

**Executive Committee
Tentative Minutes
February 13, 2024**

1. Call Meeting to Order: Vice Chairman Nordman called the meeting to order at 5:20 P.M. Present: Billeter, Fritz, Griffin, Janes, Kenney, Reising, Nordman, Smith. and Finfrock. Absent: None Others Present: HR Director Amanda Jacinto, Heuer, Larson, Reeverts, Youman, and June Jacobs.
2. Approval of Minutes – January 11, 2024: Motion by Kenney to approve the minutes 2nd by Smith. Motion carried.
3. Public Comment: None.
4. Reports of Committees
 - Road and Bridge: 7 items to come from County Engineer Jeremy Ciesiel.
 - Personnel & Salary: None.
 - Supervisor of Assessment, Planning & Zoning: Janes commented there will be two ordinances for County Board; a fee schedule and a map amendment. Mark Miller will be getting those documents to the County Clerk for the County Board meeting as they were approved by the committee earlier today.
Nordman clarified if the fee schedule was different from what was discussed with Mark Miller last week and Janes it is the same one.
Nordman asked for motion to move the items forward to County Board. Motion by Janes, 2nd by Kenney. Motion Carried.
 - S/Atty, Court Services - FOCUS House - Judiciary & Circuit Clerk: None
 - County Facilities - County Security - IT: None.
 - H.E.W. Solids Waste & Veterans: 1 Appointment
 - Long Range Planning: None.
 - Finance & Insurance: Billeter stated they have 1 ARPA request and 1 Ogle County as Trustee resolutions.
Nordman asked for motion to approve sending items forward to County Board. Motion by Billeter, 2nd by Smith. Motion Carried.
 - Executive: Annual Public Notice of Regular Meeting Resolution
 - Agriculture: Resolution of Support of Local Agriculture
Nordman asked for motion to approve the Ogle County Support of Local Agriculture resolution forward to County Board. Motion by Smith, 2nd by Reising. Motion Carried.
 - Workplace Safety: None.
 - Board Presentations: Andy Shaw gave a brief presentation to the amendment to the Enterprise Zone Ordinance that he will present on February 20th for the board.
Nordman asked for motion to approve sending Enterprise Zone amendment ordinance forward to County Board. Motion by Kenney, 2nd by Smith. Motion Carried.
 - Other: None.
5. Old Business:
 - Fiber Grants Update – Nordman shared that Syndeo has applied for some grants in connection with Ogle County and depending on what they receive will guide how much more work they do in our

area. If funds are granted, it will allow for the connection of Chana, Daysville and Lost Nation.

- Dan Janes update on Planning, ZBA, & Comprehensive Plan – Janes expressed his hope that the everyone enjoyed the training sessions last month. Janes state that what they have coming up is cleaning up verbiage in text amendments to the Zoning Ordinance.

Nordman shared she was a little disappointed with the presentation when it came to questions and there was no guidance just a recommendation to seek legal counsel as a standard answer.

Youman shared Boone County is in litigation regarding there Zoning issues so we want to make sure our Zoning Ordinance is clearly stated and enforced.

- Econ Development/GREDCO Report {Kenney} – There is a lot of good things going on. Expansion of areas and railroad. There are two companies looking at the railroad in Rochelle very hard. There also is collaboration with Tom Demmer from Lee County.
- Wayne Reising IACBM Report – Had a meeting and there was a discussion of a task force being compiled to work on publishing notices on our websites instead of newspapers. Reising commented this seems to be supported and other groups such as County Clerks are looking into this as well. Other items discussed were: a bill for ATVs/UTVs having highway access, making vote by mail permanent, remote meetings permanent as long as the majority of the attendees are present.
- HR update – Updated provided by HR Director, Amanda Jacinto. Since the last meeting reporting the slight setback with ADP there has been an adjustment in our ADP start up. The projected payroll run in ADP will be the April 15th payroll. Although this date is later than what was anticipated it has allowed for extra or sooner training before implementation which really gives the County a head start. There are 8 hours of final program training that needs to be completed before time keeping can be run through ADP and we are getting that training before going live instead of after. Jacinto stated those hours will be completed by her and the Treasures offices by the end of next week. Looking forward by early March we will have all departments – without manual time clocks - clocking in at their workstations.
- Com Audit – None.
- Tower update – Still waiting on document.
- Other – None.

6. New Business:

- Labor Negotiation’s update – Nothing to report. Haven’t gotten any response.
- Vets new law update – None.
- Resolution/Ordinance – See above.
- Requests from Committees – None.
- Other actions from Committees – Nothing to report.

7. Closed Session – Collective negotiation matters per 5 ILCS 120/2 (c) (1) – None.

8. Going back into open session – None.

9. Comments or Suggestions from Committee Members or Department Heads – None.

10. Adjournment: With no further business, Vice Chairman Nordman adjourned the meeting until March 12th 2024. Time: 5:56 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,
June Jacobs

WHEREAS, Illinois is home to more than 71,000 farms, 96% of which are family-owned and a third of which include livestock.

WHEREAS, Ogle County accounts for 1,011 of those farms.

WHEREAS, agriculture supports 5,079 jobs which accounts for an estimated 22 percent of total jobs in the county.

WHEREAS, agriculture and related industries generate total sales or output in Ogle County estimated at \$665.8 million.

WHEREAS, farm property provides 16.2 percent of taxable value in the county, which provides services to residents.

WHEREAS, 354,587 acres in Ogle County are farmland representing 73% of total County acres.

WHEREAS, Illinois farmers support the food security of our citizens. The international pandemic displayed the importance of American food systems, processing and supply chain weaknesses.

WHEREAS, new livestock development accounts for additional jobs creating additional economic growth within the county.

WHEREAS, farmers are dedicated to caring for their animals in ways that also benefit the land. Using tools and technology to better manage soil nutrients, water runoff and air quality on the farm, farmers are using fewer natural resources and reducing their carbon footprint while producing more food.

WHEREAS, farmland is a finite resource that is vital to agriculture, food production, and the economic well-being of our county.

WHEREAS, farmers in Illinois face multiple layers of regulation involving state and federal agencies providing a comprehensive, robust regulatory program for all farms including those raising livestock.

WHEREAS, data and information from state regulatory agencies demonstrates environmental issues from agriculture are an extremely rare occurrence.

WHEREAS, the county recognizes the value agriculture contributes to our county and the rural way of life is the backbone of our country. Efforts should be made to accommodate future success of the rural community.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Ogle County Board acknowledges and supports agriculture within our county. The jobs created, taxes generated, technologies embraced and environmental practices implemented by farmers makes agriculture a valuable industry within our county.

LET IT BE RESOLVED, the County of Ogle elected board and county staff will work to support and promote the development of agriculture for the benefit of our county and all its residents.