Proceedings of the Ogle County Board Meeting
July 16, 2024

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County of Ogle) ss

Call to Order

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

Roll Call

The roll call showed Reeverts and Williams were absent. The invocation was given by Smith and followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Presentation: Charlene Coulombe, Executive Director, Ogle County Economic Development Corp.

Charlene Coulombe of the Ogle County Economic Development Corp. presented a Certificate of Appreciation to Chairman Finfrock and Vice-Chairwoman Nordman thanking the entire Ogle County Board for the assets they are to the Ogle County Economic Development Corp. As well, Coulombe shared her personal background in economic development, what the Ogle County Economic Development Corp. serves to accomplish, and hopes for future development within Ogle County and through partnership with neighboring counties.

Consent Agenda Items – by Roll Call Vote

1. Approval of Ogle County Board Meeting Minutes – June 18, 2024
2. Accept Monthly Reports – Treasurer, County Clerk & Recorder and Circuit Clerk
3. Appointments –
    - Byron Museum – Heather Higgins – R-2024-0701
4. Resignations – None
5. Vacancies –
    - Regional Planning Commission (1 unexpired term)
    - Board of Health (1 unexpired term)
    - 9-1-1 ETS Board – Law Enforcement (1 unexpired term)
    - Franklin Grove Fire Protection District (1 vacancy)

Application and Resumé deadline – Friday, July 26, 2024, at 4:30 p.m. in the County Clerk's Office - 105 S. 5th St - Suite 104, Oregon

6. Ogle County Claims –
    - Department Claims - June 2024 - $97,204.49
    - County Board Payments – $113,125.68
    - County Highway Fund - $51,549.11
7. Communications -
    - ComEd Management Vegetation Activities

Huber asked to have the Byron Museum Appointment R-2024-0701 removed from the Consent Agenda. Oltmanns moved to approve the Consent Agenda with the removal of R-2024-0701, and Gillis seconded. A roll call vote is taken:

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

NO: None

ABSENT: Reeverts and Williams.

Motion carried. (Placed on file)

Huber voiced his concerns of another applicant that he thought would be a more qualified appointee for the Byron Museum District. Corbitt stated why she felt the recommended applicant was chosen for the appointment. Huber moved to approve R-2024-0701, and Kenney seconded. A roll call vote is taken:

YES: Corbitt, Fox, Fritz, Gillis, Griffin, Heuer, Janes, Kenney, Larson, Nordman, Oltmanns, Ramsey, Simms, and Finfrock

NO: Billeter, Hopkins, Huber, Miller, Reising, Smith, Youman

ABSENT: Reeverts and Williams.

Motion carried. (Placed on file)

Zoning – None

Public Announcement –
Janes stated Marion Township's meeting on July 22, 2024, will discuss Com Ed's request to change from AG to Industrial. Janes said the Rockvale properties have been removed from the petition.

Public Comment –
Volunteers from the United Sovereign Americans, Kurt Pilz, Greg Gromann, Jane Carrell, Terry Mercer, Dean Barker, and Brian Jones, spoke to the County Board about this concern for legal and valid election processes. They read a resolution that they would like for the County Board to adopt. Chairman Finfrock stated it is not on the agenda and cannot be presented for a vote.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

The following committee minutes have been placed on exhibit: County Facilities – County Security & Information Technology (IT), Executive, Finance and Insurance, H.E.W & Solid Waste and Veterans, Long Range and Strategic Planning, Personnel and Salary, Regional Planning Commission, Road & Bridge, State's Attorney – Court Services - FOCUS House - Judiciary & Circuit Clerk, and Supervisor of Assessments and Planning & Zoning.

Finance & Insurance

- County Health Insurance – O-2024-0703

  Billeter presented and moved to approve a fully-insured structure of the County Health Insurance. This recommendation comes from the Health Care Planning Committee, along with the plan to switch to the option of Blue Cross/Blue Shield of Illinois. Motion by Billeter to approve O-2024-0703, seconded by Reising

  Motion carried. (Placed on file)

- Sikich Auditor Contract – R-2024-0703

  Billeter presented and moved to approve the Sikich Auditor Contract. This proposal displays Sikich's commitment to returning and performing the Ogle County audit, as well providing governmental accounting, financial reporting expertise, and technical assistance. Motion by Billeter to approve R-2024-0703, seconded by Griffin.

  Motion carried. (Placed on file)

- Coroner Overtime Agreement – O-2024-0702

  Billeter presented and moved to approve the Coroner Overtime Agreement, which revaluates the correct payment calculation for full-time and part-time Deputy Coroners. Motion by Billeter to approve O-2024-0702 as presented, seconded by Kenney.

  Motion carried. (Placed on file)

Closed Session: At 6:21 pm, Finfrock announces that the Ogle County Board will be going into a closed session per 5 ILCS 120/2 (c)(2) to discuss the Coroner's FOP Contract. Motion by Larson to enter into Closed Session, seconded by Simms. A roll call vote is taken:

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

NO: None

ABSENT: Reeverts and Williams.

Motion carried.

Open Session: At 6:26 pm, the Ogle County Board returned to Open Session.

- Ogle County Coroner's FOP Contract – O-2024-0701
  Motion by Smith to approve the Coroner's FOP Contract O-2024-0701, seconded by Nordman.

Motion carried. (Placed on file)

Unfinished and New Business: None

Chairman Comments: Finfrock congratulated the group that selected a new County Health Insurance plan on their hard work.

Vice-Chairman Comments: Nordman encouraged everyone to stay healthy.

Adjourn Meeting:

At 6:28 p.m., with no further business Chairman Finfrock adjourned the meeting until Tuesday, August 20, 2024 at 5:30 p.m. at the Courthouse in Oregon.

Chairman John Finfrock
Ogle County Board

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