

Proceedings of the Ogle County Board Meeting

August 18, 2020

(Remote attendance due to COVID-19 crisis)

State of Illinois)
County of Ogle) ss

Call to Order

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

Roll Call

The roll call shows Heuer (5:32) is absent. The invocation is given by Smith and followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Presentation - Kyle Auman, Ogle County Health Department Administrator - COVID-19 Update

Auman shared that to date 18.2% of the Ogle County population has been tested. Auman stated since the beginning of March there have been 8,726 negative, 451 positive, 5 deaths, 1 being hospitalized, and 427 recovered. Auman shared there are 8 different indicators for the County that IDPH is helping them to track. Auman expressed Ogle County is at a Warning level for the “*per 100,000 new case*” indicator. Ogle is at a 77/100,000 new cases. Auman stated anything over 50/100,000 is considered a warning level by the State. Due to the Warning level, Auman said the case numbers are being watched carefully. Auman did clarify that the 77/100,000 number is what was recorded from last week, since the new numbers haven’t been reported yet.

Auman shared that the Health Department is still staying in close communication with the surrounding schools with guidelines and recommendations. There have been a few schools that have gone back to in person learning and the Health Department is seeing COVID related activity in those facilities already. The Health Department currently has contact tracers that have been working with those sectors to contact, trace, isolate, and quarantine those who may be possible exposures. Two of the 7 tracers they have will be in contact and working closely with the schools.

Auman also shared that the State has added two new metrics to the 8 indicators they have been using for COVID tracking. The State is asking the additional monitoring of Rapid Case Rise (large increase in number of cases within one day) and Youth Infection Rate (due to schools being back in session). Auman shared the Health Department will be providing each school with at least a couple boxes to each school to help. Auman expressed the keeping the testing rates high and then quarantining those positive cases is the best way to prevent the spread.

Chairman Finfrock thanked Auman for the work they have been doing to monitor and stay on top of the pandemic.

Whalen asked if the information that Auman was sharing was being posted somewhere on the Health Departments website for people to view. Auman explained that all of the information that he had shared this evening and the last Board meeting was posted on the IDPH website. Once on the COVID-19 page you have the ability to view things in a Regional or County metric. He also stated that the links to the information are on the Health Department Facebook page as well.

Reising asked if someone has been exposed to someone who has tested positive where do they go to get tested. Auman shared there are two testing sites in Rockford and a site in Rochelle and KSB. The Rockford locations currently test anyone who comes and the locations in Ogle County are only testing those who meet a certain criteria to be tested. If you have been exposed to someone your best bet would be to go to the Rockford locations since the ones around here will not test an asymptomatic person. Auman shared that he has tried to get a State run testing site in Ogle County, but the previous attempts have failed. Obviously the clinics around here would be able to test but you would need to work with your doctor.

Whalen asked would support of the County Board help with the chances of getting a State run testing site. Auman says the first round was a grant opportunity that was applied for with a partnership with KSB. Part of the issue for not being chosen was KSB ended up backing out due to their capability of capacity. There is always a chance for a mobile testing location but that obviously is just a temporary, one time testing location. The Health Department is still looking into what they can offer to the County.

Chairman Finfrock shared that if a letter of support from the County Board would help with the process we would be more than happy to support them.

Consent Agenda Items – by Roll Call Vote

1. Approval of July 21, 2020 Ogle County Board Meeting
2. Accept Monthly Reports – Treasurer, County Clerk & Recorder and Circuit Clerk
3. Appointments - None
4. Resignations - None
5. Vacancies -
 - o Zoning Board of Appeals (Alternate 1) - 1 Vacancy
 - o Board of Health - 1 Vacancy
 - o Mental Health 708 Board - 2 Vacancies
 - o Housing Authority Board - 1 Vacancy
 - o Franklin Grove Fire Protection District - 1 Vacancy
 - Application and Resumé deadline – Friday, August 28th, 2020, at 4:30 p.m. in the County Clerk’s Office located at 105 S. 5th St – Suite 104, Oregon, IL
 - o Housing Authority Board -1 Vacancy
 - Application and Resumé deadline – Friday, October 2nd, 2020, 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 –
 - o Department Claims - July 2020 - \$93,352.28
 - o County Board Payments – \$75,153.42
 - o County Highway Fund – \$25,482.58
7. Communications -
 - o Sales Tax for May 2019 \$32,453.39 and \$84,801.68
 - o Sales Tax for May 2020 \$22,169.49 and \$72,127.75

Bower moves to approve the Consent Agenda and Nordman seconds and Roll Call was taken:

YES: Sparrow, Sulser, Typer, Whalen, Youman, Asp, Billeter, Boes, Bowers, Corbitt, Droege, Fox, Fritz, Griffin, Heuer, Hopkins, Janes, Kenney, McKinney, Nordman, Oltmanns, Reising, Smith, and Finfrock

NO: None

ABSENT: None

Motion carries on roll call vote. (Placed on file)

Zoning - #003-20AM - Ballard - O-2020-0801

Fritz presents #003-20 AMENDMENT – Daniel C. Miller, 1043 Parkview Dr., Rochelle, IL; and Brian W. & Caroline Ballard, 3333 N. Seminary Ave., #1, Chicago, IL for an Amendment to the Zoning District to rezone from AG-1 Agricultural District to IA Intermediate Agricultural District on property described as follows, owned by Daniel C. Miller and being purchased by Brian W. & Caroline Ballard: Part of the Southeast Quarter (SE1/4) of the Southeast Quarter (SE1/4) of Section 31, Township 25 North, Range 9 East of the 4th P.M., Maryland Township; and part of G.L. 2 of the Northeast Quarter (NE1/4) Fractional Section 6, Township 24N, Range 9 East of the 4th P.M., Mt. Morris Township, Ogle County, IL, 10.0 acres, more or less - P.I.N.: 03-31-400-007 & 08-06-200-007 - Common Location: 8060 W. Town Line Rd.

Fritz moves to approve 0-2020-0801, Bowers seconds and roll call was taken:

Youman shared that he believes that the policy needs to be reviewed to help explain process on decisions such as these. Chairman Finfrock explained that concerns or clarity would need to be discussed at the Zoning Board of Appeals committee at their monthly meeting. Chairman Finfrock also shared that if Youman was uncomfortable with it he certainly has the right to vote against the Ordinance.

YES: Sulser, Typer, Whalen, Youman, Asp, Billeter, Boes, Bowers, Corbitt, Droege, Fox, Fritz, Griffin, Heuer, Hopkins, Janes, Kenney, McKinney, Nordman, Oltmanns, Reising, Smith, Sparrow, and Finfrock

NO: None

ABSENT: None

Motion carries on roll call vote. (Placed on file)

Zoning - #004-20AM - Cox - O-2020-0802

Fritz presents #004-20 AMENDMENT - Marty & Christie Cox, 5680 S. Bogey Dr., Polo, IL for an Amendment to the Zoning District to rezone from AG-1 Agricultural District to IA Intermediate Agricultural District (30.75 acres; more or less); and R-1 Rural Residential District (5.0 acres, more or less) on property described as follows and owned by the petitioners: Part of the East Half (E1/2) of the Southwest Quarter (SW1/4) of Section 35, Township 23 North, Range 8 East of the 4th P.M., Woosung Township, Ogle County, IL, 35.75 acres, more or less - P.I.N.: 14-35-326-007 - Common Location: 5680 S. Bogey Dr.

Fritz moves to approve 0-2020-0802, Hopkins seconds and roll call was taken:

Heuer, Whalen, and Youman expressed their concern with this Ordinance being passed and the possibility of holding this over until they can reach further clarity on the use of the property.

Reising stated that the Board has to go by the sworn testimony by the ZBA and that the Board cannot go out and get more information without the petition going back to the ZBA for another hearing.

Nordman shared that it is not the responsibility of the County Board to tell people what they can and cannot do with their properties. Nordman stated the purpose of the County Board isn't to determine what someone may or may not do with their property. Nordman expressed it is the Zoning Board of Appeals purpose to do the questioning and then provide the County Board with their recommendation based on it.

Sulser asked what the ZBA vote was. Fritz shared that this passed Zoning Board 5 to nothing.

Griffin calls for question and roll call was taken:

YES: Typer, Asp, Billeter, Boes, Bowers, Corbitt, Droege, Fox, Fritz, Griffin, Hopkins, Janes, Kenney, McKinney, Nordman, Oltmanns, Smith, Sparrow, Sulser, and Finrock

NO: Whalen, Youman and Heuer

ABSTENSIONS: Reising (clients of his)

ABSENT: None

Motion carries on roll call vote. (Placed on file)

Public Comment –

Bowers reminded the H.E.W. Committee of the all-day funding meeting next week.

County Clerk & Recorder, Laura J Cook thanked Tom Richter from OEMA and David Adler for providing PPE supplies for the coming election. Cook stated they were able to provide face shields, face masks and gloves for the judges.

Oltmanns took a moment to thank First Responders and the Sheriff's office for the diligence and hard work with all the storms that just went through Ogle County recently. Oltmanns shared how fortunate the County is to have such dedicated individuals to fill these positions.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

The following committee minutes have been placed on exhibit: 911 ETS, County Facilities, County IT, County Security, Executive, Finance and Insurance, HEW & Solid Waste and Veterans, Judiciary and Circuit Clerk, Long Range and Strategic Planning, Personnel and Salary, Road & Bridge, and State's Attorney – Court Services – FOCUS House.

• **Finance & Insurance:**

○ Amended Holiday Schedule – R-2020-0801

Sparrow presents and moves to approve R-2020-0801 amending the Ogle County Holiday schedule to add Tuesday, November 3rd as General Election Holiday. Whalen seconds and roll call was taken:

Sparrow explained that this is temporary for this election due to COVID. Smith asked since this is an unfunded mandate could this come out of the CARES/COVID grant monies and Chairman Finrock said that is something they can look into.

YES: Whalen, Youman, Asp, Boes, Bowers, Corbitt, Droege, Fox, Fritz, Griffin, Heuer, Janes, McKinney, Nordman, Reising, Smith, and Sparrow

NO: Billeter, Hopkins, Kenney, Oltmanns, Sulser, Typer, and Finrock

ABSENT: None

Motion carries on roll call vote. (Placed on file)

- **Long Range Planning:**

- Long Range Invoices – R-2020-0802

Griffin presents R-2020-0802 for the following bills:

<u>VENDOR NAME</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
Gilbane	Construction Management Services - July 2020 Inv #25	\$ 754,830.62
Hellmuch, Obata & Kassabaum, Inc	Invoice # Professional Services through July 31, 2020 - Construction Administration & Reimbursable Expenses	\$ 21,262.50
LeJar Building Fund	Lease Payment - 313 W. Washington St., Oregon, September, 2020	\$ 1,200.00
NiCor	Service Dates 6/5/20-7/7/20 - 601 W Washington St., Oregon Meter# 5031497	\$ 2,382.53

TOTAL: \$ 779,675.65

Griffin presents and moves to approve R-2020-0802 for \$779,675.65, Janes seconds and roll call was taken:

YES: Youman, Asp, Billeter, Boes, Bowers, Corbitt, Droege, Fox, Fritz, Griffin, Heuer, Hopkins, Janes, Kenney, McKinney, Nordman, Oltmanns, Reising, Smith, Sparrow, Sulser, Typer, Whalen, and Finrock

NO: None

ABSENT: None

Motion carries on roll call vote. (Placed on file)

- Project Update: Gilbane

Jeremy Roling shared to date there have been 80,000 man hours on the Judicial Center with roughly 3,000 hours this month. Roling shared they are starting to wrap projects up and are being able to start collecting closeout documentation from different contractors. The shingles have been finished and marked completed as of today. The metal panels will be delivered next week, Monday. Three of the seven air handlers are up and running and tomorrow the others will be started up. Light fixtures are 90% complete throughout and the drop ceilings are starting to be installed. The final installation steps of the security system is being installed late next week. Roling also shared that soon we will begin to see the barrier fencing being taken down so that the sidewalks and curbing work can be started.

Smith asked that with the completion of the 80,000 man hours how many more hours to you foresee until completed. Roling shared he was guessing that is was going to be roughly 10,000 to 12,000 more.

Unfinished Business & New Business:

Chairman Finrock shared that an email was sent to all Board members earlier that day pertaining to the Noise Ordinance that Vice-Chairman Nordman would be discussing.

Vice-Chairwoman Nordman shared with an increase in noise complaints within the last 4/5 months it has caused the County to have to look into a Noise Ordinance. Nordman shared that the only type of Noise Ordinance the County currently has is a “*Barking Dog Ordinance*” and that cannot be applied here. With the help of Sheriff VanVickle, Health Administrator - Kyle Auman, Planning and Zoning Administrator – Harry Adams, and State’s Attorney Morrow, a rough idea of a Noise Ordinance was able to be drafted to be discussed this evening with the County Board.

Nordman stated the idea is to allow this Ordinance to be enforced independently or jointly through the Sheriff’s office, Health Department or Planning and Zoning. The draft explains the parameters, times, and the process of complaints being made in the County.

Smith asked if this Noise Ordinance was going to be tied in with the Liquor License Commission in some way. Smith shared he would understand that venues providing services that would fall under the jurisdiction of the Ordinance would need to have a Liquor License. Smith stated that this maybe another

way that the County could enforce complaints. Chairman Finfrock stated that was being looked into the logistics of that.

Billeter asked about the concern of how this will affect the Byron Dragway. Noting the noise he was specifically be discussing would be the noise from the PA system and not necessarily the car noises. Billeter wanted to make sure that the Dragway would be exempt of the Noise Ordinance since that was what he understood. Nordman stated that she didn't think a PA system announcement would fall under the Noise Ordinance but State's Attorney Morrow could clarify that.

Whalen question the verbiage in Section 5 that states, "... jurisdiction in violating this or not. . ." what that means. State's Attorney Morrow shared that the Board just needs to get the Ordinance to where they would like it as far as a policy standpoint and then the verbiage will be cleaned up after that. As far as the amplified announcement goes those items will need to be clarified within the policy.

Nordman made sure the Board understood this Ordinance would be used for permanent establishments and not be applied to temporary events.

Typer also stated that with the specific hours being listed in the Ordinance that would mean any other events that took place outside of those time frames wouldn't be even considered.

Asp asked if the Ordinance could include a decibel level. Nordman shared that the Sheriff was opposed to that option because of equipment variations and training needing to be done for anyone who will be "enforcing" a complaint.

Finfrock asked the Board Members input for the Ordinance and if they had questions or suggestions to please send them to Nordman.

Chairman Comments:

Chairman Finfrock reminded the County Board members to get their meeting report cards to Tiffany, in the County Clerk's Office no later than Friday.

Chairman Finfrock also expressed his eagerness to get back to in-person meetings and that in order to accomplish that we need to continue to be careful and responsible.

Vice-Chairwoman Comments:

Continue to be safe.

Adjourn Meeting

At 6:42 p.m., with no further business Chairman Finfrock adjourns the meeting until Tuesday, September 15, 2020 at 5:30 p.m. at the Courthouse in Oregon.

Chairman, John Finfrock
Ogle County Board

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