

**Proceedings of the Ogle County Board Meeting  
October 17, 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 Youman is absent. The invocation is given by Kenney and followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Presentation:** BEST, Inc. Annual Report, Carrie Folken, Executive Director

Folken acknowledged that September is National Workforce Development month and that she is happy to be here to share what Business Employment Skills Team is doing. Folken shared two success stories from Ogle County Residents and stated those two individuals are continuing to move up and forward within the workforce since starting with BEST.

Larson asked what Counties BEST served and where offices are located. Folken said they have 8 Counties which are LaSalle, Putnam, Bureau, Lee, Whiteside, Carroll, Jo Davies and Ogle. Our offices are located in Sterling, Dixon, Mt. Carroll, Oregon, Ottawa, IVCC, and Princeton.

**Presentation:** Cub Scout Pack 147, Arrow of Light Den, Byron, IL

Huber spoke on behalf of his pack that they are working on transitioning into Boy Scouts. One of their citizenship requirements is to visit with and experience local government leaders in their roll in serving our community. The pack is using this meeting as that opportunity and are delighted to be here.

**Presentation:** John Bearrows, Mayor of Rochelle

Mayor Bearrows shared that the City of Rochelle is happy to have the participation and support of Ogle County in various projects. One such example is the ground breaking ceremony for the Rochelle Fire and Ogle-Lee Fire Protection District Training Facility. Mayor Bearrows expressed the City Council unanimously voted to support the Ogle County Economic Development Committee as a way to keep positive things happening in Ogle County. Mayor Bearrows presented a check for \$50,000 to the Ogle County Economic Development Committee and stated the City of Rochelle improves if any part of Ogle County improves and we look forward to continuing to see great things come out of Ogle County.

Chairman Finfrock thanked Mayor Bearrows and stated we all look forward to continued improvements.

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

1. Approval of Ogle County Board Meeting Minutes - September 19, 2023
2. Accept Monthly Reports – Treasurer, County Clerk & Recorder and Circuit Clerk
3. Appointments - None
4. Resignations - None
5. Vacancies -
  - o 9-1-1 ETS Board - Law Enforcement (1 unexpired term)
  - o Board of Health (3 terms)
  - o Planning Commission (1 unexpired term)
  - o Housing Authority (1 term)
  - o Zoning Board of Appeals (1 unexpired term)
  - o Franklin Grove Fire Protection District - 1 vacancy

Application and Resumé deadline – Friday, November 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 - September 2023 - \$206,333.72
- o County Board Payments – \$92,331.31
- o County Highway Fund – \$35,169.56

7. Communications

- o Sales Tax July 2022 - \$64,391.04 and \$120,006.21
- o Sales Tax July 2023 - \$93,211.77 and \$120,923.85

Smith moved to approve the Consent Agenda and Corbitt seconds.

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

NO: None

ABSENT: Youman,

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

**Zoning - #04-23 MAP AMENDMENT - Considine - O-2023-1001**

Janes presented #04-23 MAP AMENDMENT - Richard & Colleen Considine, 8499 Winnebago Lane, Byron, IL for an Amendment to the Zoning District to rezone from AG-1 Agricultural District to R-1 Rural Residential District on property described as follows and owned by the petitioner(s): Part of the West Half (W1/2) of the Southeast Quarter (SE1/4) of Section 24 Byron Township 25N, R10E of the 4th P.M., Ogle County, IL, 5.0 acres, more or less – P.I.N.: Part of 04-24-400-022 - Common Location(s): 9000 Block of N. Hedge Rd.

Kenney asked what does this Map Amendment involve. Janes stated it is a portion of land that is not prime farmland but can be a residential section. The Considines are wanting to build a home there.

Janes presented and moved to approve O-2023-1001 and Reveerts seconds.

Motion carried. (Placed on file)

**Public Comment –**

Chad Horner introduced himself to the Board. Horner is currently a full-time Deputy Coroner for Ogle County and has worked for 5 years under Lou Finch. Horner stated he is 3<sup>rd</sup> generation to have worked in the Coroner’s office. Horner stated faith, family and service is what he is all about and that is why he is running for Coroner. Horner thanked those who have already openly supported him and looks forward to working with everyone on the Board if he is elected as Coroner.

Vice Chairman Nordman spoke about the completion of the West Fiber Project. Nordman stated as of last week 31 miles have been completed and have connected Oregon, Mt. Morris, Forreston and Polo with fiber-optic cable. This is part of the middle mile broadband infrastructure that someday will bring high-speed internet to underserved and non-served households in the County. Funding for this project was through County ARPA funds and private capital.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

The following committee minutes have been placed on exhibit: 911 ESTB, Road & Bridge, Supervisor of Assessments and Planning & Zoning.

• **Finance and Insurance**

- Ogle County As Trustee – September - R-2023-1001

Billeter moves to approve R-2023-1001 for 11 parcels to transfer into Ogle County as Trustee and Griffin seconds.

Motion carried. (Placed on file)

- Ogle County As Trustee - October - R-2023-1002

Billeter moves to approve R-2023-1002 for 3 parcels to transfer into Ogle County as Trustee and Larson seconds.

Motion carried. (Placed on file)

- ARPA – Department Request - R-2023-1003

Billeter moves to approve R-2023-1003 for a total of \$1,196.25 for County Training Materials and Miller seconds.

Motion carried. (Placed on file)

- **Road & Bridge**

- Preliminary Engineering Agreement for Lake Mistake Drain Hydraulic Study - R-2023-1004

Hopkins presented and moved to approve R-2023-1004, for the approval of the agreement and Fritz seconds.

Motion carried. (Placed on file)

- **Executive**

- Procedure for Appointment to Various Ogle County Commissions & Boards – O-2023-1002

Finfrock presented and moved to approve O-2023-1002, Smith seconds.

Motion carried. (Placed on file)

**Unfinished Business & New Business:** None

**Chairman Comments:** Chairman Finfrock thanked the Ogle County Clerk & Recorder, Cook again for the new sound equipment and her participation to pay for the much needed upgrade.

**Vice-Chairwoman Comments:** Stay Healthy

**Adjourn Meeting:**

At 6:03 p.m., with no further business Chairman Finfrock adjourned the meeting until Monday, October 30, 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

**Proceedings of the Ogle County Budget Hearing  
October 30, 2023**

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**Call to Order**

Chairman Finfrock calls the Ogle County Board Meeting to order at 5:31 p.m.

**Roll Call**

The roll call shows Asp, Fox, Fritz, Gillis, Huber, Janes, Nordman, Oltmanns, Reeverts, and Youman are absent. The Pledge of Allegiance was done.

**Presentation – Proposed FY2024 Ogle County Budget and Appropriations**

Chairman Finfrock asked Billeter, the Chairman of the Finance Committee to go over the draft of the FY2024 Ogle County Budget and Appropriations.

Billeter first took the time to thank all the parties involved in the budget process. He thanked the Department Heads for their hard work and willingness to adjust where needed. He also thanked the County Treasurer and her staff for her help throughout this process and well as the Finance Committee. The budget process was started August 10<sup>th</sup> and was completed this week. Billeter personally thanked Finfrock, Griffin, Miller, Nordman, Youman and Vice-Chairman Larson.

Billeter reviews:

- Billeter directed everyone to page 1, specifically line item 3125. Billeter stated there is an increase of Property Tax through EAV's and the tax rates have gone down slightly to .26119. For non-departmental revenue for Ogle County we are looking at an approximate increase of 1.25% from last year.
- Billeter went to page 3 where he stated the proposed revenue is \$18,118,406.00 which is an overall increase of 4.2%.
- Billeter stated pages 4-20 are Departmental expenses and there are not many changes from last year's budget.
- Billeter shared the amount being appropriated for FY24 is \$18,118,406.00, which is shown on page 21 of the document. Billeter shared they are expecting the Levy will bring in roughly \$5,150,000.00 this year.
- The board was then directed to page 25 to show that the Long Range accounts are moving ahead as projected with the Bond payments for the jail.
- Billeter shared one change being made this year is the Vehicle Revolving Fund is being dissolved. Those items are shown on page 26. Requests for purchases will now go through the Long Range Planning Committee where monies have been appropriated \$250,000 for purchases in FY2024.
- Billeter shared on page 51 is the Budget summary. The appropriations are laid out as being just over \$55 million and the levies \$13,687,067. The appropriation is slightly less than last year and a slight increase on the levy amount.

**2024 Budget Summary & Approvals**

<u>Fund</u>	<u>Appropriation</u>	<u>Levy</u>
American Rescue Plan Fund	\$1,710,733	\$0
Animal Control Fund	\$255,800	\$0
Bond Debt Service Fund	\$2,773,812	\$0
Co-Operative Extension	\$130,000	\$130,000
County Bridge Fund	\$1,916,000	\$950,000
County General Fund	\$18,118,408	\$5,150,000
County Highway Fund	\$3,062,000	\$1,900,000
Federal Aid Matching Fund	\$1,875,000	\$950,000
GIS Committee Fund	\$248,302	\$0
IMRF Fund	\$1,250,000	\$1,325,000
Insurance Premium Levy Fund	\$873,265	\$675,000
Long Range Planning	\$3,343,575	\$0
Mental Health Fund	\$1,060,643	\$1,060,643
Motor Fuel Tax Fund	\$2,259,000	\$0
Revolving Vehicle Purchase	50	\$0
Senior Social Services	\$276,000	\$276,000
Social Security Fund	\$957,000	\$900,000
Solid Waste Fund	\$1,684,452	\$0
TB Care & Treatment Fund	\$35,077	\$34,080
War Veterans Fund	\$336,344	\$336,344
<b>SUBTOTAL:</b>	<b>\$42,165,409</b>	<b>\$13,687,067</b>
Additional Fund Appropriations	\$12,845,802	\$0
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>\$55,011,211</b>	<b>\$13,687,067</b>

- On page 54 the total for the Fund Balances is \$44,852,496.18
- Billeter shared he wanted to make everyone aware the Constellation agreement item will also need to be discussed. There has been an agreement made in relation to the Constellation lawsuits that has made some changes to the budget. The agreement reached is each taxing body will pay 2.9% less this year and forward. This is in favor of the County in that the losses may have been much greater but with the agreement to loss is roughly \$130,000 less each year. It is presumed that the increased in EAV, fees and taxes from the State will make up for it. Billeter shared that is something they weren't aware of before but are now and it will be taken into consideration from here forward.
- Billeter stated the final review will be at the Finance & Insurance Committee meeting in November and there may be some slight changes but the final approval will be at the November 21, 2023 County Board meeting.

Smith asked what the issue is with the Vehicle Revolving Fund. Billeter shared doing to budget this way will just allow for more clarity. In the past the fund was revolving so it was unclear what was coming in and going out each year.

Chairman Finrock thanked Chairman Billeter for his presentation to the board this evening.

**Public Comments –**

Griffin thanked Billeter for his hard work on the budget.

**Adjourn Meeting**

At 5:45 p.m., Chairman Finrock adjourns the meeting until Tuesday, November 21, 2022 at 5:30 p.m. at the Courthouse in Oregon.

Chairman, John Finrock  
Ogle County Board

Attest: Laura J. Cook, Ogle County Clerk &  
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