

**Proceedings of the Ogle County Board Meeting  
October 18, 2022**

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 Billeter, Bowers (5:32) Fox, and Janes are absent. The invocation is given by Finfrock and followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Presentation:** Blackhawk Hills RCD, Dan Payette

A brief presentation was given on the Greenway & Trails Plan. Payette shared he would email the PPT presentation to the board members and would be happy to answer any questions they may have. Griffin asked if there was going to be a map that shows trails at the conclusion of the process and Payette stated that was part of the plan.

Blackhawk Hills Annual Report – Payette shared there is a one page report handed out for everyone to review but wanted highlighted a few things. One initiative allowed for the city of Rochelle to apply for an Economic Development Grant. Completing a walkability study in Mt. Morris and will be able to do this for more communities in the future. Allowing for the application of grants to improve sidewalks and transportation funds. There are also opportunities with the Rise Grant for Capital Improvements within communities.

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

1. Approval of Ogle County Board Meeting Minutes - September 20, 2022
2. Accept Monthly Reports – Treasurer, County Clerk & Recorder and Circuit Clerk
3. Appointments - None
4. Resignations - None
5. Vacancies -
  - Board of Health - 4 vacancies (term)
  - Mental Health 708 Board - 1 vacancy (unexpired term)
  - 9-1-1 ETS Board (2 unexpired terms - 1 Law Enforcement, 1 Rochelle PSAP)
  - Housing Authority - 1 vacancy (term)
  - Franklin Grove Fire Protection District - 1 vacancy

Application and Resumé deadline – Friday, October 28, 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 - September 2022 - \$95,066.80
  - County Board Payments – \$91,881.36
  - County Highway Fund – \$87,906.46
7. Communications
  - Sales Tax July 2021 - \$77,667.94 and \$112,552.69
  - Sales Tax July 2022 - \$64,391.04 and \$120,006.21

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

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

NO: None

ABSENT: Billeter, Fox, and Janes

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

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**Zoning - #007-22SU - Harder - O-2022-1001**

Fritz presented SPECIAL USE #007-22SU - Bonnie L. & James A. Harder, 16547 E. McNeal Rd., Monroe Center, IL for a Special Use Permit in the AG-1 Agricultural District to allow a Small Rural Business (equestrian sports chiropractic clinic) on the property described as follows and owned by the petitioner(s): Part of the Northeast Quarter (NE1/4) of the Northwest Quarter (NW1/4) of Section 8, Monroe Township 42 North, Range 2 East of the 3rd P.M., Ogle County, IL, 6.77 acres, more or less – P.I.N.(s): 12-08-100-006 - Common Location: 16547 E. McNeal Rd. - RPC approved 5-0 | ZBA approved 5-0 | APZC consensus to forward to Ogle County Board for approval.

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

Motion carried. (Placed on file)

**Public Comment –**

Ryan Magnoni of United States Solar Corporation and the proposed petitioner of the US Conger Solar farm. I am here today to ask the Board to move the process forward for the Solar Farm in Byron. Magnoni shared Byron has passed a resolution approving the project.

Ryan Reveerts spoke to being involved in the discussions at the City level for 004-22SU-US Conger Solar. The consensus there was a great amount of opposition to this project. At the September 21<sup>st</sup> meeting the attorney’s shared they were going to make no opinion on the matter. Reeverts shared according to the AdHoc Special Use Permit Conditions he was told this was a moot issue since anything but a Yes is considered a No and has to be approved by resolution by the city. Reeverts stated he would urge an opposition to this project simply because the City of Byron has chosen to stay neutral and there is a lot of opposition from the constituents at the city and township level.

**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**

- County ARPA Requests - R-2022-1001

Sparrow presented and moved to approve R-2022-1001 for a total of \$106,597 and Youman seconds.

COUNTY ARPA REQUESTS				
DEPARTMENT	VENDOR	DESCRIPTION	NOTES	AMOUNT
Sheriff	AT&T Mobility	First Net - AT&T Routers for squads		\$7,872.00
Jail Demolition	Martin & Company	Jail Demolition		\$ 98,300.00
Longe Range		Jail Demolition		\$75.00
				\$350.00
			<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 106,597.00</b>

Motion carried. (Placed on file)

- Community ARPA Requests – R-2022-1015

Sparrow presented and moved to approve R-2022-1015 for a total of \$20,450 and Corbitt seconds.

COMMUNITY ARPA REQUESTS				
COMMUNITY	VENDOR	DESCRIPTION	NOTES	AMOUNT
Forreston	Best Construction	City Hall Evidence Room		\$20,450.00
			<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$20,450.00</b>

Motion carried. (Placed on File)

- Ogle County as Trustee – R-2022-1002-1009

Sparrow presented and moved to approve R-2022-1002 thru R-2022-1009 and Kenney seconds. The parcels listed are 04-20-200-002, 06-10-300-002, 09-11-326-001, 22-08-277-006, 22-08-330-009, 22-08-404-003, 22-09-103-008, 22-09-305-021

Motion carried. (Placed on file)

- Personnel and Policy Manual – Retiree Health Insurance – R-2022-1010

Sparrow presented and moved to approve R-2022-1010 and Kenney seconds.

Kenny stated the need to correct language regarding retiree Health Insurance in the manual. The correction will be in Section 5-E: Medical Insurance (Health and Dental/Optional Eye)  
 “Anyone hired by the County on or after adoption of the May 18, 2021 Personnel Policy will not have access to health or dental insurance upon retirement.”

Motion carried. (Placed on file)

- Long Range

- Jail Update

Griffin said bids were opened last week and the project will be completed in the near future. He thanked Jeremy Ciesiel, County Highway Engineer, for his help with the bid process and invited him to speak to the Board.

Ciesiel shared he was very happy with the bid letting process. The information went out for the bid and there were 8 bids submitted. The bid chosen was the lowest bidder, Martin & Company Excavating for \$98,300. They should be starting the project in November and finish the project by before the end of the year, if all stays on schedule.

- Jail Demolition Bid Acceptance – R-2022-1011

Sparrow presented and moved to approve R-2022-1011 for a total of \$98,300 for the low bid from Martin & Company Excavating and Bowers seconds.

Motion carried. (Placed on file)

- Solar Update

Zach Nose, the Site Manager for Stateline Solar, gave an update on the Solar project. Nose shared today they finalized the flat roof with 143 panels making about half the project completed with some wiring still needing to be completed. Starting the next phase, Tuesday of next week but rain will cause delays if that comes. Nose shared commercial inverters are on delay so they are waiting on those.

Smith asked for the completed time and Nose stated installation of the panels should be completed next week but the inverters he cannot say due to the delays caused by COVID. The inverter portion should only take 3 days once they get here so we just wait for them to arrive.

- Road & Bridge

- Engineering Service Agreement – Stillman Rd Culvert, Sect. 22-00346-00-BR - R-2022-1012

Hopkins presented and moved to approve R-2022-1012 approve the agreement with Willet Hofmann and Associates and McKinney seconds. Larson abstains due to family employment.

Motion carried. (Placed on file)

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- **Executive**

- Ogle County Repeal of the “SAFE-T ACT” - R-2022-1013

Finfrock presented and moved to approve R-2022-1013 to repeal the SAFE-T ACT and Smith seconds.

Rock stated the vote hasn't been taken yet but he is hoping that if this is passed tonight it will let the Governor know the County is against this ACT. This item is in litigation and it doesn't appear that the Governor is taking the State's Attorneys and Sheriff's concerns to heart.

Sheriff VanVickle there are 102 Sheriff's against the ACT and spoke to the procedure that wasn't followed properly to get this item to the table for voting. VanVickle shared that in his opinion based on what he witnessed himself this is just bad legislation.

Rock stated there are only 2 Counties that are on board with this and almost all other Counties are against it. Smith asked how many Counties have jumped on board with the legislation. Rock stated he thought there was currently 54 Counties.

Finfrock thanked State's Attorney Rock and Sheriff VanVickle for the work they have both put into this on behalf of Ogle County.

Griffin asks for a Roll Call vote and it is taken:

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

NO: Droege

ABSENT: Billeter, Fox, and Janes

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

- Appointment of Ogle County Human Resource Director - R-2022-1014

Finfrock presented and moved to approve R-2022-1014 for the appointment of Ashley Rippentrop as the Human Resource Director, and Kenney seconds. Corbitt asked since she is working over 1,000 hours will she eligible for IMRF and Health Insurance. Finfrock stated, yes.

Motion carried. (Placed on file)

- Reagan Mass Transit District - R-2022-1016

Finfrock stated item will continue to be tabled until there can be an in person conversation with L.O.T.S..

Motion carried. (Placed on file)

- Ogle Memorandum of Understanding – Reagan Mass Transit - R-2022-1017

Finfrock stated this item will also be held until conversations can be had with L.O.T.S..

**Unfinished Business & New Business:** None

**Chairman Comments:**

Finfrock welcomed Ashley to the County and introduced her to the Board.

**Vice-Chairwoman Comments:**

Stay healthy

**Adjourn Meeting**

At 6:15 p.m., with no further business Chairman Finfrock adjourned the meeting until Tuesday, October 24, 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

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**Proceedings of the Ogle County Budget Hearing  
October 24, 2022**

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**Call to Order**

Chairman Finfrock calls the Ogle County Board Meeting to order at 5:31 p.m.

**Roll Call**

The roll call shows Droege, Fox, Fritz, Griffin, Heuer, Huber, Nordman, Oltmanns, Williams, and Youman are absent.

**Presentation – Proposed FY2023 Ogle County Budget and Appropriations**

Chairman Finfrock asked Sparrow, the Chairman of the Finance Committee to go over the draft of the FY2023 Ogle County Budget and Appropriations.

Sparrow reviews:

- Sparrow shared the first 22 pages are the details of the General Fund and the following pages are other accounts and expenses. Sparrow shared the amount being appropriated FY23 is \$17,297,109.00.
- Sparrow shared that Building and Grounds is being moved to the County Facilities Committee.
- Sparrow shared this year the recommendation for Non-Union employees is 3%.
- Sparrow shared they are expecting the Levy will bring in roughly \$5,000,000.00 this year.
- Sparrow also stated this year Long Range Fund is not being “used” for anything other than paying off Bonds.
- Sparrow explained page 58 shows that the Solid Waste Loan to IMRF has been paid off, and there are no monies being allocated to that account even though it was projected this be the last year for repayment.
- Sparrow then directed everyone to page 62 that showed, the Appropriation and Levy amounts.

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	\$2,768,878	\$0
2020 Bond - Jail Capital Exp.	\$0	\$0
Co-Operative Extension	\$140,000	\$140,000
County Bridge Fund	\$2,636,000	\$925,000
County General Fund	\$17,297,109	\$5,000,000
County Highway Fund	\$3,280,308	\$1,850,000
Federal Aid Matching Fund	\$2,150,000	\$925,000
GIS Committee Fund	\$332,497	\$0
IMRF Fund	\$2,002,000	\$1,400,000
Insurance Premium Levy Fund	\$800,000	\$575,000
Long Range Planning	\$3,845,981	\$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	\$1,926,073	\$0
TB Care & Treatment Fund	\$35,077	\$34,080
War Veterans Fund	\$146,000	\$146,000
<b>SUBTOTAL:</b>	<b>\$47,318,506</b>	<b>\$13,199,080</b>
Additional Fund Appropriations	\$12,635,302	\$0
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>\$59,953,808</b>	<b>\$13,199,080</b>

- Sparrow stated the final review will be at the Finance & Insurance Committee meeting in November and there may be some slight changes.

Chairman Finfrock shared this will be Sparrow’s last time presenting the Ogle County Budget to the Board. Chairman Finfrock thanked Sparrow for his time on the budget this year and the years that he has

been involved in the process of setting the budget. Chairman Finfrock thanked Sparrow, for his years of service.

**Public Comments – None**

**Adjourn Meeting**

At 5:52 p.m., Chairman Finfrock adjourns the meeting until Tuesday, November 15, 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