

Proceedings of the Ogle County Board Meeting
March 15, 2005

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

Call to Order

Chairman Gocken calls the meeting to order at 5:40 p.m.

Roll Call

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

Approval of Minutes

Chairman Gocken asks for approval of County Board minutes:

- February 15, 2005 meeting minutes - Hoekstra moves to approve, Clayton seconds and the motion carries on a voice vote.

Approval of Reports

Swanson moves to accept and place on file the monthly report of the Treasurer, County Clerk/Recorder and Circuit Clerk. Colson seconds and the motion carries on voice vote.(Placed on file)

Hearing - Presentation of POW/MIA flag to County Board

Chairman Gocken has Chris Remhof introduce the Veteran's who are here tonight to present the POW/MIA flag to fly at the old courthouse. Veteran's Lance Anderson of Rockford, Larry Hanson of Stillman Valley, Mickey Badertscher of Leaf River presented the flag to Chairman Gocken. Chairman Gocken asked the remaining Veteran's to come to the front and introduce themselves. They are members of Local UAW 592, Rich Day of Oregon, Rus Ruter of Forreston, Rich Sanders of Dixon and Jeff Bronson President of Local UAW 592. Remhof announces an Honor Guard of Veteran's will raise the flag tomorrow at 9:00 a.m. in front of the courthouse.

Hearing - Attorney General Community Outreach Liaison

Remhof introduces Mike Hughes who is the Community Outreach Liaison from the Attorney General's Office. Mr. Hughes tells the board if there is an organization who would like for him to speak to them, to contact him. Mr. Hughes informs the board of the various services the Attorney General's Office offers to the citizens of Ogle County and has handed out a brochure to give them more information. Mr. Hughes thanks the board for giving him the time to talk to them tonight.

Hearing - Ogle Economic Development Corp Officers

Chairman Gocken announces the members of the Ogle Economic Development Corporation Officers: Doug Elder as President - Scott Tilton as Vice-President, Jim Mays as Treasurer and Grant Bullock as Secretary. Doug Elder is here tonight and will address the board on the progress of the new Corporation. Mr. Elder states it has been an exciting venture to form this Corporation and how much support they have had in the private and public sectors.

Closed Session

Chairman Gocken asks for a motion to move the Closed Session to follow New Business. Remhof moves to have the Closed Session follow New Business,

Colson seconds and the motion carries on a voice vote.

Vacancies -

Chairman Gocken announces the following vacancies:

- Zoning Board of Appeals - 1 Regular member & 1 Alternate member
- Various Fire Protection Districts - Ashton, Forreston, Leaf River, Lynn-Scott-Rock, Oregon and German Valley - 1 vacancy on each
- Farmland Assessment Review Board - 3 vacancies
- Planning Commission - 3 vacancies
- Lost Nation/New Landing - 1 vacancy

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

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- Board of Health - 2 vacancies
- Board of Review - 2 vacancies (Republican candidates)

Application deadline for these appointments will be Friday, April 29, 2005, at 4:30 p.m. in the Ogle County Clerk's Office

Appointments -

Ogle County Housing Authority

Chairman Gocken announces the recommendation to appoint Donald J. Finn to the Ogle County Housing Authority for an unexpired term which ends on October 31, 2005. Clayton moves to approve the appointment, Hoekstra seconds and the motion carries on a voice vote.(Placed on file)

Lynn-Scott-Rock Fire Protection District

Chairman Gocken announces the recommendation to appoint Curtis W. Fruit to the Lynn-Scott-Rock Fire Protection District for an unexpired term which ends April 30, 2007. Hoekstra moves to approve the appointment, Rice seconds and the motion carries on a voice vote.(Placed on file)

Ogle County Mental Health "708" Board

Chairman Gocken announces the recommendation to appoint Susan L. Kirkpatrick to the Mental Health "708" Board for an unexpired term which ends December 31, 2006. Clayton moves to approve, Remhof seconds and the motion carries on a voice vote.(Placed on file)

Sheriff's Merit Commission

Chairman Gocken announces the recommendation to appoint James Peters to the Sheriff's Merit Commission for a term which will expire July 31, 2010. Rice moves to approve the appointment, Kenney seconds and the motion carries on a voice vote.(Placed on file)

Resolution - Ogle County Intergovernmental Agency Agreement

Chairman Gocken presents the Ogle County Intergovernmental Agency Agreement to the members of the board and informs them this was included in the County Board Packets. This resolution involves the 11 taxing districts which receive tax monies from Exelon Generation Company, LLC. The IGA board met and discussed hiring experts including an appraisal firm to have an appraisal prepared as of January 1, 2005, in order to prepare for negotiations with Exelon. The members of the IGA Board met on March 3, 2005, and voted to recommend the authorization of the IGA Executive Committee to hire experts as they deemed

necessary to have the appraisal prepared and assist in gathering information for the negotiations with Exelon. The IGA Board voted to approve and authorize up to \$100,000 to assist in gathering information and Ogle County will responsible for the usual percentage of the cost which is 12.279% which will equal to \$12,279, if the entire \$100,000 would be spent. Colson moves to adopt the Ogle County Intergovernmental Agency Agreement, Bauer seconds and the motion carries on a voice vote.(Placed on file)

Resolution - State's Attorney - House Bill 307

Chairman Gocken has State's Attorney Roe and Chief Probation Officer Don Kinn explain the resolution to the members of the board. Roe informs the board of legislation which has passed to allow the County to enact and collect court costs up to \$5. This money would go towards the operation and administration of a teen court, peer court, peer jury, youth court, or other diversion programs. Roe states this resolution is only asking to collect a \$2 fee. Kinn says the Regional Office of Education and the Juvenile Justice Council have a program in place called Victim Offender Conferencing which has proven to be very effective. There was discussion regarding how the new fund will be utilized. Zuehl moves to approve the resolution, Rice seconds and the motion carries on a voice vote.(Placed on file)

Zoning - #1-05 Amendment - Ronald & Joyce Stocking

The clerk reads the petition of Ronald & Joyce Stocking, 3749 E. Pine Rock Rd., Oregon, 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 of NE 1/4 NE 1/4 Section 20 and Part NW 1/4 NW 1/4 Section 21
Pine Rock Township 23N, R11E of the 4th P.M., Ogle County, IL, 10.39
acres, more or less - P.I.N.: 17-20-200-005 & Part 17-21-100-011
Common Location: 3058 S. Rocky Hollow Rd.

Hopkins moves to approve Amendment #1-05, Bauer seconds and the motion carries on a voice vote.(Placed on file)

Zoning - #2-05 Amendment - Joseph F. & Sylvia M. Balice

The clerk reads the petition of Joseph F. & Sylvia M. Balice, 5989 Marrill Rd., Byron, 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:

Part NW 1/4 NW 1/4 Section 9 Marion Township 24N, R11E of the 4th
P.M., Ogle County, IL, 10.04 acres, more or less - P.I.N.: 10-09-100-003
Common Location: 5989 Marrill Rd.

Hopkins moves to approve Amendment #2-05, Bauer seconds and the motion carries on a voice vote.(Placed on file)

Zoning - Variance - Will Clark

The clerk presents the request of Will Clark, 8350 N. Hales Corner Rd., Stillman Valley, IL for a Variance to the Ogle County, IL Special Flood Hazard Areas Ordinance. Hopkins moves to approve the Variance for Will Clark, Horner seconds. Colson asks Mike Reibel if variances of this nature will have an affect on Flood Insurance in our area? Reibel says part of the National Flood Insurance Program states that a pattern of variation that is being granted that's inconsistent with the purpose and intent of the National Flood Insurance Program can lead to probationary action or revocation of our status with the National Flood Insurance Program. This is a very minor variation but it is a National Flood Insurance Program regulation that buildings which are below the

100 year flood elevation be provided with permanent openings in the building walls. This will allow water to freely enter and exit with no human intervention to alleviate any pressure on the walls of the building. Reibel states this building is not far below the 100 year flood elevation. The motion carries on a voice vote.(Placed on file)

Zoning - Resolution - W. Harvest Road - Brookville Twp

The clerk presents the resolution to name the un-named public road located in Brookville Township “W. Harvest Road”. The resolution states this is an existing East-West public road that extends westerly from N. Brookville Road along the North line of Section 15, T24N, R7E of the 4th P.M. and the south line of Section 10, T24N, R7E of the 4th P.M. (Brookville Township). Hopkins moves to approve the resolution, Zuehl seconds and a roll call vote is needed:

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

NO: None

ABSTAIN: None

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

Zoning - Resolution - W. Carroll Road - Brookville Twp

The clerk presents the resolution to name the un-named public road located in Brookville Township “W. Carroll Road”. The resolution states this is an existing East-West public road that extends Westerly from N. Brookville Rd along the South line of Section 15, T24N, R7E of the 4th P.M. and the North line of Section 22, T24N, R7E of the 4th P.M. (Brookville Township). Hopkins moves to approve the resolution, Brooks seconds and a roll call vote is needed:

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

NO: None

ABSTAIN: None

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

Zoning - Final Plat - Deer Run Estates - Marion Township

The clerk presents the Final Plat of Deer Run Estates - Dennis C. & Kimberly S. Harms and Robert E. & Heather R. Genrich, 6306 Rte 173, Poplar Grove, IL 61065 - “Deer Run Estates”, a Subdivision located in Part of the N1/2 Section 22 Marion Township 25N, R11E of the 4th P.M., Ogle County IL - P.I.N.: 05-22-100-041 - Hopkins moves to approve subject to all staff comments being satisfactorily addressed, to approve the Final Plat of Deer Run Estates, Swanson seconds and the motion carries on a voice vote.(Placed on file)

Road & Bridge - Resolution for County Bridge Construction

The clerk presents the County Bridge Construction Resolution regarding Mt Vernon Rd (Brookville Twp - 04-01113-00-BR). Clayton says the Road and Bridge Committee recommends the approval of award and appropriation Resolution of \$22,000 from County Bridge Fund for Mt Vernon Rd Bridge - Section 04-01113-00-BR, Colson seconds and the motion carries on a voice vote.(Placed on file)

Road & Bridge - Resolution for Township Bridge Construction

The clerk presents the Township Bridge Construction Resolution regarding Pilgrim Road Box Culverts (01-25106-00-BR / 03-16126-00-BR). Huntley says the Road & Bridge Committee recommends the approval of award and appropriation resolution of \$11,000 from County Bridge Fund for Pilgrim Road Bridge - section 01-251060-00-BR / 03-16126-00-BR), Clayton seconds and the motion carries on a voice vote.(Placed on file)

Road & Bridge - Resolution for County Bridge Construction

The clerk presents the County Bridge Construction Resolution regarding Pines Road Bridges (04-00215-00-BR). Spencer says the Road and Bridge Committee recommends the approval of award and appropriation resolution of \$925,000 from County Bridge Fund for Pines Road Box Culverts - Section 03-00215-00-BR, Zuehl seconds and the motion carries on a voice vote.(Placed on file)

Road & Bridge - Resolution for County Bridge Construction

The clerk presents the County Bridge Construction Resolution for Freeport Road Box Culverts (04-00220-00-BR). Zuehl says the Road and Bridge Committee recommends the approval of award and appropriation resolution of \$88,000 from County Bridge Fund for Freeport Road Box Culverts - section 04-00220-00-BR, Horner seconds and the motion carries on a voice vote.(Placed on file)

Road & Bridge - Resolution for County Road Construction

The clerk presents the County Road Construction Resolution for 2005 Striping on various county roads. Colson says the Road & Bridge Committee recommends the approval of award and appropriation resolution of \$39,000 from the County Highway Fund for 2005 Striping, Spencer seconds and the motion carries on a voice vote.(Placed on file)

Road & Bridge - Resolution for County Road Construction

The clerk presents the County Road Construction Resolution for 2005 Roadside spraying on various county roads. Clayton says the Road & Bridge Committee recommends the approval of award and appropriation resolution of \$71,200 from County Highway Fund for 2005 Roadside spraying, Huntley seconds and the motion carries on a voice vote.(Placed on file)

Road & Bridge - Supplemental Resolution for County Road Construction

The clerk presents the Supplemental Resolution for Flagg Road Widening and Resurfacing (01-00210-00-WR). Huntley says the Road & Bridge Committee recommends the approval of award and appropriation resolution of \$7,751.00 from the County Motor Fuel Tax Fund - section 01-00210-00-WR, Colson seconds and the motion carries on a voice vote.(Placed on file)

Road & Bridge - Petition for Vacation - Town of Haldane - Lincoln Township

The clerk presents the Petition for Vacation in the Town of Haldane (Lincoln Township). Zuehl says the Road & Bridge Committee recommends approval of the Petition for Vacation, Lincoln Township, Town of Haldane - vacation of right-of-way, an alley. Kenney seconds and the motion carries on a voice vote.(Placed on file)

Road & Bridge - Resolution of Vacation - Town of Haldane - Lincoln Twp

The clerk presents the Resolution of Vacation in the Town of Haldane (Lincoln Township). Colson says the Road & Bridge Committee recommends approval of the Resolution of Vacation, Lincoln Township, Town of Haldane, right-of-way, an alley. Clayton seconds and the motion carries on a voice vote.(Placed on file and Recorded in the Ogle County Recorder's Office)

Recess to refer claims to a committee

At 6:30 p.m., Rice 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 6:45 p.m..

Claims

The clerk reads the claims for the General Fund - \$107,701.13 and the County Highway Fund - \$37,538.06. Scholl moves to approve the claims as read, Kenney 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, H.E.W. & Solid Waste, Road & Bridge, Blackhawk Hills RC&D, Mental Health Board, Executive Committee and G.I.S. Committee.* The following had no minutes to file: *County Clerk & Recorder, Board of Health, Ill Assoc of Co Bd Members, U.C.C.I., Ill Risk Management, Tri-County Opportunities, Safety Committee, 9-1-1 E.T.S. Board, Liquor Commission and Byron Dragway.*

Finance & Revenue

Minutes placed on exhibit

Comment on motion

Spencer refers to the committee minutes regarding the motion to pay Nick Sakellariou for attending the Finance committee. Spencer did not agree with paying Mr. Sakellariou for this meeting. The motion to pay Nick Sakellariou was made and carried according to the minutes.

Judiciary & Circuit Clerk

Minutes placed on exhibit

Budget issue

Brooks makes the motion to increase the Circuit Clerk's Budget \$50,000 to pay for operating expenses this fiscal year - which would make the total budget \$506,000 and Hoekstra seconds. Saunders asks about the labor relation attorneys who are available to the Circuit Clerk's Office at no cost. Typer states these attorneys are provided by the Administrative Office of the Illinois Courts and they negotiate contracts which go into grievance litigation. Colson states the clerk has other options but at the head of the list he can go to the Judge and then we'll have a court order telling the board to pay the expenses of his office. Roe says this has happened in the past in LaSalle County and the Chief Judge of that Circuit after litigation on the case issued a mandamus forcing the County Board to provide funds to the clerk to hire additional clerks. There was discussion regarding the money in the Circuit Clerk's budget and how Typer decides to spend the money given to him. Hopkins comments about Typer amending his budget within his department and move some of the money over to the various line items. Then near the end of the year if he will be short of money, the board can look into the option of using the contingency money. Typer states if it is the desire of the board to go ahead and spend down the

money knowing he will come back and need money - he can understand that. However, there are certain people who would like for him to overspend his budget and then say Typer was not responsible for the money given to his office. With the funding given to the Circuit Clerk's budget he can do - if the additional funding will be available at a later date, then he should spend the money at the direction of the County Board - Typer states he will do that. But, Typer doesn't want the County Board to come back and tell him he was irresponsible in using your money and doesn't have money to get you through the year. Brooks states the committee was told last month to come back to the board with a dollar amount needed. Brooks said the committee is worried about the Circuit Clerk bills that are not being paid and mentioned the verbiage for the motion may be worded wrong. Brooks says the committee wanted the County Board to provide additional money for the Circuit Clerk to pay his bills and get by. There was discussion regarding the verbiage of the motion and the motion was taken directly from the minutes of the Circuit Clerk Committee Special Meeting dated February 21, 2005. Zuehl wants it mentioned in the minutes that the Buildings & Grounds budget was reduced by \$50,000. Typer wants to know where the motion stands at this point? Typer wants to have something in writing as to how to continue and what the County Board would like for him to do. Kenney informs the board during the committee meeting there were several options given to the Circuit Clerk and they were refused. The motion from the Circuit Clerk's Committee was brought to the Finance Committee and it was defeated. Gouker makes the motion to amend the original motion and transfer the \$50,000 from the contingency fund line item, Hoekstra seconds. Brooks asks if the State's Attorney would come in and comment on this motion. Roe states there is no cut and dry answer to this and says the best scenario would be to have a resolution reached. We do need to keep in mind, if there is litigation down the road that there could be additional costs to the county. Spencer states this began back in the 2004 budget, sometime in August his contract was open and \$20,000 was granted for salaries and no one voted on this except for the Circuit Clerk and the Union. At the end of the 2004 budget, he only gave back a \$.10 to the General Fund. As soon as the 2005 budget became effective, another \$20,000 was granted to his employees. Spencer says as this budget is written, the Circuit Clerk is not done asking for raises for his employees. There is a grievance regarding the 3% increases given to the non-union employees and named Department Heads which was passed by the board. Come April 10th when the arbitrators return to deal with the Sheriff's

Department Union Negotiations.

A roll call vote is called:

YES: Stahl, White, Brooks, Colson, Gouker, Hoekstra, Hopkins and Gocken

NO: Rice, Saunders, Scholl, Spencer, Swanson, Zuehl, Bauer, Clayton, Colbert, Horner, Huntley, Kenney and Remhof

ABSENT: Heuer, Johnson and Nye

The motion to amend the original motion is defeated on a roll call vote.

Chairman Gocken says the original motion will be voted on at this time. Bauer says he read in the Circuit Clerk minutes about the various funds available and asks for clarification as to why these funds will not be used to make up for the \$50,000 shortfall. Kenney states they were advised the Circuit Clerk does not want to use funds that maybe available to him because it could possibly open up the door in the future during Union negotiations for additional funds that were not earmarked or intended to be used in that way. Typer states there is a statute he has distributed to the board members a couple of times in the past, which states the County Board shall provide for compensation of clerks, stationary and fuel. It specifically states the funding for these come from the appropriation of the general revenue fund. Typer states it is a very narrow interpretation regarding the use of the funds to pay for the salary of deputy clerks in his office. There are supplies which are paid from the document storage fund for supplies in his office. Gouker says since the amended motion failed, the original motion cannot be voted on by the board. He goes on to say the County Board needs to declare an emergency for that kind of a change. Horner asks if the board can direct the Circuit Clerk to pay his bills out of his budget? Chairman Gocken states the board cannot tell an Elected Official how to run their office. Since the amended motion failed, Brooks and Hoekstra withdraw their original motions.

Juvenile & Probation

Minutes on exhibit

Spaghetti Dinner

Horner informs the board of an envelope from Focus House on the desks and there are tickets to sell for the spaghetti dinner. The dinner will be held on April 13th from 4:00 pm to 7:30 pm.

Planning & Zoning

Minutes on exhibit

Meeting

The next ZBA meeting will be held on Thursday, March 24th.

State's Attorney

Minutes placed on exhibit

Collection of unpaid fines

Roe announces recent legislation has been passed that allows the State's Attorney to contract with collection agencies or law firms to help with the collection of delinquent fines and this service is free to the county. This collection agency collects a 40% fee to the amount already owed to the county and collect the additional fee once the county's fines have been paid. Remhof asks how much money in uncollected fines does the county have now? Roe states it is approximately \$100,000 at this time. Remhof asks if there is a way to have a lobbyist group through the State's Attorney or Circuit Clerk groups, to look for something that would prevent a refund in State Income Tax. Have people checked through a database and before someone gets a refund of their State Income Tax and inform the person a fine is owed.

Sheriff & Coroner

Minutes placed on exhibit

Coroner vehicle

Horner says there has been discussion at the committee regarding a new vehicle for the Coroner's Office. There was discussion and since the motion was not placed on the County Board Agenda, it cannot be voted on at this meeting. Chairman Gocken states she will entertain a motion this evening, discuss the issue and vote on this issue next month. Chairman Gocken also apologizes for not having this issue on the agenda. Horner makes the motion to allow the Coroner the authority to proceed with the purchase of his vehicle to replace the existing vehicle. Colson seconds. Spencer says the Coroner has already appeared before the Finance Committee with this request and the purchase will not be paid until the 2006 budget year. Horner states the vehicle will be purchased over the next 3 to 5 years and he has to enter into a contract. The County Board Chairman will need to sign the contract and the loan payments will not begin until December 1, 2005. Lou Finch states he has a financial institution who will finance the vehicle at 4.25% now and this rate will not be guaranteed next month. Horner withdraws his motion. This issue will be placed on the County Board Agenda next month for a vote.

Reminder of motions

Huntley informs the board motions are being made and they are not detailed with numbers or worded correctly. This is difficult when the minutes are being transcribed the motions are not clearly stated. Huntley suggests to have the motions written and given to the clerk to prevent any misunderstandings.

Blackhawk Hills RC&D

Newsletter placed on exhibit

Newsletter

Colson has distributed a newsletter to the board members.

Illinois Assoc of Co Bd Members

No minutes

Website

Clayton encourages the board to look at the website which contains a lot of good information. The address is www.ilcounties.org - the site is new and still under construction.

U.C.C.I.

Report on exhibit

Information

Chairman Gocken states Marcia Heuer is attending the U.C.C.I. Annual Conference and there is a short report on the desks. The county will be refunded the 2005 dues from U.C.C.I. which is \$2,200.

Planning Commission

Minutes placed on exhibit

Meeting

Remhof states the next meeting will be on Thursday, March 17th at 7 p.m. in the Ogle County Board Room.

Personnel & Salary

Minutes placed on exhibit

Updates

Saunders comments on the updates for the Orientation Manual left on the desks.

Harassment Seminars

Saunders says 88 people attended the first day of the Harassment Seminar and gives the dates of the remaining seminars:

Ogle County Hwy Dept - March 22 at 7:00 a.m.
 Sheriff's Training Room - March 22 at 9:30 a.m.

Long Range Planning

Minutes placed on exhibit

Presentation

Anna Engelert of Masters Business Interiors has a PowerPoint presentation for the furniture layout of the Judicial Center and projected costs:

Judicial Center furniture costs floor by floor	
Judges 3 rd floor	\$ 39,000
Judges 2 nd floor	\$ 17,000
Circuit Clerk 3 rd floor	\$ 20,000*
Circuit Clerk 2 nd floor	\$ 19,000
State's Attorney Department	\$ 65,000
Probation Department	\$ 61,000
Misc areas	\$ 49,100
TOTAL	\$270,100

Rice asks how much money was budgeted for the furniture in the Judicial Center? Gouker says the budget was developed by the construction manager and the furnishings was an arbitrary number. Gouker explains the budget process for the furnishings in the Judicial Center. Ms. Engelert reviews the different types of furnishings to be used at the Judicial Center. Kenney asks if the Building & Grounds Committee has a list of the antiques in the courthouse? Zuehl states the maintenance department is currently working on this project. Gouker states there will be an inventory system to keep track of the various furnishings.

Update on progress

Gouker has Jerry Guy present the progress report for the Judicial Center -

- Stairway in cupola is 90% complete
- Discussions regarding masonry work
- Drywall - 1st Floor - 96% complete
 - 2nd Floor - 91% complete
 - 3rd Floor - 90% complete
- Ceramic Tile has been delivered and some installation has been begun
- Lighting updates
- Other various construction happenings

Zuehl asks about the cable which is being installed and wants to know if this is update cabling? Guy says yes it is up to date cable and per specs of Arnold O'Sheridan. Colson comments on the inquiries which have been raised and adequately answered. There was also discussion regarding the 9-1-1 telephone system for the Judicial Center.

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 \$604,922.51 and \$705.74 to be paid from Long Range Planning Capital Improvement Fund for concept design plan which is not part of the construction (planning for old courthouse). Hopkins seconds and the motion to approve the bills as presented carries on a voice vote.

IT Committee

Minutes placed on exhibit

Update

Colson talks to the board about a switch to be used for the secure network for law enforcement and public access network.

Liquor Commission

No minutes

Grubsteaker's

Chairman Gocken announces Grubsteaker's is now under new management and a liquor license has been issued to the new owners - Joe and Ava Fejzowski.

Chairman Comments

Chairman Gocken wants to publically thank Steve Rypkema for the excellent presentation he gave at the public landfill meeting in Rochelle.

Public Comments

Rice wants to make a couple of comments from the County Clerk and Insurance Committee - Group Health - ECOH refund of \$942
- Health Dept Lunch & Learns have been well attended and funded by a grant from the State - information was handed out last month

Kenney attended a meeting at Kishwaukee College and a representative from Speaker Madigan's office was there.

Communications

- Sales Tax for December, 2004 was \$ and \$
- Sales Tax for December, 2003 was \$51,895.76 and \$68,285.72
(No information available for 2004)

Unfinished Business

Brooks asks if there can be more discussion regarding the Circuit Clerk issue and get this issue resolved tonight? Chairman Gocken lets Brooks proceed with questions to Typer. Brooks asks Typer if he is willing to pay his bills with the money in his salary line item? Typer states if the board directs him to do this he will. Brooks makes the motion to direct the Circuit Clerk to pay all of his current bills until the budget for the Circuit Clerk is gone and have him come back to the County Board for further direction. Horner seconds. Spencer states the board cannot tell an elected official how to use the money in his budget. Kenney talks about the various discussions that have been held and suggestions given to Typer for use and they were rejected by Typer. Kenney states Typer was given a budget like all other departments and he can use it how he see fits, the board cannot tell Typer how to run his office. Saunders informs there were other departments who also had zero's in their line items for their budgets as well and those departments are using those expenses from other areas. This isn't the only department that had zero's in their budgets. The County Board cannot give the Circuit Clerk a guarantee due to unforeseen circumstances. Scholl states all department heads were given a bottom line budget and they were to distribute this money for use of their office as they see fit. Remhof asks if we can even consider this motion since the motion on the agenda was defeated? Hopkins asks if the department head wants to change the budget do they have to come back to the board as long as they stay within the budgeted amount given? Chairman Gocken says no, he has control over his budget. Typer states when the budget was presented, it was presented with money to cover salaries only. There was no other money provided for supplies for his office and there is no way to move money around. There was more discussion regarding the use of funds from Child Support to cover other costs and the replacement cost for the AS400. Brooks and Horner withdraw their motion.

Remhof announces the 3rd Annual Town Hall meeting for County Board District #3 which will be held Thursday, April 21st at 7:00 p.m. at the Bertolet Building. Remhof invites either Chairman Gocken or Vice-Chairman Clayton attend the meeting.

New Business

Closed Session

At 8:45 p.m., Chairman Gocken informs the County Board State's Attorney Roe has asked for a Closed Session to discuss pending litigation regarding the McKnight Quarry and the Byron Dragway. Kenney moves to go into Closed Session to discuss pending litigation regarding the Byron Dragway, Horner seconds and roll call is called:

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

NO: none

ABSENT: Heuer, Johnson and Nye

Return to Open Session

At 9:06 p.m., the County Board returns to Open Session and no action was taken.

Motion to Adjourn

At 9:10 p.m., Kenney moves to adjourn the March Ogle County Board meeting until Tuesday, April 19, 2005, at 5:30 p.m., Colbert 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