

**Proceedings of the Ogle County Board Meeting
April 19, 2022**

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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 Smith is absent. The invocation is given by Nordman and followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Presentation: Recognition of Service - Honorable Judge Hanson

Chairman Finfrock presented a plaque in recognition of service to Judge Hanson. Hanson took a moment to thank the County Board for their cooperation which made his job easier.

Presentation: Conner O'Sullivan, Weld Park Eagle Scout Project

Conner O'Sullivan went over his Eagle Scout project at Weld Park with the board. O'Sullivan shared the process it took to update 3 main areas of the park for longevity and beauty. The three areas of the project consisted of a sign rehab, hiking trail signs, and replacing a bench.

Bowers asked how long the project took. O'Sullivan shared it was a one day project, on the 16th of October. It was a 4/5 hour event but the planning took over a month.

Corbitt wondered how many Scouts participated in the project and O'Sullivan stated there were 15 and 7-10 adults with them.

Griffin thanked O'Sullivan for his work at Weld Park. Griffin shared that he had previously gone out there and wasn't able to read the entry signs and the new sign looked wonderful.

Huber asked how the funds were gathered to complete this project. O'Sullivan stated the metal roofing was left over from a Scout Master's personal project and the monetary funds needed was about \$300 and roughly half of it was donated.

Reising asked how often the Scouts utilize the park. O'Sullivan stated they hold their meetings there during the warm months and have a few special events there throughout the year as well.

Presentation: County Audit FY2021 - Brian D. LeFevre, CPA, MBA, Partner -Sikich, LLC

LeFevre shared within the annual financial report that has been provided there is an independent Audit Report were Sikich has submitted an unmodified or clean audit opinion on the County Financial Statements. LeFevre stated this the highest level of opinion that you can receive on your financial statements. He also shared due to the amounts of Grant monies used the County was also required to complete a Single Audit. The ARPA was the major fund that tested since it was the largest of the Grant programs used. LeFevre shared they have also issued two clean unmodified opinions for both compliance over laws and regulations that could have a material impact on the County's financial statements and compliance with the Federal Grant program.

LeFevre shared the Management letter would be a useful document to read if someone doesn't have the time to read the entire Annual Financial Report. LeFevre explained retirement plan funds are very well funded and all of the information regarding pensions are on pages 62-70 of the reports.

LeFevre shared the audit went smoothly and on time with great support from the County Treasurer's Office and all the Departments.

Consent Agenda Items – by Roll Call Vote

1. Approval of Ogle County Board Meeting Minutes - March 15, 2022
2. Accept Monthly Reports – Treasurer, County Clerk & Recorder and Circuit Clerk
3. Appointments -
 - Dixon Rural Fire Protection District - Brian R Mayer - R-2022-0401
 - Forreston Fire Protection District - Lee F Black - R-2022-0402
 - Leaf River Fire Protection District - Dawn R Plock - R-2022-0403
 - Lynn-Scott-Rock Fire Protection District - Curtis W Fruit - R-2022-0404
 - Oregon Fire Protection District - Steven R Carr - R-2022-0405

- Planning Commission - Dennis M Probasco - R-2022-0406
- Planning Commission - Wayne P Reising - R-2022-0407
- Sheriff's Merit Commission - Alan Schabacker - R-2022-0408

4. Resignations - None

5. Vacancies -

- Mental Health 708 Board - 3 vacancies (3 unexpired terms)
- Lost Lake River Conservancy District
- Franklin Grove Fire Protection District - 1 vacancy
- Board of Review

Application and Resumé deadline – Friday, April 29, 2022, 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 - March 2022 - \$142,106.98
- County Board Payments – \$84,650.63
- County Highway Fund – \$53,076.42

7. Communications

- Sales Tax January 2021 - \$51,064.08 and \$84,468.43
- Sales Tax January 2022 - \$70,013.51 and \$103,116.97
- ComEd Vegetation Management
- Audit - 21 CYO Final Audit
- Audit - 21 CYO Final Single Audit
- Audit - 21 CYO Communication to the Members of the County Board
- Audit - 21 CYO Management Letter
- Audit - 21 CYO Final Grand Accountability Transparency Act - Consolidated Year-End
- Audit - 21 CYO Circuit Clerk Audit

McKinney moved to approve the Consent Agenda, Kenney seconds and roll call is taken with abstentions from Fritz on R-2022-0406 due to family relationship and Oltmanns from R-2022-0404 due to employment:

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

NO: None

ABSENT: Smith

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

Zoning - None

Public Comment –

Corbitt thanked all those who supported the CASA special event fundraiser on the 8th of April. She reported the event netted \$10,255 as of today and there are still things coming in and a bill to be paid. The event was a great turn out.

Bowers shared that Oltmanns, Sheriff and herself had been served paperwork to fundraise for Shining Star and that if anyone wanted to donate to their cause they could talk to any of the three of them.

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.

- **Finance & Insurance**

- ARPA Recommendations - R-2022-0410

Sparrow presented and moved to approve R-2022-0410 for a total of \$73,446.63 and Bowers seconds.

ARPA REQUESTS				
DEPARTMENT	VENDOR	DESCRIPTION	NOTES	AMOUNT REQUESTED
Zoning	Planning Commission	Education/Training Session		\$500.00
	Planning Commission	Annual Membership		\$50.00
		Advertisement		\$342.00
IT	Software Convers.	server operating software conversion to Office 365		\$12,350.00
		Processors for Unified Centralized Server		\$25,420.00
Health Department		Desks	\$6,000	\$ 6,000.00
Original from 2021		Desk Chairs	\$2,000	\$ 2,000.00
		Office Chairs	\$3,000	\$ 3,000.00
		Whiteboards	\$1,500	\$ 1,500.00
Health Department 2022		Global Industrial™ Expandable Starter Rack		\$520.89
		Expandable Add-On Rack		\$462.95
		Storage Cabinet, Turn Handle,		\$808.01
		Shipping/Handling		\$492.78
Asbestos Abatement		Not to exceed \$20,000.00		\$20,000.00
TOTAL				\$73,446.63

Motion carried. (Placed on file)

- Lost Revenue Standard Allowance – O-2022-0401

Sparrow presented and moved to approve O-2022-0401 for a total loss of \$1,698,246 and Youman seconds.

Motion carried. (Placed on file)

- **Personnel & Salary**

- Set Elected Officials Salaries - O-2022-0402

Kenney presented and moved to approve O-2022-0402 and McKinney seconds.

Corbitt shared that during the Committee meeting they were working off of the 2018 Ordinance and they have received more information regarding what these positions are making in the State of Illinois as well. Corbitt shared she just isn't comfortable with 1.5% for the last two years of this Ordinance.

Corbitt moves to take this back to committee for further review, McKinney seconds and roll call was taken:

YES: Oltmanns, Reising, Williams, Youman, Asp, Billeter, Corbitt, Droege, Fritz, Griffin, Hopkins, Huber, Janes, and Larson

NO: Sparrow, Bowers, Fox, Heuer, Kenney, McKinney, Miller, Nordman and Finrock

ABSENT: Smith

Motion carried on roll call vote.

- HR Task Force Recommendation

Documents were submitted for the County Board members to review. Kenney asked please take the time to look through this so there can be further discussion.

Reising thanked Lou Finch and those on the task force for all the hard work put into what they have come up with. Reising shared his concern is, that with HR is of the 14 Departments only 5 of them are answerable to the County Board. His concern is, are the Elected Officials going to utilize Human Resources. Reising shared an example where a County from Southern Illinois had a Department where illegal activities were being done and the County Board asked the Elected

Official to put someone on administrative leave and the Elected Official refused to support the County Board's recommendation. Reising stated that would be his real concern with putting all this time and effort into this position and then seeing that the HR position may not hold much weight. Then you will also have all of the additional funds that will need to support the HR position's salary, benefits, additions to department, etc. What are we going to do when the ARPA money is gone and we don't have the means to support this down the line; Reising shared that he just thinks it is bad business practice.

Larson shared the hope of this is to save the County money in the long run. Using the HR position would allow us to save money by not outsourcing certain types of issues and allowing for a quick turn around on decisions. Larson shared this is intended to be a three year thing that will be assessed again to make sure it is producing the kinds of gains that the County is seeking. Larson shared that laws in Illinois are changing regularly and we have to be able to keep up with.

Chairman Finfrock shared the other side of what Reising has stated the Elected Officials or an appointed official will also have someone that they can go to discuss a recommendation based on the law. By providing an HR positions allows us to at least provide them with a resource for use if they need it. In hopes they may even be able to help with the negotiations process as well.

Kenney shared if we had a strong HR we wouldn't need a County Administrator.

Chairman Finfrock shared this item will be looked at next month.

- **Road & Bridge**

- 2022 County Seal Coat Project - 22-00000-02-GM - R-2022-0412

Hopkins presented and moved to approve R-2022-0412, to award the project to the low bidder, Helm Civil and McKinney seconds.

Motion carried. (Placed on file)

- Sterling Road Overlay Project - 22-00341-00-RS - R-2022-0413

Hopkins presented and moved to approve R-2022-0413 to approve the resolution to award the project to the low bidder, Helm Civil and McKinney seconds.

Motion carried. (Placed on file)

- Ridge Road Culvert Replacement - 20-00324-00-BR - R-2022-0414

Hopkins presented and moved to approve R-2022-0414, to approve the resolution to award the project to the low bidder, Martin & Company Excavating and Kenney seconds.

Motion carried. (Placed on file)

- Lowell Park Road Culvert Extensions - 21-00339-00-BR - R-2022-0415

Hopkins presented and moved to approve R-2022-0415, motion to approve the resolution to award the project to the low bidder, Martin & Company Excavating and Kenney seconds.

Motion carried. (Placed on file)

- 2022 Township Seal Coat Project - 22-XX000-00-GM - R-2022-0416

Hopkins presented and moved to approve R-2022-0416, to approve the resolution to award this project to the low bidder, Helm Civil and Kenney seconds.

Motion carried. (Placed on file)

- Flagg Twp & Lynnville Twp Microsurfacing - 22-XX000-01-GM - R-2022-0417

Hopkins presented and moved to approve R-2022-0417, motion to approve the resolution to award this project to the low bidder, Struck & Irwin Paving, Inc. and Kenney seconds.

Motion carried. (Placed on file)

- Moore Road Paving in Lynnville - 07-12125-00-FP - R-2022-0418

Hopkins presented and moved to approve R-2022-0418, to approve the resolution to award this project to the low bidder, Martin & Company Excavating and Kenney seconds.

Motion carried. (Placed on file)

- Petition for County Aid: Forreston Twp Culvert Repair - 22-0715-00-BR - R-2022-0419

Hopkins presented and moved to approve R-2022-0419, to grant the petition for county aid for 50% of the local share of the project from the County Aid to Bridge fund and Kenney seconds.

Motion carried. (Placed on file)

Unfinished Business & New Business: None

Closed Session: At 6:22 pm, Kenney makes a motion to adjourn to a closed session for Employment/Appointment Matters per 5 ILCS 120/2 (c) (1) and Youman seconds then roll call was taken:

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

NO: None

ABSENT: Smith

Motion carried on roll call vote.

Open Session: At 6:44 pm, the board returns to Open Session.

Chairman Comments:

Chairman Finfrock wished everyone well and to enjoy the coming spring like weather

Vice-Chairwoman Comments: None

Adjourn Meeting

At 5:51 p.m., with no further business Chairman Finfrock adjourns the meeting until Tuesday, May 17, 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