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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 Gillis and Reeverts absent. The invocation was given by Janes and followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Introduction: University of Illinois Extension – Hometown Leaders Program

Jodi Baumgartner, the 4H coordinator in Ogle County, is partnering with local schools to show students different aspects of County Government.

Presentation: Dan Newkirk, Director of Energy Solutions – Alpha Controls

Dan Newkirk presented the County Board with Facility Energy Costs and evaluating savings from energy reduction projects. Energy use is down on average 15% over the past six months across three different sites, the Judicial Center Annex, the Judicial Center and the Public Safety Complex.

Consent Agenda Items – by Roll Call Vote

1. Approval of Ogle County Board Meeting Minutes – October 2025
2. Accept Monthly Reports – Treasurer, County Clerk & Recorder and Circuit Clerk
3. Appointments –
    - Lost Lake RCD – Timothy Sanders – R-2025-1101
    - Board of Health – Scott Scull – R-2025-1102
    - Board of Health – Camery Peterson – R-2025-1103
4. Vacancies -
    - Board of Health – DDS (1 unexpired term)
    - Board of Health (2 vacancies)
    - Housing Authority (2 unexpired terms)
    - Mental Health 708 Board (2 vacancies)
    - Franklin Grove Fire Protection District (1 vacancy)

Application and Resumé deadline - Friday, November 28, 2025, at 4:30 p.m. in the County Clerk's Office -105 S. 5th St, Ste 104, Oregon

5. Ogle County Claims –
    - Department Claims – October 2025 - $235,099.13
    - County Board Payments – $112,502.49
    - County Highway Fund – $34,155.85
6. Communications -
    - Local Sales Tax
    - ComEd Management Vegetation Activities

A roll call vote is taken:

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

NO: None

ABSENT: Gillis and Reeverts

Motion carried.

Zoning – #07-25SU - Revisions to O-2025-1002 - O-2025-1101
Nordman presented revisions to Ordinance #2025-1002 - #07-25 Special Use regarding the reduction in landscaping from two layers to one layer as it is eligible with the ¼ mile population radius being less than 10 homes.

Section VI Design & Installation
D. Aesthetics and Lighting
1. Vegetative Screening
One tier vegetative screen can be allowed only if population density for proposed SEF is less than 10 homes per quarter mile from property line of SEF to property line of non-participating residence and approved by the County Zoning Committee and the County Board.

Nordman stated that this was approved by ZBA 5-0, APZ 7-0 and the County Board 11-10 with 3 absent.

Nordman moved to approve O-2025-1101 as presented, 2nd by Janes.

Ramsey commented the ordinance stated there are less than ten homes, she asked how many exactly. Nordman responded she couldn't say for sure, but it's around five homes.

Mudge stated people that live outside of town want to live there because they want the natural aesthetics. He thinks that the rules should be the same whether it is a well populated area, or for residents that live outside of town.

Youman responded stating when the ordinance was written there were a number of individuals that wanted this revision as an option.

Reising said that most residents don't want solar farms in residential areas, so this is a way to get those moved out to less populated areas.

Simms wanted more explanation for the Hometown Leaders as to what the purpose of a vegetative barrier is. Nordman said that is it mainly for aesthetics and part of the design. Youman responded that is puts a natural barrier up so the solar facility doesn't go against the natural look of the County.

A roll call vote is take:

YES: Reising, Simms, Williams, Asp, Billeter, Corbitt, Daws, Fritz, Griffin, Hopkins, Huber, Janes, Kenney, Nordman, Oltmanns, and Larson.

NO: Youman, Fox, Heuer, Miller, Mudge and Ramsey.

Absent: Reeverts and Gillis.

Motion carried. (Placed on file)

Public Comment
- Lyle Hopkins – Hopkins encouraged County Board Members to attend the Ogle County Fair and go to the exhibits area to see the projects put together by the kids.

Reports and Recommendations of Committees

Ethics and Governance
- <u>County Board Rules of Order – R-2025-1104</u>

  Huber presented and moved to approve R-2025-1105, 2nd by Corbitt.

  State's Attorney Rock stated that the language in the resolution is unclear. He suggested that the verbiage be revised before passage of the amendment. The resolution has been tabled until next County Board Meeting.

Executive
- <u>Open Closed Meeting Minutes and Authorization to Destroy Audio Recordings – R-2025-1105</u>

  Larson presented and moved to approve R-2025-1105, 2nd by Oltmanns.

  Motion carried. (Placed on file)

Finance & Insurance

- FY2026 Ogle County Budget and Appropriations – O-2025-1102

  Billeter presented and moved to approve O-2025-1102, 2nd by Youman.

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2026 Budget Summary & Approvals

Fund	Appropriation	Levy
American Rescue Plan Fund	$3,370,733	$0
Animal Control Fund	$251,900	$0
Bond Debt Service Fund	$2,763,009	$0
Co-Operative Extension	$133,250	$133,250
County Bridge Fund	$3,771,000	$675,000
County General Fund	$20,632,767	$5,875,000
County Highway Fund	$3,760,392	$2,039,400
Federal Aid Matching Fund	$2,007,000	$1,039,500
GIS Committee Fund	$418,061	$0
IMRF Fund	$2,000,000	$1,500,000
Insurance Premium Levy Fund	$1,123,000	$862,000
Long Range Planning	$3,363,929	$0
Mental Health Fund	$1,155,000	$1,160,000
Motor Fuel Tax Fund	$2,243,500	$0
Revolving Vehicle Purchase	$0	$0
Senior Social Services	$293,800	$296,300
Social Security Fund	$1,307,000	$1,000,000
Solid Waste Fund	$2,302,364	$0
TB Care & Treatment Fund	$35,729	$34,080
War Veterans Fund	$403,599	$394,340
SUBTOTAL:	**$51,336,033**	**$15,008,870**
Additional Fund Appropriations	$14,950,092	$0
TOTAL:	**$66,286,125**	**$15,008,870**

Motion carried. (Placed on file)

Human Resources & Risk Management

- Interim HR Director Appointment – R-2025-1106

  Kenney presented and moved to approve R-2025-1106, 2nd by Billeter.

  Corbitt asked if there were any other candidates that have been considered for this position. Larson said that due to budgetary constraints and the salary that the County is able to offer, the position has not been posted. Corbitt also questioned the other allowances such as the Insurance Stipend and Larson responded that the insurance stipend goes with the person who's handling the Health Insurance, which is the person who is being appointed as Interim.

  Motion carried. (Placed on file)

Long Range Planning

- Office Remodel for Animal Control and Veterans Administration – R-2025-1107

  Griffin presented and moved to approve R-2025-1107, 2nd by Nordman.

  Motion carried. (Placed on file)

- Updates – Griffin gave a few brief updates regarding courthouse projects. The roofing project at the Historic Courthouse is moving along. The courthouse basement is completely finished, we are just waiting to be reimbursed from the insurance company. The bid documents for the memorial project are being prepared. The Historical Society has reached out and would like to put a time capsule in next summer for the 250th anniversary of the Country. Griffin and Reising went to the US Communities project US Solar Ducks Field on Oregon Trail Road. He said that there are battery backups, each have their own HVAC ventilation system and their own fire suppression systems. In around 3-4 months, we should start seeing a discount on our bills.

Larson asked Griffin to provide an update on funding for the Memorial Plaza. Griffin stated that a grant was written that can be used to towards the construction of the plaza.

Unfinished and New Business: None
Chairman Comments: None
Vice-Chairman Comments: None
Adjournment:

At 6:15 p.m., with no further business Chairman Larson adjourned the meeting until Tuesday, December 16, 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