

**Proceedings of the Ogle County Board Meeting  
December 17, 2019**

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 was taken and shows Boes, McLester, Smith and Whalen absent. The invocation is given by Janes and followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Presentation - Kevin O'Kelly, Vice President of Raymond James**

Kevin O'Kelly shared the County Financing will be being completed on Thursday, with all paperwork being in order. The financing will provide \$4.7 million to complete the Judicial Center Annex Project. O'Kelly expressed interest rates are down and the economy seems to be strong and they don't foresee any issues in selling the bonds.

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

1. Approval of November 19, 2019 Ogle County Board Meeting
2. Accept Monthly Reports – Treasurer, County Clerk & Recorder and Circuit Clerk
3. Appointments -
  - o Sheriff's Merit Commission - Alan Schabacker - R-2019-1201
  - o Sheriff's Merit Commission - Larry Pontnack - R-2019-1202
  - o Sheriff's Merit Commission - Eric D. Erdmann - R-2019-1203
  - o Sheriff's Merit Commission - Andy Colbert - R-2019-1204
  - o Sheriff's Merit Commission - Keith E. Anderson - R-2019-1205
  - o Mental Health 708 Board - Amy Henkel - R-2019-1206
4. Resignations - None
5. Vacancies -
  - o Board of Health - 1 Vacancy
  - o Mental Health 708 Board - 1 Vacancy
  - o Byron Museum District - 1 Vacancy
  - o Housing Authority Board - 1 Vacancy
  - o Civic Center Authority Board - 6 Vacancies
  - o Franklin Grove Fire Protection District - 1 Vacancy

Application and Resumé deadline – Friday, January 10, 2019, 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 - November 2019 - \$102,146.07
  - o County Board Payments – \$106,226.60
  - o County Highway Fund – \$63,034.49
7. Communications -
  - o Sales Tax for September 2019 \$25,376.12 and \$77,125.78

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

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

NO: None

ABSENT: Smith, Whalen, Boes, and McLester

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

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**Zoning - None**

**Public Comment –**

- Rick Ryland a member of the Oregon City Planning Commission, shared as a Committee they had recently voted to reject selling marijuana in the City of Oregon but the City Council voted in favor of it. Ryland explained that he was here this evening to represent those who he had spoken to that have opposed this as well. Ryland shared some of the surrounding cities that have voted against the selling of marijuana as of the beginning of November. Ryland also shared the reason that Carbondale approved the sale of marijuana to the “party city atmosphere”. Ryland also shared that local law enforcement agencies are against it as well as the US Surgeon General Advisory, American Medical Association, American Society of Addiction Medicine, American Academy of Child Adolescence Psychiatry, and the American Academy of Pediatrics oppose marijuana for recreational use.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

The following committee minutes have been placed on exhibit: 911 ETSB, County Facilities, County IT, County Security, Executive, Finance and Insurance, HEW & Solid Waste and Veterans, Judiciary and Circuit Clerk, Long Range and Strategic Planning, Mental Health 708 Board, Personnel and Salary, Road & Bridge, State’s Attorney – Court Services – FOCUS House, and Supervisor of Assessments and Planning & Zoning.

• **Finance & Insurance**

- 2019 General Fund Budget Amendment – R-2019-1207

Sparrow moves to approve R-2019-1207 and Sulser seconds.

Sparrow shared that the column on the right are the accounts that were over and the column on the left was where funds were going to be transferred from to balance. Sparrow stated the reasons for most of the over budget line items where due to the circumstances that came up that were unknown when the budget was set. Items such as the Coroner lab/autopsy fees have been very high and there was an additional employee hired and well as the payout for the Zoning Administrator that were not accounted for. Other items such as payment of Union contracts and Building Grounds had to purchase a generator for the Judicial Center.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the sums be transferred as follows.

\$22,842.00	from 100.10.4100 Assessment - Salary	to 100.13.4100 Coroner - Salary
\$7,136.00	from 100.06.4324 Judiciary & Jury - Appointed Attorneys	to 100.13.4355 Coroner - Autopsy Fees
\$6,586.00	from 100.06.4324 Judiciary & Jury - Appointed Attorneys	to 100.13.4458 Coroner - Coroner Lab Fees
\$12,044.00	from 100.08.4438 Probation - Juvenile Detention Fees	to 100.16.4490 Finance - Contingencies
\$23,050.00	from 100.23.4100 Information Technology - Salary	to 100.16.4490 Finance Contingencies
\$3,261.00	from 100.10.4100 Assessment - Salary	to 100.11.4100 Zoning - Salary
\$10,735.00	from 100.06.4465 Judiciary & Jury - Jurors - Circuit Court	to 100.02.4100 Building & Grounds - Salary
\$121.00	from 100.06.4120 Probation - Part Time/Extra Time	to 100.04.20.4100 HEW - Regional Supt. Of Schools - Salary

Motion carries. (Placed on file)

- 2019 General Fund Salary Budget Amendment – R-2019-1208

Sparrow moves to approve R-2019-1208 and Corbitt seconds.

Sparrow shared this contingency is set up in conjunction with the hiring freeze. The Finance Committee holds the last payments of certain Departments and then at the end of the year they transfer only the funds that are needed back into the accounts to account for retirement or loss of employees. Sparrow shared that transfer showed that roughly \$5,600 didn’t have to come over that was originally budgeted for.

\$37,000.00	from 100.16.4491 Finance - Contingencies - Salaries	to 100.02.4100 Building & Grounds - Salary
\$32,500.00	from 100.16.4491 Finance - Contingencies - Salaries	to 100.07.4100 Circuit Clerk - Salary
\$53,000.00	from 100.16.4491 Finance - Contingencies - Salaries	to 100.09.4100 Focus House - Salary
\$52,000.00	from 100.16.4491 Finance - Contingencies - Salaries	to 100.14.4100 States Attorney - Salary
\$131,800.00	from 100.16.4491 Finance - Contingencies - Salaries	to 100.12.4100 Sheriff - Salary
\$31,000.00	from 100.16.4491 Finance - Contingencies - Salaries	to 100.12.4108 Sheriff - Court Security - Salary
\$41,500.00	from 100.16.4491 Finance - Contingencies - Salaries	to 100.12.62.4100 Emergency Communications - Salary
\$73,300.00	from 100.16.4491 Finance - Contingencies - Salaries	to 100.22.4100 Corrections - Salary

Bowers stated she will be abstaining from voting on the Corrections Salary due to the employment of her daughter.

Motion carries (Placed on file)

o 2019 Budget Amendment – Change Appropriations – R-2019-1209

Sparrow moves to approve R-2019-1209, Nordman seconds and Roll Call was taken:

Sparrow mentioned this Resolution is for overall all other funds that aren't in the General Fund. This resolution will bring all of the other accounts to good standings. Sparrow shared basically these Funds exceeded what the original Appropriations were, this will bring things into balance for the FY2019.

<u>Original Appropriation</u>		<u>Amended Appropriation</u>
\$60,000.00	Increase to <i>Self Insurance Reserve Fund</i>	\$68,000.00
\$175,000.00	Increase to <i>GIS Fee Fund</i>	\$251,500.00
\$15,000.00	Increase to <i>Drug Court Fund</i>	\$22,500.00
\$5,000.00	Increase to <i>Sex Offender Registration Fund</i>	\$11,000.00
\$175,000.00	Increase to <i>Administrative Tow Fund</i>	\$193,500.00

Motion carries (Placed on file)

• Long Range Planning:

o Judicial Center Annex Capital Expense Bills - R-2019-1210

Griffin presents R-2019-1210 for the following bills:

<u>VENDOR NAME</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
Gilbane	Construction Management Services - November 2019	\$ 1,107,856.68
Hellmuch, Obata & Kassabaum, Inc	Invoice #18 Professional Services through Nov 29, 2019 - Construction Administration & Reimbursable Expenses	\$ 21,938.50
LeJar Building Fund	Lease Payment - 313 W. Washington St., Oregon, November, 2019	\$ 1,200.00
<b>TOTAL:</b>		<b>\$ 1,130,995.18</b>

Griffin moves to approve R-2019-1210 for a total of \$1,130,995.18 and Janes seconds.

Motion carries (Placed on file)

- Project Update: Jeremy Roling.

Roling shared Nicor gas service has been set up and the South side is tented and being heated inside and out. Now that the building is tented the stone work has begun on the exterior. Interior masonry is 75% complete and looking to be finished around January 10<sup>th</sup>. The flat roof is 95% complete and the slopped roofs are roughly 50% until the metal panels get put on the building. Ductwork, piping, and electrical work is ongoing and looking to having permanent power within the next month. Windows and louvers have been measured and ordered. The goal is to start primer and the first coats of paint in the first week of February and then take the delivery of the detention ceilings within a month. Roling mentioned that at this point and time the project is roughly 3 weeks ahead of schedule.

- Changes Orders – R-2019-1211

Griffin moves to approve R-2019-1211 for a credit totaling \$7,718 and Fritz seconds.

12	BT-00024	11/6/19	Ceiling, Painting, & Detention Furnishing Revisions	Bulletin #12	12/6/19	-\$7,718.00	For Approval
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Motion carries (Placed on file)

- **Personnel & Salary**

- Personnel & Policy Manual – Retiree Health Insurance – R-2019-1212

Kenney moves to approve R-2019-1212 and McKinney seconds.

Kenney clarified that this item is to try and parallel the Union employees’ benefits for our Non-Union employees. Kenney read the resolution to the Board.

**Section 5 – E: Medical Insurance (Health and Dental/Optional Eye)**

For employees hired on or before December 31, 2019, the County shall contribute a percentage of the cost of single health insurance coverage through the County policy when the non-represented employee retires after at least meeting the minimum age and time statutory requirements of the Illinois Municipal Retirement Fund (IMRF) pension fund. This contribution shall continue until the non-represented employee reaches the age at which Medicare coverage begins. This contribution is effective for non-represented employees who retire after December 1, 2008. Employees hired after December 31, 2019, shall not be entitled to the County contributions under this section.

Corbitt asked what the current contribution is for an employee who retires and Sparrow shares it is 50%.

Motion carries (Placed on file)

- **Road & Bridge**

- 2020 County Maintenance – 20-00000-00-GM – R-2019-1213

Hopkins moves to approve R-2019-1213 to appropriate \$919,000 out of the County Motor Fuel Tax fund for the General Maintenance work and Reising seconds.

Motion carries (Placed on file)

- County Engineer’s Salary – 20-00000-00-CS – R-2019-1214

Hopkins moves to approve R-2019-1214 to appropriate \$118,470 out of the County Motor Fuel Tax Fund for the payment of the County Engineer’s salary and Asp seconds.

Motion carries (Placed on file)

- Maple Grove Road Structural replacement – 19-16120-00-BR - R-2019-1215

Hopkins moves to approve R-2019-1215 the agreement with Willett, Hofmann & Associates and Oltmanns seconds.

Motion carries (Placed on file)

- **Executive**

- Extension of Solar Moratorium – O-2019-1201

Finfrock moves to approve O-2019-1201 which is an extension until March 31, 2020 and Kenney seconds.

Hopkins stated he didn't see a need for this Ordinance. The Moratorium has been stretched along long enough and there are no issues and no need for the Moratorium to be continued. Hopkins stated if there is an issue the Committee needs to get together and get things straightened out. There is no progress in it and he feels that this motion should be defeated.

Chairman Finfrock explained that there is a Committee that has been working on this issue but haven't come to a conclusion yet. Chairman Finfrock stated he has been told that they are close but once their suggestions and comments come to the Board then the Moratorium can be lifted.

Corbitt asked when the last time the committee met. Reising stated that it has been a while but there has been a delay due to being able to meet with the new Zoning Administrator for his input.

Roll Call was taken:

YES: Oltmanns, Reising, Sparrow, Sulser, Typer, Youman, Asp, Fritz, Griffin, Janes, Kenney, Nordman, and Finfrock

NO: Bowers, Corbitt, Droege, Fox, Heuer, Hopkins, and McKinney

ABSENT: Smith, Whalen, Boes, and McLester

Motion carries on roll call vote (Placed on file)

- Prohibiting Cannabis Business Establishments in Ogle County – O-2019-1202

Finfrock moves to approve O-2019-1202 and Kenney seconds.

Sulser expressed since the Federal Law states it is illegal he will be voting in favor of this Ordinance.

Kenney shared that in his 33 years of experience in differentiating between State and Federal mandates; he has always been taught to choose the most stringent and follow that. Kenney shared it doesn't matter what is being decided in Springfield or California; cannabis is federally illegal and for that reason we should vote that way.

Fritz stated originally he was neutral to cannabis in our area but after doing the research he started realizing that a lot of information being provided is actually misinformation. The main driving force for it in our area and the only positive driving force is money. Fritz shared there is no amount of money that is worth lives.

Hopkins shared that the Pine Creek Township Clerk was speaking to all of the issues that showed negative impact in Rockford that she has personally witnessed to. The clerk's personal experience lead her to inform Hopkins that allowing this in the County would be the worst thing that we could do. Hopkins also stated that she saw the effects from when she was working back then, maybe 10 years ago; and things have only gotten worse.

Youman clarified that with the passing of this Ordinance won't stop them from being able to reassess things if the surrounding areas or the State make changes. We will still be able to reassess our views. Chairman Finfrock explained if the Board wanted to change or amend the Ordinance in the future they could do so. Youman also asked that this Ordinance prohibits anything regarding cannabis, we are totally opting out of everything. Chairman Finfrock stated that is correct.

Kenney clarified that he isn't opposed to medical use if it has been prescribed by a qualified physician. Chairman clarified that this discussion is only regarding recreational use.

Roll Call was taken:

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

NO: Droege, and Fox

ABSENT: Boes, McLester, Smith, and Whalen

Motion carries on roll call vote (Placed on file)

- Abatement of \$9,705,000 General Obligation Bonds – O-2019-1203

Sparrow moves to approve O-2019-1203 and Janes seconds.

AN ORDINANCE abating the taxes heretofore levied for the year 2019 to pay debt service on \$9,705,000 General Obligation Bonds (Alternate Revenue Source), Series 2018, of The County of Ogle, Illinois.

Roll Call was taken:

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

NO: None

ABSENT: Boes, McLester, Smith, and Whalen

Motion carries on roll call vote (Placed on file)

- Approval of Sale of FOCUS House Annex – R-2019-1216

Finfrock moves to approve O-2019-1216 and Nordman seconds.

Chairman Finfrock explained it was auctioned for \$58,800 by Mr. Bearrows who did not charge the County for his service.

Motion carries (Placed on file)

**Unfinished Business: None**

**New Business: None**

**Chairman Comments:**

Chairman Finfrock shared the first woman to be voted onto the Ogle County Board, Maggie Nye passed away. She served a total of 20 years in two different stretches on the Board. Her visitation will be in Rochelle on Friday evening and her service will be at St. Bride Episcopal Church in Oregon on Saturday.

Chairman Finfrock wished everyone safe travels over the Holiday Season and a Merry Christmas.

**Vice-Chairman Comments:**

Vice-Chairman Nordman wished everyone a Merry Christmas.

**Adjourn Meeting**

At 6:20 p.m., Sparrow makes the motion to adjourn the meeting until Tuesday, January 21, 2020 at 5:30 p.m. at the Courthouse in Oregon, McKinney seconds and the motion carries.

Chairman, John Finfrock  
Ogle County Board

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