Proceedings of the Ogle County Board Organizational Meeting
December 2, 2024

State of Illinois)
County of Ogle) ss

County Clerk Laura J. Cook calls the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Swearing In Ceremony
Judge John B. Roe IV swears in the newly elected and re-elected County Board Members.

Roll Call
The roll call shows Fox, Griffin, Mille, Reeverts, Nordman (remote attendance) were absent.

Nomination and Election of County Board Chairman
County Clerk, Cook accepts nominations for Chairman of the Ogle County Board. Janes nominates Bruce Larson for Chairman and Simms seconds. Kenney moves to close nominations and 2nd by Youman.

County Clerk, Cook will now take the roll call vote for the nomination of Bruce Larson as Chairman:

YES: Asp, Billeter, Corbitt, Daws, Fritz, Gillis, Heuer, Hopkins, Huber, Janes, Kenney, Larson, Mudge, Nordman (via remote attendance), Oltmanns, Ramsey, Reising, Simms, Williams, and Youman

NO: None

ABSENT: Fox, Griffin, Miller and Reeverts

The motion carries on a roll call vote.

Nomination and Election of County Board Vice-Chairman
County Clerk, Cook accepts nominations for Vice-Chairman of the Ogle County Board. Youman nominates Patricia Nordman for County Board Vice-Chairman and Williams seconds. Kenney moves to close nominations and Gillis seconds.

County Clerk Cook will now take the roll call vote for the nomination of Patricia Nordman as Vice-Chairman:

YES: Billeter, Corbitt, Daws, Fritz, Gillis, Heuer, Hopkins, Huber, Janes, Kenney, Larson, Mudge, Nordman (via remote attendance), Oltmanns, Ramsey, Reising, Simms, Williams, Youman and Asp

NO: None

ABSENT: Fox, Griffin, Miller and Reeverts

The motion carries on a roll call vote.

County Clerk Cook asks Chairman Larson to please take over the meeting.

Chairman Comments
Chairman Larson would like to thank the board for the election and the confidence in him as Chairman.

Committee Assignments
Chairman Larson would like for the returning County Board members to continue with their regularly assigned committees and the Chairman of the Committee will remain the same for this month. Chairman Larson asked that the newly elected board members attend the committee meetings of the board member they replaced. The new committee assignments will be presented at the December meeting to begin in January. Please email Chairman Larson of your interests and he will take them into consideration when assigning the committees.

Larson thanks everyone for their vote of confidence and looks forward to working with the County Board.

Vice-Chairman Comments: Nordman thanks everyone for the confidence and she looks forward to continuing as the Vice-Chairman of the County Board.

Public Comment
Tom Smith, White Rock Township: Commented on the work ahead of County Board and importance of the work of the board and once the decisions have been made, you remain friends.

Adjourn Meeting
At 5:40 p.m., Chairman Larson adjourns the meeting until Tuesday, December 17, 2024, at 5:30 p.m. at the Courthouse in Oregon.

Chairman, Bruce E. Larson
Ogle County Board

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

Proceedings of the Ogle County Board Meeting
December 17, 2024

State of Illinois)
County of Ogle) ss

Call to Order

Chairman Larson called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

Roll Call

The roll call showed Oltmanns (5:33 pm) as absent. The invocation was given by Asp and followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Presentation: City of Rochelle, Mayor John Bearrows

Bearrows presented information on a City of Rochelle 5-year 100% Tax Rebate for new construction within the City of Rochelle. Bearrows asked the County Board to consider signing an Intergovernmental Agreement with the City of Rochelle. This incentive is to bring people to Ogle County. There are nuances of 15 per year, has to be owner-occupied by the first of the year and only applies to the original owner; the City of Rochelle would administer the rebate program preliminary for taxing districts that agree to this program. Bearrows also spoke about a Residential TIF District could be a possibility, too. There are no permit or hook-up fees from the City of Rochelle.

Billeter asked after the 100% rebate has expired, what gives the City or the County the confidence that they will be able to afford to pay the taxes? Bearrows stated someone will pay the taxes after five years. Bearrows said a bank will not lend money for mortgage if the applicants cannot pay for the taxes.

Simms asked about taxpayer money being part of the revenue for the city to provide services. With this 5-year rebate who will be picking up the tab. Bearrows stated the city will receive nothing but if we continue to do nothing, we receive nothing. They are trying to stimulate growth by offering this incentive.

Presentation: Christy Campoll, RSL & Associates, Senior Associate

Campoll gave a presentation on the Reagan Mass Transit District's Rochelle fixed Route Feasibility Study. The service provided today for rural transit is what you call "on demand" service. IDOT provided a grant for this study and they have been working on this survey since January. The study supports Deviating Fixed Route to the services and employment in the City of Rochelle. Larson asked to have this presentation be sent to the County Clerk for distribution. Campoll said absolutely.

Public Hearing - Bond Abatement - O-2024-1201

Motion by Oltmanns to begin the Public Hearing for O-2024-1202, 2nd by Youman. Motion carried. Larson read the heading from O-2024-1202 "An Ordinance abating the taxes heretofore levied for the year 2024 to pay debt service on $9,705,000 General Obligation Bonds (Alternate Revenue Source), Series 2018, $4,760,000 General Obligation Bonds (Alternate Revenue Source), Series 2019, and $6,523,000 General Obligation Bonds (Alternate Revenue Source), Series 2020, of the County of Ogle."

Roll Call:

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

NO: None

ABSENT: None

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

Consent Agenda Items – by Roll Call Vote

1. Approval of Ogle County Board Meeting Minutes - November 19, 2024
2. Accept Monthly Reports – Treasurer, County Clerk & Recorder and Circuit Clerk
3. Appointments -
   - Mental Health 708 Board - LeAnn Brandenburg - R-2024-1201
   - Mental Health 708 Board - Jennifer Helfrich - R-2024-1202
4. Resignations - None
5. Vacancies -
   - Board of Health (2 unexpired terms)
   - 9-1-1 ETS Board - Law Enforcement (1 unexpired term)
   - 9-1-1 ETS Board - Fire/EMS (1 unexpired term)
   - Franklin Grove Fire Protection District - 1 vacancy

   Application and Resumé deadline – Tuesday, December 31, 2024, 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 - November 2024 - $212,511.97
   - County Board Payments – $212,598.75
   - County Highway Fund – $67,855.75
7. Communications
   - Sales Tax Report
   - ComEd Tree Trimming 2025 Notification

Reeverts moved to approve the Consent Agenda and 2nd by Simms. A roll call vote is taken:

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

NO: None

ABSENT: None

Motion carried.

Zoning - #08-24 SU – Jose Gaucin & Aracely Meza – O-2024-1202

Janes presented #08-24 SU – Jose Gaucin & Aracely Meza, 3517 S. 60th Ct., Cicero, IL for a Special Use Permit in the AG-1 Agricultural District to allow a Wedding Venue on the property described as follows and owned by the petitioners: Part of the NE1/4 of the SE1/4 of Section 32 in Dement Township 40N, R2E of the 3rd P.M., 10.02 acres, more or less, Ogle County, IL - P.I.N.: 25-32-400-011 - Common Location: 16989 E. Ritchie Rd.

RPC approved 6-0 as similar venues have been allowed; owners assurance the events will be run properly; the low LESA score; and the location does not affect the neighbors as it will all be warehouses. ZBA approved 5-0 as all six standards were met. APZC approved 6-0.

Motion by Janes to approve O-2024-1202 as presented, 2nd by Corbitt. Janes commented this property is under new owners. Ramsey asked about how long this Special Use is good for this property. Janes stated this is for a wedding venue in addition to the other proximity and is under new management.

YES: Daws, Fox, Fritz, Griffin, Hopkins, Huber, Janes, Kenney, Mudge, Nordman, Reeverts, Reising, Simms, Williams, Youman, Asp, Corbitt and Larson.

NO: Gillis, Heuer, Miller, Oltmanns, Ramsey, and Billeter

ABSENT: None

Motion carried on roll call vote (Placed on file)

Zoning - #01-24 – Text Amendment – Division 9 – O-2024-1206

Janes presented #01-24 Text Amendment Division 9, that was pulled last month to further research with the State's Attorney and outside counsel. There were no changes made to the document. Motion by Janes to approve O-2024-1206 as presented, 2nd by Kenney.

Heuer asked for a point in order according to the County Board Rules of Order #25: All County Orders shall be signed by the officer or person in charge of the office and must be on file in the County Clerk's Office on Wednesday before each regular County Board meeting. Supporting bills from vendors or service providers shall be included. Heuer asked if any committees have seen the invoice(s) from Barrick, Switzer regarding these zoning requests or sheriff questions associated with Division 9. There was discussion on whether the invoice(s) were presented to the committee for review or approval. Youman stated the bills were presented to the APZ and Executive Committee and approved. Youman stated the invoice for Division 9 has not been received at this time. Youman and Janes commented the other invoices were presented to the APZ Committee and forwarded to the Executive Committee and ARPA Funds were used. Heuer asked again if any County Board member had reviewed the bills, Youman state he believes they were at the APZ meeting and moved to the Executive Committee for approval. Hopkins stated he does not remember seeing the bills in question. Larson asked State's Attorney Mike Rock for the parliamentary procedure here. Rock stated there is no parliamentary procedure, he suggested they go back and review the minutes to see if the bills were presented and approved. There is nothing that can be resolved this evening. Nordman spoke about the TESKA invoice and that bill did go through the APZ meeting and were paid with ARPA Funds. Youman stated there are 2 small legal bills that have not been presented at this time. Youman commented that $15,000 was spent on Zoning Training which most County Board members attended. Youman stated when the Comprehensive Ordinance Review of the zoning processes there were concerns about Division 9. Youman stated Division 9 consists of Administration and Enforcement and there was one gap missing in Division 9 which was the role of the APZ Committee. Ramsey asked about O-2024-0601 that restored the role of the Supervisor of Assessment, Planning and Zoning Committee oversight of the ZBA process. Why do we need Division 9 tonight when the ordinance was passed in June? The June Ordinance was passed for transparency on how the various committees voted on an issue. Motion carried. (Placed on file)

Zoning - #02-24 SU - Haldane Solar Project - Update and Reconsideration - O-2024-1207

Janes presented #02-24 SU and stated the power company has moved the location to an area where the LESA scores are lower than the original application. Youman gave a brief history of this solar project. Hopkins commented the county approved a resolution to support agriculture in Ogle County and preserve it, and while they moved the area to a lesser LESA score area, there is land down the road that would be a better place for this project and not take productive land out of production. Why take good farm ground out of production for these projects, stated Hopkins. Corbitt thanked Rock for following up to see if the insurance company could represent the county in this lawsuit. Corbit asked about UCCI, can they assist? Larson stated UCCI is now putting together something to assist with legislative issues. Heuer commented she is the Chairman of the Ogle County Soil and Water Conservation District and this was discussed at their meeting. Heuer stated she will be voting in favor of the Soil and Water Conservation District. Kenney expressed his concerns with the lawsuit from the company who has no ties to this county. Heuer commented the Soil and Water Conservation District found out last week that the Ogle County Soil Maps will need to be updated. Janes moved to approve O-2024-1207 as presented, 2nd by Youman.

YES: Fritz, Griffin, Huber, Janes, Mudge, Nordman, Oltmanns, Reising, Williams, Youman, Asp, Billeter and Larson.

NO: Fox, Gillis, Heuer, Hopkins, Kenney, Miller, Ramsey, Reeverts, Simms, Corbitt and Daws

ABSENT: None

Motion carried on roll call vote (Placed on file)

Public Comment –

- Paul David Soderholm, W. Pines Rd – Expressed his disappointment with the County Board and the decision they made regarding the solar project and other zoning issues over the past couple of months.
- Mike Bowman, Haldane – Spoke about the Haldane solar project that is in his backyard and expressed his disappointment with the decision to allow the construction of this solar project. Bowman stated there are other areas that are more suitable for these projects.

Reports and Recommendations of Committees

Executive

- Committee Assignments – R-2024-1206
  Larson presented R-2024-1206 and read a brief statement to the board. Motion by Larson to approve R-2024-1206 as presented, 2nd by Fox. Motion carried. (Placed on file)

Finance & Insurance

- 2024 Budget Amendment - Contingencies - Salary - O-2024-1203

  Billeter presented O-2024-1203 and made a motion to approve as presented, 2nd by Griffin. Motion carried. (Placed on file)

- 2024 Budget Amendment - Appropriations - O-2024-1204

  Billeter presented O-2024-1204 and made a motion to approve as presented, 2nd by Williams. Motion carried. (Placed on file)

- ARPA - Final Distribution - O-2024-1205

  Billeter presented O-2024-1205:

VENDOR	DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT
	ARPA Fund to Finance	
ARPA	Contingency	$221,984.02
ADP	Subcontract for ADP	$5,000.00
	TOTAL	$226,984.02

  Motion by Billeter to approve O-2024-1205 as presented, 2nd by Kenney. Motion carried. (Placed on file)

State's Attorney - Court Services - FOCUS House - Judiciary - Circuit Clerk & Public Defender

- State's Attorney Appellate Prosecutor - R-2024-1203

  Corbitt presented and moved to approve R-2024-1203, 2nd by Oltmanns. Motion carried. (Placed on file)

Road & Bridge

- 2025 County Maintenance Resolution - 25-00000-00-GM - R-2024-1204

  Hopkins presented and moved to approve R-2024-1204 appropriating $1,691,713 from County Motor Fuel Tax Fund for the Maintenance of County Highways, 2nd by Fritz. Motion carried. (Placed on file)

- Preliminary Engineering Agreement - Performance of 2025 Bridge Inspections - R-2024-1205

  Hopkins presented and moved to approve the Preliminary Engineering Agreement for the Performance of the 2025 Bridge Inspections, 2nd by Fritz. Motion carried. (Placed on file)

Unfinished and New Business: None

Closed Session:

At 7:11 pm, Chairman Larson asked for a motion to go into Closed Session per the Open Meetings Act Section 2 subsection C subparagraph 2 for Collective Bargaining and ongoing negotiations with the FOB and IBT. Motion by Fox, 2nd by Kenney.

Roll Call:

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

NO: None

ABSENT: None

Motion carried.

Open Session:

At 7:22 p.m., the County Board returned to Open Session. Chairman Larson appointed former Chairman Finfrock as a representative for the County Board as an unpaid consultant for ongoing Union Negotiations with the FOP and IBT until concluded.

Chairman Comments: None

Vice-Chairman Comments: None

Adjourn Meeting:

At 7:23 p.m., with no further business Chairman Larson adjourned the meeting until the next meeting on Tuesday, January 21, 2025, at 5:30 p.m. at the Courthouse in Oregon.

Chairman Bruce E. Larson
Ogle County Board

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