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 Asp, Billeter, Gillis, Griffin, Huber, Oltmanns, Ramsey, Reeverts, Williams and Youman absent.

Pledge of Allegiance

Long Range Planning

Steve Nelson with Larson & Darby Group presented the bids that were received to repair the roof on the Historic Courthouse. A pre-bid meeting was held on September 12th and bids were received on September 24th. The bids were received from Sterling Roofing out of Sterling, Illinois, and Mortensen Roofing out of Frankfort, Illinois. The low bid was from Sterling Roofing at $813,125.00, which includes a $30,000 general contingency allowance. The bid from Mortensen Roofing came in at $1,344,000. Larson and Darby recommends that the County Board move forward with Sterling Roofing bid.

Nordman asked for information regarding the different shingles and Nelson confirmed they will still maintain the historical status of the building.

Chairman Larson stated that most of the insurance money for the project has been received so there is not a big difference as to what has been received and how much is still needed. Simms asked what the difference was. Larson confirmed around $300,000 has been received, and more should be coming.

Kenney wanted to know the comparison between the original slate shingles and the new shingles that will be used. Mr. Nelson confirmed that the EcoStar shingles have a very similar life span and warranty, but are not breakable in the same way that slate is.

Heuer asked what will happen with the copper gutters. Mr. Nelson stated that that the work is going to be above that with the exception of resealing inside the existing gutters.

Janes made a motion to approve the bid as presented for Sterling Roofing in the amount of $813,125.00 with the contingency. 2nd by Simms.

Fox asked where the $500,000 additional coming from for the project. Larson said that we are looking to come up with about $350,000 more. Reising stated that the rest of the bills will be submitted back to the insurance company for review.

A roll call vote is taken:

YES: Nordman, Reising, Simms, Corbitt, Daws, Fox, Fritz, Heuer, Hopkins, Janes, Kenney, Miller, Mudge, and Larson

NO: None

Absent: Asp, Billeter, Gillis, Griffin, Huber, Oltmanns, Ramsey, Reeverts, William and Youman

Motion carried (Placed on file)

Public Comment:

Adjournment:

At 5:51 p.m., with no further business Chairman Larson adjourned the meeting until Tuesday, October 21, 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

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Call to Order

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

Roll Call

The roll call showed Oltmanns, Williams and Youman absent. The invocation was given by Huber and followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Consent Agenda Items – by Roll Call Vote

1. Approval of Ogle County Board Meeting Minutes – September 2025
2. Accept Monthly Reports – Treasurer, County Clerk & Recorder and Circuit Clerk
3. Appointments
    - Lost Lake RCD – Douglas Jones – R-2025-1001
    - Housing Authority – Bryan Boblett – R-2025-1002
    - Kyte River Drainage District #2 – Eric Petry – R-2025-1003
4. Resignations
    - Lost Lake RCD – Bill Winebaugh – R-2025-1004
5. Vacancies -
    - Board of Health DDS (1 unexpired term)
    - Board of Health (4 vacancies)
    - Lost Lake RCD (1 unexpired term)
    - Housing Authority (2 unexpired terms)
    - Franklin Grove Fire Protection District (1 vacancy)

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

- Mental Health 708 Board (2 vacancies)

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

6. Ogle County Claims –
    - Department Claims – September 2025 - $54,545.26
    - County Board Payments – $67,295.16
    - County Highway Fund – $130,313.92
7. Communications –
    - ComEd – Vegetation Management
    - Local Sales Tax

Simms moved to approve the Consent Agenda and 2nd by Reeverts. Gillis recused himself from R-2025-1003 due to family. A roll call vote is taken:

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

NO: None

ABSENT: Oltmanns, Williams and Youman

Motion carried.

Zoning – #03-25AM MAP AMENDMENT – Tommy Romando, P.O. Box 9, Sycamore, IL - O-2025-1001

Nordman presented #03-25AM map amendment to the Zoning District to rezone from AG-1 Agriculture District to R-1 Rural Residential on the property described as follows and owned by the petitioner: Part of the Northwest Quarter (NW1/4) of the Southeast Quarter (SE1/4) of Section 21 Leaf River Township 25 North, Range 10 East of the 4th P.M., Ogle County, IL, 5.0 acres, more or less; Property Identification Number: 04-21-400-008; Common Location: 370 W. Lightsville Rd.

Nordman stated RPC had a 6-0 approval, ZBA had a 5-0 approval, and APZ had a 7-0 approval.

Nordman moved to approve O-2025-1001 as presented, 2nd by Asp.

Motion carried. (Placed on file)

Zoning – #07-25SU SPECIAL USE – Community Energy Initiative, LLC, 203 Crescent Street, Suite 106, Waltham, MA - O-2025-1002

Nordman presented #07-25 Special Use Permit in the AG-1 Agriculture District to allow the construction and operation of a 3.5MW AC Community Solar Energy Facility on the property described as follows and being leased by the petitioner: Part of the East Half (E1/2) of the Southeast Quarter (SE1/4) of Section 29 Leaf River Township 25N, R10E of the 4th P.M., Ogle County, IL, 25.0 acres of the 102.42 acre site. Property Identification Number: Part of 04-29-400-004; Common Location: 8000 block of N. Pecatonica Rd.

Nordman shared ZBA had a 5-0 approval and APC had a 7-0 approval.

Nordman moved to approve O-2025-1002 as presented, 2nd by Asp.

A roll call vote is taken:

YES: Reising, Asp, Billeter, Corbitt, Fox, Gillis, Griffin, Heuer, Janes, Nordman and Larson

NO: Ramsey, Reeverts, Simms, Daws, Fritz, Hopkins, Huber, Kenney, Miller, and Mudge

ABSENT: Oltmanns, Williams and Youman

Motion carried. (Placed on file)

Zoning – #08-25SU SPECIAL USE – Marion Township Solar 2, LLC, 55 Technology Drive, Suite 102, Lowell, MA - O-2025-1003

Nordman presented #08-25 Special Use Permit in the AG-1 Agriculture District to allow the construction and operation of a 4.99 MW AC Community Solar Energy Facility on the property described as follows and being leased by the petitioner: Part of the North Half (N1/2) of the Northwest Quarter (NW1/4) of Section 34; and part of the Southwest Quarter (SW1/4) of the Southwest Quarter (SW1/4) of Section 27, all in Marion Township 25N, R11E of the 4th P.M., Ogle County, IL, 33 acres of the 126.88 acre site, more or less. Property Identification Number: Part of 05-27-300-021 & 05-34-100-017; Common Location: 8000 block of N. Kishwaukee Rd.

Nordman indicated ZBA was 3-2 in denial and APZ was 7-0 in denial. This permit does not meet the comprehensive plan of the County nor for Marion Township.

Nordman made a motion to deny O-2025-1003, 2nd by Reeverts.

Motion carried. (Placed on file)

Public Comment

- Brenda Mason, Director of Focus House - Gave a brief overview of the services they offer. Focus House is celebrating their 50th Anniversary and they would like to request a Proclamation Recognizing the 50th Anniversary of Focus House to be reviewed by the County Board. The 50th Anniversary is going to be held on November 14th at Luna in Rochelle. It will be an open house style with presentations and speakers.
- Lyle Hopkins – Hopkins inquired about why County Board meetings are no longer being held at Focus House.
- Don Griffin – Griffin gave an update regarding Historic Courthouse progress. He said that the scaffolding should be complete next Wednesday and Thursday the roofers will start. The basement project is complete and put back together.

- Marcia Heuer – Heuer made a motion to suspend the Rules of Order to consider the Proclamation Recognizing the 50th Anniversary of Focus House, 2nd by Janes. Huber read the proclamation for the County Board. Huber made a motion to approve the Proclamation, 2nd by Billeter. Motion carried. (Placed on file)
  Reeverts made a motion to re-instate the Rules of Order, 2nd by Simms. Motion carried.

Reports and Recommendations of Committees

State's Attorney - Court Services - Focus House - Judiciary & Circuit Clerk

- Office of the State's Attorney Appellate Prosecutor - R-2025-1005

  Corbitt presented and moved to approve R-2025-1005, 2nd by Janes. State's Attorney Rock stated that this is a very valuable asset for the County.

  Motion carried. (Placed on file)

Ethics & Governance

- Advisory Referendum Federal Scholarship Tax Credit - R-2025-1006

  Huber presented and moved to approve R-2025-1006, 2nd by Janes. Corbitt shared that if Illinois does not opt-in, Illinois students will not receive the funds.

  Motion carried. (Placed on file)

Finance

- Ogle County as Trustee - R-2025-1007

  Billeter presented and moved to approved R-2025-1007, 2nd by Fox. Motion carried. (Placed on file)

Executive

- 2026 County Holiday Schedule - R-2025-1008

  Larson presented and moved to approve R-2025-1008, 2nd by Reeverts. Mudge asked if there was a way the holiday schedule could be modified to give the employees Christmas Eve off. Chairman Larson stated that we could, but that will not affect the employees in the Judicial Center. Nordman clarified that employees are able to use accrued time off. Motion carried. (Placed on file)

Adjournment:

At 6:06 p.m., with no further business Reeverts made a motion to adjourn the meeting until Monday, October 27, 2025, at 5:30 p.m. at the Courthouse in Oregon, 2nd by Asp. Motion carried.

Chairman Bruce E. Larson
Ogle County Board

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Call to Order

Chairman Larson called the meeting to order at 5:46 p.m. Followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call

The roll call showed Reeverts attended the meeting remotely and Daws, Fox, Gillis, Hopkins, Huber, Miller, Nordman, Oltmanns, Reising, Simms, and Williams absent.

State's Attorney Mike Rock referenced Rules of Order #15 "All meeting of the Ogle County Board and County Board committees shall comply with the Illinois Open Meetings Act" in conjunction with the Open Meetings Act 5 ILCS 120/7 7(a) indicating that a Board Member may be able to attend remotely due to employment. Motion by Mudge to allow Reeverts to attend remotely due to employment, 2nd by Griffin. Motion carried. (Placed on file)

Presentation – Proposed FY2026 Ogle County Budget and Appropriation

Billeter, Chairman of the Finance committee**,** presented the draft of the FY2026 Ogle County Budget and Appropriations.

Billeter thanked the County Department Heads who provided the necessary information to create the budget in a timely manner, Treasurer Tiffany O'Brien and her staff who put together all the data, and the Finance, Revenue and Insurance committee members, Daws, Griffin, Miller, Nordman, Youman and Larson for the extra time and effort they put in.

Billeter reviewed:

- Billeter stated that the EAV in 2025 is estimated to be $2,219,572,100. That's an increase from last year of $147,325,481 or 6.6%. The tax rate in Ogle County is .67621, and the increase from the prior year is .00034.
- Billeter shared the tax data from the County and where those funds are coming from.
    - 40% of the funds come from residential taxes
    - 9% of the funds come from commercial business taxes
    - 32% of the funds come from industrial taxes, which makes us #3 in the state of Illinois
    - 17% of the funds come from farm taxes
    - 2% of the funds is shared from the railroads and mineral taxes
- Billeter said the amount of money being appropriated for FY2026 is $51,336,033 which is an increase of $2,135,315 or approximately 4.16% from the prior year. The largest difference is in the General Fund which is being increased by $1,449,716. Part of the reason for the increase is due to the salary changes. It is estimated that County revenues will be up approximately $131,582 next year.
- Corbitt questioned why the Interfund Transfer In-Health went down $12,000. Billeter commented that the Health Department has been renting their properties from the County. There was confusion for 2 years in a row where they didn't pay anything. They have run into some difficulties where they were no longer receiving the grants that they once were. The County has tried reducing the rent and is seeking other sources of income for them.
- Billeter explained that the General Fund should have a surplus of $277,383 in 2026.
- Billeter stated that the future challenges that the County will face is the bond payment for the Jail. The current balance is $5.6 million and will be paid off January 1, 2028. The County is currently paying $2.8 million in bond payments and the next payment is due by January 1, 2026.
- Youman asked what risk areas that need to be highlighted. The two areas that were talked about were the landfill and revenue from the Sheriff. Billeter responded that the revenue from the landfill is starting to increase and the jail income is based on the number of inmates.
- Corbitt requested clarification on the increase in revenue for the Special Use Permit Application from $350,000 in 2025 current year to date balance to $600,000 proposed FY 2026. Youman responded that was due to the increase in fees that they voted in earlier in the year.

Ogle County

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**

Public Comment

Adjournment

At 6:07 p.m., Chairman Larson adjourns the meeting until Tuesday, November 18, 2025 at 5:30 p.m. at the Courthouse in Oregon.

Chairman Bruce E. Larson
Ogle County Board

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