

**Proceedings of the Ogle County Board Meeting
June 15, 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 Droege (5:50), Hopkins (5:51), Huber, Kenney (5:38) and Miller are absent. The invocation is given by Fritz and followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Appointment - County Board District #5 - Bruce E. Larson - R-2021-0601

Associate Circuit Judge, Clayton Lindsey swears Bruce Larson in as a District #5, County Board Member.

Presentation – David Tess, President of FOCUS House Foundation

Tess presented the County Board with drawings of a potential FOCUS House campus, as envisioned by the FOCUS House Foundation as well as gave the new County Board members a summary of what FOCUS House is to the County.

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

Auman shared the County is trending very positively. Auman shared the Regional Positivity rate is at 1.5% and the County is at 1.8% which is a good level. The Health Department has completely vaccinated 39.32% of the County population. Auman shared we are now successfully in Phase 5 which means masking is still being required in Healthcare facilities, schools, and mass transit circumstances but most other locations it is mask free.

Consent Agenda Items – by Roll Call Vote

Approval of Ogle County Board Meeting Minutes - May 2021

1. Accept Monthly Reports – Treasurer, County Clerk & Recorder and Circuit Clerk
2. Appointments -
 1. Erika Oltmanns - Board of Health - R-2021-0602
3. Resignations - None
4. Vacancies -
 - o 911 ETS Board (Fire/EMS) 1 vacancy
 - o Board of Health - 1 vacancy (unexpired term)
 - o Mental Health 708 Board - 3 vacancies (unexpired term)
 - o Byron Museum District - 2 vacancies (unexpired terms)
 - o Planning Commission - 2 vacancies
 - o Zoning Board of Appeals - Alternate #2 - 1 vacancy
 - o Franklin Grove Fire Protection District - 1 vacancy

Application and Resumé deadline – Friday, July 2, 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 - May 2021 - \$252,138.19
 - o County Board Payments – \$65,983.94
 - o County Highway Fund – \$126,302.60
7. Communications -
 - o Sales Tax - March 2020 \$24,471.61 and \$62,463.62
 - o Sales Tax - March 2021 \$66,440.92 and \$10,875.85

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

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

NO: None

ABSENT: Huber and Miller

ABSTENSIONS: Oltmanns on R-2021-0602 due to conflict since she is his wife

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

Zoning - #004-21 Special Use - Ebert - O-2021-0601

Fritz presents #004-21 SPECIAL USE – Larry Ebert, 3413 E. Dugdale Rd., Ashton, IL for a Special Use Permit in the AG-1 Agricultural District to construct and operate a restricted landing area on property described as follows and owned by the petitioner: The Northeast (NE1/4) of Section 7 Township 22 North, Range 11 East of the 4th P.M., Lafayette Township, Ogle County, IL, 160.0 acres, more or less - P.I.N.(s): 23-07-200-005, -006, & -007 - Common Location: 3413 E. Dugdale Rd.

Fritz moves to approve O-2021-0601 as presented; McKinney seconds.

Motion carries. (Placed on file)

Zoning - #001-21 Amendment - Caryl & Robert Rhoads - O-2021-0602

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 approve O-2021-0602 as presented; Corbitt seconds.

Item approved 5-0 at Zoning Board of Appeals but was denied 5-0 at Regional Planning Commission.

Reising shared the reason RPC voted against it was because it doesn't fit the Ogle County Comprehensive Plan requirements.

Fox stated he wasn't comfortable with voting on this item after hearing there was a split decision. Fox asked if the minutes were available for the ZBA meeting because he looked for them to review before the meeting and wasn't able to find them.

Janes stated he agreed with the decision to either table the item or deny it.

Sparrow moved to table item until next month so the minutes can be reviewed before voting. Hopkins seconds and roll call was taken:

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

NO: Oltmanns

ABSENT: Huber and Miller

Motion to table on roll call vote.

Zoning - #002-21 Amendment - Kehl - O-2021-0603

Fritz presents #002-21 AMENDMENT – Kabbage Patch LLC, %Keith Kehl, 10016 E. Hickory Ridge Dr., Rochelle, IL for an Amendment to the Zoning District to rezone from AG-1 Agricultural District to B-1 Business District on property described as follows and owned by the petitioner: Part of the Southwest Quarter (SW1/4) of the Southeast Quarter (SE1/4) of Section 24, Township 41 North, Range 1 East of the 3rd P.M., White Rock Township, Ogle County, IL, 1.0 acres, more or less - P.I.N.: 18-24-400-006 - Common Location: 14836 E. IL Rte. 64

Fritz moves to approve O-2020-0201 as presented; Smith seconds.

Item approved 4-0 at Zoning Board of Appeals.

Motion carries. (Placed on file)

Public Comment –

Griffin shared the Iron Mike project is coming along nicely.

Smith shared Norma Peters thanked the Board for returning to in-person and treats for everyone to celebrate.

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**

- Appointment of Chris Tennyson – ROE Superintendent – R-2021-0603

Bowers moves to approve R-2021-0603 appointing Tennyson when Sondgeroth retires; Janes seconds.

Motion carries. (Placed on file)

- Reagan Mass Transit District – R-2021-0606

Youman moves to approve R-2021-0606 to establish the Reagan Mass Transit District; Heuer seconds.

Motion carries. (Placed on file)

- Reapportionment County Board District Map – R-2021-0607

Finfrock says the committee has made recommendations but the State has changed the deadline to December 31st. The County is hoping to get the actual Census figures in August or September. Finfrock shared there is some uncertainty as to what will need to be done in order to go back and make corrections once this item is passed. Finfrock states he called UCCI for clarification. Finfrock stated the item is being tabled until he can get clarification.

• **Finance & Insurance**

- 2021 Budget Amendment – Health - O-2021-0604

Sparrow presents and moves to approve O-2021-0604, appropriations for Health Department for new grants for vaccines and contract tracing. Nordman seconds.

Motion carries. (Placed on file)

- Approval of Sikich Contract - R-2021-0604

Sparrow presents and moves to approve R-2021-0604, a contract for another 3 years with a 3% increase each year; Smith seconds.

Oltmanns asked how long we have consecutively used Sikich. Sparrow stated this agreement will make it 9 years. Oltmanns stated 9 years with the same company is a long time. Oltmanns stated he believes it is time to have a new set of eyes look at things and asked for a roll call.

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

NO: Oltmanns

ABSENT: Huber and Miller

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

- Approval of Bellwether Contract - R-2021-0605

Sparrow presents and moves to approve R-2021-0605, approving financial services of Bellwether to assist with American Rescue Plan Act monies; Griffin seconds.

Sparrow stated with the American Rescue Plan Act and reporting monies being allocated due to COVID, it is a good idea to make sure the County is applying monies correctly by a financial service.

Reising asked if the Finance Committee will be working with Bellwether. Sparrow stated they will be working directly with the Treasures Office. Decision and discussions will be communicated through the Finance and Executive Committees.

Smith asked what the Treasurer thought about the contract. Treasurer Beck stated she is in full support of using them and asked that a service be used the help track and monitor.

Griffin shared his support of using Bellwether because you need to have clarity to make sure you are handling things correctly.

Motion carries. (Placed on file)

Unfinished Business & New Business: None

Chairman Comments:

Good to have everyone back in person. Have a safe 4th of July.

Vice-Chairwoman Comments:

Stay healthy

Adjourn Meeting

At 6:26 p.m., with no further business Chairman Finfrock adjourns the meeting until Tuesday, July 20, 2021 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