

Proceedings of the Ogle County Board Meeting
March 18, 2008

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

Call to Order

Chairman Rice calls the meeting to order at 5:31 p.m.

Roll Call

The roll call shows Bauer* and Messer are absent. The invocation is given by Nye and this is followed with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. (*Bauer enters at 5:50 p.m.)

Approval of Minutes

Chairman Rice asks for a motion to approve the February 19, 2008, Ogle County Board minutes. Kenney moves to approve the February 19, 2008, Ogle County Board minutes. Swanson seconds and the motion carries on a voice vote.

Approval of Reports

Horner moves to accept and place on file the monthly reports of the Treasurer – Circuit Clerk and County Clerk/Recorder. Diehl seconds and the motion carries on a voice vote.(Placed on file)

Vacancies -

Chairman Rice announces the following vacancies:

- Board of Health – 2 vacancies
- Board of Review – 1 vacancy (Democrat)

Application deadline for vacancies will be Friday, May 2, 2008 at
4:30 p.m. in the Ogle County Clerk's Office

Resolution – Project Richard Tax Abatement

Chairman Rice presents the Resolution for the Project Richard Tax Abatement for property in Dement Township. Huntley moves to approve the resolution as presented, Bowers seconds. Williams asks if there is an update on the other Tax Abatements approved by the board. Jason Anderson of GREDCO states the following:

Project Special K –Project went to Ottawa, Illinois
Project Andrea – Allstate Insurance
Project Sebastian – Sara Lee and completed late last year
Project Dean – Pending project
Project David – Tech Park project and should be able to announce April 14th

Gouker asks if these abatements are project specific. Anderson says yes the Tax Abatements are project specific. Gouker asks wouldn't it be more advantageous for a TIF District instead of an abatement. Anderson states the City of Rochelle is looking for a TIF District in the retail area. Anderson asks if there are TIF Districts in Ogle County. County Clerk Huntley states there are TIF Districts in Byron, Polo and Mt. Morris. Anderson states they are researching the possibility of a TIF District in the City of Rochelle.

Anderson addresses the board regarding unemployment figures in Ogle County and surrounding areas. He states Ogle County has the second highest unemployment rate in the fourteen county area behind Boone County. The motion carries on a voice vote.(Placed on file)

Resolution – Motorola Lease

Chairman Rice asks Sheriff Beitel to address the board regarding the Motorola Lease Purchase Resolution. Sheriff Beitel states the resolution is for Motorola to put 30 laptops in the deputies’ squad cars. This will give Sheriff Beitel and Chairman Rice permission to enter into the agreement. Horner moves to approve the resolution and Colbert seconds. Colson asks if this is a straight purchase or a lease to own at the end. Sheriff Beitel states this is a lease purchase. Williams states the resolution does not specify it as a lease purchase and asks if this needs to be amended since the resolution does not identify that. Chairman Rice says he will not sign the resolution unless it states it is a lease purchase. Heuer asks about the Escrow Agreement. After further review it was determined this does not apply. Gouker inquires about revisiting the issue of the Sheriff’s Department having a squad car for each deputy and the updating of the equipment. Sheriff Beitel states it is an important factor to have the deputy answer a call in his squad car and not a personal vehicle which could contaminate the area of the call. The motion carries on a voice vote.(Placed on file)

Resolution – Rules of Order #16 – Audio Recording of Ogle County Meetings

Chairman Rice presents the resolution to Implement a Rule of Order for the Audio Recording of Ogle County Meetings. Nye moves to approve the resolution and Swanson seconds. Kilker asks why the board is passing this type of a resolution. Chairman Rice states there have been previous meetings which have been recorded in the past and it was not announced. Chairman Rice states this resolution is asking for the people to announce when they are recording a meeting. Kilker states she welcomes people to have the opportunity to record a meeting without permission. Kilker disagrees with this resolution. Barnes asks when this Rule of Order will take effect. Chairman Rice states this will take effect at the next meeting. Barnes states this needs to be published for the general public to see. Chairman Rice states this Rule of Order will be adopted when signed by the Chairman of the Board. Chairman Rice states any Committee meetings and the next County Board meeting; this Rule of Order will be in effect. Barnes states the Open Meetings Act says, “Rules shall be written and published after appropriate public notice and deliberation.” Chairman Rice states each board member has been notified and they will publish this in the paper. Barnes states this resolution needs to have a time as to when it will take effect. Barnes would like to see this resolution take effect as of the next County Board meeting. Chairman Rice asks Nye if she would be willing to amend her motion. Nye agrees to amend her motion to say – Nye moves to approve the resolution to take effect at the April County Board Meeting and Swanson seconds. Boes asks if Assistant State’s Attorney Aaron Wiles would elaborate on the resolution. ASA Wiles states this resolution is not intended to prohibit anyone from recording a meeting because the County Board cannot do that. The resolution is a way to eliminate any distractions during a meeting setting up or taking down equipment. Williams states he feels uneasy about this resolution and asks for a Roll Call vote. Gouker asks exactly what has brought this resolution forward. He states the Open Meetings Act is very clear to allow people to record at any time. Chairman Rice states some members of the County Board have felt infringed upon when they are being recorded and not knowing they are being recorded. Gouker states this sounds like possible intimidation especially if someone doesn’t want to ask permission. Gouker asks if a board member would be removed for not following the rule. Chairman Rice states if the rule was abused it would probably happen. Gouker asks if he would remove a member of the media. Chairman Rice states no, the media member sets the recorder up front and informs the Chairman. Nye says State Law says you should inform people they are being recorded. Heuer and Gouker state no you do not. Kilker asks what will the procedure be when someone wants to record something, a formal application or sign in procedure. Chairman Rice states the resolution is asking the person to receive verbal permission from the Chairman of the Committee or Chairman of the Board to record a meeting. Kilker asks if there will be a record of the request. Chairman Rice states we can make this part of the record if needed. A Roll Call vote is taken:

YES: White, Bowers, Colbert, Diehl, Gronewold, Hopkins, Horner, Huntley, Kenney, Nye, Scholl, Stahl, Swanson and Rice

NO: Williams, Barnes, Bauer, Boes, Brooks, Colson, Gouker, Heuer and Kilker

ABSENT: Messer

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

Resolution – Support of National Public Safety Telecommunications Week and National 9-1-1 Education Month

Chairman Rice asks Sheriff Beitel to address the board regarding this resolution. Sheriff Beitel states National Public Safety Telecommunications Week is April 13 – April 19, 2008 and April 26, 2008 marks the 15th Anniversary of the implementation of the Ogle County 9-1-1 Emergency Telephone System. Colbert moves to approve the resolution as presented, Hopkins seconds and the motion carries on a voice vote.(Placed on file)

Ordinance - #08-0318 – Issuance of certain Collateralized Single Family Mortgage Revenue Bonds – City of Aurora

Chairman Rice presents the Ordinance Authorizing the Public Approval of the Issuance of certain Collateralized Single Family Mortgage Revenue Bonds to the County Board. Huntley moves to approve Ordinance #08-0318 as presented and Kenney seconds. Boes asks what type of financial obligation does the county have with this resolution. Chairman Rice states none at all. A Roll Call vote is taken:

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

NO: None

ABSENT: Messer

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

Zoning –

Hopkins states there are no Zoning requests this month. Hopkins states next month they will be presenting the proposal which the AdHoc Committee and Zoning Committee have been working on.

Road & Bridge – County Bridge Construction Resolutions

Williams states the County Bridge Construction Resolutions for Adeline Road – 07-14132-00-BR and Lowden Road – 07-00249-00-BR will not be presented tonight. Williams states protests have been filed and are being withdrawn.

Road & Bridge – County Bridge Construction Resolution – Guardrail Replacement – Meridian & Montague Roads – 07-00246-00-BR

Williams moves to approve the Award and Appropriation Resolution in the amount of \$48,000 from County Bridge Fund for Guardrail Replacement on Meridian & Montague Roads – Section 07-00246-00-BR. Huntley seconds and the motion carries on a voice vote.(Placed on file)

Road & Bridge – County Road Construction Resolution – 2008 Striping

Williams moves to approve the Award and Appropriation Resolution in the amount of \$36,000 from the County Highway Fund for the 2008 Striping Program. Kilker seconds and the motion carries on a voice vote.(Placed on file)

Road & Bridge – County Road Construction Resolution – 2008 Spraying

Williams moves to approve the Award and Appropriation Resolution in the amount of \$67,000 from the County Highway Fund for the 2008 Roadside Spraying. Colson seconds and the motion carries on a voice vote.(Placed on file)

Claims

The clerk reads the claims:

Payments in Vacation – February 2008 - \$103,416.50
County Board Payments - March 2008 - \$113,836.05
County Highway Fund - \$75,405.26

Bowers moves to approve the claims as read, Diehl seconds and the motion carries on a voice vote.(Placed on file)

COMMITTEE REPORTS

The following committee minutes have been placed on exhibit: 911 ETS Board, Executive and State’s Attorney, Finance and Insurance, GIS Committee, HEW & Solid Waste, Ill Assoc of Co Bd Members, Juvenile & Probation / Judiciary & Circuit Clerk, LRP-Courthouse Renovations, Mental Health Board, Personnel & Salary - County Clerk, Regional Planning Commission, Planning & Zoning – Supervisor of Assessments, Road & Bridge and Sheriff & Coroner – Buildings & Grounds – IT Committee.

The following committees had no minutes to file: Blackhawk Hills RC&D, Board of Health, Byron Dragway, Land-Use Task Force, Liquor Commission, Safety Committee, UCCI/ICRMT and Tri-County Opportunities.

LRP – Courthouse Renovations

Minutes placed on exhibit

Project Update

Stahl thanks everyone who attended the Open House – there were approximately 130 people who attended the Open House at the Courthouse. Stahl states there were approximately 50 comment cards returned and the results of the comments were 30 to renovate a two-story board room and 20 to renovate a one-story board room. There was also a District meeting in Forreston and Stahl has not heard the outcome of that meeting. Stahl states the Long Range Planning Committee met this afternoon before the County Board Meeting and the consensus of the Committee was to keep with the January recommendation. Stahl thanks the public for their input – but the Committee will move forward with their recommendation. Hopkins moves to continue with the recommendation of the Long Range Planning Committee to continue the plans for keeping all floors in the courthouse when remodeling. Gronewold seconds and a roll call vote is taken:

YES: Bauer, Boes, Bowers, Brooks, Colbert, Diehl, Gronewold, Hopkins, Horner, Huntley, Kenney, Kilker, Nye, Scholl, Stahl, Swanson, White, Williams and Rice

NO: Barnes, Colson, Gouker and Heuer

ABSENT: Messer

The motion carries on a roll call vote.

Emergency Communications Center

Minutes placed on exhibit

Update

Chairman Rice states he attended the Threat Based Drill held at the Emergency Operations Center located at the Rochelle Community Hospital. He was pleased to see the Head of FEMA from Chicago was there with two of his associates. Chairman Rice states he had a conversation regarding the new facility with the Head of FEMA and they were taken back by the size of the operation and the facility. They left numbers for Ogle County to call and they will help find funding for the new facility.

HEW and Solid Waste

Minutes placed on exhibit

Brownfield Initiative

Bauer states the committee has been working with the Brownfield Initiative which is a program that identifies sites of possible contamination. Bauer states Fehr-

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Graham & Associates is willing to put two applications together for Ogle County to submit to the United States Environmental Protection Agency. Bauer states the HEW & Solid Waste Committee will be acting as the Steering Committee for the initial application. They will be holding public meetings for all who are interested. Chairman Rice states the cost for preparation of the two grant applications for Brownfield Grants and the cost will be \$4,500. Chairman Rice states this is for property that has the potential to become part of the economic development and put back on the tax rolls. Bauer moves to approve the recommendation from the HEW Committee to authorize the Fehr-Graham & Associates proposal dated March 6, 2008. White seconds. White states the money for this will come from the Solid Waste Fund and Steve Rypkema will head the steering committee. The motion carries on a voice vote.(Placed on file)

Executive

Minutes placed on exhibit

Bills

County Administrator Mielke states there is a bill in the amount of \$28,388.50 for Holabird & Root. Stahl moves to approve the bill as presented, Nye seconds and the motion carries on a voice vote.(Placed on file)

Chairman's Comments

Chairman Rice announces the Spaghetti Dinner at Focus House on April 16 and tickets to sell for the event are on your desks.

Chairman Rice states on March 13th he was invited to meet with the Rochelle Economic Development Association regarding the Steward Road Overpass.

Chairman Rice states the Sheriff is going to implement electronic access cards for all County Buildings and asks the Sheriff to speak to the board about this subject. Sheriff Beitel says they will be issuing new ID and key cards to county employees. They are to wear these ID's when on any County property.

Chairman Rice has information regarding the Scholarship from the State Treasurer's Office and the information is up front.

Chairman Rice states Heuer, Mielke and himself were at the UCCI meeting on February 26th and Ogle County received a plaque from ICMRT for being a member for 25 years. Heuer states Ogle County was one of the three counties who originally chartered with ICMRT. Heuer presents Chairman Rice with a plaque from ICMRT as well as a check for \$2,500.

Chairman Rice informs the board members of the Wellness Fair which will be held at the Courthouse on March 26th for Ogle County Employees and all board members and spouses are invited to attend.

Chairman Rice has Curtis Cook speak about GIS Books which have been prepared by the Ogle County GIS Partnership staff. Cook states every County Board member has received a copy of the GIS Booklet which provides details of all roads located in Ogle County. These booklets are available for \$15 each. Cook states Chris Gilbert of the GIS Partnership staff did a fantastic job on coordinating this book.

Administrator Comments

Mielke updates the board on the proposed Rural Transportation Program – currently there are two sub-groups working on the program – one is working on Marketing and the other is working on Contracts. Mielke states at this time they are looking to see which agencies are willing to expand their current services to the public. The agencies involved are Rock River Center, Sinnissippi Centers, Hub City Seniors from Rochelle and the Village of Progress. Mielke states the Contract group meets every other Monday and they hope to have the contract portion completed by the end of April. They are looking to have each agency map out their existing routes of their services to

see which areas overlap, which areas are underserved and could be served. Mielke states he will keep the board informed of the progress.

Public Comment –

County Engineer Cook states political signs have been exposed with the snow melting and reminds the candidates to please remove their signs as soon possible.

Unfinished Business –

New Business –

Williams states in light of the counties projects – renovation of the Courthouse and the Emergency Operations Center and now discussion regarding a Space Needs Study of the Sheriff's Department. Williams states this is a lot of money and he would like to have the board look into the long term performance for the funding of future projects. Williams understands much of the funding comes from the Host Fees from the Landfill. Mielke states with the projects which have been identified the host fees from a cash basis will not be able to fund all of the projects. Mielke states they can certainly update the information and try to go forward. Chairman Rice states in the beginning the numbers were more conservative and they will update the information.

Communications -

- Sales Tax for November 2006 was \$41,699.07 and \$72,641.11
- Sales Tax for November 2007 was \$36,698.20 and \$72,573.09
- Sales Tax for December 2006 was \$47,825.63 and \$73,368.44
- Sales Tax for December 2007 was \$48,029.84 and \$78,898.37

Closed Session –

At 6:30 p.m., Chairman Rice asks for a motion to go into Closed Session to discuss Litigation of McKnight Special Use (5 ILCS 120/2(c) (11)). Swanson makes the motion to go into closed session, Horner seconds and a roll call vote is taken:

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

NO: None

ABSENT: Messer

The motion carries on a voice vote.

Open Session –

At 6:45 p.m., the board returns to open session.

Motion to Adjourn

At, 6:45 p.m., Nye makes the motion to adjourn the March Ogle County Board meeting until April 15, 2008 at 5:30 p.m. at the Ogle County Courthouse. Kenney seconds and the motion carries on a voice vote.

W. Ed Rice
Chairman Ogle County Board

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