

Proceedings of the Ogle County Board Meeting  
October 17, 2006

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 Saunders is absent. The invocation is given by Boes and this is followed with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

**Amend portion of August 15, 2006, County Board Meeting minutes**

Kenney moves to amend the County Board minutes regarding the Final Plat of Sanctuary Ridge as follows: "The clerk presents the Final Plat for "Sanctuary Ridge" - Section 29, Byron Township - Developer: Robert & Carolyn Moreland, 826 North State RT 2, Byron, IL - Authorized Agent: ARC Design Resources Inc., 1475 S. Perryville Rd., Rockford, IL 61108; Mark Rice - Engineer & Ron Larson - Surveyor - Hopkins moves to approve the Final Plat of Sanctuary Ridge of Robert & Carolyn Moreland. Hopkins also adds this is one home and they have sold off the **development** rights to the US Government on **the surrounding** land. Gouker seconds and the motion carries on a voice vote.(Placed on file)" Hopkins seconds and the motion carries on a voice vote.

**Approval of Minutes**

Chairman Gocken asks for a motion to approve the September 19, 2006, Ogle County Board meeting minutes. Horner moves to approve the September 19, 2006, Ogle County Board minutes. Nye seconds and the motion carries on a voice vote.

**Approval of Reports**

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

**Ordinance - Amend County Clerk & Recorder Budget**

County Administrator Jim Mielke presents an Ordinance to Amend the County Clerk & Recorder Budget for 2006 due to an unexpected grant in the amount of \$74,683.70. This Ordinance is being presented tonight and will be voted on at the November 21, 2006 County Board meeting.

**Vacancies**

Chairman Gocken announces the following vacancies -

Lost Nation/New Landing RCD - 1 unexpired term

The application deadline will be Friday, November 3, 2006  
at 4:30 p.m. in the Ogle County Clerk's Office.

The Chairman of the State's Attorney & Legislative Committee Skip Kenney states the Ogle County Board has been advertising this vacancy for the past 4 months and the committee felt this would be the last announcement. Kenney said it is now up to the Lost Nation/New Landing RCD Board to find applicants for this position and contact the County.

Mental Health "708" Board - 2 vacancies

The application deadline for these vacancies will be Friday, December 1, 2006,  
at 4:30 p.m. in the Ogle County Clerk's Office.

**Appointments -**

Chairman Gocken announces the following appointments:

Kishwaukee Drainage District

Chairman Gocken announces it has been recommended to re-appoint Todd A. Glendenning to the Kishwaukee Drainage District for a term which will end September 2, 2008. Swanson moves to approve the appointment, Scholl seconds and the motion carries on a voice vote.(Placed on file)

Kishwaukee Drainage District

Chairman Gocken announces it has been recommended to re-appoint Roger Hickey to the Kishwaukee Drainage District for a term which will end September 1, 2009. Colson moves to approve the appointment, Smith seconds and the motion carries on a voice vote.(Placed on file)

Ogle County Housing Authority

Chairman Gocken announces the recommendation of James T. Peters to the Ogle County Housing Authority for a term which will end October 31, 2011. Rice moves to approve the appointment, Spencer seconds and the motion carries on a voice vote.(Placed on file)

IT Committee

Chairman Gocken announces the resignations from Mike Reibel and Ben Roe on the IT Committee. Boes moves to accept the resignations, Colson seconds and the motion carries on a voice vote. Chairman Gocken announces the recommendation to appoint Steve Rypkema to the IT Committee as a replacement. Clayton moves to approve the appointment, Rice seconds and the motion carries on a voice vote.

Sheriff's Merit Commission

Chairman Gocken announces the recommendation to re-appoint Lee Harris to the Sheriff's Merit Commission for a term ending July 31, 2012. Brooks moves to approve the appointment, Kenney seconds and the motion carries on a voice vote.(Placed on file)

**Resolution - 2007 Holiday Schedule**

Chairman Gocken states we have received the 2007 Holiday Schedule from the Chief Judge of the Fifteenth Judicial Circuit - this was included in the packets. Kenney moves to approve the schedule as presented, Scholl seconds and the motion carries on a voice vote.(Placed on file)

**Resolution - Set number of Assistant State's Attorneys**

Chairman Gocken has County Clerk Huntley read the resolution to set the number of Assistant State's Attorneys for Ogle County. Kenney moves to approve the resolution, Bauer seconds and the motion carries on a voice vote.(Placed on file)

**Zoning - #4-06 SPECIAL USE - David & Cheryl Point and Ryan & Jodi Point**

The clerk reads the petition of David & Cheryl Point, 1122 E. Lighthouse Rd., Oregon, IL and Ryan & Jodi Point, 203 S. 10th St., Oregon, 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 David A. & Cheryl J. Point and being purchased by Ryan & Jodi Point:

Part of W1/2 SW1/4 Section 26 Oregon-Nashua Township 23N, R10E of the 4th P.M., Ogle County, IL, 13.49 acres, more or less  
Property Identification Number: Part of 16-26-300-003 & -004  
Common Location: 1122 E. Lighthouse Rd.

Hopkins moves to concur with the Board of Appeals and approve #4-06 Special Use for David & Cheryl Point and Ryan & Jodi Point. Scholl seconds and the motion carries on a voice vote.(Placed on file)

**Zoning- #19-06 AMENDMENT - Melissa Yocum Swanson**

The clerk reads the petition of Melissa Yocum Swanson, 5413 Razorville Rd., Byron, IL by Attorney Kim Krahenbuhl, PO Box 339, 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 petitioner:

Part W1/2 NE 1/4 Section 2, Byron Township 25N, R10E of the 4th P.M.,  
22.72 acres, more or less  
Property Identification Number: Part of 04-2-200-002  
Common Location: 1609 - 1727 Block of E. Montague Rd.

Hopkins moves to concur with the Board of Appeals and approve #19-06 Amendment for Melissa Yocum Swanson. Zuehl seconds. Boes says he has received a lot of calls regarding this zoning issue and requests a roll call vote be taken. Lewandowski was also contacted from a neighbor with concerns regarding the entrance to the property. There was a request for a neighbor to have the entrance located on the West side of the property and away from the trees of the neighbor. Hopkins and Colson state this is in the transcript of the hearing. Colbert asks if the motion can be amended to reflect the request? Hopkins says yes it can. Hopkins moves to amend the motion to stipulate the drive be located on the left side of the property that is being re-zoned Intermediate Ag. Zuehl seconds. The amendment to the motion carries on a voice vote. Chairman Gocken states due to the protests of this petition this amendment will require a 3/4 vote - Swanson states he will abstain from voting on this issue:

**YES:** White, Zuehl, Bauer, Clayton, Colbert, Colson, Gouker, Heuer, Hopkins, Horner, Lewandowski, Nye, Rice, Scholl, Smith, Spencer, Stahl and Gocken

**NO:** Boes, Brooks, Huntley and Kenney

**ABSENT:** Saunders

**ABSTAIN:** Swanson

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

**Zoning - #20-06 AMENDMENT - David S. & Marjorie S. Dixon**

The clerk reads the petition of David S. & Marjorie S. Dixon, 7600 S. IL Rte. 2, Oregon, IL by Attorney Kim Krahenbuhl, PO Box 339, 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 S1/2 NE1/4 Section 12 Grand Detour Township 22N, R9E of the  
4th P.M., Ogle County, IL, 21.14 acres, more or less  
Property Identification Number: 21-12-400-016  
Common Location: 7600 S. IL Rte. 2

Hopkins moves to concur with the Board of Appeals and approve #20-06 Amendment for David & Marjorie Dixon. Heuer seconds and the motion carries on a voice vote.(Placed on file)

**Zoning - #5-06 SPECIAL USE - Greg & Diane Saunders**

The clerk reads the petition of Greg & Diane Saunders, 7257 S. Freeport Rd., Polo, IL for a Special Use Permit to allow a plumbing and heating contractor shop in the AG-1 Agricultural District on property described as follows and owned by the petitioners:

Part of Government Lot 2 NW1/4 Section 7 Woosung Township 22N, R8E  
of the 4<sup>th</sup> P.M., Ogle County, IL, 1.42 acres, more or less  
Property Identification Number: 20-07-100-004  
Common Location: 7313 S. Freeport Rd.

Hopkins moves to concur with the Board of Appeals and approve #5-06 Special Use for Greg & Diane Saunders with the following conditions: 1) All work shall be performed within a completely enclosed building and 2) No outside storage of materials shall be allowed. Colson seconds. Horner questions the outside storage statement. Colson states Mr. Saunders was very agreeable during the hearings regarding the outside storage. Hopkins states Mr. Saunders' business is located in town and the building is for sale. Mr. Saunders is moving his business to his property located in the country. Scholl states Mr. Saunders is his neighbor and he will keep the property looking good. Heuer interjects and states as Economic Development people, we should be very happy to see this business coming to Ogle County. The motion carries on a voice vote.(Placed on file)

**Zoning - Final Plat Extension - Phase 3 Westwood Subdivision**

The clerk reads the extension for Final Plat for "Phase 3 Westwood Subdivision -- Replat of Lots 19 thru 38 of John W. Tilton's Westwood Subdivision" - Section 20, Flag Township - Developer: Tom Simmons - Authorized Agent and Surveyor: Fehr-Graham & Associates. Hopkins moves to approve a three month extension for Phase 3 of Westwood Subdivision. Bauer seconds and the motion carries on a voice vote.(Placed on file)

**Road & Bridge - Resolution - Woodlawn Road Paving - 06-00000-03-GM**

Clayton moves to approve the resolution to appropriate funds from the Motor Fuel Tax Funds for the paving of County Road 18, Woodlawn Road, in the Village of Creston, in the amount of \$22,299.09 be approved. Colson seconds and the motion carries on a voice vote.(Placed on file)

**Recess to refer claims to a committee**

At 6:10 p.m., Chairman Gocken asks for a motion to recess and refer claims to committees. Heuer moves, Stahl seconds and the motion carries on a voice vote. Chairman Gocken calls the meeting back to order at 6:25 p.m.

**Claims**

The clerk reads the claims for the General Fund - \$78,288.47 and the County Highway Fund - \$54,773.74. Horner moves to approve the claims as read, White seconds and the motion carries on a voice vote.(Placed on file) Chairman Gocken asks for a motion to approve the Payments in Vacation as presented in your packets. Rice moves, Huntley 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: *Buildings & Grounds, Judiciary & Circuit Clerk, Juvenile & Probation, Planning Commission, Tri-County Opportunities, IT Committee and GIS Committee.* The following had no minutes to file: *Blackhawk Hills RCD, Board of Health, I.A.C.B.M., U.C.C.I., Ill Risk Management, Safety Committee, 911 ETS Board, Liquor Commission and Byron Dragway.*

**County Clerk & Insurance**

Minutes placed on exhibit

U of I Workshops

Rice informs the board members of information included in packets regarding workshops the University of Illinois will be holding.

Announcement

Rice wishes Chairman Gocken a Happy Birthday

**Finance & Revenue**

Minutes placed on exhibit

Auditor

Spencer states the Finance Committee will recommend the hiring of Sikich for the County's auditing services. The fee will be \$53,700 for FY2006, \$55,980 for FY2007 and \$57,950 for FY2008. Spencer moves to approve the recommendation of hiring Sikich

to perform Ogle County Audits for FY2006, FY2007 and aFY2008. Rice seconds and the motion carries on a voice vote.(Proposal placed on file)

**H.E.W.**

Minutes placed on exhibit

Rock River Center

Chairman Gocken reads the following from the H.E.W. Committee minutes:

“Rock River Center (former Ogle County Senior Services) request for one-time payment of \$50,000 towards their new building. Karen Copeland addressed the committee. She provided a brief summary of the proposed project. The project cost is estimated at \$1.8 million and with contingencies the total could reach \$2.4 million. Ground breaking is tentatively scheduled for July 2007 with occupancy in June 2008. Ms. Copeland stated that she is seeking a **one-time** contribution of \$50,000 from Ogle County. Copeland stated she has not asked for county monies in the past for building or maintenance issues. Previous monies have gone strictly for services. She stated there is a possibility that an urgent care clinic could locate in one wing of the building. If a clinic becomes a building tenant, it would provide lease revenue to Rock River Center. She also stated that the building would have space to accommodate an office for the State Veteran’s Administration. However, the Center does not have a contract with the Veteran’s Administration at this time. Discussion followed regarding the needs of county residents and services provided in other communities.

Motion by Fred Horner to recommend Ogle County contribute a one-time donation of \$50,000 to the Rock River Center building project and to increase the Senior Tax Levy accordingly. Second by Paul White. Discussion followed whether to reduce funding to other tax levy organizations by \$50,000 to offset the building fund donation. Consensus - not to reduce funding to other organizations if the donation is approved. Discussion followed regarding potential future implications if funding is provided to one organization – would there be similar requests from other senior organizations? Roll Call Vote: Horner – yes; White – yes; Clayton – No; Gocken – No; Smith – yes; Bauer – No. **Motion failed on a 3-3 tie vote.** The donation request will be forwarded to the October 17<sup>th</sup> County Board agenda.”

Chairman Gocken asks County Administrator Jim Mielke if he would like to address the board. Mielke asks Chairman Gocken to allow Karen Copeland to address the board. Karen Copeland addresses the board regarding the building project and the request of \$50,000 from Ogle County. Copeland states they are asking for the funding by slightly increasing the Senior Services Tax Levy and not by taking money from any other agency or fund. Copeland says the tax levy dollars are generally used for general operations - to help support the case workers and transportation. Copeland reviewed the information she distributed to

the board members. Copeland states the increase they are asking for will be an increase of \$1.30 per \$100,000 valuation and would be a one time increase. Copeland states the center would like to memorialize Peg Fridley, because she and Stan James were very instrumental in establishing this tax levy in November of 1989. Had it not been for Peg Fridley none of the senior organizations would receive money. The facility will house 14 staff, activities and counseling offices which would provide quality of life services for the residents of Ogle County. There was discussion regarding the acquisition and location of the building site for this new center, funds other senior agencies received and used for building improvements and financing options and/or resources. Copeland states the Rock River Center is the only Senior Service Center for the County. No other senior group is allowed to provide the technical services that the State of Illinois has designated to this agency. Gouker comments on how valuable the service is that is provided by the Rock River Center and thinks the board needs to support this donation.

Smith makes the motion to commit the funds in the amount of \$50,000 to Rock River Center from the Senior Tax Levy. White seconds. White comments that the work provided by the Senior Service Center is an investment for the future for the citizens of Ogle County. White calls for roll call vote on this issue. Horner comments on the possibility of the other agencies coming to the board for money out of the same fund. Heuer will abstain from the vote since she is a board member of the Rock River Center. The roll call is called:

**YES:** White, Brooks, Colson, Gouker, Lewandowski and Smith

**NO:** Zuehl, Bauer, Boes, Clayton, Colbert, Hopkins, Horner, Huntley, Kenney, Nye, Rice, Scholl, Spencer, Stahl, Swanson and Gocken

**ABSENT:** Saunders

**ABSTAIN:** Heuer

The motion is defeated on a roll call vote.

**Solid Waste** Minutes placed on exhibit

Recycling Event Chairman Gocken announces the Electronics Recycling Event to be held at the Oregon Commerce Center in Oregon on November 3<sup>rd</sup> and November 4th.

**Planning & Zoning** Minutes placed on exhibit

Meetings Hopkins announces the Planning Commission will meet on October 19, 2006 and the Zoning Board of Appeals will meet on October 26, 2006.

Farm Nuisance Act Hopkins states the committee will be recommending to the State's Attorney & Legislative Committee adopting the Farm Nuisance Act for Ogle County.

**Road & Bridge**

Minutes placed on exhibit

Congratulations

Clayton congratulates County Engineer Curtis Cook on becoming the Illinois Engineer of the Year. Clayton also suggests Cook consider having a new picture taken.

**U.C.C.I.**

No minutes

Workshops and Update

Heuer comments on the workshops which the University of Illinois will be hosting. Heuer also states UCCI has been very active this month and as the County Board Representative - the county will receive \$250 from UCCI for each meeting Heuer or the County Board Chairman attend.

**Illinois Risk Management**

No minutes

Update

Heuer states she and County Clerk Huntley have a copy of the most recent UCCI Annual Salary and Fringe Benefits Survey available for review.

**Mental Health "708"**

Minutes placed on exhibit

Update

Horner states there is a quarterly update which has been distributed on your desks.

**Personnel & Salary**

Minutes placed on exhibit

New Report Card

Kenney states the committee is recommending the adoption of the new County Board Meeting Report Card. A sample was included with the committee minutes this month and one was also distributed this evening. Each board member is responsible for their report card and responsible to have the chairman of the committee sign for payment. Kenney states this new report card will ease the record keeping requirement and is effective immediately.

Reception

Kenney states there will be a reception honoring County Board members on November 21, 2006, from 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. in the room next to the County Board Room. Kenney invites the community to attend this reception as well.

New Report Card

Jim Mielke states Tiffany in the County Clerk's Office developed this form to help streamline the process in the clerk's office. These report cards will be distributed to the board members at the time of sign in of the County Board meeting.

Sympathy

Chairman Gocken states a card is being sent around and Chairman Gocken extends the sympathy of the board to Ms. Saunders and her family for the loss of her mother this weekend.

**Executive Committee**

Minutes placed on exhibit

Computer Information Sys

Chairman Gocken informs the board of the information regarding the Computer Information Systems of the Sheriff's Office and refers the board to review the information attached to the minutes. Chairman Gocken has Chief Deputy Beitel address the

board regarding this information. Microsoft Windows has become the standard platform for public safety information systems and their integration and interoperability. Beitel states that technology has changed over the past twenty-one years and their current vendor, FSG, will not upgrade and make improvements to their program. The Sheriff's Department has reviewed information from many vendors over the years and has selected Computer Information Systems, Inc. of Skokie, Illinois. The total cost of the project, including all hardware, software, licenses, installation, training and service is \$625,000. Of this total, \$245,000 will be financed by CIS at no interest over a three-year period. The funding will come from the Long Range Capital Improvement Fund. Horner moves to accept the Computer Aided Dispatch and Records Management System contract to be purchased with funding to come from the Long Range Capital Improvement Fund. Spencer seconds and the motion carries on a voice vote.

**State's Attorney**

Minutes placed on exhibit

Ordinance

Assistant State's Attorney Andrew Sosnowski presents the Ordinance to increase the penalty for a person who is in violation of a County Ordinance. This Ordinance also has a graduated scale for repeat offenders, the first offense is \$500, second offense is \$1,000 and the third or subsequent offense is \$1,500. This Ordinance is presented this evening and will be laid over for 30 days and voted on at the November County Board Meeting.

**Executive Committee**

Continued from above

Document Storage Fee

County Administrator Jim Mielke presents the Ordinance for the proposed fee increase of the Circuit Clerk's Automation and Document Storage Fund. The Automation and Document Storage fees increase from \$5.00 to \$10.00 and there would be a transfer from these funds to the General Fund to help with the IT expense. The Circuit Clerk has committed to transferring \$25,000 to the General Fund in 2007 if the fee increase is adopted. Mielke states he understands this issue was discussed earlier this year and the County Board opted not to increase the fees from \$5.00 to \$15.00 at that time. Clayton moves that the Rules of Order be suspended per Rule #25 and a vote taken on the proposed Ordinance. This will be more helpful to the budget we will be reviewing on October 23<sup>rd</sup>. Kenney seconds and a roll call vote is taken:

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

**NO:** None

**ABSENT:** Saunders

The motion to suspend the rules carries on a roll call vote.

Boes moves to approve the \$5 increase to \$10 in the Circuit Clerk's Automation and Document Storage Funds which will be effective December 1, 2006. Colbert seconds and the motion carries on a voice vote.(Placed on file)

Judicial Center Update

Chairman Gocken states a memo from GreenAssociates has been distributed regarding updates on the Judicial Center.

AED

Chief Deputy Beitel addresses the board regarding the purchase of AED's (Automated External Defibrillator) for various county buildings. The proposal will be to purchase five AED's at \$995 each which includes batteries with a four year guarantee, training software, case, seven year warranty and a kit with accessories. Chief Beitel states they will be placing three new AED's at the Judicial Center, one at the Health Department, one at the Old Courthouse and the old AED will relocate to the Sheriff's Office. The funds for this purchase will come from the Long Range Capital Improvement Fund. Horner moves to approve the purchase of five AED's and not to exceed \$7,500. Spencer seconds and the motion carries on a voice vote.

Visitor

Chairman Gocken introduces Marilyn Shippert who is a member of District 1 of the Lee County Board.

Judicial Center bills

Chairman Gocken states there were additional bills to be added to the October 2006 total - Dynamic Horizons in the amount of \$2,040 and Ogle County Life in the amount of \$101.25. The bills for the Judicial Center for October 2006 are a total of \$228,960.08. Zuehl moves to approve and Horner seconds. Gouker amends the motion to say - \$228,960.08 to be paid from the Project Fund, up to the Project Fund balance and the remaining to be paid from the Long Range Capital Improvement Fund. Colson seconds the amended motion. The amended motion is carried on a voice vote. The motion to pay the Judicial Center bills for October 2006 carries on a voice vote.

**Chairman Comments**

Chairman Gocken congratulates Curtis Cook on being named the Illinois Society of Professional Engineers - Illinois Engineer of the Year.

Chairman Gocken also thanks everyone for attending the UCCI conference in Springfield.

Chairman Gocken also congratulates Marcia Heuer on receiving a Certificate of Achievement from the University of Illinois and UCCI - Chairman Gocken thanks Marcia Heuer for attending these sessions.

Chairman Gocken announces she received a letter from Betty Adams regarding the unveiling of the statue "Agriculture: Mother of Civilization" and the transfer of ownership. The public event will be held on Sunday, November 12, 2006, at 3:00 p.m. in front of the Judicial Center.

**Administrator Comments**

Jim Mielke distributes the proposed 2007 budget which will be presented at the Budget Hearing which will be held on Monday, October 23, 2006, at 6:00 p.m.. Mielke thanks all the department heads for their co-operation and input on the budget process. Mielke also thanks Treasurer John Coffman for his help with the preparation of the budget.

Chairman Gocken states Jim Mielke is doing a terrific job and has really come up to speed very quickly since he began employment with the County. Jim Mielke also thanks County Clerk Huntley for her support and her patience.

Mielke addresses the board regarding NITT and the proposed \$50,000 which will be included in the FY2007 Budget. Mielke states the six entities involved with the NITT Commission will be asked to contribute \$50,000 each. Mielke informs the board that Ryan Alderks from RMU will make a presentation to the board at next months meeting. The intent is to enter into a 20 year lease - this will be an advantage for Economic Development issues in the future and potential revenues in the future. The commission has secured a grant which will reimburse based on a \$50,000 contribution \$12,500 to Ogle County.

**Communications**

- Sales Tax for July 2006 was \$40,533.59 and \$77,213.04
- Sales Tax for July 2005 was \$27,249.58 and \$72,126.01
- Com-Ed tree trimming notice

**Unfinished Business**

**New Business**

**Public Comments**

**Motion to Adjourn**

Chairman Gocken reminds the board members of the Budget Hearing which will be held on Monday, October 23, 2006 at 6:00 p.m. in this room . At 8:00 p.m., Horner moves to adjourn the October Ogle County Board meeting until Monday, October 23, 2006, at 6:00 p.m. at the Ogle County Courthouse for the presentation of the Ogle County FY2007 Budget. Stahl 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

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Special Budget Hearing  
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Call To Order

Chairman Gocken calls the meeting to order at 6:10 p.m. She states the purpose of this meeting is to review and discuss the Proposed Ogle County Budget and Appropriation for Fiscal Year 2007. Roll Call shows Colbert, Huntley and Smith are absent. This is followed with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

FY2007 Budget

County Administrator Jim Mielke presents the 2007 Ogle County Budget and announces there are extra copies available.

*Estimate of Probable Income*

Mielke states that \$11,957,100.00 is the total revenue which is being proposed for 2007.

*County Clerk/Recorder*

Total: \$462,249 - Mielke states this total does include the Elections.

*Buildings & Grounds*

Total: \$855,300 - Kenney asks if this total reflects the lower cost of gas needed to heat the county properties. Mielke replies this is a learning experience for the gas and electric expenditures with the new facility.

*County Treasurer*

Total: \$163,950

*HEW & Regional Superintendent of Schools*

HEW Total: \$214,717

Regional Superintendent of Schools Total: \$51,989

Department Total: \$266,706

*Judiciary and Jury Committee*

Total: \$295,094

*Circuit Clerk's Office*

Total: \$542,290 - Saunders asks if the inter-fund transfer from the Circuit Clerk of \$25,000 is included in revenues? Saunders also asks if there is a guarantee that this transfer will happen this year, since it did not happen last year? Mielke states the amount will be transferred regardless of the amount collected. This is made possible by the action of the board last week regarding the fee increase. White states the reason why the board did not receive the transfer was because the fee increase was rejected. Kenney asks for an explanation regarding the \$6,000 increase in the Part-Time line item. Mielke states the Circuit Clerk and he reviewed the proposed staffing for part-time and extra-time, hourly wage and hours. Mielke feels the \$28,000 is a solid number for 2007, for that line item.

*Probation Office*

Total: \$593,884

*Focus House*

Total: \$861,183

*Supervisor of Assessments*

Total: \$246,575

*Zoning Office*

Total: \$175,856

*Sheriff's Department*

Total: \$3,409,318 - Saunders asks about the \$6,500 in the ESDA part-time line item? Mielke states a part-time position is proposed for 2007. This is a plan for the eventual retirement of Ron McDermott.

*Coroner's Office*

Total: \$162,154

*State's Attorney Office*

Total: \$656,866 - Zuehl inquires about the salary line items and asks if there is enough money for any additional Assistant State's Attorneys. Roe states he is fully staffed at this time and he has five Assistant State's Attorneys at this time.

*Insurance Committee*

Services: \$1,260,000 - Kenney asks how is the Workman's Comp Premium going to be expended? Coffman states this will come from the Insurance Premium Levy Account.

*Finance Committee*

Total: \$504,496 - Saunders asks if a Network Administrator has been hired at this time and did the County Board approve it? Mielke states this position is not a county employee we are looking at a contractual arrangement. The idea is to develop a baseline expense for 2007 and enter into a multi-year contract beginning in 2008.

*Correction's Department*

Total: \$1,501,179

Grand Total: \$11,975,100

Levy Total: \$ 3,485,000

*Social Security Fund:* Appropriation: \$ 710,000 Levy: \$ 640,000

*Illinois Municipal Retirement Fund:* Appropriation: \$2,247,000 Levy: \$1,240,000

*Long Range Capitol Improvement Fund:* Appropriation: \$2,849,000

Saunders asks why money is being appropriated for Committee meetings and mileage? Mielke says they are trying to identify potential expenses since we are unsure of the direction the board wants to take in 2007 for the various projects.

*Bond Fund* Appropriation: \$1,151,200

*County Highway Fund:* Appropriation: \$2,018,837 Levy: \$1,288,500

*County Bridge Fund:* Appropriation: \$1,779,015 Levy: \$ 644,000

*Motor Fuel Tax Fund:* Appropriation: \$1,247,846

*Federal Aid Matching Fund:* Appropriation: \$ 801,149 Levy: \$ 644,000

Ogle County Board Special Budget Hearing

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| <i>GIS Committee</i>   | Appropriation: \$ | 103,844 |          |         |
| <i>Insurance Premium Fund:</i>   | Appropriation: \$ | 635,000 | Levy: \$ | 575,000 |
| <i>TB Care &amp; Treatment Fund:</i>   | Appropriation: \$ | 37,631  | Levy:\$  | 34,080  |
| <i>Animal Control Fun</i>  | Appropriation: \$ | 123,785 |          |         |
| <i>Solid Waste Fund:</i>   | Appropriation: \$ | 293,150 |          |         |
| <i>Ogle Co. Cooperative Ext. Svc:</i>  | Appropriation: \$ | 132,000 | Levy:\$  | 132,000 |
| <i>Ogle Co. Mental Health Fund:</i>  | Appropriation: \$ | 787,327 | Levy:\$  | 787,327 |
| <i>Senior Social Services Fund:</i>  | Appropriation: \$ | 194,880 | Levy:\$  | 194,880 |
| Heuer asks if this amount reflects the LSSI change in which Focus House will now fund? Mielke states there was a \$20,000 allotment which has been reduced to \$5,000 and this is reflected under Probation. |                   |         |          |         |
| <i>War Veterans Assist. Fund:</i>  | Appropriation: \$ | 75,000  | Levy:\$  | 75,000  |

The total Appropriations for 2007 will be \$27,143,764 and Levies will be \$9,739,787.

**Public Comment**

**Motion to Adjourn**

Chairman Gocken announces according to State Statute this meeting was held more than 15 days prior to the approval of the budget. The budget will be presented for adoption at the November 21, 2006, County Board meeting. The budget is available for viewing in the County Clerk's Office.

At 6:40 p.m., there being no further budget questions, Rice moves to adjourn, Zuehl seconds and the motion carries on a voice vote.

Betty K. Gocken  
Chairman, Ogle County Board

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