past year and has been very pleased with the staff.

Breakfast Announcement

Chairman Gocken announces the breakfast held by the Ogle Economic Development Corporation on June 29<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 a.m. at the Maxson's Riverside Restaurant. Chairman Gocken will be in attendance as a private investor and not a representative of the County.

**Public Comments**

Huntley announces the Fields Project which will be held this weekend in Oregon and several families are hosting the artists. There will be an Art Show at Mix Park in Oregon and he encourages everyone to attend.

Brooks informs the board of an incident he encountered and the help he received from a department head. His son-in-law had a brain aneurysm and they needed a customer service number for the Blue Cross/Blue Shield insurance company in order to place him in the rehabilitation center. Brooks called John Coffman and asked if he could locate a number since the county had this insurance several years ago. Coffman located a number and they were able to get his son-in-law into the rehabilitation center. Brooks greatly appreciates the help Coffman was able to give his family.

Liz Stirling from Byron addresses the board. She is here representing a group of people who live in Byron called "Byron, Peace and Quiet". They are concerned about the proposed expansion of the Byron Dragway, and it is not the intention of their group to close down the Dragway. They want to see the current regulations remain in effect and enforced. They are concerned with two issues - Proposed expansion of hours - to allow the Dragway to operate after 6:00 p.m. - They feel this expansion would dramatically affect the property values and their quality of life. Memorial Day weekend is a good example, residents planned activities to begin after 6:00 p.m. - the Dragway raced until after 8:00 p.m. - several residents made calls to the Sheriff's Office and Board members. It's still unclear after these phone calls as to who is responsible for the enforcing of the Ordinance. It appears the Dragway can call the Sheriff's Office and the Sheriff's Office gives them the ok to violate the Ordinance. They are in the process of working with their attorney and the area legislators to attempt to have the Premises Liability Act amended or rescinded. Stirling suggests the County Board and this group work together with the legislators, maybe they can amend the statute to the benefit of everyone. The alternative they have to follow is to privately take legal action in order to have the act amended or rescinded. This will involve law suits against the Dragway owners, car owners, drivers, bouncers, to enforce state and national noise ordinances.

Stirling also thanks the board for keeping the County Board meetings at 5:30 p.m. and placing Public Comments before going into Closed Session.

**Communications**

- Sales Tax for March, 2005 was \$27,273.12 and \$64,412.86
- Sales Tax for March, 2004 was \$35,669.84 and \$63,160.16

**Unfinished Business**

Saunders explains the committee would like to get some input from the board members regarding the County Administrator position. Are the majority of the County Board Members in favor of this position? White states he is in the middle of the road with this issue. He would like to see some development in detail regarding the responsibilities for this position. Somewhere back in 1992, the

board gave the elected officials responsibility for the number of employees in their departments (Sheriff's Department was noted). White has questions as to what the duties of the County Administrator would be for elected officials and appointed department heads? Remhof states we need a County Administrator to help alleviate some of the problems with turf warfare we seem to be having in Ogle County. This will not be a magic pill, but he sees where this will help us move down the road in a more effective manor. Hoekstra asks how can we pay for this position, when we can't pay for the present offices? Huntley states he doesn't see how the county can afford not to have this position. The county has done a fantastic job in the past year and it is easy to do the job when you have ample money. However, it gets tough when there is no tax money. Huntley refers to the \$35,000 building permit the county paid to the City of Oregon, but government and schools are exempt. Scholl feels this position would help unite the board. Horner says if you take out three or four key board members, a lot of people do not want to take those jobs. How many people want Bill Spencer's job? Spencer says the county has gotten along without an administrator for the last 100 years, why do we need one now? Huntley says counties around us have gone in the direction of a County Administrator and it just makes common sense. Huntley talks about the Open Meetings Act - how we have had seminars and someone give direction to the board members - we still are not following this. Chairman Gocken says we are better than we used to be, but she does agree with Huntley. Saunders asks for clarification - it was decided the Personnel & Salary Committee is to bring the information to the next Executive Committee meeting.

### **New Business**

Gouker talks about a letter he has distributed to the board members this evening regarding the IGA. He would like to see someone from the IGA negotiating group come to the next County Board meeting and brief the board in closed session. He states if they do not come to the meeting, the county needs to end their representation. Gouker makes the motion to terminate the county's representation by the so called negotiation committee "IGA", based on information provided or not provided about the current status at the July 19, 2005, Ogle County Board Meeting. This motion is to be held over until next month. Heuer seconds the motion. Zuehl is a member of the Board of Review and states the Board of Review will set the valuation of the nuclear plant. Chairman Gocken will ask the IGA negotiation committee to attend the July Ogle County Board meeting.

### **Closed Session**

At 8:05 p.m., Chairman Gocken informs the County Board will go into Closed Session to discuss the McKnight and Byron Dragway Lawsuit issues. Horner moves to go into Closed Session, Remhof seconds and roll call is called:

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

**NO:** none

**ABSENT:** Nye and Rice

The motion carries on a roll call vote.

### **Return to Open Session**

At 8:38 p.m., the County Board returns to Open Session and no action was taken.

**Motion to Adjourn**

At 8:40 p.m., Heuer moves to adjourn the June Ogle County Board meeting until Tuesday, July 19, 2005, at 5:30 p.m., Horner 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