

**Proceedings of the Ogle County Board Meeting  
June 20, 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 Billeter, Oltmanns and Youman are absent. The invocation is given by Heuer and followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Presentation:** County Audit - Nick Bava, Partner

Nick Bava, partner at Sikich reviewed the FY2022 Ogle County Audit. Bava shared he was happy to report a clean and unmodified opinion, which is the highest level of assurance that auditors can provide. There are clean opinions issued on grants that were audited. Thanked Treasurer, O'Brien for her help and all the Departments that willing worked with the auditors to complete this process.

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

1. Approval of Ogle County Board Meeting Minutes - May 16, 2023
2. Accept Monthly Reports – Treasurer, County Clerk & Recorder and Circuit Clerk
3. Appointments
  - Byron Museum District - Randy R. Stukenberg - R-2023-0601
  - Mental Health 708 Board - Judith A. Tatlock - R-2023-0602
4. Resignations - None
5. Vacancies -
  - 9-1-1 ETS Board - Law Enforcement (1 unexpired term)
  - Farmland Assessment Review Board (3 unexpired terms)
  - Lost Lake River Conservancy District (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, June 30, 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 - May 2023 - \$180,431.50
  - County Board Payments – \$126,159.66
  - County Highway Fund – \$42,399.51
7. Communications
  - Sales Tax March 2022 - \$72,400.46 and \$115,772.38
  - Sales Tax March 2023 - \$82,561.63 and \$109,560.98
  - ComEd Tree Trimming
  - FY2022 Audit

Fox moved to approve the Consent Agenda and Corbitt seconds. Kenney abstains due to being absent and roll call is taken:

YES: Heuer, Huber, Hopkins, Janes, Larson, Miller, Nordman, Ramsey, Reeverts, Reising, Simms, Smith, Williams, Asp, Corbitt Fox, Fritz, Gillis, Griffin, and Finrock

NO: None

ABSTAIN: Kenney

ABSENT: Billeter, Oltmanns and Youman

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

**Zoning - #02-23 SPECIAL USE - Keith E. & Lisa R. Cowell - O-2023-0601**

Janes presents #02-23 SPECIAL USE - Keith E. & Lisa R. Cowell, 6685 S. Lost Nation Rd., Dixon, IL for a Special Use Permit in the B-2 Business Recreational District to allow an Event Facility on the property described as follows and owned by the petitioner(s): Part of the East Half (E1/2) of the Southeast Quarter (SE1/4) of Section 06 Taylor Township 22 North, Range 10 East of the 4th P.M., Ogle County, IL, 43.0 acres more or less – P.I.N.: 22-06-426-001 - Common Location: 6685 S. Lost Nation Rd. (former Girl Scout Camp)

RPC approved 6-0 as the use fits the Comprehensive Plan, is a good use for the site, and the use will not remove land from productivity. ZBA approved 4-0 as all of the standards were met. The Ogle County Assessment and Planning & Zoning Committee voted unanimously to send #02-23 Special Use to the Ogle County Board for final approval.

Janes presented and moved to approve O-2023-0601 and Fritz seconds.

Motion carried. (Placed on file)

**2022 Ogle County Comprehensive Plan Update - R-2023-0603**

RPC approved 6-0 with revisions and census figures updates | APZC approved 7-0 with edits

Janes presented and moved to approve R-2023-0603 and Reeverts seconds.

Smith thanked Regional Planning Commission for all of the hard work on this and Chairman Finrock agreed with Smith.

Motion carried. (Placed on file)

Janes also shared next month they will be bringing forward fee increases since they haven't been changed since 2007. Janes also thanked all those who put in all their time and effort into the Comprehensive Plan.

**Public Comment –**

Arlene Sangmeister, President of the Ogle County Historical Society: two years from now the County will celebrate its 250<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. Sangmeister is suggesting the board follow what was done in the past and commission a book to be done of the last 50 years of Ogle County history.

**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**

- COPS Grant - O-2023-0602

Larson presented and moved to approve O-2023-0602 to amend the number of authorized patrol deputies' sheriff positions for Ogle County and Smith seconds.

Sheriff VanVickle shared this grant was applied for in 2020 by Chief Deputy Hardesty. Sheriff VanVickle stated there is a definite need in the County. Sheriff VanVickle shared at this point, drug work is being done on an overtime basis. VanVickle shared it is clearly needed and was a successful operation in the past and he is expecting the same results.

State's Attorney Mike Rock stated he is in agreement with Sheriff VanVickle and stated drug work cannot be done effectively on a part-time basis. Having this ability will allow for more effective investigations and more prosecutions in the drug trade.

Motion carried. (Placed on file)

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- ARPA - Departments - R-2023-0604

Larson presented and moved to approve R-2023-0604 for \$15,729.40 and Williams seconds.

Motion carried. (Placed on file)

- **Long Range**

- Solar Project Update

Griffin informed the board the solar system that is on the Judicial Center Annex is up and operational. Next month there will be a presentation on the project when it is wrapped up.

- Capital Plan Update

Griffin explained there first five year capital plan was presented in years past and the County is now looking at the next 5 year plan. Some things have been completed and some priorities have changed.

- Ogle County Parking Lot Expansion – R-2023-0605

Griffin presented and moved to approve R-2023-0605 for a loan from Long Range for \$56,500 and Janes seconds.

Motion carried. (Placed on file)

- Ogle County Natural Gas Contract – R-2023-0607

Finrock presented and moved to approve R-2023-0607 for a three year contract with Santanna Energy for a cost of \$18,559.52 and Reeverts seconds.

Motion carried. (Placed on file)

- **Executive**

- Byron Power Station Settlement Agreement - R-2023-0606

Finrock presented and moved to approve R-2023-0606 and Kenney seconds.

Agreement for all of the taxing bodies in Ogle County regarding the PTABs from 2012 to 2019.

Motion carried. (Placed on file)

**Unfinished Business & New Business:** None

**Chairman Comments:** None

**Vice-Chairwoman Comments:** None

**Adjourn Meeting:**

At 6:00 p.m., with no further business Chairman Finrock adjourned the meeting until Tuesday, July 18, 2023 at 5:30 p.m. at the Courthouse in Oregon.

Chairman, John Finrock  
Ogle County Board

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