

**Proceedings of the Ogle County Board Meeting
July 20, 2021**

State of Illinois)
County of Ogle) ss

Call to Order

Chairman John Finfrock calls the meeting to order at 5:31 p.m.

Roll Call

The roll call shows all members are present. The invocation is given by Heuer and followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

PUBLIC HEARING GRANTS:

Closeout of Downtown Small Business Stabilization Program through the Community Development Block Group Fund offered by the Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity:

Chairman Finfrock opened the County of Ogle, County Board Public Hearing on the Closeout of Downstate Small Business Stabilization Program through the Community Development Block Group funds offered by the Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity at 5:34 p.m. at the Ogle County Courthouse County Board Room located in Oregon, Illinois.

The County applied and was awarded \$38,000.00 to distribute to the following approved applicants:

1. Dogwood Inn in the amount of \$10,000.00;
2. National Bus Trader, Inc. in the amount of \$25,000.00;
3. Public Auction Service in the amount of \$3,000.00.

Chairman Finfrock opened the floor for questions from the County Board Members and Public. With no further questions or comments Chairman Finfrock closed the Public Hearing for the Closeout of Downstate Small Business Stabilization Program through the Community Development Block Group funds offered by the Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity Public Hearing at 5:35 p.m.

Board Member Sparrow moved to adjourn the Public Hearing, seconded by Board Member Nordman to adjourn at 5:35 p.m. Roll Call was taken:

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

NO: None

ABSENT: None

Motion carries on roll call vote.

Presentation - Dedication of Portrait in honor of Maggie Nye – R-2021-0705

Smith presents and moves to approve R-2021-0705 honoring Nye for her dedication and service to the County and Bowers seconds.

Motion carries. (Placed on file)

Presentation – Presentation & Recognition of Service of Marty Typer – R-2021-0706

Chairman Finfrock presents and moves to approve R-2021-0706 and Griffin seconds.

Motion carries. (Placed on file)

Presentation - Kyle Auman, Health Department Administrator - COVID-19

Auman shared we have a 2.9% positivity rating and Regional Positivity rate is at 2.4%. The Health Department has administered 43,527 doses and has completely vaccinated 21,785 individuals of the county population. Auman shared the Health Department is now in discussions with schools regarding masking mandates for the upcoming school year but haven't made a final decision yet since the State hasn't released guidelines. There will be more vaccination opportunities for school aged children before around school starting time.

Auman said the Heath Department is no longer scheduling mass vaccination clinics due to the lack of turn out. They have decided to continue vaccination location by appointment only. Vaccination appointments can be made Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday from 9 am until 4 pm in either the Oregon or Rochelle locations.

Presentation –

Heuer introduces Sterling Taylor, Executive Director of Soil and Water Conservation District, who introduced Alexa Rutherford to the Board. Rutherford is the Precision Conservation Specialist for Boone, DeKalb, Lee, Ogle and Winnebago Counties.

Consent Agenda Items – by Roll Call Vote

1. Approval of Ogle County Board Meeting Minutes – June 15, 2021
2. Accept Monthly Reports –Treasurer, County Clerk & Recorder and Circuit Clerk
3. Appointments -
 1. Cindy Storz - Byron Museum District - R-2021-0701
 2. Ryan Reeverts - Planning Commission - R-2021-0702
4. Resignations - None
5. Vacancies -
 - o 911 ETS Board (Fire/EMS) - 1 vacancy (unexpired term)
 - o Board of Health - 1 vacancy (unexpired term)
 - o Mental Health 708 Board - 3 vacancies (unexpired term)
 - o Planning Commission - 1 vacancy (unexpired term)
 - o Franklin Grove Fire Protection District - 1 vacancy

Application and Resumé deadline – Friday, July 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 –
 - o Department Claims - June 2021 - \$225,368.59
 - o County Board Payments – \$46,231.73
 - o County Highway Fund – \$106,770.85
7. Communications -
 - o Sales Tax - April 2020 \$19,357.22 and \$62,463.62
 - o Sales Tax - April 2021 \$46,191.48 and \$103,105.60
 - o 2021 Jail Inspection Report
 - o ComEd Vegetation Management Letter

McKinney moves to approve the Consent Agenda, Corbitt seconds and Roll Call was taken:

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

NO: None

ABSENT: None

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

Zoning - #001-21 AMENDMENT – Rhoads – O-2021-0701

Fritz presents #001-21 AMENDMENT – Caryl & Robert Rhoads, 4799 S. Center Rd., Rochelle, IL for an Amendment to the Zoning District to rezone from AG-1 Agricultural District to R-2 Single Family Residential District on property described as follows and owned by the petitioners: Part of the Southwest Quarter (SW1/4) of the Southeast Quarter (SE1/4) of Section 9, Township 40 North, Range 1 East of the 3rd P.M., Flagg Township, Ogle County, IL, 5.0 acres, more or less – P.I.N: 24-09-400-004 - Common Location: 4799 S. Center Rd.

Fritz moves to postpone O-2021-0701 until next month’s County Board meeting and Janes seconds.

Motion carries.

Zoning - #003-21 AMENDMENT - Harwath – O-2021-0702

Frits presents #003-21 AMENDMENT - Julie Ann Harwath, 4295 Mount Pleasant Rd., Sherrills Ford, NC for an Amendment to the Zoning District to rezone from AG-1 Agricultural District to IA Intermediate Agricultural District on property described as follows and owned by the petitioner: Part of the Southwest Quarter (SW1/4) of the Southwest Quarter (SW1/4) of Section 3, Township 22 North, Range 10 East of the 4th P.M., Taylor Township, Ogle County, IL, 24.0 acres, more or less - P.I.N.: 22-03-300-005 - Common Location: 6800 Block of S. Lowden Park Rd.

Fritz moves to approve O-2021-0702 and Asp seconds.

Motion carries. (Placed on file)

Public Comment – NONE

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, Personnel and Salary, Road & Bridge, State’s Attorney – Court Services – FOCUS House - Judiciary & Circuit Clerk, and Supervisor of Assessments and Planning & Zoning.

• **Executive**

- Committee Assignments – R-2021--0703

Finfrock moves to approve R-2021-0703 replacing Boes & Typer with Huber and Larson on Committees and Nordman seconds.

Motion carries. (Placed on file)

- Interim Supervisor of Assessment – R-2021-0704

Finfrock moves to approve R-2021-0704 to make Tricia Black the Interim Supervisor of Assessments as of July 1, 2021; Smith seconds.

Finfrock commented that Black will be taking classes and testing for her certificate around October and he believes the County is in good hands.

Motion carries. (Placed on file)

• **Finance & Insurance**

- Public Defender Reimbursement – O-2021-0703

Sparrow presents and moves to approve O-2021-0703 to set the salary of the Public Defender at \$165,090.76 and Bowers seconds.

Motion carries. (Placed on file)

Closed Session: At 6:00 pm, Sparrow makes a motion to adjourn to a closed session for the review and approval of closed minutes per 5 ILCS 120/2 (C) (21) and Fritz seconds then roll call was taken:

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

NO: None

ABSENT: None

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

Open Session: At 6:12 pm, the board returns to Open Session.

Janes moves to approve the closed minutes of July 16, 2019, July 30, 2019 and August 20, 2019 (Content Only – Subject to State’s Attorney Review of Closed Minutes) and Bowers seconds.

Motion carries (placed on file).

Unfinished Business & New Business: None

Chairman Comments:

It is nice to have everyone back for two months in a row. Finfrock also shared that FOCUS House is supposed to be fixed by August but if for some reason things have not been corrected August building will be here again. Finfrock stated he will let everyone know when time gets closer.

Vice-Chairwoman Comments:

Nordman asks for the consensus of the Board on a few items that were sent to Bellwether for review through the American Rescue Plan Act. The first item of discussion was the purchasing of new Election equipment priced at \$480,917. Nordman stated this does qualify for the American Rescue Plan Act Funds. Smith moves for the consensus and Janes seconds.

The second item is the walk-in body cooler the Coroner asked be updated after an incident where power was lost. This new body cooler will have alarms and the old units will be moved and used as back up when needed.

Bowers moves for the consensus and Smith seconds.

Corbitt states a consensus cannot be put into a motion form.

Smith and Bowers withdraw their motion and Janes and Smith withdraw their motions.

Nordman shared the County is pursuing some grant opportunities to provide better internet service to rural areas of Ogle County. Nordman shared maps that clarified where underserved populations were in the County. Nordman stated that the County is partnering up with Broadband Internet Systems and they will be assisting us in putting the quote together. These services will be free with the consideration of possible agreements down the road if need be.

Stay healthy everyone.

Adjourn Meeting

At 6:18 p.m., with no further business Chairman Finfrock adjourns the meeting until Tuesday, August 17, 2021 at 5:30 p.m. and states he will let everyone know the location as time gets closer.

Chairman, John Finfrock
Ogle County Board

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