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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 Fox, Reeverts, and Williams absent. The invocation was given by Poole and followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Presentation: Nick Bava - Sikich - County Audit

Nick Bava presented the Ogle County Board with findings from its Annual Financial Report. For any organization that spends over $1,000,000 in grant dollars, they are required to undergo a Single Audit. In the fiscal year of 2025, Ogle County spent a total of $1,800,000 in grants, $1,200,000 was Federal and roughly $600,000 was State. The major program tested was the American Rescue Plan Act where Sikich reported a clean opinion. Bava thanked Treasurer O'Brien for her involvement and the other departments that they interacted with.

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

1. Approval of Ogle County Board Meeting Minutes – April 2026
2. Accept Monthly Reports – Treasurer, County Clerk & Recorder and Circuit Clerk
3. Appointments -
    - Ashton FPD - Dylan Pitzer - R-2026-0501
    - Farmland Assessment Review Board - Kyle Page - R-2026-0502
4. Resignations -
    - None
5. Vacancies -
    - 9-1-1 ETS Board - Law Enforcement (1 vacancy)
    - 9-1-1 ETS Board - Fire/EMS (2 vacancies)
    - 9-1-1 ETS Board - Rochelle PSAP (1 vacancy)
    - Board of Health DDS (1 unexpired term)
    - Board of Health (2 vacancies)
    - Board of Review (1 vacancy)
    - Byron Museum District (1 vacancy)
    - Housing Authority (2 unexpired term)
    - Franklin Grove Fire Protection District (1 vacancy)

Application and Resumé deadline - Friday, May 29, 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 – April 2026 - $134,408.44
    - County Board Payments – $158,770.10
    - County Highway Fund – $90,596.48
7. Communications -
    - Sales Tax Report

Kenney moved to approve the Consent Agenda, 2nd by Janes. Oltmanns recused himself from Focus House bills due to business interest. Gillis recused himself from Highway bill due to employment reasons. A roll call vote was taken:

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

NO: None

ABSENT: Fox, Reeverts, and Williams.

Motion carried. (Placed on file)

Public Comment

- Aaron Mudge - County Board District 2 - Reminded the Board and Public that Thursday, May 21, 2026, Hope of Ogle County and Shining Star are having the Shining Hope Fundraiser at River's Edge in Oregon at 11:30 am. Tickets can be purchased online for that event. Rock the night for C.A.S.A will be held on June 19th at Luna in Rochelle at 6:00 pm. There will be a silent and live auction.
- Kathy Ullrich - Ullrich is concerned that the data center in Rockford will be affecting Ogle County's water. She also had some questions regarding a zoning ordinance that was passed in the April 2026 Zoning and Planning Commission.
- Towner Reed - Reed presented the County Board with information regarding data centers and how they can not only affect our hearing, but overall health of residents.
- Mary Wilder - Ogle County resident who moved from DeKalb County. She stated that many DeKalb County residents have not seen the benefit in data centers, and doesn't believe that we should approve them to come into Ogle County.
- Janet Buttron - Requested a 2-year moratorium on the new data center development. She wants to protect our land and natural resources that Ogle County has to offer.
- Karen Moura - Ogle County resident for the last 5 years. Read a prepared statement regarding data centers and the negative effects it can have on the County.
- Stephen Opalka - Mount Morris resident read stats from an article called "Data Center Moratorium bills are spreading in 2026" from Good Jobs First, a public policy watchdog non-profit out of Washington D.C.
- Thomas Pacey - Pacey wanted to present the County Board with some feedback on R-2026-0506 regarding the plants chosen for the Memorial Plaza project. The plants chosen, Lysimachia nummularia (Creeping Jenny), is native to Europe and Asia, and is considered an evasive species in the United States. He would like to see that option reconsidered to find something native to the US or Illinois.

Reports and Recommendations of Committees
Ethics and Governance

- Ogle County Committee Guidelines to the Meeting Report Card - O-2026-0501

  Huber presented the final reading of O-2026-0501. Huber stated that this ordinance, when approved, will clarify the use and completion of the meeting report card. This ordinance defines reimbursable meetings and the cost associated with them. The authority for reimbursement is the Chairman of the Ogle County Board and the chairperson of the committee to which the individual is assigned.

  Huber moved to approve O-2026-0501 as presented, 2nd by Heuer.

  Motion carried. (Placed on file)

Finance & Insurance

- Appointing Ogle County Supervisor of Assessments - R-2026-0503

  Billeter presented R-2026-0503 appointing Tricia M. Black as the Supervisor of Assessments for a 4 year term starting July 1, 2026 with a salary of $73,869.

  Billeter moved to approve R-2026-0503 as presented, 2nd by Huber.

  Motion carried. (Placed on file)

H.E.W., Solid Waste & Veterans

- Acceptance of Intergovernmental Delegation Agreement - R-2026-0504

  Simms presented R-2026-0504, to accept the Intergovernmental Delegation Agreement to act on public concerns of human health and the environment in Ogle County. The Illinois Environmental Protection Agency has approved this agreement as well as the H.E.W.

  Simms moved to approve R-2026-0504, 2nd by Mudge.

  Motion carried. (Placed on file)

HR & Risk Management

- Elected Official Salary - Treasurer - O-2026-0502

  Kenney recommends the passage of O-2026-0502, regarding the Treasurer's increase of salary.

  Kenney made a motion for O-2026-0502, 2nd by Simms.

  A roll call vote is taken:

  YES: Fritz, Gillis, Griffin, Heuer, Hopkins, Huber, Janes, Miller, Mudge, Nordman, Oltmanns,

  Poole, Ramsey, Reising, Simms, Youman, Asp, Billeter, and Daws.

  NO: Kenney

  ABSENT: Fox, Reeverts, and Williams.

  The Chairman's name was inadvertently omitted during roll call. The Chair acknowledged the omission after the vote and indicated the outcome was unaffected.

  Motion carried. (Placed on file)

- Elected Official Salary - County Clerk - O-2026-0503

  Kenney moved to approve O-2026-0503, regarding the County Clerk's salary, 2nd by Heuer.

  Kenney requested a roll call vote:

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

  NO: Kenney and Miller

  ABSENT: Fox, Reeverts, and Williams.

  Motion carried. (Placed on file)

Long Range Planning

- Request for Change Order Animal Control and VA Office / AIA - R-2026-0505

  Griffin presented R-2026-0505, requesting a change order to add blocking for sharp containers on the wall for $1,199.88, and adding a dimmer switch, fixtures and outlet/data jack relocation for $3,843.86. The total for the change order is $5,043.73.
  Griffin moved to approve R-2026-0505, 2nd by Oltmanns.

  Motion carried. (Placed on file)

- Request for Change Order Memorial Plaza - Landscaping - R-2026-0506

  Griffin presented R-2026-0506, a change order for the landscaping for Memorial Plaza. The amount for the change is $4191.00, which will leave $3,809.00 in the contingency.

  Griffin moved to approve R-2026-0506, 2nd by Janes.

  Ramsey asked why the Creeping Jenny was chosen since it is not native to the area. Griffin responded that during their research, they didn't want to put anything too high in the planters due to the Eagle Statue that will be going in, and Creeping Jenny is very low maintenance. Heuer stated that they were given three options to choose from. From those options Creeping Jenny was the lowest maintenance and has the best visibility for the new statue.

  Motion carried. (Placed on file)

- Request for Change Order Memorial Plaza - Eagle Statue / AIA - R-2026-0507

  Griffin presented R-2026-0507, requesting the approval to purchase the Eagle Statue for Memorial Plaza for $4,476.10. There is $3,809.00 left in the contingency to finish the project, if passed $667.10 will come out of the Long Range Fund.

  Griffin moved to approve R-2026-0507, 2nd by Mudge.

  Motion carried. (Placed on file)

- Updates

  Griffin provided updates on the projects. The Pines road project is going well, the doors are in, the hardware and flooring will be in this week. Project is expected to be complete around May 29th, 2026 and then they will move to the Historic Courthouse to start renovations.

Road & Bridge

- Preliminary Engineering Services Agreement for Limekiln Road Bridge; Rockvale Township - 24-21135-00-BR - R-2026-0508

  Hopkins presented and moved to approve R-2026-0508 with Willett, Hoffman and Associates, 2nd by Fritz. Larson recused himself due to family employment.

  Motion carried. (Placed on file)

  Hopkins added due to the weather this year the current projects are moving along and if there are any roads closed, they will be open as soon as the projects are done.

Closed Session:

At 6:35 pm, Chairman Larson asked for a motion to go into Closed Session per the Open Meetings Act 5 ILCS 120/2 (c) for appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees / specific individuals and review and approval of Closed Minutes per 5 ILCS 120/2 (C) - June 17, 2025; June 26, 2025; January 20, 2026; and April 21, 2026. Motion by Kenney, 2nd by Janes.

Roll Call:

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

NO: None

ABSENT: Fox, Reeverts, and Williams.

Open Session:

At 6:46 pm, the County Board returns to Open Session.

- Approval of Closed Minutes - June 17, 2025; June 26, 2025; January 20, 2026; and April 21, 2026 (Subject to State's Attorney Review of Closed Minutes)

  Motion by Heuer to approve the closed minutes as presented, 2nd by Griffin.

  Motion carried. (Placed on file)

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

At 6:47 p.m., with no further business Chairman Larson adjourned the meeting until Tuesday, June 16, 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