Proceedings of the Ogle County Board Meeting

April 19, 2016

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County of Ogle ) ss

Call to Order
Chairman Gouker calls the Ogle County Board Meeting to order at 5:34 p.m.

Roll Call
The roll call shows all County Board members are present.

Chairman Gouker welcomed Laura Cook as the new Ogle County Clerk and Recorder and Jennifer Albright as the Deputy Clerk, who was also in attendance for the meeting.

The Invocation is given by Meyers and was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Recognition – Whitney Katrina Fritz – R-2016-0401
Chairman Gouker welcomed Whitney Katrina Fritz to the meeting, who was born with antrhogryposis, and commented on Whitney’s strength, faith in God, and overall happy and positive attitude. Chairman Gouker asked that Mr. Fritz, Whitney’s uncle make a motion to adopt R-2016-0401, which would dedicate May 1, 2016 as Whitney Katrina Fritz Day in Ogle County. Meyers seconds the motion. Chairman Gouker went on to read the resolution. Star Bayliss came forward and thanked the board. Chairman Gouker thanked Star for Whitney’s inspiration.

Motion carries.

Presentation – Mike Mudge, Owner of Rock River Energy Services, Co – Electrical Aggregation – R-2016-0402
Chairman Gouker stated three years ago the county passed an ordinance in Ogle County for providing electrical aggregation pricing for all residents of the unincorporated areas of the county. Then the board adopted a three year rate that is expiring soon. Mike Mudge, owner of Rock River Energy Services, Co., will present new rates for the next renewal period that the Executive Committee has met and reviewed the rates and are recommending a three year rate.

Mike Mudge addressed the board and gave a summary of what the board approved three years ago. The rate the board approved was 5.985 cents per kilowatt per hour. Currently there are 3,715 residents on the plan and the average household uses 950 kilowatt hours per month. This aggregation has saved our residents a significant amount of money. The rate for the next Electrical Aggregation will again be just under 6 cents and will begin in July 2016.

Chairman Gouker asked for a motion to adopt the resolution. Nordman made the motion to approve the Electrical Aggregation – R-2016-0402, Sparrow seconds the motion.

Motion carries.

Consent Agenda Items – by Roll Call Vote

1. Approval of March 16, 2016 County Board Meeting Minutes
2. Accept Monthly Reports – Treasurer, County Clerk & Recorder and Circuit Clerk
3. Appointments –
   b. Forreston Fire Protection District – Lee F. Black – R-2016-0404
   c. Lost Lake River Conservancy District – Gerald Sellers – R-2016-0405
   d. Lynn-Scott-Rock Fire Protection District – Curtis W. Fruit – R-2016-0406
   e. Oregon Fire Protection District – Steven R. Carr – R2016-0407
   f. Regional Planning Commission – Wayne P. Reising – R-2016-0408
   g. Zoning Board of Appeals (Regular Member) – Randy Ocken – R-2016-0409
   h. Zoning Board of Appeals (Alternate 1) – James D. Reed – R-2016-0410
4. Resignations –
   • Leaf River Fire Protection District – Dawn Plock – R-2016-0411

5. Vacancies -
   • Board of Health – 1 unexpired term ends 11/30/2017
   • Regional Planning Commission – 1 vacancy
   • Leaf River Fire Protection District – 1 vacancy
   • Franklin Grove Fire Protection District – 1 vacancy
   • Board of Review – 1 vacancy – Democratic Party
   • Civic Center Authority – 3 vacancies

Application and Resumé deadline – Friday, April 29, 2016 at 4:30 p.m. in the County Clerk’s Office located at 105 S. 5th St – Suite 104, Oregon, IL

   • 911 ETS Board (Fire/EMS) – 2 vacancies
   • 911 ETS Board (Sheriff Designee) – 1 vacancy
   • 911 ETS Board (Citizen at Large) – 1 vacancy
   • Byron Museum District – 1 vacancy

Application and Resumé deadline – Friday, June 3, 2016 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 – March 2016 - $10,687.22
   • County Board Payments – April 19, 2016 – $252,041.61
   • County Highway Fund – $151,081.74

7. Communications –
   • Great Lakes Basin Rail Line
   • Sales Tax for December 2014 was $43,208.34 and $72,585.51.
   • Sales Tax for December 2015 was $35,883.36 and $68,373.19.
   • Sales Tax for January 2015 was $36,348.24 and $72,585.51.
   • Sales Tax for January 2016 was $23,396.26 and $53,893.95.

Bowers moves to approve the Consent Agenda as presented, McKinney seconds the motion. Oltmanns and Bolin stated they must abstain from the approval of 3d due to employment.

The motion to be approved by a roll call vote:


NO: None.

ABSENT: None.

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

Zoning – #1-16 SPECIAL USE – Mike Stukenberg – O-2016-0401

Welty introduced Special Use #1-16 for Mike Stukenberg, O-2016-0401. The committee was going to bring forward a recommendation tonight, but Welty made a motion to table the ordinance until the May County Board meeting as he received an email earlier that day regarding a change to the layout of the property and he would like the committee to review the change before making a recommendation, Meyers seconds the motion.

Motion carries.

Public Comment –

   • Miriah Ranken, with the Ogle County Community against the Great Lakes Basin Rail Line, gathered numerous signatures of those in Ogle County who oppose the Great Lakes Basin Rail Line. Mariah asked the board members to attend the next meeting to be held at the Rochelle High School at 5:30. Mariah gave informational packets to the County Clerk to be passed on to the board. This organization believes the Ogle County
Comprehensive Plan does not coincide with the plans of the Great Lakes Basin Rail Line and asks the board to pass a resolution to block the GLBRL.

- Cindy Brown spoke in opposition of the Great Lakes Basin Rail Line. In her career, she works with cattle ranchers and farmers, who also support those against the GLBRL. She feels the railway would cut the county in half, make it difficult for emergency responders to access residents in the county by blocked county roads, and the additional noise and traffic by a train traveling every 13 minutes. She asks the board to attend the meeting at the Rochelle High School.

- Steve Moring said he stopped out at the property related to O-2016-0401 and felt moving the dumpsters closer to the building would hide the dumpsters and they would be less visible on the property.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

The following committee minutes have been placed on exhibit: County Infrastructure, County Security, Executive, Finance and Insurance, Health Care Planning, HEW & Solid Waste and Veterans, Judiciary and Circuit Clerk, Long Range and Strategic Planning, Personnel and Salary, Regional Planning Commission, Road & Bridge and Mapping (GIS), Special Committee – Interview Highway Engineer, State’s Attorney and Juvenile & Probation, Supervisor of Assessments and Planning & Zoning and Tri-County Opportunities

The following committees had no minutes to file: 911 ETS Board, Blackhawk Hills RC&D, Board of Health, G.I.S. Partnership, Liquor Commission, L.O.T.S., Mental Health 708 Board Negotiations Committee, Public Aid Appeals, and UCCI/ICRMT.

**Executive:**
- Appointment of Acting County Engineer, Jeremy Ciesiel, PE, effective May 1, 2016. R-2016-0412

Chairman Gouker presents R-2016-0412, appointing Jeremy Ciesiel as the acting engineering effective May 1, 2016, including a $5,000 pay stipend during his appointment. Nordman stated the committee is going back out to do a more indepth search for an applicant. Advertisements have been placed and the deadline for submitting an application is May 27, 2016 at 4:00 p.m. The committee is meeting again on June 1 to review the applications. During the last search, the committee received three applications, yet one was hired by Stephenson County. The committee will keep the two applicants on file.

Nordman moves to adopt R-2016-0412, Bowers seconds the motion. Motion carries.

**Finance:**
- Ogle County as Trustee – 04-36-483-006 – R-2016-0413

Sparrow made a motion to adopt R-2016-0413, Kenney seconds the motion. Motion carries.

**Long Range Planning:**
- Long Range Bills – R-2016-0414

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Griffin made a motion to adopt R-2016-0414 to pay the Long Range Planning Invoices totaling $141,969.64, Kenney seconds the motion. Motion carries.

**HOK Presentation – Ogle County Detention Center**
Griffin introduced Jeff Gooddale from HOK to the board. Jeff presented an overview of different bed scenarios for the detention center, including construction and operational cost comparisons. The new facility will not add more staff, and will be more efficient to manage. After the presentation, discussion and questions followed regarding where the jail will be placed, when will the board make a final vote on the issue, and the potential bond rates.

Welty asked the intention of the Long Range Planning Committee on when this will be brought back to the board for a detailed discussion and a possible vote. Chairman Gouker states there will be several votes. First we will make a decision on the size of the facility that is needed for the county. Griffin added that we are at the point we need to move to the second phase and discuss where we need to put the facility and have a community meeting on this also. Chairman Gouker stated we will proceed with determining the size of the facility, then go onto the next phase of determining where the facility will be placed.

Jeff Gooddale recommended the 200 bed facility with the 32 juvenile as this will meet the current and future needs of Ogle County. He is more than happy to provide additional data to help the county make a decision.

Welty asked if the board would receive a detailed report on the project so they may review it and make a decision. He also asked if there will be discussion on how the project will be financed. Chairman Gouker stated yes, the project is being completed in stages.

Griffin will email the PowerPoint presentation presented by Jeff to the board as that will assist in answering questions.

Meyers asked if we will be voting on a specific jail size before the board knows the land size and the total costs of the project. He would like to know the total cost before he votes on one phase of the project.

Chairman Gouker stated that the first focus of the board has been to determine the need of the county in order to determine the size of the new jail. Then present the size to the board for discussion and approval. Then proceed to the next phase of determining a location and then determining an actual cost of the entire project. There is a need for a new facility and at this stage we are trying to determine and get some direction as far as how the board feels.

**Project Updates** –
Griffin stated that with warmer weather, various projects are starting back up again and are in process, including the Focus House parking lot and replacing the steps on the west side of the Old Courthouse. At the old site for the Sheriff’s department, the soil report came back as clean and can move forward to the next step. The contingency amount was just under $15,000, which is well within the budget. The overall project cost is currently at $50,000.

Meyers asked for a total cost of the new Sheriff’s building from Griffin. Griffin agreed to get that figure to Meyers.
Hopkins received an email regarding the west steps of the Old Courthouse and asked how they will be worked on. Griffin stated that as far as the overall project, the construction crew will start on the back side (west side) and the ADA and front entrance will still be accessible while the back entrance is under construction. There will be a temporary enclosure on the outside and on the inside there will be some sort of plastic so the entrance will be secure on the inside and outside. Then they will start removing the old limestone in pieces. A cement block foundation will be built, then cement will be poured over top, and then the granite will be placed on top.

- **Road & Bridge:**
  - **County Sealcoat – 16-00000-02-GM - R-2016 – 0415**
    
    Janes presents and moves to approve R-2016-0415 and appropriate $50,000 from the Motor Fuel Tax Fund and $395,000 from the Federal Aid Matching Fund, Typer seconds the motion.
    
    Motion carries.
  
  - **County Maintenance – 16-00000-00-GM - R-2016 – 0416**
    
    Janes presents and moves to approve R-2016-0416 and appropriate $66,827.50 from the County Motor Fuel Tax Fund for asphalt patching materials, Fritz seconds the motion.
    
    Motion carries.

**Unfinished and New Business: None**

**Chairman Comments**

Chairman Gouker read a thank you note from Rebecca Huntley, former County Clerk and Recorder, thanking the board. Also, he reviewed a press release from Exelon regarding the current outage and the positive economic impact when 1,200 employees are brought into Ogle County. Last, he had a Certificate of Recognition for Curtis Cook, the current Ogle County Highway Engineer, for his years of service to the county.

**Vice-Chairman Comments: None**

**Closed Session: None**

**Adjourn Meeting**

At 6:35 p.m., there being no further business McKinney moves to adjourn the meeting until Tuesday, May 17, 2016 at 5:30 p.m. at the Courthouse in Oregon, Bolin seconds and the motion carries.

Chairman, Kim P. Gouker

Ogle County Board

Attest: Laura J. Cook, Ogle County Clerk &

Ex-officio Clerk of the Ogle County Board

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