

Proceedings of the Ogle County Board
May 18, 2004

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

Call to Order

Chairman Gocken calls the meeting to order at 5:32 p.m..

Roll Call:

Roll Call shows Hoekstra and Nye are absent. The Invocation is given by Tom 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 April 20, 2004, Ogle County Board meeting minutes. Fred Horner moves to approve the minutes, Ed Rice seconds and the motion carries on a voice vote.

Approval of Reports

Lyle Hopkins moves to accept and place on file the monthly reports of the Circuit Clerk, County Clerk/Recorder and Treasurer. Jerry Daws seconds and the motion carries on a voice vote.(Placed on file)

Motion to go into Closed Session

At 5:41 p.m., Chairman Gocken asks for a motion for the County Board to go into Closed Session to discuss the Health Department Union Negotiations. Ed Rice moves to go into Closed Session, Jerry Daws seconds and a roll call vote is taken:

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

NO: None

ABSENT: Hoekstra and Nye

The motion to go into Closed Session carries on a roll call vote. Chairman Gocken asks Nicholas Sakellariou, Chris Ward, Doreen O'Brien and Deb Ellis to remain in the room.

Return to Open Session

At 6:46, the County Board returns to Open Session. After discussion with Nicholas Sakellariou and Deb Ellis, it was decided since the tentative agreement was not placed on the agenda, it will not be voted on tonight. Don Conn moves to put the Health Department's tentative agreement on the Ogle County Board's June Agenda and vote on it next month. Skip Kenney seconds and the motion carries on a voice vote.

League of Women Voters

Bobbie Colbert addresses the board regarding the League of Women Voter's letter to the board members regarding a County Board Administrator. She informs the board of a meeting with Ray Bochman of DeKalb County and how informative he was. She would like to invite him to a future Ogle County Board meeting to talk to the board members. Skip Kenney moves to invite Ray Bochman to speak to the board and Ogle County Department Heads prior to a County Board meeting at 4:30 p.m.. Bobbie Colbert seconds and the motion carries on a voice vote.

Appointments

Board of Review

Chairman Gocken states it has been recommended that Paul I. Lower be appointed to the Board of Review for a term beginning June 1, 2004 and ending May 31, 2006. Jerry Daws moves to approve the appointment, Doug Zuehl seconds and the motion carries on a voice vote.(Placed on file)

Board of Health

Chairman Gocken states it has been recommended that Mark K. Myers be appointed to the Board of Health for a term beginning June 1, 2004 and ending May 31, 2007. Ron Colson moves to approve the appointment, Sven Johnson seconds and the motion carries on a voice vote.(Placed on file).

Board of Health

Chairman Gocken states it has been recommended that Michael A. Weber be appointed to the Board of Health for a term beginning June 1, 2004 and ending May 31, 2007. Shirley Clayton moves to approve the appointment, Jerry Daws seconds and the motion carries on a voice vote.(Placed on file)

Ogle County Civic Center Authority Board

Chairman Gocken informs the board of the recommendation of Ron C. Stonebraker be appointed to the Ogle County Civic Center Authority Board for a term beginning June 1, 2004 and ending May 31, 2009. Ed Rice moves to approve the appointment, Sven Johnson seconds and the motion carries on a voice vote.(Placed on file)

Ogle County Civic Center Authority Board

Chairman Gocken informs the board of the recommendation of Kenneth E. Wise be appointed to the Ogle County Civic Center Authority Board for a term beginning June 1, 2004 and ending May 31, 2009. Ed Rice moves to approve the appointment, Ron Colson seconds and the motion carries on a voice vote.(Placed on file)

Ogle County Civic Center Authority Board

Chairman Gocken informs the board of the recommendation of Chet J. Olson be appointed to the Ogle County Civic Center Authority Board for a term beginning June 1, 2004 and ending May 31, 2009. Bobbie Colbert moves to approve the appointment, Don Huntley seconds and the motion carries on a voice vote.(Placed on file)

Resolution - Selection of Election Judges

Chairman Gocken presents the Resolution for the Selection of Election Judges. Upon approval tonight, this list will be taken to the Circuit Court for a hearing. Pat Saunders moves to approve, Skip Kenney seconds and the motion carries on a voice vote.(Placed on file)

Resolution - Focus House

County Clerk Huntley reads the Resolution regarding the expansion and financing at the Focus House facility in Rochelle. The resolution awards the building contract to Morton Buildings, Inc. in the amount of \$269,000.00. The financing was awarded to Rock River Bank in the amount of \$269,000.00 for the construction loan and a contingency fund loan of \$50,000.00, for a loan total of \$319,000.00. The Dependent Children's Fund will payoff the loan once funds become available. Fred Horner moves to approve the resolution, Pat Saunders seconds. Chris Remhof asks if there was criteria for the financing and was it met? Ed Rice replies that the Rock River Bank was the lowest qualified bidder. Deb Ellis comments there is a letter attached to the minutes regarding the financing details from Rock River Bank. Ms. Ellis also says a copy of the contract and financing should be attached and put on file with a copy of the resolution. The motion carries on a voice vote.(Placed on file)

Ordinance - Ethics Ordinance

State's Attorney Deborah Ellis addresses the board regarding the passage of the Ethics Ordinance. Ellis states the State's Attorney & Legislative Committee and Executive Committee recommend removal of Sections 15 & 20 from the Ordinance. Chris Remhof moves to adopt the Ethics Ordinance as presented with the removal of Sections 15 & 20 and the repeal of the Gift Ban Act. Jason Bauer seconds and the motion carries on a voice vote.(Placed on file)

Zoning - #8-04 AMENDMENT - Christopher & Anita Roby

The clerk reads the petition of Christopher & Anita Roby, 425 Chippewa Lane, Dixon, IL for an Amendment to the Zoning District to rezone from R-2 Single-Family Residence District to R-1 Rural Residence District on property described as follows and owned by the petitioners: Part E1/2 SW1/4 Section 8 Taylor Township 22N, R10E of the 4th P.M., Ogle County, IL, 5.00 acres, more or less. P.I.N.: 22-08-326-015 - Common Location: 425 Chippewa Lane Tom Scholl moves to concur with the Zoning Board of Appeals and grant the request of Amendment #8-04. Ron Colson seconds and the motion carries on a voice vote.(Placed on file)

Zoning - #5-04 SPECIAL USE - Burkardt Enterprises, LTD

The clerk reads the petition of Burkardt Enterprises, LTD by William & Beverly Burkardt, 12420 W. Penn Rd., Polo, IL for a Special Use Permit to allow two (2) commercial equipment storage buildings in AG-1 Agricultural District on property described as follows and owned by Burkardt Enterprises, LTD: Part of NW 1/4 NE 1/4 Section 33 Woosung Township 23N, R8E of 4th P.M., Ogle County, IL, 3.00 acres, more or less. P.I.N.: Part of 14-33-200-007 Common Location: 12000 Block W. Penn Rd. Tom Scholl moves to concur with the Zoning Board of Appeals and grant the request of Amendment #5-04. Chris Remhof seconds and the motion carries on a voice vote.(Placed on file)

Zoning - #9-04 AMENDMENT - Jeffrey Eckburg

The clerk reads the petition of Jeffrey Eckburg, 530 Paris Ave., Rockford, 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 petitioner: Part of NW 1/4 NE 1/4 Section 4 Flagg Township T40N, R1E of the 3rd P.M., Ogle County, IL, 5.00 acres, more or less. P.I.N.: 24-04-200-002 - Common Location: 3000 Block S. Center Rd Tom Scholl moves to concur with the Zoning Board of Appeals and grant the request of Amendment #9-04. Doug Zuehl seconds and the motion carries on a voice vote.(Placed on file)

Road & Bridge - Land Acquisition - Temporary Easement on Courthouse Property

Chairman Gocken presents the Program Development Land Acquisition (Job no. R-92-038-01). Shirley Clayton moves that Ogle County accept the temporary construction easement parcel 053T consisting of 0.032 acres of land at a value of \$1,756.00 and Bill Spencer seconds. Ron Colson describes this as an access easement at the corner of Fifth Street and Illinois Route 64 to allow curb work to radius the corner. Curtis Cook explains this is in the NW corner of the courthouse property and the temporary easement will expire 60 days after the project is completed. The motion carries on a voice vote.(Placed on file)

Recess to Refer Claims to Committee

At 6:15 p.m., Jerry Daws moves to refer claims to committees, Chris Remhof seconds and the motion carries on a voice vote. Chairman Gocken calls the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m..

Claims

The clerk reads the claims for the General Fund - \$124,289.95 and the County Highway Fund - \$104,252.07. Bill Spencer moves to accept claims, Jerry Brooks seconds. 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 exhibit: *Buildings & Grounds, Judiciary & Circuit Clerk, Juvenile & Probation, State's Attorney & Legislative, Road & Bridge, Illinois Assoc. of County Board Members, Liquor Commission and G.I.S. Committee.* The following had no minutes to file: *Solid Waste, Blackhawk Hills RC&D, Board of Health, U.C.C.I., Planning Commission, Byron Dragway, Illinois Risk Management, Safety Committee, 9-1-1 ETS Board and Ogle Co. AG..*

County Clerk & Insurance Minutes placed on exhibit

TPA Update

Ed Rice informs the board that the Third Party Administrator (TPA) for the county health insurance has been sold. The Insurance Committee has put the Insurance and the TPA out for quotes.

Finance & Revenue

Minutes placed on exhibit

Set Coroner Salary

Bill Spencer announces the Coroner's salary is due to be set and needs to be set six months prior to the election. Bill Spencer states the current salary is \$38,500 and moves to increase the Coroner's salary \$2,000 on December 1, 2004 (1st year) and \$1,500 per year thereafter for the term of office (as follows):

Year	Salary
2005	\$40,500
2006	\$42,000
2007	\$43,500
2008	\$45,000

Don Conn seconds. Fred Horner feels the Finance Committee should have approached the Sheriff & Coroner Committee regarding the raise. Horner states it is not fair to give the incoming Coroner a raise not knowing the performance of the new official. He does not support the raise for this position until the first term in the office has been fulfilled. Don Conn supports the cost of living increase due to this position being under a salary freeze for the last four years. There was discussion regarding the salary increase, hours worked and retirement options for this position. A roll call vote is called:

YES: Colson, Conn, Daws, Gouker, Hopkins, Rice, Scholl, Spencer, Stahl, Swanson, Zuehl, Bauer, Brooks and Gocken

NO: Clayton, Colbert, Horner, Huntley, Johnson, Kenney, Remhof and Saunders

ABSENT: Hoekstra and Nye

The motion carries on a roll call vote.

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IMRF Amortization Bill Spencer states the Finance Committee will recommend a 27-year amortization for IMRF funding. Spencer would like to have this item put on the June County Board Agenda.

Solid Waste No minutes

I.E.P.A. Grant document's Chairman Gocken moves to recommend authorization be given to Steve Rypkema, Director of Solid Waste Management Department to sign any I.E.P.A. Grant Enforcement documents. Shirley Clayton seconds and the motion carries on a voice vote.(Placed on file)

I.E.P.A. Grant award Chairman Gocken moves to recommend the County Board accept the I.E.P.A. Enforcement Grant Award for 2005 in the amount of \$20,785.74 and accept the terms and conditions of the grant.(Placed on file)

Planning, Assessment & Zoning Minutes placed on exhibit

ZBA Meeting Tom Scholl announces the next meeting will be May 27, 2004 at 7:00 P.M.

Sheriff & Coroner Minutes placed on exhibit

Prisoner transport Fred Horner would like to have Chief Deputy Greg Beitel put on the June County Board Agenda regarding the procedures and cost of transporting prisoners to the new Judicial Facility.

Blackhawk Hills RC&D No Minutes

Meeting Ron Colson announces the next meeting will be next Monday.

Illinois Association of County Board Members Report placed on exhibit

Report Shirley Clayton announces there is a report in the County Board Packets.

Planning Commission No Minutes

Meeting Tom Scholl announces the next meeting will be held on Thursday, May 20th.

Mental Health "708" Board Minutes placed in exhibit

Replacement for liaison Chairman Gocken announces Jason Bauer has asked to be replaced as the County Board liaison due to scheduling conflicts. Chairman Gocken announces Fred Horner will be the new liaison and if he cannot attend, he will notify the H.E.W. Committee members for a replacement.

Tri-County Opportunities Minutes placed on exhibit

Meeting Bill Spencer states the next meeting will be held on May 26th in Princeton.

Safety Committee

No Minutes

Safety at Courthouse

Fred Horner refers to the bomb threat at the courthouse last week. It was brought to his attention there was a problem with procedures in evacuating the courthouse. Chairman Gocken announces she will address this issue later in the meeting.

Personnel & Salary

Minutes placed on exhibit

Personnel Manual

Pat Saunders informs the board the committee hopes to have the Personnel Manual available at next month's meeting.

Long Range Planning

Minutes placed on exhibit

Bills for approval

Kim Gouker reviews the various bills which have been submitted for payment. Kim Gouker moves to approve payment of the Long Range Planning bills in the amount of \$482,448.51. Jason Bauer seconds. Skip Kenney asks how are we doing on the projected costs? Jerry Guy says we are at budget at this time.

Update

Jerry Guy encourages the board to view the web cam images and you can view the work in process. Guy also states more structural steel will be delivered today and by the end of the week the front elevation up to the penthouse floor. By the next board meeting you will be able to see the back two stair towers as well as the secure elevator shaft. Fred Horner asks if there will be speakers throughout the Judicial Center for evacuations? Kim Gouker says the Courtroom Technology Specialists do not want speakers in the courtrooms because of privacy concerns. They are doing more research into this concern.

Approval of Bills

The motion to approve the bills in the amount of \$482,448.51 carries on a voice vote.

Sign at H.A.B.

Kim Gouker moves to allow the Department Heads to develop a sign that would not exceed the budget balance of \$9,300 for the Health Administration Building. Ed Rice seconds. Don Conn asks about the sign design and the temporary departments at the H.A.B. Will this sign be designed in a way that when the temporary departments move out, the sign will not have to be redone or trashed? Kim Gouker says they will have to do more research into this option. The motion carries on a voice vote.

IT Committee

Minutes placed on exhibit

Seminar

Ron Colson informs the board he attended a seminar on April 29th in Savanna put on by the Illinois Institute of Rural Affairs. He comments that Ogle County has the best communication system of the counties in attendance of the seminar.

Liquor Commission

Minutes placed on exhibit

2004 - 2005 Licenses

Chairman Gocken announces the licenses have been delivered.

Executive Committee

Minutes placed on exhibit

Recommendation

Chairman Gocken announces on the advice of the State's Attorney the Executive Committee recommends the following actions be taken:

- Recommend that the full County Board rescind votes of April 20, 2004 regarding appointments to the Regional Planning Commission and a vacancy on the Zoning Board of Appeals.
 - Bill Spencer moves that the full County Board rescind votes of April 20, 2004 regarding appointments to the Regional Planning Commission and a vacancy on the Zoning Board of Appeals. Ron Colson seconds and the motion carries on a voice vote.
- Recommend that the Planning and Zoning Committee rescind its votes of April 14, 2004 regarding appointments to the Regional Planning Commission and notice of vacancy on the Zoning Board of Appeals and consider the matters again at its June meeting in full compliance with the Illinois Open Meeting Act.
 - Shirley Clayton moves that the Planning and Zoning Committee rescind its votes of April 14, 2004 regarding appointments to the Regional Planning Commission and notice of vacancy on the Zoning Board of Appeals and consider the matters again at its June meeting in full compliance with the Illinois Open Meeting Act. Ron Colson seconds and the motion carries on a voice vote.

Chairman Gocken explains to the board that it is a customary policy when an opening has not been filled at the appropriate time, the person already serving will remain on the committee until they are replaced by the board. Don Huntley asks if there is a deadline for people to reapply or will the committee review the prior applications. Chairman Gocken states it is her understanding they will use the applications on file before the original deadline. Deb Ellis states it was the Executive Committee's decision for the committee to review the original applications on file. Ed Rice asks if they do not accept the applicant, can they announce a vacancy? Deb Ellis states technically that is the case. The Executive Committee is in the process of rewriting/initiating a policy for appointments. There is an old policy on file in the County Clerk's Office and is out-dated procedure wise. There are very few legal requirements as to who can serve on these boards and committees. The State's Attorney Office has gone thru every statute which governs the requirements for people sitting on the board for appointment. The office designed applications for the appointments with legal requirements. Then separate from that there should be a procedure used for advertising for candidates, interviewing candidates and choosing

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candidates has nothing to do with what the law requires, but what the board has decided as the process. The only way the law applies there, is that all applicants are treated the same. It is up to the committee as to whether or not someone is appointed. Chairman Gocken states during the Executive Committee this week they have tried to develop a uniform method to conducting interviews for recommendations of members to committees and boards. Chairman Gocken states Laura Cook has found information regarding Appointment Policy that was developed by Bob Gingrich when he was the County Board Chairman. It has a lot of good points that are being used at this time for appointment recommendations. This Appointment Policy will be reviewed and the Executive Committee will brainstorm and has set June 2nd at 9:00 a.m. to work on the Appointment Policy. This information will be brought to the County Board to vote on. Chairman Gocken has asked Mike Reibel to invite someone from the State to discuss Zoning in general and LESA and other decision making tools.

Economic Development

No Minutes

Chairman Gocken informs the board that Lynne Kilker is unable to attend the meeting tonight. Lynne is meeting with a town and a business, hoping to get them together.

Byron Dragway

No Minutes

Update

Jerry Brooks informs the board of the committee coming up with some recommendations to give to the Chairman.

Chairman Comments

Chairman Gocken congratulates the Sheriff's Department for apprehending the author of the bomb threat note so quickly.

Congratulations to Myron Richter who passed a very difficult test to become a licensed Environmental Health Practitioner.

Congratulations to Chief Deputy Beitel for completing a 10-week course for continuing education with the FBI. Chief Beitel described it as the West Point of Law Enforcement and the courses were on physical fitness, counter terrorism management, labor law and skills for leaders and others. These also count toward Masters Credit through the University of Virginia.

Chairman Gocken also comments that after the County Board complimented the Mt Morris people regarding the handling of the fire at the school and getting everyone out safely, she kept wondering how everyone at the courthouse would fare if something were to happen here at the courthouse. Chairman Gocken met with Sheriff Messer a few weeks ago. Sheriff Messer commented there is a plan and it is up to each office holder to implement this plan. When the county had the bomb scare, several board members and employees were wondering what is in place? Chairman Gocken talked to Sheriff Messer again and asked that the Safety Committee (Horner, Rice, Hoekstra and Clayton) plus office holders (O'Brien, Huntley, Judge Pemberton and Kinn) review the evacuation and safety plans. Chairman Gocken has two suggestions that she would like for this committee to follow: 1 - to plan a demonstration evacuation and 2 - continue to have evacuation drills. Chairman Gocken also states, since every employee has a telephone extension, she would like for them to prepare a protocol for employees that may receive bomb threat phone calls. The employees need to know how to handle this type of a situation such as what to listen for and what questions to ask. Chairman Gocken also asks the members how many of them know about the back stairs from this floor? Chairman Gocken informs

the board of the back stairs on the 3rd floor across from the elevator. Judge Pemberton has just been to a meeting of this type with several counties and he will get some plans from the counties. Chairman Gocken informs Fred Horner he will need to contact the members she has named to the committee and set a date to begin working on this project.

Public Comments

Communications

Sales Tax for February 2004, was \$49,348.92 & \$61,609.73
Sales Tax for February 2003, was \$27,490.72 & \$59,675.04
Federal Energy Regulatory Commission - Northbrook Energy, LLC

Unfinished Business

New Business

Motion to Adjourn

At 7:25 p.m., Chris Remhof moves to adjourn the May Ogle County Board Meeting until Tuesday, June 15, 2004, at 5:30 p.m. at the Courthouse in Oregon. Skip Kenney 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