

**Proceedings of the Ogle County Board Meeting
September 19, 2017**

State of Illinois)
County of Ogle) ss

Call to Order

Chairman Gouker calls the Ogle County Board Meeting to order at 5:33 p.m.

Roll Call

The roll call shows Bolin, Oltmanns, and Williams are absent. The Invocation is given by Kenney and is followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Presentation – Jeff Scarpinato, Holmes Murphy Health Insurance, Consultant

Jeff Scarpinato gave a presentation regarding what the progress has been working with the Health Care Planning Committee.

Consent Agenda Items – by Roll Call Vote

1. Approval of August 15, 2017, Ogle County Board Meeting Minutes
2. Accept Monthly Reports – Treasurer, County Clerk & Recorder and Circuit Clerk
3. Appointments -
 - a. Lost Lake River Conservancy District – Ernest W. Richards – R-2017-0901
4. Resignations - None
5. Vacancies -
 - a. Franklin Grove Fire Protection District - 1 vacancy
 - b. Board of Health – 1 vacancy - Applicant must be a dentist
 - c. Civic Center Authority Board - 4 vacancies
 - d. Housing Authority Board
Application and Resumé deadline – Friday, September 29, 2017, at 4:30 p.m.
in the County Clerk’s Office located at 105 S. 5th St – Suite 104, Oregon, IL
 - e. Board of Health - 3 vacancies
Application and Resumé deadline – Friday, November 3, 2017, 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 –
 - o Department Claims - August 2017 - \$7,018.89
 - o County Board Payments – \$158,990.87
 - o County Highway Fund – \$58,112.25
7. Communications -
 - o Sales Tax for May 2016 was \$43,532.55 and \$76,683.45
 - o Sales Tax for May 2017 was \$33,128.13 and \$72,937.40
 - o ComEd Vegetation Management

Bowers moves to approve the Consent Agenda as presented and Griffin seconds. Roll call vote is called:

YES: Kenney, McKinney, Meyers, Nordman, Reising, Saunders, Smith, Sparrow, Typer, Whalen, Bowers, Colbert, Colson, Finrock, Fritz, Griffin, Gronewold, Heuer, Hopkins, Janes, and Gouker

NO: None

ABSENT: Oltmanns, Bolin, and Williams

Motion carries on roll call vote.

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Zoning – #1-17 Text Amendment - Michael Reibel, Ogle Co. Planning & Zoning Admin. - O-2017-0902

Janes presents #1-17 TEXT AMENDMENT - Michael Reibel, 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; Definitions
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3. Division 5, Section 16-5-1B: AG-1 Agricultural District; Permitted Uses
4. Division 5, Section 16-5-1C: AG-1 Agricultural District; Special Uses
5. Division 5, Section 16-5-7B: B-1 Business District; Permitted Uses
6. Division 5, Section 16-5-8C: B-2 Business Recreation District; Special Uses
7. Division 5, Section 16-5-10C: I-1 Industrial District; Special Uses
8. Division 6, Section 16-6-6D1: Accessory Buildings, Structures and Uses; Accessory building size limitations
9. Division 6, Section 16-6-16A: Supplementary District Regulations; Home Occupations, Permitted Home Occupations
10. Division 6, Section 16-6-25: Supplementary District Regulations; Regulation of Telecommunications Facilities
11. Division 6, Section 16-6-25: Supplementary District Regulations; Open Storage of Unlicensed Motor Vehicles
12. Division 8, Section 16-8-5: Sign Regulations; Prohibited Signs
13. Division 8, Section 16-8-5: Sign Regulations; Commercial and Industrial Signage
14. Division 8, Section 16-8-10D: Other Signage; Off-Premises Directional/Informational Signs
15. Division 9, Section 16-9-15; Appendices; Appendix IV

Janes moves to approve O-2017-0902 as presented, Smith seconds.

Saunders asks for clarity on Amendment #8, on the height of the second story due to the fact that it seems short to her. Mike Reibel clarifies the Ordinance and explains that this is actually a relaxation of the guideline allowing people to use the space above for storage. Saunders states that she will be voting no due to that one point.

Kenney brings to the board's attention that many people in the County feel that the Zoning restrictions are too difficult. Kenney asked Reibel of the 15 points in O-2017-0902; how many are going to benefit the majority of the individuals in the County. Reibel again explains that most of the 15 items, if not all, were amended to relax the zoning restrictions. They are not making new or greater restrictions. Kenney then asks Reibel if he is aware that there is a lot of discussion throughout the County about our rules and regulations and how burdensome they are. Reibel responds that he is not aware. Kenney shares that he will be voting no based on the information from people and until he can go through and thoroughly read all of the changes in O-2017-0902.

Smith thanked Reibel for making things simpler. He also, stated that he isn't hearing the same things that Kenney is hearing in the County. They are saying they are thankful for the Zoning and that we have to protect us so that scrupulous people won't come in and take abuse of us. So he applauds Reibel for what he has done and he will be voting for it.

Hopkins shared with the board that he was just speaking with someone on Sunday and they specifically stated they were so glad they lived in Ogle County and not Lee. The individual's comments were pertaining to having to put up with all the restrictions that Lee County has.

Heuer stated that she sat through the ZBA when they reviewed all of this but the general consensus was that the general public was very pleased with the Ordinance. The individuals shared comments; Mike revised and reread it to them and everybody went away satisfied with the results.

The motion carries. (Placed on file)

Zoning – #2-17 AMENDMENT - David C. & Amy S. Eder - O-2017-0901

Janes presents #2-17 AMENDMENT - David C. & Amy S. Eder, 6553 N. Deer Path Rd., Oregon, 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 petitioners: Part of the NW1/4 of the SE1/4 of Section 2 Pine Creek Township 23N, R9E of the 4th P.M., Ogle County, IL, 12.4 acres, more or less. P.I.N.: 15-02-400-017 Common Location: 809 S. Harmony Rd.

Janes moves to approve O-2017-0901 as presented, Heuer seconds and the motion carries. (Placed on file)

Zoning – Amendment to the Fee Schedule of the Planning & Zoning Department - R-2017-0902

Janes moves to approve R-2017-0902 as presented, Fritz seconds and the motion carries. (Placed on file)

Public Comments –

Carolyn Cryer, from Rochelle, brought a few concerns to the Board. 1) Consideration of dropping the number of County Board members from 24. She compared the size of the Winnebago County Board having fewer Board Members. 2) The desire to want to be an Election Judge without pay. She stated that she was an Election Judge up until the time she requested no payment and then was “let go”. 3) Some people of Mt. Morris would like a bike path from Mt. Morris to Oregon along an old railroad track. 4) The need for fewer Townships in Illinois.

Chairman Gouker commented that the Board size can be looked at but that is specifically only looked at every decade.

Chris Corcoran wanted to see if there was anything that the Board could do to help with the Blackhawk Statue preservation process. The state didn't budget any monies to go towards the project and Corcoran was wondering if there was anything the Board could do to assist in the completion of the project.

Linda Beck announced her seeking the Republican nomination for Ogle County Treasurer. She gave a brief background on her skills and her direction she would like to continue moving the Treasurer Department in. She also spoke of her work with the current County Treasurer John Coffman, as the Chief Deputy Treasurer for the past eleven years. She came asking the Board to get to know her and put their trust in her as she runs for County Treasurer.

Connie Davis, the Supervisor of the Oregon Sinissippi Centers Office, wanted to thank the board members who support the Mental Health and Behavioral Health service providers, in Ogle County.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

The following committee minutes have been placed on exhibit: County Facilities, County IT/GIS, County Safety, County Security, Executive, Finance and Insurance, HEW & Solid Waste and Veterans, Judiciary and Circuit Clerk, Long Range and Strategic Planning, Ogle County Negotiations, Personnel and Salary, Road & Bridge, State's Attorney and Juvenile & Probation, and Supervisor of Assessments and Planning & Zoning.

• **Executive**

- Enterprise Zone Amendment – City of Amboy – O-2017-0903

Gouker presented O-2017-0903 to the Board. Griffin moves to approve, Colson seconds and the motion carries. (Placed on file.)

- 2018 County Holiday Schedule – R-2017-0903

Gouker presented R-2017-0903 to the Board. Bowers moves to approve, Fritz seconds and the motion carries. (Placed on file.)

There was discussion about trying to get Christmas Eve off for the employees. The recognition of Thanksgiving and then the day following and not giving Christmas Eve off does not make sense. There was a suggestion of trying to switch a holiday for Christmas Eve but the Chief Judge makes the schedule. Kenney stated they would be willing to ask again for next year's schedule.

- Clinic Lease Between Ogle County an Health Department – R-2017-0905
Gouker presented R-2017-0905 to the Board. Smith moves to approve and Sparrow seconds and the motion carries. (Placed on file.)
- Host Fee Amendment – R-2017-0904
R-2017-0904 was not presented to the Board at this time.

● **Finance**

- Hiring Freeze Policy – R-2017-0906
Sparrow shares that if R-2017-0906 is passed then next month a request for a one-time expense to hire Sikich to do a staff study of the departments under the General Fund will be brought to the board. In order to implement a hiring freeze, there needs to be an understanding and an analysis of where we might be able to have a savings based on the efficiency and flow of the work load in the offices.

Sparrow moves to approve R-2017-0906 as presented to the Board, Whalen seconds.

Finfrock states that this is something that nobody wants to vote for but is necessary.

Sparrow states that the other possibility is that in order to balance the budget if you are not going to come up with ways for revenue then what you are faced with is a reduction in force. Due to the reduction of force would be going to the people who just started at the lower wages you are going to have to lay off 20-30 people to get the amount of money needed to balance the budget.

The motion carries. (Placed on file.)

● **Long Range Planning:**

- Long Range Planning Invoices – R-2017-0907

Griffin presents R-2017-0907 for the following bills:

<u>VENDOR NAME</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
Fehr Graham Engineering	Coordination with Contractors and City - Rochelle EOC - July 2017	\$ 706.50
Anderson Plumbing & Heating	New Furnace at Focus House farm house	\$ 6,025.00
Bruns Construction, Inc.	Concrete Foundation/Flatwork for new generator storage room - Focus House	\$ 9,925.00
Schmeling Construction Co.	Payment Request #5 - Rochelle EOC	\$ 94,758.44
Rewerts Design Group	Construction Admin. - Pymt #6 - September	\$ 2,328.00
GovConnection	Camera Project	\$ 10,337.25
GovConnection	SmartUPS - IT Hardware	\$ 1,844.05
Big R	Landscaping supplies for Rochelle EOC	\$ 55.94
Card Service Center - Sheriff	Lowe's - Landscaping for Rochelle EOC	\$ 317.87
Card Service Center - IT	IT Hardware for Rochelle EOC	\$ 49.95
Card Service Center - IT	IT Hardware	\$ 346.73
Larry Callant	Menards - Supplies for Rochelle EOC	\$ 159.88
Card Service Center - IT	(2) LG Smart TV's - Camera Project	\$ 1,199.98
Montana & Welch	Professional Services - Jail Expansion – July 2017	\$ 6,243.75

TOTAL: \$ 134,298.34

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Griffin moves to approve R-2017-0907 as presented, Janes seconds and the motion carries. (Placed on file)

- AIA - Change Order #005 – R-2017-0908
Griffin moves to approve R-2017-0908 AIA Change Order #005 as presented. Whalen seconds and motion carries. (Placed on file)
- Proposal for Conceptual Architectural Services for Focus House - R-2017-0909
Griffin moves to adopt R-2017-0909 as presented and Reising seconds. Saunders explains that she will be voting No for this motion because of the Architects listed. Saunders feels like SGA took advantage of the County by charging 10% to sealcoat the parking lots. If they were really working with the County they would have said you don't need an architect to sealcoat the parking lot. Saunders clarifies she want Focus House but she does not want this firm.

Roll call vote is called:

YES: McKinney, Reising, Smith, Sparrow, Whalen, Colson, Finfrock, Griffin, Heuer, Janes, and Gouker

NO: Meyers, Nordman, Saunders, Typer, Bowers, Colbert, Fritz, Gronewold, Hopkins, and Kenney

ABSENT: Oltmanns, Bolin, and Williams,

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

- Jail Construction Financing Bond Authorization Ordinance – O-2017-0904
Sparrow moves to approve O-2017-0904 as presented and Fritz seconds. Sparrow explains that this is procedural and anything that will be a “final amount” will be brought back to the Board for a final vote.

Roll call vote is called:

YES: Nordman, Reising, Smith, Sparrow, Typer, Whalen, Bowers, Colbert, Colson, Finfrock, Fritz, Griffin, Gronewold, Heuer, Hopkins, Janes, Kenney, McKinney, and Gouker

NO: Meyers and Saunders

ABSENT: Oltmanns, Bolin, and Williams

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

- Project Update
Griffin gave a quick update on the projects. Schmeling has packed up and moved on to a new job. There are only small final pieces and a short punch list. There will probably be one more change order and billing next month but finishing to the good side of the project. In regards to the jail project four architectural firms that were looked at and three were selected: Potter Lawson, Dewberry, and HOK and have been interviewed. The firm selection will be made shortly. Parking lot construction is going along well and the conclusion of the project looks to be done before the Autumn on Parade.
- **Personnel & Salary:**
 - Ogle County Personnel Policy Manual – R-2017-0911
Kenney moves to approve R-2017-0911 as presented and Finfrock seconds. Kenney thanked all of the individuals that participated in the compilation of the policy. He also wanted to make sure that once this policy is passed the issue of compliance is no longer warranted. This will be a guideline and it will be followed as written. This policy should be able to serve the County for a long time. It will take modification and there is a

provision in program to modify it so it is up to date. Saunders asks if there is a nepotism clause and Kenney responds yes.

Meyers took the time to thank Skip Kenney and Marcia Heuer for all the time that they put into the policy. Heuer then stated that for clarity purposes this policy was sent to all the Department Heads and they had plenty of time to review it. Some departments sent back revisions but there is a general consensus that this is a good policy manual and if there is anything that isn't covered by the policy it can be taken to HR at Sikich.

Chairman Gouker asks the board since it such a long document if they are comfortable voting on it or if they would like more time to review the policy. The board is ready to vote.

The motion carries. (Placed on file.)

- **Road & Bridge:**

- 2017-2018 Ice Abrasives - R-2017-0912

Colson moves to approve R-2017-0912 as presented, Hopkins seconds and the motion carries. (Placed on file.)

Unfinished and New Business:

McKinney asked that the discussion on the size of the County Board be looked at. Chairman Gouker stated that the Executive Committee will look at it but it isn't up for action until 2020.

Chairman Comments:

Chairman Gouker was asked if any of the County Board members would like a group tour of the Exelon Plant in Byron or The Rockford Airport. Chairman Gouker asked the members that would be interested to please contact him and if there was enough interest he would arrange the tours.

Vice-Chairman Comments: None

Closed Session: At 7:04 pm, Bower makes a motion to adjourn to a closed session for Pending or Probable Litigation per 5 ILCS 120/2 (c) (11) and Janes seconds then roll call was taken:

YES: Nordman, Reising, Saunders, Smith, Sparrow, Typer, Whalen, Bowers, Colbert, Colson, Finfrock, Fritz, Griffin, Gronewold, Heuer, Hopkins, Janes, Kenney, McKinney, Meyers, and Gouker

NO: None

ABSENT: Oltmanns, Bolin, and Williams

Motion carries on roll call.

Open Session: At 7:06 pm, the County Board returned to an open session.

Adjourn Meeting

At 7:07 p.m., Heuer makes the motion to adjourn the meeting until Tuesday, October 17, 2017 at 5:30 p.m. at the Courthouse in Oregon, Smith seconds and the motion carries.

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

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