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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 Youman absent. The invocation was given by Fritz and followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Presentation: Nick Bava, Principal – Sikich – County Audit

Nick Bava presented the Ogle County Board with findings from its Annual Financial Report. The county received a consistent opinion and Sikich found that the county's financial statements show its financial position fairly.

Presentation: Scott Perkinson, Account Executive – Enterprise Fleet Management Inc.

Scott Perkinson presented the Ogle County Board with findings while excluding the Sheriff's Department, they are looking at 36 vehicles, of those, 39% of the light and medium duty vehicles are over 10 years old. By incorporating a plan with Enterprise, they can provide newer vehicles with significantly lower maintenance expenses and better fuel efficiency. Enterprise offers an open ended equity leases, which do not have mileage restrictions, no wear and tear penalties and allows them to write the lease down to the remaining book value. This will also offer flexibility in term of the lease.

Consent Agenda Items – by Roll Call Vote

1. Approval of Ogle County Board Meeting Minutes – April 15, 2025
2. Accept Monthly Reports – Treasurer, County Clerk & Recorder and Circuit Clerk
3. Appointments –
    - Board of Health – Angela Villarreal – R-2025-0501
    - Board of Review – Joseph Yockey – R-2025-0502
    - Board of Review – Sheryl Hopkins – R-2025-0503
4. Resignations –
    - Farmland Assessment Review – Craig Danekas – R-2025-0505
5. Vacancies -
    - Board of Health - DDS (1 unexpired term)
    - Leaf River FPD (1 unexpired term)
    - Byron Museum District (1 vacancy)
    - 9-1-1 ETS Board – Law Enforcement (1 unexpired term)
    - Franklin Grove Fire Protection District (1 vacancy)

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

- Farmland Assessment Review Board (1 unexpired term)

Application and Resumé deadline - Friday, June 27, 2025, at 4:30 p.m. in the County Clerk's Office -105 S. 5th St, Ste 104, Oregon

6. Ogle County Claims –
    - Department Claims – April 2025 - $153,695.32
    - County Board Payments – $110,145.29
    - County Highway Fund – $14,275.08
7. Communications -
    - Sales Tax Report
    - ComEd Management Vegetation Activities
    - Electrical Aggregate

Corbitt moved to approve the Consent Agenda and 2nd by Fritz. Oltmanns recused himself from Focus House bills due to a business transaction. A roll call vote is taken:

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

NO: None

ABSENT: Youman

Motion carried.

Zoning – #02-25 SPECIAL USE - Michael J. Alsup and Jose A. Quinonez, 1735 S. Meridian Rd., Chana, IL - O-2025-0501

Nordman presented the petition for a Special Use Permit in the AG-1 Agricultural District to allow the operation of a towing/vehicle impound and auto & truck repair facility. The proposed site is described as follows and owned by the petitioners: Part of G.L. 2 of the Northwest Quarter (NW1/4) Fractional Section 8 in White Rock Township 41North, Range 1 East of the 3rd P.M., Ogle County, IL, 5.66 acres, more or less – P.I.N.: 18-07-100-009 - Common Location: 1735 N. Meridian Rd.

Oltmanns moves to approve O-2025-0501 as presented, 2nd by Simms.

Fox stated under condition number one closing off the north entrance and providing vegetative screening is critical as this is a commercial operation in a residential neighborhood. The screening is very important and he would like more information before voting on this.

Corbitt stated that there has been a lack of court recorder's minutes of the ZBA transcripts with the Ordinance and would like to know why. Nordman stated those minutes are available on the website in April minutes. The Ordinance was delayed to give the County Board additional time to look over those transcripts. Corbitt stated that minutes are generally attached to the Ordinance.

A roll call vote it taken:

YES: Asp, Corbitt, Daws, Fritz, Gillis, Griffin, Heuer, Hopkins, Nordman, Oltmanns, Ramsey, Reeverts, Reising, Simms, and Williams

NO: Billeter, Fox, Huber, Janes, Kenney, Miller, Mudge, and Larson

ABSENT: Youman

Motion carried. (Placed on file)

Public Comment

- Pat Nordman – Marcia Heuer received a thank you from Tri-County Opportunities Council Headstart Program for providing meaningful services to children and families on their journey to set goals and achievements.
- Denise Winterland – Lives adjacent to 1735 N Meridian Road and is concerned about property values with the auto & truck repair facility next door.
- Martin Winterland – Lives adjacent to 1735 N Meridian Road and stated that the containers have caused blind spots. He would like to know what the stipulations are and when they will need to be completed. Who would be the contact if the stipulations are not completed?
- Art Smith – Lives adjacent to 1735 N Meridian Road and he is concerned that the lot is not zoned for business, it is agricultural land.
- Steve Hindi – Read a prepared statement and opposes Ritchie Road steer tailing events.
- Kelleigh Miller – She is a citizen of Ogle County and has presented a resolution to the Ethics and Governance Committee last week regarding the steer tailing event. The resolution is solely focused on the Humane Care for Animals Act. She asks the County Board and Law Enforcement to revoke the Special Use Permit for steer tailing.
- Katherine Kruse – Read a prepared statement from licensed Veterinarian regarding steer tailing.
- Chris Brandland – Read a prepared statement regarding the steer tailing event in Rochelle.
- Jodie Wiederkehr – Opposes the Rochelle Rodeo and asked the County Board to revoke the Special Use Permit for steer tailing.

Reports and Recommendations of Committees

Ethics and Governance

- Resolution to Support SB 0045 – Ban Dragging Bovine by Tail – R-2025-0504

  Huber makes a motion to table/withdraw the resolution for the committee to discuss further. Huber stated the resolution was referred to the State's Attorney for his input and Zoning Committee for a review of the Special Use Permit. After much discussion with the Vice Chairman and several members of committee, they would like to further discuss this issue. Not requesting a motion nor a vote on this resolution.

  Hopkins stated he was disappointed that the Agricultural Committee was not involved in this discussion.

Finance and Insurance

- Enterprise Leasing County Vehicles – R-2025-0506

  Billeter presented and moved to approve R-2025-0506, 2nd by Gillis. Hopkins asking what type of vehicles they lease. Scott Perkinson confirms that they lease all types of vehicles, compact to SUV and even dump truck, ½ ton and more.

  Corbitt requested a roll call vote to be taken:

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

  NO: None
  ABSENT: Youman

  Motion carried. (Placed on file)

Road & Bridge

- Lowell Park Road Culvert & Intersection Improvements – 23-00347-00-BR – R-2025-0507

  Hopkins presented and moved to approve R-2025-0507 awarding low bidder Martin & Company Excavating, 2nd by Kenney. Billeter recused himself due to family employment. Motion carried. (Place on file)

- 12,000-Gallon Above Ground Fuel Dispensing Tank – R-2025-0508

  Hopkins presented and moved to approve R-2025-0508 awarding low bidder Crowne Industries, Ltd., 2nd by Fritz. Motion carried. (Placed on file)

- Committing to Vision Zero and adopting the NW Illinois Safety Action Plan – R-2025-0509

  Hopkins presented and moved to approve R-2025-0509, 2nd by Reeverts. Motion carried. (Placed on file)

- Petition for County Aid: Pine Rock Township Culvert Replacement on Prairie Road 25-20130-00-BR – R-2025-0510

  Hopkins presented and moved to approve R-2025-0510, 2nd by Janes. Motion carried. (Placed on file)

Unfinished and New Business: None

Closed Session:

At 6:27 pm, Chairman Larson asked for a motion to go into Closed Session per the Open Meetings Act 5 ILCS 120/2 (c) 2 for Collective Negotiating Matters with International Brotherhood of Teamsters Union and review and approval of Closed Minutes per 5ILCS 120/2 (c) 21 – November 15, 2022 and December 17, 2024. Motion by Reeverts, 2nd by Fox.

Roll Call:

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

NO: None

ABSENT: Youman

Motion carried.

Open Session:

At 6:55 p.m., the County Board returned to Open Session.

- Don Griffin gave an update regarding the Electrical Aggregate letter that was sent out to the residents of the unincorporated part of the county.
- International Brotherhood of Teamsters Union Contract – R-2025-0511

  Motion by Billeter to waive the first reading of the union contract, 2nd by Kenney. Motion carried.

  Motion by Kenney to accept R-2025-0511 as presented, 2nd by Williams. Motion carried. (Placed on file)
- Approval of Closed Minutes – November 15, 2022 and December 17, 2024 (Content only – Subject to State's Attorney Review of Closed Minutes)

  Motion by Reeverts and approve the closed minutes as presented, 2nd by Nordman. Motion carried. (Placed on file)

Chairman Comments:
Vice-Chairman Comments: Stay healthy.
Adjournment:

At 6:59 p.m., with no further business motion by Reeverts to adjourn the meeting until Tuesday, June 17, 2025, at 5:30 p.m. at the Courthouse in Oregon, 2nd by Oltmanns. Motion carried

Chairman Bruce E. Larson
Ogle County Board

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