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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, Ramsey, Reeverts, Simms and Williams absent. The invocation was given by Reising and was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Consent Agenda Items – by Roll Call Vote

1. Approval of Ogle County Board Meeting Minutes – June 16, 2026
2. Accept Monthly Reports – Treasurer, County Clerk & Recorder and Circuit Clerk
3. Appointments -
    - 9-1-1 ETS Board - Fire/EMS - Charles Clothier - R-2026-0701
    - 9-1-1 ETS Board - Fire/EMS - David Sawlsville - R-2026-0702
    - 9-1-1 ETS Board - Law Enforcement - Jason Clark - R-2026-0703
    - Housing Authority - Linda Monigal - R-2026-0704
    - Mental Health “708” Board - Amanda Jacinto - R-2026-0705
    - Mental Health “708” Board - Monica Benton - R-2026-0706
4. Resignations -
    - Mental Health “708” Board - Jenae Bothe - R-2026-0707
    - Lynn-Scott-Rock FPD - David Vola - R-2026-0708
5. Vacancies -
    - Board of Health – DDS (1 unexpired term)
    - Board of Health (1 vacancy)
    - Housing Authority (1 unexpired term)
    - Mental Health “708” Board (1 unexpired terms)
    - Regional Planning Commission (1 unexpired term)
    - Lynn-Scott-Rock FPD (1 unexpired term)
    - Franklin Grove Fire Protection District (1 vacancy)

Application and Resumé deadline - Thursday, July 31, 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 – June 2026- $233,938.44
    - County Board Payments – $104,338.69
    - County Highway Fund – $78,773.11
7. Communications -
    - Sales Tax Report

A roll call vote is taken:

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

NO: None

ABSENT: Oltmanns, Ramsey, Reeverts, Simms, and Williams.

Gillis recused himself from 9-1-1 ETS Board appointments for Charles Clothier due to being a close friend and David Sawlsville due to employment.

Motion carried.

Nordman presented a data center update to the County Board regarding Ogle County APZ status on Data Centers. Nordman stated that Ogle County conducted a comprehensive review of the Zoning Ordinance in 2025. As part of the review, Ogle County amended the Industrial Zoning (I-1) District to allow 'Conditional Use' for Data Centers. Nordman said that there are currently no applications or future plans for Data Centers in Ogle County. There are some municipalities in or surrounding Ogle County that have/are actively pursuing Data Centers, for example, Rockford and Rochelle, noting that municipal zoning overrides county zoning. Ogle County is actively seeking input from regional and national experts and engaging State Legislators. This ordinance reflects a balance between economic competitiveness, infrastructure protection and resident privacy - recognizing that data centers are long-term facilities with long term impacts.

Zoning - #03-26AM - Tim Oudekerk, 3732 Alquonquin Blvd., Rockford, IL (Owner); and Jerrod Wickler, 451 Jefferson Blvd., Jefferson, GA (Purchaser) - O-2026-0701
Nordman presented an amendment to the Zoning District to rezone from AG-I Agriculture District to R-1 Rural Residence District on the property described as follows, owned by Tim Oudekerk and being purchased by Jerrod Wickler: Part of the Southeast Quarter (SEI/4) of the Southeast Quarter (SEI/4) of Section 35 Byron Township 25 North, Range 10 East of the 4th P.M., Ogle County, IL, 6.45 acres, more or less. PIN: 04-35-400-013 - Common Location: 1500 block of E. Town Line Rd.

Nordman stated that the ZBA passed with a 5-0 vote and APZ with a 9-1 vote. Nordman moved to approve O-2026-0701, 2nd by Billeter. Motion carried. (Placed on file)

Zoning – Relinquishment of Special Use Permit #4-12SU — Rancho La Esperanza - O-2026-0702
Nordman presented O-2026-0702, the relinquishment of Special Use Permit #4-12SU for Rancho La Esperanza, common location: 16989 E. Ritchie Road. It was passed during the APZ meeting 9-0 and approved by the Executive Committee.

Nordman moved to approve O-2026-0702, 2nd by Kenney. Motion carried. (Placed on file)

Zoning - Request of John Northrop for the approval of the Preliminary Plat of a minor subdivision re-plat of Lots 1 & 2 of Hughes Subdivision - O-2026-0703
Nordman presented O-2026-0703, the request for the approval of the preliminary plat of a minor subdivision re-plat of common Location: 909 & 991 N. Arrowhead Lane. The request was passed during the APZ meeting 9-0.

Nordman moved to approve O-2026-0703, 2nd by Griffin. Motion carried. (Placed on file)

Public Comment

- Towner Reed - Reed is an Oregon, Illinois resident. Reed presented the Board with a study from Dr. Ronald N. Kostoff: Data Centers: Examples of Adverse Health and Other Effects. Reed urged the County Board Members to review the information that she provided.
- Karen Moura - Moura is an Ogle County resident. Moura asked for a formal pause on the Data Center projects to do more research. Moura suggested the Board consider looking into smaller businesses that will help support and grow the community.
- Lyle Hopkins - Hopkins stated that the Ogle County Fair is starting next week, and could use some help selling tickets and putting on wristbands.

Reports and Recommendations of Committees

Ethics & Governance

- Repeal and Replace Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) Provisions - O-2026-0704

  Huber presented O-2026-0704, which repeals and replaces Division 6 of Chapter 2 of the Ogle County Code. This portion of the County Code deals with the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA). The minor change addresses the modern electronic means of communication. The Ethics & Governance committee reviewed and approved O-2026-0704 at the regular committee meeting on July 14. Huber moved to approve O-2026-0704, 2nd by Heuer. Motion carried. (Placed on file)

- Ogle County Rules of Order - R-2026-0709

  Huber presented R-2026-0709, the Ogle County Rules of Order. Huber stated that there would not be a vote on this resolution at this time. Huber said the final document will be forwarded to the full County Board for a vote next month.

Executive

- Open Closed Meeting Minutes and Authorization to Destroy Audio Recordings - R-2026-0710

  Larson presented and moved to approve R-2026-0710 to open closed meeting minutes and the authorization to destroy audio recordings, 2nd by Janes. Motion carried. (Placed on file)

- 2027 County Holiday Schedule - R-2026-0711

  Larson presented and moved to approve R-2026-0711 for the 2027 County Holiday Schedule, 2nd by Fritz. Motion carried. (Placed on file)

- Increase Number of A and A-1 Liquor Licenses and Liquor License Fees - O-2026-0705

  Larson presented O-2026-0705 to increase the number of A and A-1 Liquor Licenses and increase liquor license fees, 2nd by Griffin. Motion carried. (Placed on file)

Long Range Planning

- Griffin presented updates regarding Memorial Plaza and VAC office renovations. Griffin stated that Memorial Plaza is nearly finished, there are just a few small items that need to be fixed. All of the benches have been ordered and should be here in 2-3 weeks.
  Griffin said that the VAC is almost complete. A new window is being installed for the reception area of the VAC this week. The ceiling needed to be dropped as well for the lighting. The VAC should be able to move into their new office on July 27th.

Road and Bridge

- Award & Appropriation - Removal of Underground Storage Tanks - 26-00357-00-MG - R-2026-0712

  Hopkins presented R-2026-0712, awarding the project to Stiles, Inc, and appropriate $72,000 out of the County Highway Fund. The appropriation is higher than the original bid, this is to cover contingencies that may arise during the project. Hopkins moved to approve R-2026-0712, 2nd by Fritz. Motion carried. (Placed on file)

Unfinished and New Business:

- Fox stated that a flag will be placed on the Historic Courthouse lawn until the end of the year to inform the community that the VAC has moved.

- Chairman Larson stated that NIU has reached out to a number of local government bodies announcing that they are interested in donating a portion of the Lorado Taft Campus to local government. There was no vote on it, this was just more informative for the Board. Janes asked what committee would be involved in that decision. Larson said at this time he isn't certain.

- Chairman Larson said that they appreciate all the community members and residents that have reached out and made public comments regarding Data Centers. Larson stated that there have been no requests and the County is not currently seeking any Data Centers to be built in Ogle County. In preparation for requests for Data Centers, the County modified their comprehensive zoning code in 2025 to only allow Data Centers in industrial zoned areas. No Data Center can be placed in agricultural, rural, business or residential zoned areas.

- Chairman Larson announced that after 23 years as an Ogle County Board member John 'Skip' Kenney will retire on July 31, 2026. Larson thanked Kenney for his many years of service for the County.

Chairman Comments: None
Vice-Chairman Comments: None

Adjournment:

At 6:17 p.m., with no further business, Janes made a motion, 2nd by Fox to adjourn the meeting until Tuesday, August 18, 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