

**Proceedings of the Ogle County Board Meeting
February 21, 2023**

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 Corbitt and Williams are absent. The invocation is given by Fox and followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Presentation: Illinois Broadband Lab – Matt Schmit

No presentation due to a conflict.

Consent Agenda Items – by Roll Call Vote

1. Approval of Ogle County Board Meeting Minutes - January 17, 2023
2. Accept Monthly Reports –Treasurer, County Clerk & Recorder and Circuit Clerk
3. Appointments – None
4. Resignations - None
5. Vacancies -
 - o Board of Health - 1 Vacancy (unexpired term)
 - o 9-1-1 ETS Board - Law Enforcement (1 unexpired term)
 - o Various Fire Protection Districts - Ashton, Forreston, German Valley, Leaf River, Lynn-Scott-Rock and Oregon (1 term each)
 - o Farmland Assessment Review Board (3 terms)
 - o Lost Lake River Conservancy District (1 term / 1 unexpired term)
 - o Planning Commission (3 terms)
 - o Zoning Board of Appeals (2 terms)
 - o Franklin Grove Fire Protection District - 1 vacancy

Application and Resumé deadline – Friday, March 3, 2023, 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 - January 2023 - \$175,444.18
 - o County Board Payments – \$118,581.49
 - o County Highway Fund – \$57,656.63
7. Communications
 - o Sales Tax November 2021 - \$87,178.23 and \$109,570.47
 - o Sales Tax November 2022 - \$94,101.60 and \$116,422.44

Kenny moved to approve the Consent Agenda, Hopkins seconds and roll call is taken:

YES: Fox, Fritz, Gillis, Griffin, Heuer, Hopkins, Huber, Janes, Kenney, Larson, Miller, Nordman, Oltmanns, Ramsey, Reeverts, Reising, Simms, Smith, Youman, Asp, Billeter, and Finfrock

NO: None

ABSENT: Corbitt and Williams

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

Zoning - #010-22SU - Pieper - O-2023-0201

Janes presented #010-22 SPECIAL USE - John G. & Mary J. Pieper, 7376 E. Cedarville Rd., Rock City, IL for a Special Use Permit to allow a Single-Family Dwelling on less than 40 acres in the AG-1 Agricultural District on the property described as follows and owned by the petitioner(s): Part of the Southwest Quarter (SW1/4) of the Northeast Quarter (NE1/4) of Section 24 Lincoln Township 24 North, Range 8 East of the 4th P.M., Ogle County, IL, 13.28 acres – P.I.N.: Part of 07-24-200-001 - Common Location: 9448 W. Haldane Rd.

RPC approved 4-0 based on the fact the site was a former homestead, the use will not remove tillable land, and the proposed use fits the Comprehensive Plan. - **ZBA approved 4-0** based on the fact all six standards were met and with the condition that construction of a dwelling only be allowed on the tillable land portion of the site as to not disturb the natural waterway on the site. - **APZC consensus to forward to Ogle County Board for approval**

Janes moved to approve O-2023-0201 and Asp seconds.

Motion carried. (Placed on file)

Public Comment –

Rick Cashen from Lindenwood shared he has a home within 600 feet from Eswood School. He shared he bought his house in 2011 and the wind turbine was built the next year. Cashen shared it wasn't run for 5 years or so but when it did it caused serious problems. Cashen shared information about sizes of the farms around him and its negative effects and stressed how much more will come with large wind farms that are being proposed in other sites. Cashens shared the pressure waves alone created by industrial wind turbines will ruin your home. Cashen shared the farms decreased property values of homes but also negatively affect people's health and should not be allowed. Cashen stated he had sent an email to the board regarding the information he has shared as well as medical specialist's opinions on Industrial Wind Turbine. Cashens stressed the board is elected to serve and protect the people of the County and not the State.

Cindy Miller, of Stillman Valley, asked the Board to do whatever they can to block the amendment to HB4412. She stated this amendment takes power away from the County and gives it to the State. Miller shared that citizens vehemently oppose this and hope the board feels the same way.

John Cox, from Stillman Valley, shared industrial farms should be placed in industrial areas not quiet, rural areas. Cox shared the board has fought diligently to make sure standards and regulations have been put in place and the State is wanting to move ahead with less stringent standards. Cox also shared there have been maps that have been submitted for beneficially places that these type of items can be placed. Cox commented that the amendment to HB4412 will allow the State to take away more of the best farmland in our State. Cox stated he hopes the Board is willing to "fight" for the quality of life within Ogle County.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

The following committee minutes have been placed on exhibit: 911 ESTB, County Facilities - County Security - County IT, Executive, Finance and Insurance, Personnel and Salary, Road & Bridge, State's Attorney – Court Services – FOCUS House - Judiciary & Circuit Clerk, and Supervisor of Assessments and Planning & Zoning.

• Finance & Insurance

• ARPA Economic Development – R-2023-0201

Billeter presented and moved to approve R-2023-0201 for \$15,000 to Rochelle Fire Department Social Organization and Youman seconds.

Gillis and Miller abstain due to membership.

Motion carried. (Placed on file)

• ARPA Department – R-2023-00202

Billeter presented and moved to approve R-2023-0202 for renovations totaling \$18,604.56 for the Public Defender's office, Miller seconds.

Motion carried. (Placed on file)

• Personnel Policy Per Diem Increase – R-2023-0203

Billeter presented and moved to approve R-2023-0203 to increase Per Diem effective December 1, 2023 and Heuer seconds.

Motion carried. (Placed on file)

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- **H.E.W., Solid Waste & Veterans**

- Environmental Fee Increase – O-2023-0202

Fox presented and moved to approve O-2023-0202 for increase in some fees for the Ogle County Health Department and Asp seconds.

Fox explained that most of the fees stayed relatively close if not the same as before except in a few instances.

Roll call was taken:

YES: Fritz, Gillis, Griffin, Heuer, Hopkins, Huber, Larson, Nordman, Oltmanns, Ramsey, Reeverts, Reising, Smith, Asp, Billeter, Fox, and Finfrock

NO: Janes, Kenney, Miller, Simms and Youman

ABSENT: Corbitt and Williams

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

- **Road & Bridge**

- 2023 Township Aggregate - Sec 23-XX000-00-GM - R-2023-0205

Hopkins presented and moved to approve R-2023-0205 to approve projects to the respective low bidder and Smith seconds.

Motion carried. (Placed on file)

- 2023 Township Calcium Chloride - Sec 23-XX000-00-GM - R-2023-0206

Hopkins presented and moved to approve R-2023-0206 to approve projects to the respective low bidder and Reeverts seconds.

Motion carried. (Placed on file)

- 2023 Township Pipe Culverts - Sec 23-XX000-00-GM - R-2023-0207

Finfrock presented and moved to approve R-2023-0207 to approve projects to the respective low bidder and Fritz seconds.

Motion carried. (Placed on file)

- 2023 County Pipe Supply Award & Appropriations - R-2023-0208

Finfrock presented and moved to approve R-2023-0208 to award the project to the low bidder, Metal Culverts, and appropriate \$25,200 out of the County Aid to Bridge Fund for the purchase and Kenney seconds.

Motion carried. (Placed on file)

- Leaf River Rd. Bridge Appropriation - Sec 20-00327-00-BR - R-2023-0209

Finfrock presented and moved to approve R-2023-0209 for the appropriation of \$600,000 in Rebuild Illinois funds out of the County Motor Fuel Tax Fund for the project and Janes seconds.

Motion carried. (Placed on file)

- Preliminary Engineering Agreement - 2023 Bridge Inspections - R-2023-0210

Finfrock presented and moved to approve R-2023-0210 to approve the agreement with Willett, Hofmann & Associates to perform the bridge inspections and Reeverts seconds.

Motion carried. (Placed on file)

Unfinished Business & New Business: None

Chairman Comments:

Chairman Finfrock reminded everyone to turn in their time sheets tonight due to payroll deadline tomorrow and then went over the new procedures for the time sheets from here on out. Chairman Finfrock stated there is a place for you to mark your attendance to the County Board meetings now and a place to label if you chaired or vice chaired a meeting for that different pay. Chairman Finfrock also stated that if meetings are attended the members haven't been assigned to there will be no payment for those meetings.

Vice-Chairwoman Comments:

Nordman stressed to the Board and those in attendance to please participate in the broadband survey. She stated there is 42.5 billion dollars available to be allocated but without showing the need we not be able to get the money.

Adjourn Meeting

At 6:08 p.m., with no further business Chairman Finfrock adjourned the meeting until Tuesday, March 21, 2023 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