

Proceedings of the Ogle County Board Meeting  
March 20, 2007

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

**Call to Order**

Vice-Chairman Hopkins calls the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

**Roll Call**

The roll call shows Bauer\*, Boes and Rice absent. The invocation is given by Brooks and this is followed with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. (\*Bauer enters at 5:35 p.m.)

**Approval of Minutes**

Vice-Chairman Hopkins asks for a motion to approve the February 20, 2007, Ogle County Board Orientation meeting minutes. Messer moves to approve the February 20, 2007, Ogle County Board Orientation Meeting minutes. White seconds and the motion carries on a voice vote.

Vice-Chairman Hopkins asks for a motion to approve the February 20, 2007, Ogle County Board regular meeting minutes. Huntley moves to approve the February 20, 2007, Ogle County Board regular meeting minutes. White seconds and the motion carries on a voice vote.

**Approval of Reports**

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

**County Highway Annual Report**

County Engineer Curtis Cook addresses the board regarding the Annual County Highway Report. Cook introduces Terry Remhof to the board members. Terry Remhof was the Resident Technician for the Thorpe Road Overpass project which was constructed in 2005 and 2006. Remhof has a PowerPoint presentation. This is the biggest project Ogle County has completed at a cost of approximately \$3.3 million. There was discussion regarding the future construction of the Jack Dame Road Overpass in the City of Rochelle.

**Probation Annual Report**

Chief Probation Officer Greg Martin informs the board of the Probation Annual Report which has been distributed this evening. Martin states they are looking into having the May County Board meeting at Focus House. Mike Dale Director of Focus House informs the board of the Spaghetti Supper to be held at Focus House on April 11, 2007.

**Circuit Clerk Annual Report**

Marty Typer announces the 60<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary of County Board member Jim Barnes and his wife Barbara.

Marty Typer reviews the Ogle County Circuit Clerk 2006 Accomplishments listed on page 6 and Goals of the Ogle County Circuit Clerk listed on page 20.

**Vacancies -**

Vice-Chairman Hopkins announces the following vacancies:

- Board of Health – 2 vacancies
- Board of Review – 2 vacancies (Republican candidates)
- Civic Center Authority Board – 3 vacancies

Application deadline for these vacancies will be  
Friday, April 27, 2007, at 4:30 p.m. in the County Clerk's Office

**Appointments -**

Sheriff's Merit Commission

Vice-Chairman Hopkins announces this appointment will be postponed until next month for clarification.

**Ordinance - Spiller Pays #07-0320A**

Scholl makes the motion to adopt the Spiller Pays Ordinance #07-0320A as presented, Kenney seconds and the motion carries on a voice vote.(Placed on file)

**Ordinance - Obstruction of Railroad Crossings #07-0418A**

Scholl presents this Ordinance which will be voted on at the April County Board meeting.

**Road & Bridge - West Branch Road Bridge - 06-11116-00-BR**

Williams moves to approve the County Bridge Construction Resolution for Section 06-11116-00-BR, West Branch Road Bridge - Award and Appropriation Resolution - \$20,000.00 from County Bridge Fund - Motion to approve resolution contingent upon IDOT satisfactorily resolving any responsible bidder protests. Huntley seconds and the motion carries on a voice vote.(Placed on file)

**Road & Bridge - Montague and Meridian Roads Guardrail - 07-00246-00-GR**

Williams moves to approve the County Road Construction Resolution for Section 07-00246-00-GR, Montague and Meridian Roads Guardrail Installation Award and Appropriation Resolution - \$37,000.00 from County Bridge Fund - Motion to approve resolution contingent upon IDOT satisfactorily resolving any responsible bidder protests. Barnes seconds and the motion carries on a voice vote.(Placed on file)

**Road & Bridge - 2007 County Striping**

Williams moves to approve the County Road Construction Resolution for 2007 Striping - Award and Appropriation Resolution - \$39,000.00 from County Highway Fund - Kilker seconds and the motion carries on a voice vote.(Placed on file)

**Road & Bridge - 2007 County Spraying**

Williams moves to approve the County Road Construction Resolution for 2007 County Spraying - Award and Appropriation Resolution - \$31,000.00 from County Highway Fund - Huntley seconds and the motion carries on a voice vote.(Placed on file)

**Road & Bridge - Agreement for the Jurisdictional Transfer - Tower Rd**

Williams moves to approve the Agreement for the Jurisdictional Transfer of a portion of Tower Road to the City of Byron. Colson seconds and the motion carries on a voice vote.(Placed on file)

**Road & Bridge - Supplemental County Maintenance Resolution**

Williams moves to approve the Supplemental County Maintenance Resolution for 2006 General Maintenance - \$74,151.76 from Motor Fuel Tax Fund - Messer seconds and the motion carries on a voice vote.(Placed on file)

**Claims**

The clerk reads the claims for the General Fund - \$109,902.10 and the County Highway Fund - \$41,264.56 and February 2007 Payments in Vacation - \$73,710.51 - with a Grand Report Total of \$224,877.17. Brooks moves to approve the claims as read, Nye 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: *9-1-1 ETS Board, Executive/State's Attorney & Legislative, Finance & Insurance, G.I.S. Committee, H.E.W. & Solid Waste, Ill Assoc of Co Bd Members, Planning Commission, Planning & Zoning/Supervisor of Assessments and Road & Bridge.* The following had no minutes to file: *Blackhawk Hills RCD, Board of Health, Byron Dragway and Liquor Commission.*

**Land Use Task Force**

No minutes

Update

Hopkins reports the minutes did not make the packets since the first meeting was held yesterday. The head of the DeKalb County Zoning Department was the guest speaker at the meeting which was very interesting. Hopkins says the next meeting will be held to correspond with other committee meetings to allow time for the minutes to be included in the packets.

**Long Range Planning – Courthouse Renovation**

Minutes place on exhibit

Update

Stahl reports the first meeting was held last week and the committee is in the process of reviewing the previous renovation drawings. The committee will meet again next Wednesday, March 28<sup>th</sup> at 9 a.m. in the conference area outside of the Chairman’s Office. This committee will hold regular meetings on the Wednesday before the County Board meeting at 5:00 p.m. and following the Executive & State’s Attorney Committee meeting.

**Sheriff & Coroner / Buildings & Grounds / IT Committee**

Minutes placed on exhibit

March 2007 bills

Scholl presents the March 2007 Long Range Planning Capital Improvement Fund bills for payment in the amount of \$64,334.56. Scholl makes the motion to approve the March 2007 bills, Colson seconds and the motion carries on a voice vote.(Placed on file)

Asbestos Abatement

Scholl states they received 4 bids for the Asbestos Abatement for the 6<sup>th</sup> Street properties. He reports Ironwood out of Rockford received the winning bid in the amount of \$18,800 and is to be paid out of the Long Range Capital Improvement Fund. Horner seconds and the motion carries on a voice vote.

**Chairman’s Comments**

Vice-Chairman Hopkins reports there was information included in the County Board packets regarding the proposed issuance of a Construction Permit to the Illinois River Energy, LLC in Rochelle. They are looking to expand the capacity of their facility.

**Administrator Comments**

Mielke states there is information in the packets regarding the Blackhawk Hills RCD updating the Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS). This will include Ogle County, City of Oregon, City of Byron and other communities to come up with Economic Development Plans.

Mielke also informs the board that the May 15<sup>th</sup> Ogle County Board meeting will be held at Focus House. They are also trying to coordinate a tour of Flagg Township as done in the past and details will be given later.

**Communications**

- Sales Tax for December 2005 was \$47,428.97 and \$64,197.18
- Sales Tax for December 2006 was \$47,825.63 and \$73,368.44
- Probation Annual Report (replace in Orientation Manual
- Grand Jury Jail Inspection Report

**Unfinished Business –**

**New Business –**

Williams comments on the Building and Grounds discussion regarding the need to specify what landfill will be used for disposing of the material. Williams would like to make the recommendation not to restrict this to one landfill, there are other landfills in the county. The county may also get a competitive price for the host fees.

**Public Comment –**

**Closed Session -Litigation - Baileyville Wind Farm (5 ILCS 120/(c) (11) –**

At 6:20 p.m. Vice-Chairman Hopkins states we will be going into a Closed Session to discuss the Baileyville Wind Farm. Colson moves to go into a Closed Session, Kenney moves and a roll call vote is taken:

**YES:** Colbert, Colson, Diehl, Gouker, Gronewold, Hopkins, Huntley, Kenney, Kilker, Nye, Scholl, Stahl, Swanson, White, Williams, Barnes, Bauer, Bowers and Brooks

**NO:** None

**ABSENT:** Boes and Rice

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

**Return to Open Session**

At 6:35 p.m., the board returns to Open Session. Vice-Chairman Hopkins reminds the board members to read the Thought of the Day which was included in the packet.

**Motion to Adjourn**

At, 6:37 p.m., Messer makes the motion to adjourn the March Ogle County Board meeting until Wednesday, April 18, 2007 at 5:30 p.m. at the Ogle County Courthouse. Nye seconds and the motion carries on a voice vote.

Lyle Hopkins  
Vice- Chairman Ogle County Board

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