Proceedings of the Ogle County Board Meeting
January 21, 2025

State of Illinois)
County of Ogle) ss

Call to Order

Chairman Larson called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

Roll Call

The roll call showed Kenney, Reeverts and Williams absent. The invocation was given by Billeter and followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Presentation – Chairman Larson stated this will be moved further down on the agenda since the presenter is not in attendance at this time.

Consent Agenda Items – by Roll Call Vote

1. Approval of Ogle County Board Meeting Minutes - December 2, 2024 and December 17, 2024
2. Accept Monthly Reports – Treasurer, County Clerk & Recorder, and Circuit Clerk
3. Appointments -
   a. Zoning Board of Appeals - Alternate 2 - Thomas K. Smith - R-2025-0101
   b. Board of Health - Dorothy Bowers - R-2025-0102
4. Resignations -
   a. Board of Review - Jerry Griffin - R-2025-0103
   b. Lost Lake RCD – Tyler VanKirk – R-2025-0111
5. Vacancies -
   a. Mental Health 708 Board (1 unexpired term)
   b. Board of Health (1 unexpired term)
   c. Board of Health - DDS (1 unexpired term)
   d. 9-1-1 ETS Board - Law Enforcement (1 unexpired term)
   e. 9-1-1 ETS Board - Fire/EMS (1 unexpired term)
   f. Regional Planning Commission (1 unexpired term)
   g. Franklin Grove Fire Protection District (1 unexpired term)

Application and Resumé deadline - Friday, January 31, 2025, at 4:30 p.m. in the County Clerk's Office -105 S. 5th St, Ste 104, Oregon

6. Ogle County Claims –
   a. Department Claims - December 2024 - $197,088.69
   b. County Board Payments – $156,126.83
   c. County Highway Fund – $57,410.31

7. Communications -
   a. Sales Tax Report
   b. ComEd Tree Trimming

Billeter moved to approve the Consent Agenda and 2nd by Asp. A roll call vote is taken:

YES: Asp, Billeter, Corbitt, Daws, Fox, Fritz, Gillis, Griffin, Heuer, Hopkins, Huber, Janes, Miller, Mudge, Nordman, Oltmanns, Ramsey, Reising, Simms, Youman, and Larson

NO: None

ABSENT: Kenney, Reeverts and Williams

Motion carried.

Zoning - Land Evaluation and Site Assessment (LESA) System – R-2025-0110
Nordman presented and made the motion to approve R-2025-0110 for the new Land Evaluation and Site Assessment (LESA) System and gives a brief description, 2nd by Fox. Motion carried. (Placed on file)

Zoning - Wind Energy Facility Siting & Operating Ordinance - Commercial Application Fee - O-2025-0104

Nordman presented O-2025-0104 and commented it has been a year since we began with the $25,000 siting application fee and there is a need to increase it to $100,000. Motion by Nordman to approve with the fee increase of $100,000. It was commented that $100,000 is the maximum fee, 2nd by Hopkins. Heuer asked if Nordman would strike "equal to two percent (2%) of proposed commercial value, up to a maximum". Nordman stated yes. Motion carried. (Placed on file)

Zoning - Solar Energy Facility Siting & Operating Ordinance - Commercial Application Fee - O-2025-0105

Nordman presented O-2025-0105 and stated they have recognized the original application fee of $25,000 will not cover the costs of the department and review of the solar applications. Nordman makes the motion to change the application fee from $25,000 to up to $100,000, 2nd by Youman. Chairman Larson asked if the same verbiage was to be stricken. Nordman stated this document was stricken accordingly. Corbitt asked if she understood the motion correctly that it will be up to $100,000, but the Ordinance as presented states the application fee will be $100,000. Nordman commented it will be the application fee of $100,000. Motion carried. (Placed on file)

Presentation: Andy Shaw, Administrator, Lee Ogle Enterprise Zone

- **Lee Ogle Enterprise Zone - Amendment #16 - O-2025-0101**
  Shaw stated this amendment is for projects called "Fun on 52" and "Pub and Patio" and they are located in Lee County. Shaw stated that each one of these projects will bring about 20 permanent new jobs and approximately $6 million for these projects. Motion by Nordman to approve O-2025-0101 as presented, 2nd by Janes. Motion carried. (Placed on file)

- **Lee Ogle Enterprise Zone - Amendment #17 - O-2025-0102**
  Shaw stated this amendment is for HA International located in Oregon. They are expanding a production line from Ohio and bringing the jobs to Ogle County. Shaw stated this will bring 17 new jobs to the county and will be a $10,000,000 expansion. Motion by Heuer to approve O-2025-0102 as presented, 2nd by Asp. Motion carried. (Placed on file)

- **Lee Ogle Enterprise Zone - Amendment #18 - O-2025-0103**
  Shaw stated this amendment is for Constellation Energy - Byron Clean Energy Center, they are looking to do a substantial expansion of their megawatt output. Shaw asked Ryan Tozer from Constellation Energy to speak about the project. Tozer spoke about newer turbines and updating electrical and that will be done in four phases. This will bring in approximately 500 independent contractors during this expansion. Oltmanns asked how much this expansion will cost and how many permanent jobs this will bring to Ogle County. Tozer stated approximately $355 million and the current 600 permanent jobs and 500 contractual jobs. Motion by Billeter to approve O-2025-0103 as presented, 2nd by Griffin. Youman stated he will abstain from voting due to employment. Motion carried. (Placed on file)

Public Comment - none

Reports and Recommendations of Committees

Executive

- Annual Public Meeting Notice for 2025 - R-2025-0104
  Larson asked for a correction to be made that the Executive Committee meeting will start at 5:00 p.m.. Motion by Larson to approve. Nordman commented in the past, if the Finance Committee finished early the Executive Committee would begin right after or at 4:30 p.m.. Chairman Larson stated it was addressed and the meeting will begin at 5:00 p.m.. 2nd by Fox. Motion carried. (Placed on file)

- Amended Committee Assignments – R-2025-0109
  Larson presented and moved to approve R-2025-0109 with the following changes: Heuer as Blackhawk RCD representative – Oltmanns to Ethics Governance Committee removing Larson – add the Healthcare Planning Committee and Asp and Huber will be representatives of the VACOC. 2nd by Nordman. Motion carried. (Placed on file)

Finance & Insurance

- Polling Place Change - Flagg 8 Precinct - R-2025-0105
  Billeter presented R-2025-0105 requesting the Flagg 8 Precinct to be moved to the Hillcrest Fire Station due to parking restrictions at the old location. Motion by Billeter to approve R-2025-0105 as presented, 2nd by Mudge. Motion carried. (Placed on file)

- Contingency Fund - Supervisor of Assessments - O-2025-0106
  Billeter presented and moved to approve O-2025-0106 to purchase a copy machine for the Supervisor of Assessments Office which Finance Contingency Funds will be used to purchase and reimbursed from fees collected by the Zoning Department. 2nd by Janes. Motion carried. (Placed on file)

- Contingency Fund – Zoning - O-2025-0107
  Billeter presented and moved to approve O-2025-0107 to pay the legal fees and the Finance Contingency Funds will be used and reimbursed from fees collected by the Zoning Department. 2nd by Youman. Motion carried. (Placed on file)

Long Range Planning

- Community Electrical Aggregation Update
  Griffin stated next month the Community Electrical Aggregation bids will be brought forward to the County Board for the residents and small businesses in Ogle County, if they chose to participate.

Road & Bridge

- Joint Funding Agreement - Tower Rd overlay - 20-00332-00-RS - R-2025-0106
  Hopkins presented and moved to approve R-2025-0106 for the Joint Funding Agreement for Federally Funded Construction for the Tower Rd overlay, $640,000 in Federal Funds on the project with remaining to covered with County funds. 2nd Fritz. Motion carried. (Placed on file)

- County Road Construction - Tower Rd overlay - 20-00332.00-RS - R-2025-0107
  Hopkins presented and moved to approve R-2025-0107 for the Resolution for County Road Construction, Tower Rd overlay, appropriating $160,000 from Federal Aid Matching Fund for the project. 2nd by Fritz. Motion carried. (Placed on file)

- Preliminary Engineering Services Agreement - Sumner Rd Bridge - 24-10123-00-BR - R-2025-0108
  Hopkins presented and moved to approve R-2025-0108 for Preliminary Engineering Services Agreement for Sumner Road Bridge in Leaf River Township. 2nd by Janes. Chairman Larson stated he will abstain due to family employment. Motion carried. (Placed on file)

Unfinished and New Business:

Heuer asked for clarification on the Annual Meeting Resolution regarding the time of the Executive Committee Meeting, the resolution reads 4:30 p.m.. There was discussion as to the time for the start of the Executive Committee. Chairman Larson stated it will begin at 5:00 p.m..

Chairman Comments:

Vice-Chairman Comments:

Adjournment:

At 5:57 p.m., with no further business Chairman Larson adjourned the meeting until the next meeting on Tuesday, February 18, 2025, at 5:30 p.m. at the Courthouse in Oregon.

Chairman Bruce E. Larson
Ogle County Board

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