

**Proceedings of the Ogle County Board Meeting  
December 21, 2021**

(Remote attendance due to COVID-19)

State of Illinois    )  
County of Ogle    ) ss

**Call to Order**

Chairman John Finfrock calls the meeting to order at 5:32 p.m.

**Roll Call**

The roll call Williams is absent. The invocation is given by Kenney and followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Public Hearing - Bond Abatement - O-2021-1201**

"AN ORDINANCE abating the taxes heretofore levied for the year 2021 to pay debt service on \$9,705,000 General Obligation Bonds (Alternate Revenue Source), Series 2018, \$4,760,000 General Obligation Bonds (Alternate Revenue Source), Series 2019, and \$6,523,000 General Obligation Bonds (Alternate Revenue Source), Series 2020."

Sparrow moved to approve O-2020-1201, Kenney seconds and roll call is taken:

YES: Kenney, Larson, McKinney, Miller, Nordman, Oltmanns, Reising, Smith, Sparrow, Youman Asp, Billeter, Bowers, Corbitt, Droege, Fox, Fritz, Griffin, Heuer, Hopkins, Huber, Janes, and Finfrock

NO: None

ABSENT: Williams

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

**Consent Agenda Items – by Roll Call Vote**

1. Approval of Ogle County Board Meeting Minutes - November 16, 2021
2. Accept Monthly Reports –Treasurer, County Clerk & Recorder and Circuit Clerk
3. Appointments -
  - Phil DeMik - 911 ETSB - R-2021-1202
  - Marcella Haushahn - 708 Mental Health Board - R-2021-1203
4. Resignations - None
5. Vacancies -
  - Board of Health - 1 vacancy (unexpired term)
  - Mental Health 708 Board - 2 vacancies (unexpired terms)
  - Mental Health 708 - 1 vacancy (full term)
  - Franklin Grove Fire Protection District - 1 vacancy

Application and Resumé deadline – Friday, December 30, 2021, 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 –
  - Department Claims - November 2021 - \$218,628.51
  - County Board Payments – \$116,315.99
  - County Highway Fund – \$14,077.73
7. Communications
  - Sales Tax - September 2020 \$19,285.76 and \$89,024.65
  - Sales Tax - September 2021 \$61,203.21 and \$107,790.91
  - ComEd Vegetation Management
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Oltmanns abstained from line item 5114 under Finance General Fund Contingencies. The vender is Northern Illinois CPR and First Aid. Oltmanns state he has ownership in this business.

Sparrow moved to approve the Consent Agenda, Nordman seconds and roll call is taken:

YES: Asp, Billeter, Bowers, Corbitt, Droege, Fox, Fritz, Griffin, Heuer, Hopkins, Huber, Janes, Kenney, Larson, McKinney, Miller, Nordman, Oltmanns, Reising, Smith, Sparrow, Youman, and Finfrock

NO: None

ABSENT: Williams

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

### **Zoning - Repeal Ogle County Zoning Map Amendment and Special Use Procedure - Zoning Board of Appeals (O -2018-1201) - O-2021-1206**

Fritz presented and moved to approve O-2021-1206 and Janes seconds.

Corbitt states she isn't sure how the procedures on Zoning Laws work with State Statutes but, in a municipality a notice has to be put in the paper and allow 30 days for citizens to review what is being proposed.

State's Attorney Mike Rock will check into this since he was to the understanding we are not changing Zoning Laws but just changing the wording to allow for taking items back for oversight.

Youman shared this isn't really affecting petitions approved by ZBA but rather enhancing the process. This is a way to get the information back as far as what the Regional Planning Commission and the Zoning Board of Appeals have voted on during their meetings so the County Board can have the background information.

State's Attorney Rock, clarified we are not changing our Zoning laws or anything else. It will be going back to Committee just for some oversight and there will be no vote from them either.

Fox stated he was part of the Solar AD HOC Review Committee that originally worked on this Ordinance in 2018. Fox stated this was the number of recommendations of the Committee. In the original discussion when the item was to go back to the Committee they would not be voting on anything.

Youman stated that they cannot overturn the decision of the ZBA. He personally doesn't think the "voting" term really matters since the County Board only agrees to follow what the ZBA is recommending.

Fox stated that he absolutely agrees with the oversight and conversations just not that the Committee can vote on the item.

Larson stated that since he is so new to the Board he wanted to clarify if the County Board has even been following the Ordinance that was passed in 2018 in their processes.

Finfrock stated to the best of his knowledge it hasn't and maybe it is because of changing in Department Heads and the original understanding of what was set in place.

Heuer stated that the County Board decision should only be based on State which states we can only hear the testimony from the ZBA and not the recommendations or conversations of other Committee's before the County Board vote. After the ZBA there are only opinions and that should not sway the decisions of the County Board.

Youman commented he is very aware of the State Statute and he has not found verbiage that stated that directly but would be willing to have that line pointed out to him for discussion.

Fox moved to amend the motion, to remove the words "*committee vote*" from the final paragraph of O-2021-1206, Heuer seconds and roll call is taken:

YES: Larson, McKinney, Nordman, Sparrow, Asp, Billeter, Bowers, Fox, Heuer, Hopkins, Huber, and Kenney

NO: Miller, Oltmanns, Reising, Smith, Youman, Corbitt, Droege, Fritz, Griffin, Janes, and Finfrock

ABSENT: Williams

Motion carried on roll call vote.

Reising stated taking away the committee right to vote and recommend to the County Board the entire amendment is now worthless.

Roll call on the Motion as Amended:

YES: Nordman, Oltmanns, Sparrow, Youman, Billeter, Bowers, Fox, Fritz, Griffin, Heuer, Hopkins, Huber, Janes, Kenney and Larson

NO: McKinney, Miller, Reising, Smith, Asp, Corbitt, Droege, and Finfrock

ABSENT: Williams

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

### **Zoning - TEXT AMENDMENT - O-2021-1202**

#007-20 TEXT AMENDMENT - Harry Adams, Ogle County Planning & Zoning Administrator, under the direction of the Planning & Zoning Committee of the Ogle County Board for an Amendment to the text of the *Ogle County Amendatory Zoning Ordinance*, as follows:

1. Division 2, Section 16-2-2: Rules and Definitions
2. Division 5, Section 16-5-1: AG-1 Agricultural District
3. Division 5, Section 16-5-2: AG-2 Expanded Use Agricultural District (new)
4. Division 5, Section 16-5-10: I-1 Industrial District

Fritz presented and moved to table O-2021-1202 until next County Board meeting, Sparrow seconds.

Fritz asked if there are any questions to send them by e-mail before the next meeting to keep things moving in a timely fashion.

Corbitt stated she has had more calls about this than any issue while on the Board and most of them have not been positive.

Roll call is taken:

YES: Miller, Nordman, Oltmanns, Reising, Smith, Sparrow, Youman, Asp, Billeter, Bowers, Corbitt, Droege, Fox, Fritz, Griffin, Heuer, Hopkins, Huber, Janes, Kenney, Larson, McKinney, and Finfrock

NO: None

ABSENT: Williams

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

### **Public Comment –**

Keith Poole, a Polo resident and current President of the Ogle County Farm Bureau. Poole brought his deep concern with the Text Amendment. Poole commented his reasons based both on his current position as the President and reasons as a resident and farm land owner.

Dan Death, also commented on reasons he believes that the Text Amendment is being passed but isn't necessary for anything other than red tape and excessive fees that are unnecessary.

Heather Lalor, started off by thanking the County Board for their diligence work in regards to the Solar Farm issue. Lalor said that there was a lot of misinformation and outright lies but the County Board dug in and made sure they were aware before making decisions regarding the process. Lalor commented that the people of Ogle County are asking the County Board to again step in and make sure that the right thing is done with this Text Amendment.

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

The following committee minutes have been placed on exhibit: 911 ETS, County Facilities - County Security - County IT, Executive, Finance and Insurance, HEW & Solid Waste and Veterans, Long Range and Strategic Planning, Mental Health 708 Board, Personnel and Salary, Road & Bridge, State's Attorney – Court Services – FOCUS House - Judiciary & Circuit Clerk, and Supervisor of Assessments and Planning & Zoning.

- **Executive**

- Amend Holiday Schedule FY22 - R-2021-1204

Smith presented and moved to approve R-2021-1204 to add Juneteenth to the Holiday Schedule and Kenney seconds. Roll call is taken:

YES: Miller, Nordman, Smith, Sparrow, Asp, Billeter, Bowers, Corbitt, Droege, Fox, Fritz, Griffin, Heuer, Huber, Larson, McKinney and Finfrock

NO: Oltmanns, Reising, Youman, Hopkins, Janes and Kenney

ABSENT: Williams

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

- Amend Liquor Ordinance – Video Gaming Terminals - O-2021-1203

Sparrow presented and moved to approve O-2021-1203 to increase the number of video gaming terminals to 6. Nordman seconds. Roll call was taken:

YES: Oltmanns, Smith, Sparrow, Billeter, Bowers, Corbitt, Droege, Fritz, Griffin, Heuer, Huber, Kenney, Larson, McKinney, Miller, Nordman and Finfrock

NO: Reising, Youman, Asp, Fritz, Heuer, Hopkins, Janes and McKinney

ABSENT: Williams

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

- Electrical Aggregation - R-2021-1213

Griffin presented and moved to approve R-2021-1213 for a 3-year contract starting July 2022 with Dynege at a rate of \$.6567 and Youman seconds. Roll call is taken:

YES: Reising, Smith, Sparrow, Youman, Asp, Billeter, Bowers, Corbitt, Droege, Fox, Fritz, Griffin, Heuer, Hopkins, Huber, Janes, Kenney, Larson, McKinney, Miller, Nordman, Oltmanns and Finfrock

NO: None

ABSENT: Williams

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

- **Finance & Insurance**

- FY2021 Budget Amendment General Fund - O-2021-1204

Sparrow presented and moved to approve O-2021-1204, Nordman seconds. Roll Call is taken:

YES: Smith, Sparrow, Youman, Asp, Billeter, Bowers, Corbitt, Droege, Fox, Fritz, Griffin, Heuer, Hopkins, Huber, Janes, Kenney, Larson, McKinney, Miller, Nordman, Oltmanns, and Reising

NO: Finfrock

ABSENT: Williams

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

- FY2021 Budget Amendment – Special Funds - O-2021-1205

Sparrow presented and moved to approve O-2021-1205, Kenney seconds. Roll Call is taken:

YES: Sparrow, Youman, Asp, Billeter, Bowers, Corbitt, Droege, Fox, Fritz, Griffin, Heuer, Hopkins, Huber, Janes, Kenney, Larson, McKinney, Miller, Nordman, Oltmanns, Reising, Smith and Finfrock

NO: None

ABSENT: Williams

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

- Ogle County as Trustee - 22-09-128-005 – R-2021-1205

Sparrow presented and moved to R-2021-1205, Oltmanns seconds. Roll Call is taken:

YES: Youman, Asp, Billeter, Bowers, Corbitt, Droege, Fox, Fritz, Griffin, Heuer, Hopkins, Huber, Janes, Kenney, Larson, McKinney, Miller, Nordman, Oltmanns, Reising, Smith, Sparrow and Finfrock

NO: None

ABSENT: Williams

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

- ARPA Recommendations - R-2021-1206

Sparrow presented and moved to approve O-2021-1206 for a total of \$198,806.11, Griffin seconds. Roll Call is taken:

YES: Asp, Billeter, Bowers, Corbitt, Droege, Fox, Fritz, Griffin, Heuer, Hopkins, Huber, Janes, Kenney, Larson, McKinney, Nordman, Oltmanns, Reising, Smith, Sparrow and Youman

NO: Miller and Finfrock

ABSENT: Williams

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

- Economic Development Consulting Contract - R-2021-1207

Sparrow presented and moved to approve R-2021-1207 for with Manheim & Associates and Kenney seconds.

Sparrow explained Chris Manheim will be contracted at \$100 an hour, ten hours a week, 40 hours a month there will be an administrative support person for 18 hours. The contract also includes providing them with some office space up by the Chairman's office.

Roll call is taken:

YES: Billeter, Corbitt, Droege, Fox, Fritz, Griffin, Heuer, Hopkins, Huber, Janes, Kenney, Larson, McKinney, Miller, Nordman, Oltmanns, Reising, Smith, Sparrow, Youman, Asp and Finfrock

NO: Bowers

ABSENT: Williams

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

- Election Precinct Changes - Forreton Township - R-2021-1208

Griffin presented and moved to approve R-2021-1208 and Nordman seconds. Roll Call is taken:

YES: Bowers, Corbitt, Droege, Fox, Fritz, Griffin, Heuer, Hopkins, Huber, Janes, Kenney, Larson, McKinney, Miller, Nordman, Oltmanns, Reising, Smith, Sparrow, Youman, Asp, Billeter, and Finfrock

NO: None

ABSENT: Williams

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

- **Long Range**

- Solar Project Update

Griffin provided an update that there is a slight hold up in the Illinois Energy Program. Things are now back online and able to move forward. The first phase for Internet with ComEd and was approved last week. The next step is to apply to SREC for a credit for doing Solar on the Judicial Center Annex. This credit is roughly \$59,000 towards the project. Once the rebate is approved then the County will be able to know what the amount will be allowed for the contracting of the project.

- Solar Project SREC Contract - R-2021-1209

Griffin presented and moved to approve R-2021-1209 for \$3,950.96, Janes seconds. Roll Call is taken:

YES: Corbitt, Droege, Fox, Fritz, Griffin, Heuer, Hopkins, Huber, Janes, Kenney, Larson, McKinney, Miller, Nordman, Oltmanns, Reising, Sparrow, Youman, Asp, Billeter, Bowers, and Finfrock

NO: None

ABSENT: Smith and Williams

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

- **Road & Bridge**

- 2022 Motor Fuel Tax Maintenance - 22-00000-00-GM – R-2021-1210

Hopkins presented and moved to approve R-2021-1210 for \$1,293,000 out of the Motor Fuel Tax Fund for general maintenance during 2022, Oltmanns seconds. Roll Call is taken:

YES: Droege, Fox, Fritz, Griffin, Heuer, Hopkins, Huber, Janes, Kenney, Larson, McKinney, Miller, Nordman, Oltmanns, Reising, Sparrow, Youman, Asp, Billeter, Bowers, Corbitt, and Finfrock

NO: None

ABSENT: Smith and Williams

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

- County Engineer Salary - 22-0000-00-CS - R-2021-1211

Hopkins presented and moved to approve R-2021-1211 for a 2% increase for County Engineer's salary in 2022, Sparrow seconds. Roll Call is taken:

YES: Fox, Fritz, Griffin, Heuer, Hopkins, Huber, Janes, Kenney, Larson, McKinney, Miller, Nordman, Oltmanns, Reising, Sparrow, Youman, Asp, Billeter, Bowers, Corbitt, Droege and Finfrock

NO: None

ABSENT: Smith and Williams

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

- **State's Attorney - Court Services - FOCUS House - Judiciary & Circuit Clerk**

- Appellate Prosecutor - R-2021-1212

Corbitt presented and moved to approve R-2021-1212 as presented, Kenney seconds. Roll Call is taken:

YES: Fritz, Griffin, Heuer, Hopkins, Huber, Janes, Kenney, Larson, McKinney, Miller, Nordman, Oltmanns, Reising, Sparrow, Youman, Asp, Billeter, Bowers, Corbitt, Droege, and Finfrock

NO: None

ABSENT: Fox, Smith and Williams

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

**Unfinished Business & New Business:** None

**Chairman Comments:**

Have a safe and happy holiday with friends and family. Thank you for hanging in there with us we really do appreciated it.

**Vice-Chairwoman Comments:**

**Adjourn Meeting**

At 6:02 p.m., with no further business Vice-Chairwoman Nordman adjourns the meeting until Monday, January 18, 2022 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