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 Asp, Miller, Oltmanns and Youman absent, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Executive

- Amended Committee and Representative Assignments - R-2026-0401

  Larson moved to approve R-2026-0401 as presented, 2nd by Billeter.

  Mudge stated that he believes the committees need to have an odd number of members to avoid a split or stalemate vote. He had spoken to Chairman Larson prior to the meeting, and he said that in the event of a split vote, the Chairman is the deciding vote. Mudge said that in the Executive Committee, that would not be the case as the Chairman is already a voting member. Mudge would like to see that the committees have an odd number of voting member.

  Larson stated that if the Executive Committee came up with a split vote, the motion would die.

  Ramsey asked for some clarification. She understood why the committee assignments needed to be changed due to the resignation of Susie Corbitt and filling her positions, but Ramsey thought the re-assignment of committees was only done in December after an election. Larson stated that Nordman was added to the Human Resources and Risk Management Committee due to her history. Youman and Oltmanns were added to the Executive Committee so each committee would be represented.

  Simms asked what is the purpose of adding people to the committees and re-organization right now. Simms doesn't believe that right now is the time for adding people to committees, and there should not be an even number of voting members. Chairman Larson said that the committees that had members added were the ones that Susie Corbitt had been on. Simms stated that is what the new board member, Megan Poole, is for. Simms asked why Nordman was added to the HR Committee. Chairman Larson advised due to reasons he had already mentioned.

  Simms made a motion to amend the previous motion to strike the added members to the committees, to keep the committees as they are 2nd by Mudge.

  Nordman added that in the last twelve months she's needed to sit on the HR Committee several times due to sickness and deaths. Simms stated that per the Rules of Order, if a quorum is needed, the Chairman or Vice-Chairman of the County Board can sit in to fulfill that quorum.

  Chairman Larson wanted to confirm that Simms' motion was to also remove members from the Executive Committee. Simms said that the Executive Committee should be comprised of all Chairman. Oltmanns became the Chairman of the State's Attorney, Court Services, Focus House Judiciary & Circuit Clerk Committee, therefore Simms' would request that Patricia Nordman be removed from the HR and Risk Management Committee and Ben Youman be removed from the Executive Committee.

  Chairman Larson explained the vote. A yes vote for the motion on the floor would change the assignments taking Patricia Nordman off the HR Committee and Ben Youman off the Executive Committee. A no vote would be to go back to the original motion and accept the new assignments as presented.

  Janes stated that he was unclear as to why the Executive Committee is at the will of the Chairman and Vice Chairman, but Youman and Oltmanns are being added. Mudge mentioned that

Oltmanns filled Corbitt's spot as the Chairman of the State's Attorney, Court Services, Focus House Judiciary & Circuit Committee, therefore he should take her spot on the Executive Committee. Janes said that Poole replaced Corbitt's spot on the Board, therefore she should replace her on all the Committee's as well.

Reising stated that the Executive Committee is made up of senior leadership, and is up to the discretion of the Chairman and Vice-Chairman as to who will fill those positions. Typically, it's those members who are Committee Chairmen, which is now Oltmanns, since he took Corbitt's Chairman position on the State's Attorney Committee.

A roll call vote is taken:
YES: Heuer, Hopkins, Mudge, Poole, Ramsey, Reeverts, and Simms.

NO: Billeter, Daws, Fox, Fritz, Gillis, Griffin, Huber, Janes, Kenney, Nordman, Reising, Williams and Larson.

ABSENT: Asp, Miller, Oltmanns, and Youman.

Motion failed.

Chairman Larson called for a roll call vote for the original motion of approving the Committee and Representative Assignments as presented.

YES: Billeter, Daws, Fox, Fritz, Griffin, Huber, Janes, Kenney, Nordman, Poole, Reising, Williams and Larson.

NO: Gillis, Heuer, Hopkins, Mudge, Ramsey, Reeverts, and Simms.

Motion carried. (Placed on file)

Public Comment
Adjournment:

At 5:45 p.m., with no further business Chairman Larson adjourned the meeting until Tuesday, April 21, 2026 at 5:30 p.m. at the Courthouse in Oregon.

Chairman Bruce E. Larson
Ogle County Board

Attest: Rebecca K. Duke, Ogle County Clerk & Recorder
Ex-officio Clerk of the Ogle County Board

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Call to Order

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

Roll Call

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

C**onsent Agenda Items – by Roll Call Vote**

1. Approval of Ogle County Board Meeting Minutes – March 2026
2. Accept Monthly Reports – Treasurer, County Clerk & Recorder and Circuit Clerk
3. Appointments -
    - Forreston FPD - Jean Burton - R-2026-0402
    - German Valley FPD - Tim Coffman - R-2026-0403
    - Leaf River FPD - Heather Lamping - R-2026-0404
    - Lynn-Scott-Rock FPD - David Vola - R-2026-0405
    - Oregon FPD - Lora Stevens-McKee - R-2026-0406
    - Farmland Assessment Review Board - Quentin Davis - R-2026-0407
    - Farmland Assessment Review Board - DeWayne Adams - R-2026-0408
    - Lost Lake River Conservancy District - Hal Warren - R-2026-0409
    - Planning Commission - Paul White - R-2026-0410
    - Planning Commission - Doug Hinrichs - R-2026-0411
    - Planning Commission - Dale Flanagan - R-2026-0412
    - Zoning Board of Appeals - Randy Ocken - R-2026-0413
    - Zoning Board of Appeals - Robert Urish - R-2026-0414
4. Resignations -
    - None
5. Vacancies -
    - Board of Health – DDS (1 unexpired term)
    - Board of Health (1 vacancy)
    - Farmland Assessment Review Board (1 vacancy)
    - Housing Authority (2 unexpired terms)
    - Fire Protection Districts: Ashton - Franklin Grove (1 vacancy each)

Application and Resumé deadline - Friday, May 1, 2026, at 4:30 p.m. in the County Clerk's Office -105 S. 5th St, Ste 104, Oregon

6. Ogle County Claims –
    - Department Claims – March 2026 - $233,935.11
    - County Board Payments – $198,002.94
    - County Highway Fund – $38,952.65
7. Communications -
    - Sales Tax Report

Oltmanns moved to approve the Consent Agenda, 2nd by Reeverts. Reising recused himself from ZBA appointment due to business customer. A roll call vote was taken:

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

NO: None

ABSENT: Williams

Motion carried.

Zoning - #10-25 Special Use - Cypress Creek Renewables dba Flanagan Solar, LLC, % Steven Kiesling, 3402 Pico Blvd., Santa Monica, CA - O-2026-0401

Nordman presented O-2026-0401, a special use in the AG-1 Agriculture District to allow the construction and operation of a 4.99 MW AC Community Solar Energy Facility on the property described as follows and being leased by the petitioner: Part of the North Half (N1/2) of the Southwest Quarter (SW1/4) of Section 22 Mt. Morris Township 24N, R9E of the 4th P.M., Ogle County, IL, 35.0 acres of the 153.0 acre site, more or less. PIN: Part of 08-22-300-002. Common Location: 2900 block of N. Willow Rd.

Nordman stated this was presented to the ZBA on December 23, 2025, originally approved as all standards were met. On January 13, 2026, APZ made a motion to postpone a decision until the ZBA transcripts were available. The motion was approved 7-0 via voice vote during the February APZ meeting after the transcripts were available. Youman made the motion to send the petition back to the ZBA due to the conflicts with ZBA conduct and 2nd by Fritz. At the March 10, 2026 APZ meeting, due to a procedural error, Gillis made the motion to recommend the County Board to return the Special Use #10-25 back to the ZBA for that procedural error that was done on December 23, 2025. At the March 18, 2026 Ogle County Board meeting, Nordman made a motion to return #10-25SU to the ZBA for clarification of the LaSalle Factors #2. On March 26, 2026 ZBA meeting, #10-25SU was reviewed and denied 3-2 as the standards were not met. On April 14, 2026 at the APZ meeting, the committee made the recommendation approval to proceed based on the small opposition.

Nordman moved to approve O-2026-0401, 2nd by Gillis. A roll call vote was taken:

YES: Daws, Fox, Fritz, Gillis, Griffin, Heuer, Hopkins, Janes, Kenney, Nordman, Oltmanns, Poole, Reising, Youman, Asp, Billeter, and Larson.

NO: Huber, Miller, Mudge, Ramsey, Reeverts, and Simms.

ABSENT: Williams

Motion carried. (Placed on file)

Zoning - #01-26AM - Harry F. Adams, Jr., 2779 E. Lynn Rd., Byron, IL - O-2026-0402

Nordman presented O-2026-0402, an amendment to the Zoning District to rezone from AG-1 Agriculture District to R-1 Rural Residence District on the property described as follows and owned by the petitioner: Part of the Southeast Quarter (SE1/4) of the Southeast Quarter (SE1/4) of Section 07 Byron Township 25 North, Range 11 East of the 4th P.M., Ogle County, IL, 10.0 acres of the 80.16 acre parcel. PIN: Part of 05-07-200-004. Common Location: 3500 block of E. Oak Grove Rd.

Nordman mentioned at the ZBA meeting the petition was denied, as well as the APZ meeting.

Nordman moved to approve O-2026-0402, 2nd by Reeverts. Janes recused himself due to family.

Nordman clarified that the concern for this petition was looking at spot zoning where residential areas were not wanted or needed.

Youman asked how the ZBA voted and Nordman confirmed that they denied the petition.

Reeverts added that Byron Township has filed an opposition letter on this due to the relative value of the soil being 76.2 points versus being 75 indicating a rating of protection and the spot zoning concern.

Hopkins wanted confirmation that a yes vote on this ordinance is to deny the petition. Chairman Larson confirmed that was correct.

Motion carried. (Placed on file)

Public Comment

- Lloyd Droege - Stated that he was able to participate in the Focus House spaghetti luncheon recently and how wonderful it was. He praised the director of Focus House, Brenda Mason, and her staff for all of their hard work in putting that together. He also said how he appreciates all the Department Heads, and their hard work for the County.
- Kathy Ullrich - A resident of Davis Junction, District 1. She stated her concerns regarding data centers and how it will affect the local water sources.

- Towner Reed - Read and prepared statement and provided the County Board with information regarding data centers**.**
- Jake Nicholson - Ogle County resident just outside of Mt. Morris. He said that he agrees with everything that Ms. Reed presented regarding data centers.

Reports and Recommendations of Committees
Ethics and Governance

- Proclamation - Child Abuse Awareness Month - April 2026

  Huber read and presented the proclamation to Shining Star and CASA. Mudge presented them with 3-D printed courthouses.

- Ogle County Committee Guidelines to the Meeting Report Cards - O-2026-0403

  Huber presented the first reading of the Ogle County Committee Guidelines. No further action is required at this time.

Finance

- Funding for Economic Development - O-2026-0404

  Billeter presented O-2026-0404 to allocate $50,000 towards economic development to be paid in two installments of $25,000. Billeter noted a word change in the ordinance. There is a balance of $36,610 in an account for economic development, so the remaining balance of $13,390 will come out of finance contingencies.

  Billeter moved to approve O-2026-0404, 2nd by Griffin. Motion carried. (Placed on file)

HEW, Solid Waste, & Veterans

- Intergovernmental Mutual Aid Agreement - R-2026-0415

  Fox presented and moved to approve R-2026-0415, 2nd by Simms. Motion carried. (Placed on file)

HR & Risk Management

- Elected Official Salary - Circuit Clerk - O-2026-0405

  Kenney presented O-2026-0405 to set the Circuit Clerk's salary at $94,164 for the next two years with an annual stipend of $6,500. Kenney stated that that salary is in the high 80 percentile in the State of Illinois. Kenney moved to approve O-2026-0405, 2nd by Ramsey.

  Nordman is concerned that the zero percent for increase for the Circuit Clerk who used ARPA funds very efficiently and turned money back to the County is not very rewarding for someone who is doing such a good job.

  A roll call vote is taken:

  YES: Fox, Fritz, Griffin, Heuer, Hopkins, Huber, Janes, Mudge, Poole, Reeverts, Reising, Simms, Youman, Asp, Billeter and Daws.

  NO: Gillis, Kenney, Miller, Nordman, Oltmanns, Ramsey, and Larson.

  ABSENT: Williams

  Motion carried. (Placed on file)

- Elected Official Salary - County Clerk - O-2026-0406

  Kenney presented O-2026-0406 to set the County Clerks salary at $94,164 for the next two years with an annual stipend of $6,500. Kenney stated that the County Clerk's salary is in the 87 percentile in the State of Illinois. Kenney moved to approve O-2026-0406, 2nd by Simms.

  Nordman stated in the past when there has been a new position who isn't an incumbent, such as the Coroner was two years ago, the County Board recognized that was a large salary for a newly elected official. It was decided in the Personnel, Finance and Executive Committees that the

salary would be reduced. Nordman said that is was not about the person elected, it was about the position. Nordman believes that when the County has an opportunity to be financial responsible, and reduce a newly elected official's salary, that should be taken advantage of. Nordman reiterated that it has nothing to do with the person coming into office. Nordman also disagrees that the zero percent increase is punitive to the position.

Kenney concurs with Nordman's statement, and said that the original recommendation was going to be a lower salary. Due to the predecessor's longevity in office, Kenney stated that the current salaries are way out of line compared to the majority of the reported official salaries in Illinois.

Ramsey asked if this ordinance was voted no, would it go back to the committee to be discussed again. Chairman Larson confirmed that it would go back to the HR & Risk Management Committee. Ramsey clarified that her no vote is against the zero percent raise for up to three years.

Heuer said that the ordinance in front of them is showing the increase over the next four years. Heuer presented data from UCCI, which was a compilation of 2026 salary and fringe benefits survey, where 90% of the counties that responded have a County Clerk salary of $95,715. Nordman stated that 39 counties out of 102. Heuer confirmed that it was 40 counties. Heuer stated that the zero percent increase over the next two years was to be as financially responsible as possible, but still be able to compensate the officials based on their job descriptions.

Gillis stated that he does not agree with messing with officials salaries when it amounts to a few thousand dollars. He will be voting no.

A roll call vote is taken:

YES: Heuer, Janes, Mudge, Poole, Reeverts, Simms, and Fox.

NO: Fritz, Gillis, Griffin, Hopkins, Huber, Kenney, Miller, Nordman, Oltmanns, Ramsey, Reising, Youman, Asp, Billeter, Daws, and Larson.

ABSENT: Williams

Motion failed.

Chairman Larson reminded the Board that the salaries have to be set by June 4th, 2026.

- Elected Official Salary - Treasurer - O-2026-0407

Kenney presented O-2026-0407 to set the Treasurer's salary $94,164 for the next two years with a $6,500 stipend annually. Kenney stated that there is about a $27,000 difference between Elected Officials and appointed Department Heads salaries. Kenney stated that there is a bill in Springfield that if passed would take Elected Officials salaries to 80% of the State's Attorney salary. Kenney believes that this will be a hardship for the county if that bill passes. Kenney made a motion on O-2026-0407, 2nd by Fox.

Billeter asked Kenney if the amount for the Treasurer was the same as the Circuit Clerk and County Clerk and Kenney confirmed it was. Billeter wanted to know why all three salaries are the same. Kenney stated that it's been that way for years, but doesn't think that it should be.

Youman asked if the salaries were compared with the other counties reported and if they were the same for all three positions. Kenney said that they were not the same. Youman said that he was confused, doesn't believe that what is being presented is very organized.

Nordman reminded that stipends are not to be included or thought about while discussing salaries. Youman asked who pays those and Nordman confirmed that it was the State.

Chairman Larson stated that there were comparable study done by UCCI and that was presented before the last committee meeting.

Mudge asked if during the HR meeting and this was voted on, did anyone vote no. Kenney said that it was not a unanimous vote, but not sure how many voted no. Mudge stated in his research, two board members voted no on all three ordinances. Mudge said that he realized that Chairman Kenney isn't in favor of these salaries, so they may not have been presented in the best way.

Nordman said that the Treasurer position is someone who works with taxes, ARPA funds, and strategically placed county funds to make the county money. Nordman believes that a zero percent raise is punitive and is not right.

Ramsey wanted to make note that she is not voting no to the salary amount, she is against the zero percent raises for up to the next three years.

Billeter stated that he does have an issue with all three of the salaries being the same. Because Ogle County does not have a County Administrator or Finance Director, so in Ogle County the Treasurer is called upon for other tasks. When comparing Ogle County to other counties, there are more things to take into account. Billeter also stated that there are really two separate issues to be voted on with this ordinance, and that makes it difficult to vote.

Chairman Larson said that next month this ordinance should go from the HR & Risk Management Committee to the Finance Committee to the Executive Committee before being presented back to the full County Board.

A roll call vote is taken:

YES: Griffin, Heuer, Hopkins, Janes, Mudge, Poole, Reeverts, Simms and Fox.

NO: Fritz, Gillis, Huber, Kenney, Miller, Nordman, Oltmanns, Ramsey, Reising, Youman, Asp, Billeter, Daws, and Larson.

ABSENT: Williams

Motion failed.

- Amended Holiday Schedule - R-2026-0419

  Kenney presented and moved to approve R-2026-0419, 2nd by Simms. Motion carried. (Placed on file)

- Vacation Policy - O-2026-0408

  Kenney presented and moved to approve O-2026-0408, 2nd by Simms. Motion carried. (Placed on file)

Long Range Planning

- Request for Change Order - VA/Animal Control Project - R-2026-0421

  Griffin presented R-2026-0421 request for change order for $4713.06. Griffin moved to approve R-2026-0421, 2nd by Janes. Motion carried. (Placed on file)

- Rock River Energy Gas Bid - R-2026-0422

  Griffin presented R-2026-0422 to lock in a fixed rate for gas rates with Mansfield Energy at $0.436 for a three year contract. Griffin moved to approve R-2026-0422, 2nd by Billeter.

  Mudge recused himself due to family employment.

  Fox stated that he voted against this in the committee and will also vote no tonight. Fox believes that it's a little early to be voting on this.

  Chairman Larson asked how much the rate has gone up and Griffin stated about four tenths.

  Fritz asked what the swing pricing in the contract is. Griffin said that the County is locking in the rate at this price. Fritz stated that in the contract is said the swing pricing at 100% and that seemed high. Griffin mentioned that he wasn't sure, but would check and report back.

A roll call vote is taken:

YES: Gillis, Griffin, Heuer, Hopkins, Miller, Nordman, Oltmanns, Poole, Ramsey, Reeverts, Reising, Youman, Billeter, Daws, Fritz and Larson.

NO: Huber, Janes, Kenney, Simms, Asp, and Fox.

RECUSED: Mudge

ABSENT: Williams

Motion carried. (Placed on file)

- Updates

Griffin advised the Board that there was a construction meeting earlier in the day for the VA and Animal Control project and things are moving along nice. The project should be completed by the middle of June.
Griffin shared that there was also an on-site meeting for Memorial Plaza and another one scheduled for Monday, April 27, 2026.

Road & Bridge

- Petition for County Aid - Leaf River Township Culvert Replacement on Town Line Rd - 26-10124-00-BR - R-2026-0423

Hopkins presented and moved to approve R-2026-0423, 2nd by Reeverts. Motion carried. (Placed on file)

- Petition for County Aid - Leaf River Township Bridge Rehabilitation on Sumner Rd - 24-10123-00-BR - R-2026-0424

Hopkins presented and moved to approve R-2026-0424, 2nd by Fritz. Motion carried. (Placed on file)

- Petition for County Aid - Scott Township Bridge Replacement on Big Mound Rd - 23-22124-00-BR - R-2026-0425

Hopkins presented and moved to approve R-2026-0425, 2nd by Kenney. Motion carried. (Placed on file)

- Award & Appropriation - Big Mound Road Bridge Replacement - 23-22124-00-BR - County Aid to Bridge Fund - R-2026-0426

Hopkins presented and moved to approve R-2026-0426, 2nd by Janes. Billeter recused himself due to family employment. Motion carried. (Placed on file)

- Award & Appropriation - 2026 County Seal Coat Project - 26-00000-02-GM - County Motor Fuel Tax Fund and County Federal Aid Matching Fund - R-2026-0427

Hopkins presented and moved to approved R-2026-0427, 2nd by Reeverts. Motion carried. (Placed on file)

- 2026 Township Seal Coat Project - 26-XX000-00-GM - R-2026-0428

Hopkins presented and moved to approve R-2026-0428, 2nd by Youman. Motion carried. (Placed on file)

- Scott Township - Blackwood Rd - 12-22123-00-SP - R-2026-0429

Hopkins presented and moved to approve R-2026-0429, 2nd by Fritz. Billeter recused himself due to family employment. Motion carried. (Placed on file)

Closed Session

At 6:51 pm, Chairman Larson asked for a motion to go into Closed Session per the Open Meetings Act 5 ILCS 120/2 (c)(11) for Litigation, 5 ILCS 120/2 (c)(6) for Sale or Lease of Property Owned by the Public Body and review and approval of Closed Minutes per 5 ILCS 120/2 (c) - June 17, 2025, June 26, 2025 and January 20, 2026. Motion by Reeverts, 2nd by Nordman.

Roll Call:

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

NO: None

ABSENT: William.

Motion Carried.

Open Session

At 7:37 pm, the County Board returns to Open Session.

Unfinished and New Business: None
Chairman Comments: None
Vice-Chairman Comments: None
Adjournment:

At 7:38 p.m., with no further business Chairman Larson adjourned the meeting until Tuesday, May 19, 2026 at 5:30 p.m. at the Courthouse in Oregon.

Chairman Bruce E. Larson
Ogle County Board

Attest: Rebecca K. Duke, Ogle County Clerk & Recorder
Ex-officio Clerk of the Ogle County Board