

Proceedings of the Ogle County Board Meeting  
March 22, 2006

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

**Call to Order**

Chairman Gocken calls the meeting to order at 5:50p.m.

**Roll Call**

The roll call shows all 24 board members are present. The invocation is given by Scholl and this is followed with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

**Approval of Minutes**

Chairman Gocken asks for a motion to approve the February 9, 2006, Special Ogle County Board meeting minutes. Hoekstra moves to approve the February 9, 2006, Special Ogle County Board minutes. Rice seconds and the motion carries on a voice vote.

Chairman Gocken asks for a motion to approve the February 21, 2006, Ogle County Board meeting minutes. Hoekstra moves to approve the February 21, 2006, Ogle County Board minutes. Swanson seconds and the motion carries on a voice vote.

Hoekstra makes the motion to correct minutes of the January 17, 2006, Ogle County Board meeting to add "Kenney" to roll call as a NO vote regarding the Circuit Clerk Fees on page 291. Scholl seconds. It was stated Kenney's name was omitted due to a typographical error. The motion carries on a voice vote.

**Approval of Reports**

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

**Motion to go into Closed Session**

Chairman Gocken asks for a motion to move the Closed Session of the County Board meeting toward the end of the meeting. Rice moves to allow the Closed Session of the County Board meeting to be discussed toward the end of the meeting. Colson seconds and the motion carries on a voice vote.

**Resignation - G.I.S. Specialist**

Chairman Gocken informs the board that Michael Nolte the Ogle County G.I.S. Specialist has tendered his resignation. Mr. Nolte has accepted a job with the Department of Defense in St. Louis. Huntley moves to accept the resignation of Michael Nolte, Colson seconds and the motion carries on a voice vote.

**Vacancies -**

- Planning Commission - 1 vacancy - unexpired term
- Planning Commission - 2 vacancies - full term
- Lost Nation/New Landing River Conservancy District - 1 vacancy
- Zoning Board of Appeals - 1 regular term
- Zoning Board of Appeals - 1 alternate term

The deadline for applications will be Friday, March 31, 2006,  
at 4:30 p.m. in the Ogle County Clerk's Office.

- Board of Health - 3 vacancies
- Board of Review - 1 vacancy (Democrat)
- Civic Center Authority Board - 3 vacancies

The deadline for applications will be Friday, April 28, 2006,  
at 4:30 p.m. in the Ogle County Clerk's Office

Chairman Gocken asks for a suspension of rules to vote on these two Liquor Ordinances tonight. Chairman Gocken states an inquiry has been made to build a convenience store at I-39 and IL Route 72 and allow packaged goods to be sold at this location. Colson moves to suspend the rules to vote on these two Liquor Ordinances. Scholl seconds and the motion carries on a roll call vote.

**Ordinance - Liquor Ordinance #06-0322A - Amend Section 4-1B-2(A)**

Chairman Gocken states the Liquor Commission and Assistant State's Attorney Bill Brozovich reviewed the Liquor Ordinance and application and have suggested changes are needed. There has been a change in the application process regarding fingerprinting and the clerk will need to collect \$44 for fingerprinting. This Ordinance allows for the additional language "all application fees and" to the text that shall read: "*Issue Licenses: The County License Officer shall collect all application fees and all license fees and shall issue licenses in the name of the County to all persons qualified under the provisions of this Division.*" Rice moves to approve Liquor Ordinance #06-0322A as presented. Scholl seconds and the motion carries on a voice vote.(Placed on file)

**Ordinance - Liquor Ordinance #06-0322B - Addition of Class B or B-1 Licenses**

Chairman Gocken informs the board this Ordinance is to allow the addition of a package good license. This will change the number from two to three Class B or B-1 Licenses in Ogle County. Scholl moves to approve Liquor Ordinance #06-0322B as presented. Spencer seconds. There was discussion regarding the addition of this license. The motion carries on a voice vote.(Placed on file)

**Abatements - GREDCO - ConAgra Foods and RC2 Brands Inc**

Ed Rice speaks to the board regarding the information included in the board packets regarding Abatements for ConAgra Foods and RC2 Brands Inc. Rice moves to approve the Abatement for RC2 Brands Inc, Zuehl seconds and the motion carries on a voice vote.(Placed on file) Scholl moves to approve the Abatement for ConAgra, Kenney seconds and the motion carries on a voice vote.(Placed on file)

**Zoning - #1-06 AMENDMENT - Michael & Prudence A. Byczynski**

The clerk reads the petition of Michael & Prudence A. Byczynski, 7214 N. Adeline Rd., Leaf River, IL, by Attorney David A. Smith, 129 S. 4th St., Oregon, 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 and owned by the petitioners:

Part SE1/4 SW1/4 Section 32 Maryland Township 25N, R9E of the 4th P.M.,  
Ogle County, IL, 5.00 acres, more or less

P.I.N.: Part of 03-32-300-005 - Common Location: 7214 N. Adeline Rd.

Hopkins states after much consideration, I move to approve #1-06 Amendment for Michael & Prudence A. Byczynski. Zuehl seconds. Hopkins states this is a unique situation due to health reasons and Hopkins states this should go through. White states he has had a conversation with Mike Stukenberg who will be purchasing this property. The motion carries on a voice vote.(Placed on file)

**Zoning - #1-06 SPECIAL USE - John & Nonie Wiles and James Wiles**

The clerk reads the petition of John & Nonie Wiles, 2341 W. Egan Rd., Leaf River, IL and James Wiles, 11768 N. Conger Rd., Leaf River, IL for a Special Use Permit to allow a dwelling for the son of the farm owner in the AG-1 Agricultural District on property described as follows, owned by John & Nonie Wiles and being purchased by James Wiles:

Part of the NW 1/4 NE 1/4 Section 7 Leaf River Township 25N, R10E of the 4th P.M., Ogle County, IL, 1.0 acre, more or less  
P.I.N.: Part of 04-07-200-005 - Common Location: 2341 W. Egan Rd.

Hopkins moves to approve #1-06 Special Use Permit for John & Nonie Wiles and James Wiles. White seconds and the motion carries on a voice vote.(Placed on file)

**Zoning - #2-06 SPECIAL USE - Lavonne Kielsmeier and Joseph Kielsmeier Sr.**

The clerk reads the petition of Lavonne Kielsmeier, 11282 N. Leaf River Rd., Leaf River, IL and Joseph Kielsmeier Sr., 406 S. Main St., Box 15, Leaf River, IL for a Special Use permit to allow a dwelling for the son of farm owner in the AG-1 Agricultural District on property described as follows, owned by Lavonne Kielsmeier and being purchased by Joseph Kielsmeier, Sr.:

Part SE 1/4 SW 1/4 Section 12 Leaf River Township 25N, R9E of the 4th P.M., Ogle County, IL, 5.28 acres, more or less  
P.I.N.: Part of 03-12-300-005 - Common Location: 11282 N. Leaf River Rd.

Hopkins moves to approve #2-06 Special Use Permit for Lavonne Kielsmeier and Joseph Kielsmeier, Sr. Swanson seconds and the motion carries on a voice vote.(Placed on file)

**Zoning - #2-06 AMENDMENT - James A. Mulholland**

The clerk reads the petition of James A. Mulholland, 9398 E. Oak Ridge Drive, Rochelle, IL for an Amendment to the Zoning District to rezone from R-2 Single-Family Residence District to I-1 Industrial District on property described as follows and owned by the petitioner:

Part of the NW1/4 SE1/4 Section 32 Flagg Township 40N, R1E of the 3rd P.M., Ogle County, IL, 3.30 acres, more or less  
P.I.N.: 24-32-401-002, -004, & -005 - Common Location: 10524 E. Titus Road

Hopkins moves to approve #2-06 Amendment for James A. Mulholland. White seconds and the motion carries on a voice vote.(Placed on file)

**Zoning - Final Plat - Carroll's Greens**

The clerk presents the Final Plat for "Carroll's Greens" - Part of the E1/2 SE 1/4 Section 18 Flagg Township 40N, R1E of the 3<sup>rd</sup> P.M., Ogle County, IL, 3.01 acres, more or less. P.I.N.: 24-18-426-004. Hopkins moves to approve subject to all staff comments being satisfactorily addressed the Final Plat for Carroll's Greens by Dale and Patricia Carroll. Scholl seconds. Kenney asks where this is located? It was stated this area is West of Skare. The motion carries on a voice vote.(Placed on file)

**Zoning - Resolution - Amended Flagg Township Land Use Plan and Map**

Chairman Gocken refers to Hopkins regarding the Flagg Township Land Use Plan and Map. Hopkins states there was a map included in the County Board packets for this Resolution. Hopkins moves to adopt the new Resolution for the Flagg Township Land Use Plan. There was no second to this motion. Chairman Gocken states the motion dies for lack of a second.(Placed on file)

**Road & Bridge**

Clayton states the Ogle County Road & Bridge Committee will present six Resolutions and one Ordinance. The Illinois Department of Transportation has directed a directive to County Engineers that state that a signed protest procedure must be included in the bid check. This directive was sent to all County Engineers on September 19, 2005. You will note the motion will include "subject to no protest being filed". All Resolutions and Ordinance have been included in your packet for review. All bids are also included in the Road and Bridge minutes.

**Road & Bridge - Resolution - County Bridge Construction - Wood Rd**

Clayton states the Road and Bridge Committee reviewed the bids and recommends the sum of \$20,000 from the County Aid to Bridge Fund for the County portion of Wood Road Bridge - Section 05-0912-00-BR, subject to no protest being filed. Clayton moves and recommends the resolution be approved. Spencer seconds and the motion carries on a voice vote.(Placed on file)

**Road & Bridge - Resolution - County Bridge Construction - McGregor Rd**

Huntley states the Road and Bridge Committee reviewed the bids and recommends the sum of \$58,000 from the County Bridge Fund for McGregor Road Culverts, Byron Township, Section 04-03117-00-BR, subject to no protest being filed. Huntley moves and recommends the resolution be approved. Zuehl seconds and the motion carries on a voice vote.(Placed on file)

**Road & Bridge - Resolution - County Bridge Construction - Town Line Road**

Clayton states the Road and Bridge Committee reviewed the bids and recommends the sum of \$31,000 from County Aid to Bridge Fund for Town Line Road Culverts - Section 05-0114-00-BR and 05-07119-00-BR, subject to no protest being filed. Clayton moves and recommends the resolution be approved. Huntley seconds and the motion carries on a voice vote.(Placed on file)

**Road & Bridge - Resolution - County Road Construction - 2006 Striping**

Huntley states the Road and Bridge Committee reviewed the bids and recommends the sum of \$35,000 from County Highway Funds for 2006 Striping, subject to no protest being filed. Huntley moves and recommends the resolution be approved. Colson seconds and the motion carries on a voice vote.(Placed on file)

**Road & Bridge - Resolution - County Bridge Construction - Bridge Deck Repairs**

Clayton states the Road and Bridge Committee reviewed the bids and recommends the sum of \$24,500 from the County Bridge Fund for bridge deck repairs in Byron, Leaf River and Scott Townships - Section 06-03118-00-BR - Section 06-10119-00-BR and Section 06-22117-00-BR. Clayton moves and recommends the resolution be approved. Colson seconds and the motion carries on a voice vote.(Placed on file)

**Road & Bridge - Resolution - County Road Construction - 2006 Spraying**

Huntley states the Road and Bridge Committee reviewed the bids and recommends the sum of \$69,000 from County Highway Funds be appropriated for spraying various county roads. Huntley moves and recommends the resolution be approved. Spencer seconds. Hopkins says he doesn't feel they need to spray for weeds when there are county workers mowing and he will be voting against this resolution. Heuer says she is a Master Gardner and she prefers the weeds are mowed off and not sprayed. Cook explains the need to spray for noxious weeds along county roads. Rice asks if this is for specific areas and not just general areas? Cook states they are on a cycle and the roads are sprayed to keep the noxious weeds and brush off the right-of-way.

**Road & Bridge - Ordinance - Altered Speed Zones - Eagle Point Rd - Holcomb Rd - Lindenwood Rd - Montague Rd - Pines Rd and Woodlawn Rd**

Clayton states - Speed Study locations have been included in your packet for your reference. This includes Eagle Point Rd - Holcomb Rd - Lindenwood Rd - Montague Rd - Pines Rd and Woodlawn Rd. In reference to the Road and Bridge Committee minutes ... "while in the process of completing some altered speed zone studies, the Highway Department checked the documentation on several older, existing speed zones and

found no documentation. Studies were completed for each existing zone and the proper altered speed limits were posted.” This Ordinance will be voted upon at the April County Board meeting.

**Thanks to Flagg Township**

Saunders would like to thank Flagg Township Supervisor Susan Plumley for organizing the Tour of Flagg Township this afternoon.

**Introduction of Focus House Foundation Members**

Saunders introduces the members of the Focus House Foundation - President David Tess, Dr. Nancy Williams, Eric Morrow, Bill Hayes, David Eckhardt, Pat Saunders and Betty Gocken. Mr. Tess states several years ago Betty Gocken named a Long Range Planning Committee for Focus House and he has had the pleasure of serving on that board. Two of the goals was to form a 5.C Corporation Foundation for Focus House and look at the needs of Focus House to expand. Tess hopes the County will continue to support the Foundation to reach their goals.

**Recess to refer claims to a committee**

At 6:35 p.m., Chairman Gocken asks for a motion to recess and refer claims to committee. Rice moves, Colson seconds and the motion carries on a voice vote. Chairman Gocken calls the meeting back to order at 6:50 p.m.

**Claims**

The clerk reads the claims for the General Fund - \$92,259.75 and the County Highway Fund - \$53,884.69. Brooks moves to approve the claims as read, Horner 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: *Finance and Revenue, Judiciary & Circuit Clerk, State’s Attorney & Legislative, Road & Bridge, Planning Commission, Mental Health Board Tri-County Opportunities and GIS Committee*. The following had no minutes to file: *Blackhawk Hills RC&D, Board of Health, U.C.C.I., Ill Risk Management, Safety Committee, Personnel & Salary and Byron Dragway*.

**County Clerk**

Minutes placed on exhibit

Election

Rice thanks County Clerk Huntley for another great job on the Election held yesterday with all of the logistics which took place, she did a great job.

Insurance/Appraisal

Rice informs the board members of the Outlook Vision program available to them. Board members can sign up for this program - give information to John Coffman. Rice states the Insurance Committee set aside some money and will have an appraisal firm looking at the county buildings sometime in the near future.

Judges of Election

County Clerk Huntley thanks the township supervisors for their help with the set-up of the polling places and also thanks all of the Election Judges who served at yesterday’s election. Without everyone’s help the Election would not be as successful.

**Buildings & Grounds**

Minutes placed on exhibit

Comments

Zuehl refers to the Buildings & Grounds Committee minutes and comments on punch lists and other concerns regarding the Judicial Center.

<b>H.E.W. &amp; Solid Waste</b>	Minutes placed on exhibit
<u>Recycling Event</u>	Chairman Gocken reminds the board the Household Hazardous Waste Day is on April 8 <sup>th</sup> from 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at the Ogle County Fairgrounds. A fee of \$2,000 will be paid to the fairgrounds for the use of their facility.
<b>Juvenile &amp; Probation</b>	Minutes placed on exhibit
<u>Spaghetti Supper</u>	Nye informs the board of tickets placed on the desks regarding the Secret Spaghetti Supper to be held at Focus House.
<b>Planning, Assessment &amp; Zoning</b>	Minutes placed on exhibit
<u>Meeting</u>	Hopkins states there will not be a PAZ or Planning Commission meeting this month.
<b>Retirement Note -</b>	Chairman Gocken congratulates Carol Hoekstra on her retirement last Friday.
<b>Blackhawk Hills RC&amp;D</b>	No newsletter or minutes
<u>Meeting</u>	Colson states the next meeting will be on Monday night at Lanark.
<b>Board of Health</b>	No minutes
<u>Drill</u>	Bauer reminds the board of the drill which will be held on Tuesday, March 28 <sup>th</sup> at RTHS and volunteers are still needed.
<b>U.C.C.I.</b>	No minutes
<u>Report</u>	Heuer informs the board of information distributed on the desks regarding the Spring UCCI Workshops.
<b>Illinois Risk Mgmt</b>	No minutes
<u>Meeting</u>	Heuer states there was no meeting this month since they are now going to hold bi-monthly meetings.
<b>Personnel &amp; Salary</b>	No minutes
<u>Motion</u>	Saunders makes the motion to recommend to the County Board an additional ½ % pay increase for the non-union employees, to be based on their salaries as of 11/30/2005 and contingent upon budget allowance. This increase will only be for those employees on staff as of 11/30/2005 and currently employed and would exclude department heads. This will allow parity between departments. Kenney seconds. There was discussion regarding retro-active for employees and other concerns regarding elected official and appointed official staff salaries. The motion carries on a voice vote.

**Long Range Planning** Minutes placed on exhibit

Update Guy reviews change orders which the Long Range Planning Committee presented:

Change Order #	Contractor	Amount
14-005	Contract 14	\$(8,522.52)
14-006	Dumpster changes	\$445.00
15-002	Auto Fire System	\$(540.00)
17-006	Mechanical Inc.	\$(15,998.10)
17-002	Fischer	\$(13,341.73)
8-001	McDermott Roofing	\$(7,500.00)
8-002	McDermott Roofing	\$(207.13)
12-001	Forest City Decorating	\$8,376.46
	TOTAL	\$(37,288.02)

Gouker moves to accept and approve the Change Orders and Long Range Planning bills in the amount of \$344,244.20 and to be paid from the Project Fund. Heuer seconds. Huntley asks if the Sheriff has reviewed the punch list for the bills we are approving tonight? Gouker states he has never been a part of the process before. Huntley will be voting no on these bills. Scholl has concerns regarding rust spots on roofing material. Kenney also states he will be voting no on the bills until the Sheriff and Buildings and Grounds Committee have signed that they are satisfied. Gouker states the remaining contractors who are on the punch list have been notified they will not receive any money after this payment until the punch list is completed. There was discussion regarding holding the money back until the county receives some satisfaction from the contractors. A roll call vote is called:

**YES:** Colson, Gouker, Heuer, Hoekstra, Lewandowski, Swanson and Gocken

**NO:** Colbert, Hopkins, Horner, Huntley, Kenney, Nye, Rice, Saunders, Scholl, Spencer, Stahl, White, Zuehl, Bauer, Boes, Brooks and Clayton

**ABSENT:** None

The motion is defeated on the roll call vote.

Gouker makes the motion to pay \$23,438.05, which are the bills for Dynamic Horizons and SBM Furniture. Gouker states these are not construction related items. Hopkins seconds. There was discussion regarding the computer hook-up with Alpha-Omega and A&O to monitor the heating system. The motion carries on a voice vote.

**Liquor Commission** Minutes placed on exhibit

Meeting Chairman Gocken stated the Liquor Commission met with Assistant State’s Attorney Bill Brozovich and reviewed the current Ordinance and application. Chairman Gocken thanks Brozovich for all of his help.

**Executive Committee** Minutes placed on exhibit

Property procedure Chairman Gocken asks Gouker to comment on the procedure for acquired property. Gouker states this will be held over until next month.

WIA & WIB Chairman Gocken speaks to the board regarding the information included in the board packets on the WIA and WIB Organizations. The WIA & WIB boards are asking for a letter of support in light of proposed budget cuts. Horner moves to approve and instruct the Chairman to send a letter of support. Kenney seconds and the motion carries on a voice vote.

**Chairman Comments**

Flagg Township Tour Chairman Gocken thanks Flagg Township Supervisor Susan Plumley for organizing the tour today.

Focus House Chairman Gocken also thanks Focus House for the excellent dinner and hospitality.

Election Night Chairman Gocken on a personal note thanks the people who hosted the coffee and cookies on Election night. Chairman Gocken had some personal issues to take care of that night.

**Communications**

- Orientation Manual Updates - Probation Annual Report and Health Department
- U.C.C.I. - Spring Workshops
- Village of Hillcrest - Petition to revise the Water Quality Management Plan

**Unfinished Business**

Horner asks if the County Board meeting place will be moved to the courtroom next to the current location? The answer was yes. Horner also states there is ample space to have Committee meetings in the courtrooms, all we need are table and chairs. Horner would like to see the vacant rooms of the courthouse utilized for Committee meetings.

Brooks asks if the County collects the Sales Tax from the Super Mix Plant located at I-39 and IL RT 72? Coffman has contacted the Illinois Department of Revenue and has no luck in obtaining this information. Roe has also contacted the Illinois Department of Revenue to no avail on this question. Chairman Gocken says she will look into this question.

**New Business**

Kenney addresses the board regarding comments made in closed meetings of the Ogle County Board Committee meetings. Kenney reads information from an Ogle County newspaper regarding the purchase of property. Kenney states Gouker made a comment off the cuff during a closed session of the Executive Committee meeting. The comment was made that the County would probably sell the properties for a \$1. Kenney states Gouker was irresponsible in the comments to the media. Kenney says in no way should an Executive representing this county make such a statement, especially in the capacity in which Gouker operates. Kenney makes the recommendation to disband the Long Range Planning Committee and turn the process over to the Buildings and Grounds Committee and have them continue the process where the Long Range Planning Committee is currently operating. There was discussion regarding if this was a recommendation or a motion. Kenney then makes a motion to immediately disband the Long Range Planning Committee and the process be turned over to the Buildings and Grounds Committee for the duration until such time the County Board sees fit. Scholl seconds. Gouker rebuts that the comment was made during an open Long Range Planning Committee meeting. The discussion ensued regarding comments made by

Gouker during an open meeting and the media printing the information. Heuer calls for Point of Order and references the County Board Rules of Order #16: All meetings of the Ogle County Board and County Board committees shall comply with the Illinois Open Meetings Act. Heuer refers to the Open Meetings Act page 43: "Disclosure of matters discussed in closed meetings: A public body cannot sanction one of its members for disclosing information or issues discussed in a closed meeting (1991 Illinois Attorney General Opinion #1)." Heuer again calls for Point of Order and states this motion is dealing with something that was in closed session and anything said in a closed session according to the Attorney General is for public consumption. There are no sanctions for material that comes out of a closed session. Roe concurs with the information Heuer stated to the board. Heuer states this motion is out of order. Kenney and Scholl withdraw their motion. Kenney makes a new motion to recommend the Long Range Planning be dissolved and the project for the Judicial Building and future projects be turned over to the Buildings and Grounds from this time forward. Scholl seconds. Gouker says since this motion was not on the agenda for tonight, this motion will need to lay over until next month. Colson comments there was a representative of the Ogle County Newspapers at the meeting and they were informed a decision could be made after the Closed Session. Colson reports at 4:31 p.m. the meeting returned to Open Session and the motion by Gouker and seconded by Clayton, "to approve the purchase of property as discussed in the closed session" and passed on a voice vote. As a courtesy to the reporter who had to go back to the office, Colson visited the newspaper office and informed the reporter of the motion made in Open Session.

**Closed Session**

At 7:55 p.m., Rice makes the motion to go into Closed Session to discuss land acquisition. Horner seconds and a roll call vote is taken:

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

**NO:** None

**ABSENT:** None

The motion to go into Closed Session carries on a roll call vote.

**Open Session**

At 8:10 p.m., the board returns to Open Session. Colson moves to recommend the purchase of the Delbert property at 110 S 6<sup>th</sup> Street at the price of \$108,500 which is the appraised amount. White seconds and a roll call vote is called:

**YES:** Gouker, Heuer, Hoekstra, Hopkins, Horner, Huntley, Kenney, Lewandowski, Rice, Scholl, Spencer, Stahl, Swanson, White, Zuehl, Boes, Clayton and Gocken

**NO:** Nye, Saunders, Bauer, Brooks and Colbert

**ABSENT:** None

The motion to purchase the Delbert property carries on a roll call vote.

**Public Comments**

Scholl would like to discuss the election which was held this week. Chairman Gocken announces we are here to discuss county business and not discuss politics. Scholl asks when do you want to discuss this? Chairman Gocken says make your comments. Scholl states what was done last week was wrong, 2 years ago the same thing was done to him and he felt he didn't deserve this. Scholl says comments like that does not help us in here. Stahl agrees with Scholl and states it was uncalled for. Coffman reads a prepared statement to the board and the public regarding the inappropriate comments Gouker made regarding Saunders and Bauer in election material sent out by Gouker. White speaks out and states this information should not be brought up in this meeting.

Whether you agree or disagree with the statements, if you sanction a person of this board, you are sanctioning the First Amendment. Chairman Gocken says she spoke to Roe about this situation and she was instructed to reply that we are here to conduct county business and not discuss politics. Chairman Gocken states when we run for a public office we are exposed to these types of situations.

Gouker says there will be a District #3 Town Hall meeting held on April 25<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. at the Byron Auditorium.

**Motion to Adjourn**

At 8:25 p.m., Lewandowski moves to adjourn the March Ogle County Board meeting until Tuesday, April 18, 2006, at 5:30 p.m. at the Ogle County Courthouse. Hoekstra 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