

**Proceedings of the Ogle County Board Meeting  
October 20, 2020**

(Remote attendance due to COVID-19 crisis)

State of Illinois    )  
County of Ogle    ) ss

**Call to Order**

Chairman John Finfrock calls the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

**Roll Call**

The roll call shows Droege is absent. The invocation is given by Sulser and followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Presentation - Representative Tom Demmer – Byron Nuclear Station**

Representative Demmer spoke to a bipartisan effort to save the Byron Nuclear Station. Demmer shared that earlier this afternoon a Climate Jobs Coalition group – 13 different organized Labor Groups announced their support in keeping all 6 nuclear plants open due to their jobs and positive economic influence, and benefits from supplying our own energy. Demmer spoke to the reasoning of supplying our own energy allows us to eliminate the importing process as well is being dependent on others for energy. Demmer also shared that he is working more on a local level by organizing tours to the plant in Byron to people to allow them to see all the positives to keep our nuclear plant.

**Presentation - Sandy Beitel, Ogle County 9-1-1 Coordinator**

Beitel gave a 911 Next Gen update and introduced her replacement, Brittany Carls, upon her retirement. Carls shared she has been on Ogle County’s Dispatch team for 5 years now and is looking forward to her new role as Coordinator.

Finfrock took the time to thank Beitel for all of her hard work while working on Ogle County’s behalf.

**Presentation – 708 Board - Kathe Wilson**

Wilson shared that Mental Health is a real prevalent issue in Ogle County. (Audio too unclear to make out)

**Consent Agenda Items – by Roll Call Vote**

1. Approval of September 15, 2020 Ogle County Board Meeting Minutes
2. Accept Monthly Reports – Treasurer, County Clerk & Recorder and Circuit Clerk
3. Appointments -
  1. Byron Museum District - Cynthia Storz- R-2020-1001
  2. Housing Authority Board - Bryan Boblette - R-2020-1002
  3. Lost Lake River Conservancy District - Hal Warren - R-2020-1003
4. Resignations -
  1. Byron Museum District - Jennifer Wheeler - R-2020-1004
5. Vacancies -
  - Board of Health - 1 Vacancy (unexpired term)
  - Board of Health - 3 Vacancies
  - Byron Museum District - 1 Vacancy (an unexpired)
  - Mental Health 708 Board - 1 Vacancy (unexpired term)
  - Zoning Board of Appeals (Alternate 1) - 1 Vacancy (unexpired term)
  - Franklin Grove Fire Protection District - 1 Vacancy

Application and Resumé deadline – Friday, October 30, 2020, at 4:30 p.m. in the County Clerk’s Office located at 105 S. 5th St – Suite 104, Oregon, IL
6. Ogle County Claims –
  - Department Claims - September 2020 - \$189,995.66
  - County Board Payments – \$90,612.34
  - County Highway Fund – \$158,111.74

7. Communications -

- ComEd Notification Letter Vegetation Management
- Sales Tax for July 2019 \$30,572.76 and \$83,839.26
- Sales Tax for July 2020 \$26,848.94 and \$86,731.45

McKinney moves to approve the Consent Agenda and Kenney seconds and Roll Call was taken:

YES: Sulser, Typer, Whalen, Youman, Asp, Billeter, Boes, Bowers, Corbitt, Fox, Fritz, Griffin, Heuer, Hopkins, Janes, Kenney, McKinney, Nordman, Oltmanns, Reising, Smith, Sparrow, and Finfrock

NO: None

ABSENT: Droege

Motion carries on roll call vote. (Placed on file)

**Zoning - #005-20SU - Better Place Forests, Co. - O-2020-1001**

Fritz presents #005-20 Special Use – Better Place Forests, Co, 3717 Buchanan St., #400, San Francisco, CA for a Special Use Permit in the AG-1 Agricultural District to allow a Conservation Memorial Forest on property described as follows and owned by the petitioners: Part of the South Half (S1/2) of the Southwest Quarter (SW1/4) of Section 27; part of the Northwest Quarter (NW1/4) of the Northwest Quarter (NW1/4) of Section 34; part of the Southeast Quarter (SE1/4) of the Southeast Quarter (SE1/4) of Section 28; and part of the East Half (E1/2) of the Northeast Quarter (NE1/4) of Section 33 Township 24 North, Range 10 East of the 4th P.M., Rockvale Township, Ogle County, IL, 59.62 acres, more or less P.I.N.(s): 09-27-300-003; 09-28-400-005; 09-33-200-003; & 09-34-100-001 - Common Location: 1950 N. River Rd. Fritz moves to approve 0-2020-1001, McKinney seconds and roll call was taken:

YES: Typer, Whalen, Youman, Asp, Billeter, Boes, Bowers, Corbitt, Fox, Fritz, Griffin, Heuer, Hopkins, Janes, Kenney, McKinney, Nordman, Oltmanns, Reising, Smith, Sparrow, Sulser, and Finfrock

NO: None

ABSENT: Droege

Motion carries on roll call vote. (Placed on file)

**Zoning - #007-20TAM - Ogle County Planning & Zoning - O-2020-1002**

Fritz presents #007-20 Text Amendment Harry Adams, Ogle County Planning & Zoning Administrator, under the direction of the Planning & Zoning Committee of the Ogle County Board for an Amendment to the text of the Ogle County Amendatory Zoning Ordinance, as follows:

1. Division 2, Section 16-2-2: Rules and Definitions
2. Division 5, Section 16-5-1: AG-1 Agricultural District
3. Division 5, Section 16-5-7: B-1 Business District
4. Division 5, Section 16-5-10: I-1 Industrial District

*ORDINANCE WITHDRAWN AND SENT BACK TO COMMITTEE DUE TO LANGUAGE RE: SOLAR*

**Assessment Districts and Assessment Schedule - R-2020-1005**

Fritz presents and moves to approve Assessment Districts and Assessment Schedule R-2020-1005 and Smith seconds.

Janes clarified this came from the Supervisor of Assessments, Ron Kane who is trying to get the County into a rotation where the County into four sections for Assessments. This way each year a section can be assessed and meet the State Statutes and make the burden on the Assessment Office less burdensome every year. Kane had shared in previous meetings that this was the system used by him in other Counties and it seemed to be very effective.

YES: Whalen, Youman, Asp, Billeter, Boes, Bowers, Corbitt, Fox, Fritz, Griffin, Heuer, Hopkins, Janes, Kenney, McKinney, Nordman, Oltmanns, Reising, Smith, Sparrow, Sulser, Typer, and Finfrock

NO: None

ABSENT: Droege

Motion carries on roll call vote. (Placed on file)

**Public Comment –**

Hopkins states the sound system for virtual meetings needed to be better if these meetings are going to held virtually.

Jerry Stauffer’s letter was read to the Board regarding COVID-19 concerns. (placed on file)

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

The following committee minutes have been placed on exhibit: 911 ETS, County Facilities, County IT, County Security, Executive, Finance and Insurance, HEW & Solid Waste and Veterans, Judiciary and Circuit Clerk, Long Range and Strategic Planning, Personnel and Salary, Road & Bridge, and State’s Attorney – Court Services – FOCUS House.

• **Long Range Planning:**

- Long Range Invoices – R-2020-1007

Griffin presents R-2020-1007 for the following bills:

<u>VENDOR NAME</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
Amazon	18 - Sceptre 24" LED Monitors	\$ 1,902.83
City of Oregon	Water Bill Service Dates 7/31/20 to 9/1/20 - 601 W Washington St., Meter #9693= 44.37	\$ 44.37
Gilbane	Construction Management Services - September 2020, Invoice #27	\$ 710,561.61
Hellmuch, Obata & Kassabaum, Inc	Invoice #28 Professional Services through September 30, 2020 - Construction Administration & Reimbursable Expenses	\$ 21,262.50
LeJar Building Fund	Lease Payment - 313 W. Washington St., Oregon, November, 2020	\$ 1,200.00
NiCor	Service Dates 8/5/20-9/2/20 - 601 W Washington St., Oregon Meter# 5031497	\$ 123.50
Testing Service Corporation	August 2020, Engineering Services	\$ 1,225.00
<b>TOTAL:</b>		<b>\$ 736,319.81</b>

Griffin presents and moves to approve R-2020-1007 for \$736,319.81, Asp seconds and roll call was taken:

YES: Youman, Asp, Billeter, Bowers, Corbitt, Fox, Fritz, Heuer, Janes, Kenney, McKinney, Nordman, Oltmanns, Reising, Smith, Sparrow, Sulser, Typer, Whalen, and Finfrock

NO: None

ABSENT: Boes, Droege, Griffin and Hopkins

Motion carries on roll call vote. (Placed on file)

- Project Update: Gilbane

Project is about 1 month until completion. Roling shared it looks as though there will be a decent amount of Contingency returned. The biggest challenge is finishing by the projected completion. The project is being pushed ahead to meet that date. The deliveries are still coming in but caution is being used to make sure delivery trucks are not messing up landscaping.

Bowers asked if they were going to get a tour once the Jail is completed. Griffin shared that he is in the process of organizing some sort of a tour for the County Board members in the beginning week of December. Griffin also thanked Roling & his team.

Reising commented on the long hours being completed in order to make the deadline and thanked them.

• **Executive**

- Supporting the Byron Station Nuclear Power Plant – R-2020-1008

Finfrock moved to approve R-2020-1008 for Exelon, Billeter seconds and roll call was taken:

YES: Asp, Billeter, Bowers, Corbitt, Fox, Fritz, Griffin, Heuer, Janes, Kenney, McKinney, Nordman, Oltmanns, Reising, Smith, Sparrow, Sulser, Typer, Whalen, and Finfrock

NO: None

ABSENT: Boes, Droege, Hopkins

ABSTAINS: Youman (due to employment)

Motion carries on roll call vote. (Placed on file)

**Unfinished Business & New Business:**

**Chairman Comments:**

Chairman Finfrock shared his apologies to all in the meeting this evening if there was a problem with hearing. Finfrock shared that he will be discussing things with Larry from IT to try and make things better.

**Vice-Chairwoman Comments:**

Stay healthy and safe.

**Adjourn Meeting**

At 6:42 p.m., with no further business Chairman Finfrock adjourns the meeting until Tuesday, October 26, 2020 at 5:30 p.m. at the Courthouse in Oregon.

Chairman, John Finfrock  
Ogle County Board

Attest: Laura J. Cook, Ogle County Clerk &  
Ex-officio Clerk of the Ogle County Board

**Proceedings of the Ogle County Budget Hearing**  
**October 26, 2020**

(Remote attendance due to COVID-19 crisis)

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**Call to Order**

Chairman Finfrock calls the Ogle County Board Meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

**Roll Call**

The roll call shows Asp, Billeter, Boes, Corbitt, Droege, Fox, Heuer, Janes, Oltmanns, and Reising were absent.

**Presentation – Proposed FY2021 Ogle County Budget and Appropriations**

Chairman Finfrock presents the draft of the FY2021 Ogle County Budget and Appropriations and has Sparrow give the overview of the proposed budget.

Sparrow reviews:

- Sparrow reviews pages 1 through 20 and breaks down the General Fund. Sparrow explained the way things were approached this year because of Amending the current year’s budget because of the loss of revenue at the Jail and other places; left a \$1.2 million swing. Finance started with the base of the May amended budget which made up for the shortages in revenue in the budget due to the years lack. From there the additional costs were added in for the wage increases and steps (Union and non-Union). This brings the appropriations to \$15,260,675.00 with a Levy amount of \$4,640,000.00.
- Sparrow spoke to the budgeting of the new jail and revenues being based on 152 beds available in the Judicial Center Annex. Sparrow stated the County should be seeing a greater revenue but are projecting the revenues slightly lower just to make sure the numbers are achievable. Sparrow shared from what he is to understand that we lost out on some revenue income last year due to the lack of space for Federal prisoners in our current jail. The new facility allows Ogle County to facilitate the INS program. The Finance Committee will be monitoring that and adjusting it if they see the need.
- Sparrow then turned the attention to the IMRF Fund for clarification of paying back the Solid Waste fund the \$2 million loan that was borrowed in 2016. In 2017, 2018, and 2019 payments were made to pay back the loan and this year the final payment of \$500,000 will be repaid which leaves the outstanding amount, \$1 million dollars. Sparrow shared the Finance Committee is suggesting that the full million dollars be paid off this year, like page 22 shows. By paying off this loan it allows the County to continue to pay off the Judicial Center Annex Bonds each year.
- Sparrow then directed the Board to page 30 to the “*Department Total: Non-Departmental*” heading where the listing of \$4,773,000 is actually slightly higher. Sparrow shared that after the County Treasurer, Linda Beck has started to receive some of the final bills it looks like that number could be anywhere from \$27,000 to \$40,000 more. Sparrow shared that this part of the budget will be reworked once those final figures are gotten to Beck. Sparrow expressed that the purpose of tonight’s meeting was to review and allow for questions from the Board and not voting on anything this evening. Sparrow shared he hoped that all those final numbers would be in before November County Board meeting and those true numbers would be used instead of passing something and then having to amend it due to the higher appropriation.
- Sparrow said an overall layout of how things in the budget will look, pages 52 & 53 give just that. On page 52 you see an appropriation for every fund totaling about \$9,333,548. Sparrow then clarified that although the appropriations were shown here that doesn’t necessarily mean those monies are going to be spent. Sparrow then stated the additional appropriations listed on page 53 total, \$44,254,244. When all the appropriations are added together that brings the grand total to \$53,587,792 with a Levy amount of \$12,832,630.

- Sparrow reviews page 62 which shows of comparisons of previous years of Appropriations and Levies. Sparrow said this year’s appropriations show \$44,254,244 which is roughly \$17 million less than what we had appropriated. Sparrow then stated the levy being proposed this year for property tax is \$251,750 more than what we had in the previous year. Sparrow stated this is to be expected when the properties have been reassessed.

**Public Comments –**

- Smith took the time to share his acknowledgment to the Finance Committee. Smith spoke to be on the Committee for a long time and this is the best budget that they have been able to come up with especially since the surrounding Counties are in their budgets.
- Hopkins shared his appreciation to addressing the virtual meeting and making this meeting very clear and easy to hear.
- Griffin thanked the Finance Committee for all of their hard work and providing the County with a good budget.

**Adjourn Meeting**

At 5:50 p.m., Chairman Finfrock adjourns the meeting until Tuesday, November 17, 2020 at 5:30 p.m. at the Courthouse in Oregon.

Chairman, John Finfrock  
Ogle County Board

Attest: Laura J. Cook, Ogle County Clerk &  
Ex-officio Clerk of the Ogle County Board