

**Proceedings of the Ogle County Board Meeting
November 15, 2022**

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 Hopkins is absent. The invocation is given by Asp and followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Presentation: Recognition of Service of County Board Members

Chairman Finfrock recognized Bowers, Droege, McKinney and Sparrow for their service to the County. Chairman Finfrock presented a plaque or certificate to each member and according to the years served and spoke on each members behalf.

Presentation: Eric Setter, Land Bank Coordinator

Setter gave a brief explanation about the benefits of the Land Bank, which is most beneficial in keeping unwanted properties in limbo until the three year Tax Sale expiration occurs. Setter explained the Land Bank currently is made up of 12 communities and there is no cost to participate.

Corbitt asked what happens to the delinquent taxes. Setter stated they don't get paid it just gets new owners in the properties quicker than having the wait the three years for the tax deeding process through the Tax Sale process and the possible depreciation of the property.

Droege asked what the Board would have to do to become a part of the Land Bank. Setter shared that if Ogle County wanted to participate in the Land Bank Program it would just take an Intergovernmental Agreement passed by the County Board and then a liaison to represent Ogle County at their meetings. Droege then asked how often and where their meetings are held. Setter stated they meet at least quarterly. When there are properties to sell there are short "pop-up" meetings so they can be approved by the board. These "pop-up" meetings have been by Zoom and the quarterly meetings are either in Rockford or they are going to be moving the location to the different locations participating.

Consent Agenda Items – by Roll Call Vote

1. Approval of Ogle County Board Meeting Minutes - October 18, 2022 and October 24, 2022
2. Accept Monthly Reports – Treasurer, County Clerk & Recorder and Circuit Clerk
3. Appointments
 - o Board of Health - Scott A Scull - R-2022-1101
 - o Byron Museum District - Carole B McLaughlin - R-2022-1102
4. Resignations - None
5. Vacancies -
 - o Board of Health - 1 Vacancy (unexpired term)
 - o Mental Health 708 Board - 1 Vacancy (unexpired term)
 - o 9-1-1 ETS Board (2 unexpired terms - 1 Law Enforcement, 1 Rochelle PSAP)
 - o Housing Authority - 1 Vacancy (unexpired term)
 - o Franklin Grove Fire Protection District - 1 vacancy

Application and Resumé deadline – Wednesday, November 23, 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 –
 - o Department Claims - October 2022 - \$95,910.04
 - o County Board Payments – \$89,759.48
 - o County Highway Fund – \$46,348.69

7. Communications

- Sales Tax August 2021 - \$54,798.86 and \$104,531.35
- Sales Tax August 2022 - \$60,144.53 and \$117,430.62

McKinney moved to approve the Consent Agenda, Bowers seconds and roll call is taken:

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

NO: None

ABSENT: Hopkins

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

Zoning - #008-22SU - Nexamp Solar - O-2022-1101

Fritz presented #008-22 SPECIAL USE - Nexamp Solar, LLC, %Christopher F. Clark, 200 W. Monroe St. - Ste. 620, Chicago, IL for a Special Use Permit in the AG-1 Agricultural District to allow a Community Solar Garden on the property described as follows and being leased by the petitioner(s): Part of the Southeast Quarter (SE1/4) of the Northwest Quarter (NW1/4) of Section 25 Leaf River Township 25 North, Range 9 East of the 4th P.M., Ogle County, IL, 19.07 acres of the 39.0 acre site, more or less – P.I.N.: Part of 03-25-100-011 - Common Location: 8574 N. Leaf River Rd. - RPC approved 5-0 based on the fact this is an agricultural business; would not be a detriment to the neighborhood; and is an allowable use in the AG-1 Agricultural District. ZBA approved 4-0 based on the fact that all standards were met. APZC consensus to forward to Ogle County Board for approval.

Fritz moved to approve O-2022-1001, Asp seconds.

Motion carried. (Placed on file)

Public Comment –

Carole Hoekstra, Board of Health Chairman expressed concerns about FY2023 Health Department allocation. As a board Hoekstra stated they will not be able to function with the decrease of \$24,000. Hoekstra shared last year they received \$80,000 and now will only be receiving \$56,000. They are losing their administrator and are doing interviews and cannot attract someone to the job with problems with the budget. Hoekstra asked the Board again to please reconsider.

Herb Oludic from Mt. Morris, IL. Oludic wanted to make the Board aware of an issue he just went through. Oludic signed up for a feasibility study with a wind farm company. Recently the decision to sell the property brought them an issue where the wind farm company put an easement on their property. Oludic had the business card for the lady he had dealt with roughly 10 years previously. He stated she was willing to speak with him but informed him that the easement couldn't be removed from the property since the business had gone out of business. Oludic explained for him things worked out because there was a clause stating if the wind farm wasn't built within 10 years the easement would just go away. As a constituent of the County he wanted to make sure the board was aware of the things going on and caution the board to the solar farms as well.

Ogle County Clerk & Recorder, Laura J. Cook, thanked her staff for helping out this election and the township supervisors, election judges and volunteers that helped out. Cook stated this was a tricky election and without the help of all those people her office couldn't do it.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

The following committee minutes have been placed on exhibit: 911 ETSB, County Facilities - County Security - County IT, Executive, Finance and Insurance, 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**

- 2022 Budget Amendment - O-2022-1102

Sparrow presented and moved to approve O-2022-1102 to move funds in contingency back into the Salary lines of the appropriate budget and Youman seconds.

Motion carried. (Placed on file)

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- 2023 Budget and Appropriations – O-2022-01103

Sparrow presented and moved to approve O-2022-1103, the FY2023 Budget and Williams seconds.

Ogle County
2023 Budget Summary & Approvals

Fund	Appropriation	Levy
American Rescue Plan Fund	\$3,370,733	\$0
Animal Control Fund	\$238,100	\$0
Bond Debt Service Fund	\$2,798,878	\$0
2020 Bond – Jail Capital Exp.	\$0	\$0
Co-Operative Extension	\$140,000	\$140,000
County Bridge Fund	\$2,836,000	\$925,000
County General Fund	\$17,356,059	\$5,000,000
County Highway Fund	\$3,260,308	\$1,090,000
Federal Aid Matching Fund	\$2,150,000	\$925,000
GIS Committee Fund	\$352,497	\$0
INRF Fund	\$2,002,000	\$1,400,000
Insurance Premium Levy Fund	\$800,000	\$575,000
Long Range Planning	\$3,845,881	\$0
Mental Health Fund	\$1,029,750	\$1,030,000
Motor Fuel Tax Fund	\$4,015,000	\$0
Revolving Vehicle Purchase	\$100,000	\$0
Senior Social Services	\$274,000	\$274,000
Social Security Fund	\$932,000	\$900,000
Solid Waste Fund	\$1,505,073	\$0
TB Care & Treatment Fund	\$30,577	\$34,000
War Veterans Fund	\$140,000	\$140,000
SUBTOTAL:	\$47,377,456	\$13,199,000
Additional Fund Appropriations	\$12,605,302	\$0
TOTAL:	\$60,012,758	\$13,199,000

Sparrow shared there were only a few changes from the document presented in the Public Hearing in October. The only changes came on the revenue side of the budget. Cannabis Use Tax and Video Gaming Tax were increased to \$30,000 each. Emergency Communications numbers came from the Sheriff and he stated it will not be lower than \$205,000, so that number was adjusted.

Sparrow stated the numbers proposed and approved are all correct but the document didn't update numbers on pages 62 for the County General Fund. Sparrow stated the amount on page 22 of the document is presented and totaled correctly. The Ogle County Treasurer will make the update and get the final document to everyone.

Bowers abstains from Sheriff's budget due to daughter's employment.

Motion carried. (Placed on file)

- Community ARPA Requests – R-2022-1103

Sparrow presented and moved to approve R-2022-1103 for a total of \$1,100,000 and Youman seconds.

COUNTY ARPA REQUESTS			
DEPARTMENT	DESCRIPTION	NOTES	AMOUNT
Human Resources	\$350,000 for HR for 3 years	Year 1	\$110,733.00
		Year2	\$119,633.50
		Year 3	\$119,633.50
Transfer to General Fund	GF FY 2023 transfer		\$750,000.00
		TOTAL	\$1,100,000.00

Motion carried. (Placed on File)

- Economic Development ARPA Requests – R-2022-1104

Sparrow presented and moved to approve R-2022-1104 for the amount of \$88,090 and Larson seconds and roll call is taken:

ARPA REQUESTS Economic Development				
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT	VENDOR	DESCRIPTION	NOTES	AMOUNT
Village of Mt Morris		Cameras for Park and Downtown		\$25,590.00
Village of Stillman Valley		Consult Stormwater Project Requests 25,000.00	Matching	\$12,500.00

Rochelle & Lee-Ogle Fire Department	Training facility Fire/Police/Amb Request breakdown \$130,984. Fire Department Contribution	\$130,984.00 \$80,984.00	 <u>\$50,000.00</u>
		TOTAL	<u>\$88,090.00</u>

Motion carried. (Placed on file)

- Judge of Election Compensations – R-2022-1105

Sparrow presented and moved to approve R-2022-1105 for an increase in compensation for Judge of Elections to \$150 without judge training and \$170 with training and Smith seconds.

Motion carried. (Placed on File)

- Ogle County as Trustee – R-2022-1106

Sparrow presented and moved to approve R-2022-1106 and Janes seconds and roll call is taken:

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

NO: None

ABSENT: Hopkins

Sparrow said these 36 parcels have been in Ogle County’s possession as Trustee and have been bid on and will be transferred to new owner’s.

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

- Executive

- Enterprise Zone – Ogle Co. and City of Rochelle Industrial Development – Elva Road – R-2022-1107

Finfrock presented and moved to approve R-2022-1107 to add a missed section into the Enterprise Zone and Youman seconds.

Motion carried. (Placed on file)

- Creation of Reagan Mass Transit District - R-2022-1108

Finfrock presented and moved to approve R-2022-1108 for creation of the Reagan Mass Transit District, and Sparrow seconds.

Greg Gates from L.O.T.S. and Robert LeSage from their legal department were brought up to answer any questions from the board.

Smith asked if they could confirm that there will be no levying of taxes.

LaSage shared there were two main concerns brought to the Executive meeting that have been worked through with both Lee & Ogle Counties State’s Attorneys. Verbiage has been updated and clarified to make sure those concerns have been eliminated. The first issue was RMTD would exercise powers as a taxing body and levy taxes and then they would exercise the power of emanate domain. The revised the documentation to make absolutely clear, the new mass transit will not exercise either of those powers. There are binding provisions that could be separately enforceable by either Ogle or Lee County.

Smith asked how the board members be chosen. LaSage stated the board will be made up of 2 Ogle County and 3 Lee County members based on the statute’s percentages based on ridership. LaSage stated Ogle and Lee County will be able to vote on who their representatives will be in the upcoming meetings. Smith asked if the ridership change would the Board representation change as well and it was confirmed.

Oltmanns asked what happens if the partnership needs to come to an end. LaSage stated if Ogle needed to leave Reagan Mass Transit District, the statute states - it is created by resolution and destroyed by resolution.

Roll call is taken:

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

NO: None

ABSENT: Hopkins

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

- Memorandum of Understanding – Reagan Mass Transit - R-2022-1109

Finfrock presented and moved to approve R-2022-1109 and Smith seconds.

Motion carried. (Placed on file)

Closed Session: At 6:24 pm, Kenney 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 Droege seconds then roll call was taken:

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

NO: None

ABSENT: Hopkins

Motion carries on roll call.

Open Session: At 6:27 pm, the board returns to Open Session

Finfrock moves to approve the closed minutes of July 20, 2021 and April 19, 2022 (Content Only – Subject to State’s Attorney Review of Closed Minutes) and Smith seconds.

Motion carries (placed on file).

Unfinished Business & New Business: None

Chairman Comments:

Wanted to again echo what the Clerk stated about the election, it went well.

Shared we have four Board Members leaving that have put in time and done good work for the County. Chairman Finfrock thanked them again and wished them well.

Vice-Chairwoman Comments:

Happy Thanksgiving everyone and stay healthy.

Adjourn Meeting

At 6:29 p.m., with no further business Chairman Finfrock adjourned the meeting until Monday, December 5, 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