

**Proceedings of the Ogle County Board Meeting  
July 18, 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 Smith is absent. The invocation is given by Hopkins and followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Presentation: Stateline Solar - Solar Project**

Kenji Grahame, Chief Technology Officer of Stateline Solar, presented the completion of the solar installation at the Judicial Center Annex. Grahame shared there are roughly 28 bifacial panels on the roof that will allow for direct sun absorption as well as reflective absorption from the underside. He also stated the County should save around \$1,000 per month and roughly \$450,000 in the lifetime. Grahame was also pleased to share that the County will start seeing a return on their investment within 10 years.

Kenney asked what the life expectancy of the operations is. Grahame explained that the basic warranty for they types of panels that were installed is a 30 year warranty and the County also added additional coverage beyond that.

Griffin thanked Grahame for all of his work on the project and explained that with COVID there were unforeseen challenges but Grahame and Stateline Solar worked hard to get to completion.

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

1. Approval of Ogle County Board Meeting Minutes - June 20, 2023
2. Accept Monthly Reports – Treasurer, County Clerk & Recorder and Circuit Clerk
3. Appointments
  - Farmland Assessment Review Board - Quentin H. Davis - R-2023-0701
4. Resignations - None
5. Vacancies -
  - 9-1-1 ETS Board - Law Enforcement (1 unexpired term)
  - Planning Commission (1 unexpired term)
  - Zoning Board of Appeals (1 unexpired term)
  - Franklin Grove Fire Protection District - 1 vacancy

Application and Resumé deadline – Friday, July 28, 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 –
  - Department Claims - June 2023 - \$85,046.32
  - County Board Payments – \$66,039.51
  - County Highway Fund – \$154,965.12
7. Communications
  - Sales Tax April 2022 - \$65,259.83 and \$111,489.05
  - Sales Tax April 2023 - \$101,221.31 and \$119,402.49
  - ComEd Tree Trimming
  - ComEd Tree Trimming #2
  - ComEd Tree Trimming #3

Corbitt moved to approve the Consent Agenda and Kenney seconds.

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

NO: None

ABSENT: Smith

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

**Zoning - Update Ogle County Fee Schedule - O-2023-0701**

Janes stated O-2023-0701 will be held over to next month for further clarifications.

**Zoning - #03-23 SPECIAL USE – Merlin D. Fox - O-2023-0702**

Janes presents #03-23 SPECIAL USE – Merlin D. Fox, 990 W. Pines Rd., Oregon, IL for a Special Use Permit in the AG-1 Agricultural District to allow a Small Rural Business (garage door installer) on the property described as follows and owned by the petitioner(s): Part of the Southeast Quarter (SE1/4) of the Southeast Quarter (SE1/4) of Section 5; and part of the Southwest Quarter (SW1/4) of the Southwest Quarter (SW1/4) of Section 4 Oregon-Nashua Township 23 North, Range 10 East of the 4th P.M., Ogle County, IL, 6.42 acres more or less – P.I.N.: 16-05-400-005 - Common Location: 990 W. Pines Rd.

RPC referred the petition to the ZBA without a recommendation due to not having a quorum at the June 22, 2023 meeting. ZBA approved 4-0 as all of the Standards were met. Mr. Reeverts made a motion to forward #03-23 Special Use for Merlin D. Fox to the Ogle County Board for final. Seconded by Mr. Fritz. Motion to forward carries 6-0 via voice vote.

Janes presented and moved to approve O-2023-0702 and Fritz seconds.

Motion carried. (Placed on file)

**Public Comment –**

Mike Kobliska from Grundy County, spoke to the inhumane treatment of animals at the Mexican rodeos being held in Rochelle. Kobliska shared he was willing to speak with anyone who would like to see the footage of the inhumane treatment of the steers at these events in 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**

- Opioid Grant - R-2023-0702

Billeter presented and moved to approve O-2023-0702 for \$25,000 to the Health Department Opioid Campaign and Youman seconds.

Motion carried. (Placed on file)

- ARPA - Departments - R-2023-0703

Billeter presented and moved to approve R-2023-0604 for \$35,641.16 and Griffin seconds.

Billeter shared the \$32,381.00 being given to the Sheriff for the bodycams will be reimbursed to ARPA once the grant monies have been received.

Motion carried. (Placed on file)

**• Personnel & Salary**

- Performance Appraisal Form - R-2023-0704

Heuer presented and moved to approve R-2023-0704 and Reeverts seconds.

Heuer stated this is not required but could be used by departments that do not have a review form based on a contractual agreement.

Motion carried. (Placed on file)

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- **Road & Bridge**

- Preliminary Engineering Agreement - Big Mound Rd Bridge - 23-22124-00-BR - R-2023-0705

Hopkins presented and moved to approve R-2023-0705, and Fritz seconds. Larson abstains due to family employment.

Motion carried. (Placed on file)

- Preliminary Engineering Agreement - Lowell Park Rd. Improvements - 23-00347-00-BR - R-2023-0706

Hopkins presented and moved to approve R-2023-0706, and Asp seconds.

Motion carried. (Placed on file)

- Preliminary Engineering Agreement - Mill Rd Bridge - 23-03121-00-BR - R-2023-0707

Hopkins presented and moved to approve R-2023-0706, and Asp seconds. Larson abstains due to family employment.

Motion carried. (Placed on file)

- Preliminary Engineering Agreement - Razorville Rd Bridge - 23-21133-00-BR - R-2023-0708

Hopkins presented and moved to approve R-2023-0708, and Billeter seconds. Larson abstains due to family employment.

Motion carried. (Placed on file)

- Preliminary Engineering Agreement - Skare Rd Culvert - 23-06144-00-BR - R-2023-0709

Hopkins presented and moved to approve R-2023-0706, and Asp seconds.

Motion carried. (Placed on file)

**Unfinished Business & New Business:** None

**Chairman Comments:** None

**Vice-Chairwoman Comments:** None

**Adjourn Meeting:**

At 5:58 p.m., with no further business Chairman Finfrock adjourned the meeting until Tuesday, August 15, 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