

**Proceedings of the Ogle County Board Meeting  
September 19, 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 Janes and followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Presentation:** B.E.S.T. Annual Report - Carrie Folken, Executive Director

*Presentation will be in October*

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

1. Approval of Ogle County Board Meeting Minutes - August 15, 2023
2. Accept Monthly Reports – Treasurer, County Clerk & Recorder and Circuit Clerk
3. Appointments - None
4. Resignations - None
5. Vacancies -
  - 9-1-1 ETS Board - Law Enforcement (1 unexpired term)
  - Board of Health (3 terms)
  - Planning Commission (1 unexpired term)
  - Zoning Board of Appeals (1 unexpired term)
  - Housing Authority (1 term)
  - Franklin Grove Fire Protection District - 1 vacancy

Application and Resumé deadline – Friday, September 29, 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 - August 2023 - \$118,401.15
- County Board Payments – \$85,659.27
- County Highway Fund – \$374,126.56

7. Communications

- Sales Tax June 2022 - \$63,193.74 and \$126,915.55
- Sales Tax June 2023 - \$83,163.65 and \$126,922.08

Corbitt moved to approve the Consent Agenda and Kenney seconds.

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

NO: None

ABSENT: Smith

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

**Zoning - #03-23 AMENDMENT - Sofolo - O-2023-0901**

Janes presents #03-23 AMENDMENT - Rocky & Janet M. Sofolo Trustees, 4243 E. Pine Rock Rd., Oregon, 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 Northwest Quarter (NW1/4) of the Northwest Quarter (NW1/4) of Section 8 Pine Rock Township T23N, R11E of the 4th P.M., Ogle County, IL, 5.39 acres, more or less – P.I.N.: 17-08-100-014 - Common Location(s): 4000 Block of E. Pine Rock Rd.

RPC approved 5-0 as the use fits the Comprehensive Plan, is a small lot with a low LESA score, and there is no objection from Pine Rock Township. ZBA approved 4-0 as all of the Standards were met.

Janes presented and moved to approve O-2023-0901 and Fritz seconds. Reising abstains due to Sofolo's being his clients.

Motion carried. (Placed on file)

**Public Comment –**

Herb Olujic asked the board what the procedure is with Wind and Solar Farms. Are the citizens of Ogle County just supposed to sit back and let them take our land. Olujic stated a solar company called him and told him they wanted to buy land from him and he stated absolutely not.

**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.

• **Road & Bridge**

• 2023-2024 Ice Abrasives Appropriation - R-2023-0901

Hopkins presented and moved to approve R-2023-0901, for the appropriation of \$32,475 from the County Highway Fund and Janes seconds.

Motion carried. (Placed on file)

• **Executive**

• 2024 Holiday Schedule – R-2023-0902

Finfrock presented and moved to approve R-2023-0902, Youman seconds.

Kenney stated that he cannot support this resolution. Each year it seems that more days are added and with 15 days being approved that is 3 additional weeks on top of the vacation that employees receive. Roll Call:

YES: Larson, Miller, Nordman, Ramsey, Reeverts, Simms, Williams, Asp, Corbitt, Fox, Gillis, Griffin, Janes, and Finfrock

NO: Kenney, Oltmanns, Reising, Youman, Billeter, Fritz, Heuer, Hopkins, and Huber

ABSENT: Smith

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

• Amendment & Addition to the Rules of Order - R-2023-0903

Finfrock presented and moved to approve R-2023-0903, and Heuer seconds.

Finfrock stated number 14 is being updated since the passing of O-2021-1101 and numbers 29 and 30 are being added. Finfrock stated 29 & 30 are and have been done it is just being added to the list.

29) *“To take whatever action is necessary to comply with State and Federal Laws to insure we are in compliance with all laws that apply to County Government.”*

30) *“The County will set the budget for each Department and the overall budget for the County each fiscal year.”*

Motion carried. (Placed on file)

**Unfinished Business & New Business:** None

**Chairman Comments:** Chairman Finfrock stated that the County was notified, through letter, from the Property Tax Appeal Board granting our Joint Stipulation to Dismiss with Prejudice all of the pending PTAB cases 2012 through 2019. The matters are now closed.

**Vice-Chairwoman Comments:** Stay Healthy

**Adjourn Meeting:**

At 5:46 p.m., with no further business Chairman Finfrock adjourned the meeting until Tuesday, October 17, 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