

H.E.W., Solid Waste & Veterans Committee  
Tentative Minutes  
July 11, 2023

1. Call Meeting to Order: Chairman Fox called the meeting to order at 3:01 p.m. Present: Asp, Finfrock, Huber, Simms, Williams and Fox. Others: Nordman, County Clerk and Recorder Laura Cook, Animal Control Registration Officer Karla Christensen, Health Dept. Administrator Melissa Spangler, Solid Waste Director Paul Cooney, HR Director Amanda Jacinto, VSO Luz Gilkey, VAC Lu Anne Knutson (Nova) and Lloyd Droege. Absent: Ramsey.
2. Approval of Minutes – June 13, 2023: Motion by Finfrock to approve the minutes as presented, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Asp. Motion carried.
3. Public Comment: None.
4. Regional Office of Education:  
Monthly Bills: \$1,226.66. Motion by Williams to approve, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Huber. Motion carried.
5. Health Department: Health Department Administrator Melissa Spangler gave an update on the visit last month with local legislators. Representative Tony McCombie worked with Spangler on setting up a school physical day at the Forreston Fire Department. McCombie is also helping with locating a Nurse Practitioner for the event. Spangler presented information for Opioid Awareness Campaign and will be asking for \$25,000.00 from the Opioid Settlement monies. Motion by Finfrock to move this request to the Finance Committee, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Asp. Motion carried.
6. Solid Waste Department
  - Department Claims: \$4,189.30. Motion by Williams to approve as presented, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Huber. Motion carried.
  - Solid Waste Director Paul Cooney updated the committee on the following:
    - i. Drop-off Recycling Locations: Cooney reported the drop-off recycling program was rolled out this week. There is one in Oregon and Byron for now. If the pilot program goes well it could potentially be expanded. The decks were replaced with the assistance of Lee County and the Ogle County Highway Department.
    - ii. Cooney applied for and was awarded a Grant from IEPA to the Solid Waste Management Department in the amount of \$8,659.60 for new recycling drop-off program startup costs (from US EPA National SWIFR Grant Program).
    - iii. Recycling Events:
      - Friday, July 28th - Residential Electronics, 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., permit required.
7. Animal Control
  - Monthly Bills:
    - a. Animal Control Fund - \$7,370.10. Motion by Finfrock to approve, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Williams. Motion carried.
    - b. Pet Population Control Fund - \$2,070.00. Motion by Williams to approve, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Asp. Motion carried.
    - c. Animal Control Registration Officer Karla Christensen gave a brief update and informed the committee Animal Control Warden Kevin Christensen will be retiring January 5, 2024.

8. Veterans Assistance Commission: VSO Luz Gilkey stated she will be confirming with the Rochelle VFW for the breakfast to be held on September 23<sup>rd</sup>. Luz will be confirming the date tomorrow. Luz stated at the next Veterans Breakfast there will be representatives from Serenity House, Goodwill and Humana attending. If there are any other county departments who would provide services to the veterans they are welcome to attend as well. County Clerk Laura Cook recommended contacting the Rock River Center. Cook would like have a table to inform veterans of voter registration, vote by mail and other election related questions they may have.  
  
IMRF and Payroll: Luz commented there will be a meeting with county representatives to discuss the payroll and IMRF processing. Luz stated the meeting minutes from the VAC and County are being sent to an attorney for review.
9. L.O.T.S. (Lee-Ogle Transportation System): None.
10. Old Business:
  - Senior Tax Levy Funding Hearings will be held on August 23, 2023 beginning at 8:00 a.m. at the Courthouse.
11. New Business: None.
12. Closed Session: None.
13. Adjournment: With no further business, Chairman Fox adjourned the meeting. Time: 3:29 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Laura J. Cook  
Ogle County Clerk and Recorder

Ogle County Animal Control  
Warden Activity Record  
June 2023

<i>Month of June</i>	<i>Monthly Total</i>	<i>Misc. Notes</i>	<i>2023 Year to Date</i>	<i>2022 Year to Date</i>
<b>Miles Driven</b>	<b>2130</b>	Regular duties - Check Complaints Stray pick up - Tag Doors for Non Vac	<b>96315</b> <b>83415</b>	<b>Miles Driven</b> <b>1685</b>
<b>Bites Reported</b>	<b>9</b>	5 Dogs 4Cats	<b>47</b>	<b>45</b>
<b>Strays</b>	<b>9</b>	9 Ogle Co.	<b>31</b>	<b>16</b>
<b>Notices to Comply Given</b>	<b>29</b>	22 No Current Vac/ Registration 7 Dogs Running @ Large	<b>223</b>	<b>107</b>
<b>Citations Issued</b>	<b>1</b>	Dogs Running @ Large 1 No Rabies Shot and Tag	<b>3</b>	<b>8</b>
<b>Welfare Calls</b>	<b>6</b>	4 Dogs - No proper shelter - No water 2 Check on Horse's	<b>25</b>	<b>22</b>
<b>Animal Bites on Animals</b>	<b>5</b>	4 Dog on Dog 1 Dog on Cat	<b>23</b>	<b>22</b>
<b>Assist Other Agencies</b>	<b>2</b>	1 Forreston P.D. 1 Ogle County Sheriff	<b>5</b>	<b>8</b>
<b>Dogs Deemed Dangerous</b>			<b>2</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Dogs Deemed Vicious</b>				
<b>Other Complaints</b>	<b>1</b>	1 Cat Hit Car	<b>7</b>	<b>5</b>

Submitted by:  
**Kevin G. Christensen - Warden**  
**Ogle County Animal Control**

Veterans Assistance Commission  
Report for the Month of June 2023  
State of the Budget

Communication	QUANTITY	YTD
Phone	208	952
Office Visit	58	298
Outreach (7/25) / Home Visits (0/1)	7	25
Email (7/144) / Mail (0/4)	7	148
Direct Submit Claims (32 claims, rest ITF or info sent)	5	181
Fax	3	15
Other(78/351) / General Contact Log (21/118)	99	469
Employee Communications	361	1790
Employee Activity (date entered)	798	3439

VA AWARDANCE	MONTHLY	YTD
Monthly	940.00	\$11,919.00
Retro	244.00	28,273.00
Total	1,184.00	\$40,192.00

EXPENDITURES	MONTHLY	YTD
Salaries and Benefits	\$ 9,324.23	\$ 50,727.93
Training and Meetings	\$ 536.80	\$ 1,625.09
Office Rent/Utilities	\$ 650.48	\$ 2,875.48
Office Build-Out	\$ 3,918.26	\$ 15,175.28
Other Expenses	\$ 603.15	\$ 5,002.60

Direct Assistance to Veterans	Number Assisted	MONTHLY	YTD
Shelter	0	\$ -	\$ -
Other	0	\$ -	\$ -
Drivers Per Diem		\$ 2,437.27	\$ 10,352.54
Other Assistance	0	\$ -	\$ -
Totals		\$ 17,470.19	\$ 85,758.92

Transportation Logs	QUANTITY	YTD
Trips	11	91
Hours Donated	65.9	491.1
Transported	11	91
Miles	1791.3	16169.1

BUDGET SUMMARY	PERCENTAGE	AMOUNT
Budget Submitted		\$ 276,895.00
Previous YTD Expenditures		\$ (68,288.73)
Current Month Expenditures		\$ (17,470.19)
Balance		\$ 191,136.08

Budget approved by Ogle County	51.644%	\$ 143,000.00
Actual Budget Received	42.050%	\$ 116,437.91



Veterans Assistance Commission of Ogle County  
Statistical & Financial Report  
July 11, 2023 Meeting of Ogle County H.E.W. Committee

Luz Maria Gilkey Superintendent/VSO Comments:

- At the VFW Rochelle June Outreach, we were able to serve seven (7) Veterans/Family.
- Next Veteran Breakfast Possibly September 23, 2023 at the VFW Rochelle it will be a discussion at our VACOC meeting tomorrow
  - Hopefully we will see HEW Board members attend the breakfast
  - We would like the HEW Board to reach out to community and see what other community services for veterans can be present
  - Looking forward to having Serenity house, Good Will, Humana and other.
- VACOC is operational, improvements are work in progress, still needed carpeting and painting of doors, trim needed and several pieces of furniture and miscellaneous office necessities.
- VACOC sent out email to meet with Human resources Amanda Jacinto and HEW President Dean Fox so we can go over how procedures are done currently and see how we will move forward. Date of meeting not determined yet. This would be concerning status of IMRF, Insurance, payroll and benefits that the County employees receive.
- The deadline has passed we need to make sure we move forward. We will have attorney review minutes to understand where both HEW and VACOC's understanding is so he can explain to both what needs to be done.
- VACOC needs plan for the Counties implementation of County entitled benefits for the VACOC.
- VACOC is working on our Employee handbook, by-laws and adopt and adapt county policies
- We have received from county the County Handbook
- Open discussion of financial status see reports

Attached:

- Month of June 2023 State of the Budget and year to date

## Regional Office of Education Report

July 2023

### ROE #47 Moving to New Location

We are excited to announce that we have completed about 85% of our move from our West 23rd st location to our new larger location at 2214 E. 4th st. Suite B in Sterling. Our new location is next to Goodwill in Sterling. We have two wonderful new signs marking our spot. Our professional development area in the new location is not completed yet, so we will be moving the professional development department on July 6th and 7th. We started the moving process on June 12th and we finished on June 19th. All ROE 47 employees did a tremendous job packing, cleaning, and organizing throughout the moving out and in process. It has been a hectic few weeks while we completed the move and still tried our best to service the educational professionals and families of Lee, Ogle, and Whiteside Counties. We are still in the process of unpacking and setting the space up so we can run efficiently as possible. We love our new space and we would like to say thank you to our 3 wonderful counties for helping us make our new office a reality.

### Professional Learning & Educational Services

Current Programs - Office of Professional Learning & Educational Services
Induction & Mentoring
Community Partnership Grant
Education Pathway Endorsement
Manufacturing & Agriculture Endorsement Programs
Elevating Special Educators
School Improvement & Strategic Planning
School Improvement Cooperative (instructional coaching, training, networking)
Social Emotional Learning/Trauma/Youth Mental Health First Aid/TRS I-A

Early Childhood Professional Learning

Family Education & Engagement

### Office of Professional Learning & Ed Services: School Improvement

#### Professional Learning

- Science of Reading Cohort through LETRS is preparing to launch for 2023-24. We have 84 teachers and administrators who will participate in the cohort.
- Summer learning is underway! We have over 40 opportunities this summer for educators to continue their learning. [CLICK HERE](#) for a full list of professional learning opportunities.
- We continue to work with our school districts throughout the summer through professional learning and continuous improvement work. Special shoutout to our friends at AFC, as we complete a week of intense professional learning focused on literacy. Paw Paw School District, Amboy High School, and Amboy School District continue to work with ROE professional learning staff during the summer to move forward with their 5 year school improvement plans and district strategic planning efforts.

### Office of Professional Learning & Ed Services: Social Media

The department's social media presence continues to grow. Like our page on Facebook (Regional Office of Education #47) and download our ROE47 App for weekly teacher talks, instructional tips, news, giveaways, updates & more! Follow us on Twitter @RegionalOffice47

Want to hear from educators & students in the classroom? Check out our Teacher Talks on YouTube!

### Coming this Summer!



**SUMMER  
PROFESSIONAL  
DEVELOPMENT**  
**BROUGHT TO  
YOU BY IESE**  
Illinois Elevating Special  
Educators Network



**PLEASE VISIT  
ROE47.ORG  
TO REGISTER**

**ALL SESSIONS WILL BE AT SAUK  
VALLEY COMMUNITY COLLEGE**

Contact Kelly Marcum at [kmarcum@iesnetwork.org](mailto:kmarcum@iesnetwork.org) or Shauna Dinges at [sdinges@iesnetwork.org](mailto:sdinges@iesnetwork.org) with questions

**WEDNESDAY**  
**JUNE 21, 2023**  
**12:00-2:00**  
**PART 2**

**Building Your  
Co-Teaching  
Relationships**

As a follow-up to Intro to Co-Teaching, participants can join individually or with their co-teacher as participants will learn how to build their co-teaching relationship through activities that will identify individual strengths, weaknesses, and how to work and teach together to benefit all students.

**WEDNESDAY**

**JUNE 7, 2023**  
**9:00-11:30**

**FBA/BIP Overview**  
Presented by Sae Han Park

Functional Behavior Assessments and Behavior Intervention Plans are an essential part of the IEP when students' behavior impedes their learning or the learning of others. In this professional development, participants will learn about the components of the FBA and BIP and better understand needed information to write an effective student plan. Data collection methods, documentation checklists, and evidence-based interventions will also be discussed.

**WEDNESDAY**

**JUNE 21, 2023**  
**9-11:30**  
**PART 1**

**Introduction to  
Co-Teaching**

Co-teaching pairs teachers who share responsibilities in planning, instruction, assessment, and student management. When delivered effectively, the service delivery option can increase student achievement. Participants will learn about the various co-teaching approaches, lesson delivery, and ways to make the partnership work for teachers and students. Participants will also identify roadblocks and explore possible solutions to implementing co-teaching in their classrooms.

**TUESDAY**

**JULY 11, 2023**  
**9:00-11:30**

**Improving Reading  
and Writing for All  
Students**

Participants will discuss the current status of foundational reading instruction. The book *Shifting the Balance* will be highlighted as a model on how to shift your instructional practices in reading, incorporating strategies for improving reading fluency for all students. Participants will explore informational text instruction and how to increase vocabulary acquisition and retention. Participants will dive into how to teach the essential components of writing instruction to all students. Participants will leave with a variety of instructional strategies and teaching practices that will be valuable across content areas.

**TUESDAY**

**JULY 25, 2023**  
**9:00-11:30**

**Math for All**

Participants will learn more about the Math For All framework that focuses on developing a student-centered approach to learning math. Participants will leave with an improved understanding on how to support all students in the math classroom, including those with disabilities, by deepening their understanding of how to assess students' strengths and needs while reducing the barriers. Although the focus is on mathematics, participants will leave with a variety of instructional strategies and teaching practices that will be valuable across content areas.



# Let's Bee a Village

## For new parents in our community

**Community Baby Shower Wish List**

Board Books	Sleep Sacks (0-6 months)
Outfits (3-12 months)	Baby Thermometers
Infant & Toddler Socks	Diaper Bags
Baby Carrier (Wrap or Sling)	66 Quart Clear Storage Tote

Contact Grace Heimerdinger-Baake at [gheimerdingerbaake@roe47.org](mailto:gheimerdingerbaake@roe47.org) for more information and for all questions.

# UPCOMING FAMILY FUN EVENTS

**June 03**  
**Child Fair**  
Free family activities will be at Sauk Valley Community College from 9 AM - 12 PM. Activities include BLOCK Fest, Petting Zoo, bounce house, and more.

**June 10**  
**Summer Block Party**  
Kick off summer with a free, family-friendly, event in the city of Dixon from 9 AM - 12 PM.

**June 30**  
**Family Fun Night**  
Families are invited to the Old Lee County Court House from 5-7 PM for interactive activities, such as "Touch A Truck" and more.

**July 08**  
**Community Baby Shower**  
New and expectant parents are invited to the community baby shower at 10 AM or 1 PM at the Dixon Park District - The Facility.  
*Sign up by calling or texting (815) 575-9008*

**August 05**  
**Back to School Bash**  
Preschool - 3rd grade students and families are invited to Dixon Wooden Wonderland & Splash Pad from 9-11 am to celebrate the return to school.

SCAN ME  
To learn more about family friendly events happening in the area, scan the QR code to subscribe to the family newsletter.

# TRANSFORMATIONAL LEADERSHIP ACADEMY SERIES

## SERIES SESSIONS:

- SESSION 1:** Understanding & Leveraging the Power of Backstory  
August 31, 2023  
8:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.
- SESSION 2:** Discovering & Developing Your Style of Leadership  
November 30, 2023  
8:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.
- SESSION 3:** Designing & Building a Strong Team Culture  
February 29, 2024  
8:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.
- SESSION 4:** Defining & Recapturing Healthy Classrooms  
June 18, 2024  
8:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.

Gain valuable insights on topics essential to the health and success of your individual schools and districts

Administrators will receive:

- Tailored coaching that is focused on helping build practical leadership strategies to support teachers, students, and families
- Partnerships to encourage your journey
- Immediate implementation steps for transforming your district

**24 PD Hours; Administrator Academy Credit available**  
**Cost: Free for Ed Pathway Partner District Administrators; \$500 co-op members; \$1000 non co-op members**  
**REGISTRATION DEADLINE: FRIDAY, JULY 14**

To register for this series, please visit [roe47.org](http://roe47.org) and click on the **Workshops** link at the top of the page.

Academy leader **Tom Toney** is the founder of KUEST Student Leadership, a non-profit organization focused on developing systems, resources and training for empowering students and educators. Over the last thirty years, Tom has authored more than twenty student leadership and character development books, manuals and resources. As a certified DISC Personality Consultant, Tom coaches businesses and teams through his online CAB University system.





## Office of Professional Learning & Ed Services: Professional Learning Events

Check out ALL of our spring opportunities [HERE](#)

### June Participants - 206

#### Tuesday, June 6

Making It: What Today's Kids Need for Tomorrow's World (book study) @ 9:00 am  
 Transitional English @ SVCC  
 CTE Team Based Challenge Writing Workshop @ SVCC  
 CTE & Equity Promising Practices Workshop @ SVCC

#### Wednesday, June 7

FBA/BIP Overview @ SVCC  
 Transitional English @ SVCC

#### Thursday, June 8

Career Exploration Support of Transition Planning @ SVCC

Tuesday, June 13

How2INFORM: Media Literacy Workshop @ SVCC

Wednesday, June 14

Exploring Nuclear Science and Careers @ Byron Nuclear Plant

Transitional English @ SVCC

Thursday, June 15

Pathway Planning @ SVCC

Engage Every Family (book study) @ 9:00 am

Tuesday, June 20

EVERFI Training @ 9:00 am

Making It: What Today's Kids Need for Tomorrow's World (book study) @ 9:00 am

Wednesday, June 21

Mentor Training for Teachers @ Byron High School

Intro to Co-Teaching @ SVCC

Building Your Co-Teaching Relationships @ SVCC

Thursday, June 22

Essential Employability Skills @ SVCC

Mentor Training for Teachers @ Byron High School

Tuesday, June 27

Soaring Balloons and Heavy Shackles - SEL Asynchronous Course @ 9:00 am

Wednesday, June 28

Social Science Symposium @ SVCC

Thursday, June 29

Google Level 1 Certification Training @ SVCC

Developing a School Wide Trauma-Responsive Action Plan @ SVCC

Engage Every Family (book study) @ 9:00 am

Mentor Training for Teachers @ Byron High School

## June in Photos







## Office of Professional Learning & Ed Services: NEXUS

Welcome Stephanie Celestino to our NEXUS team! Stephanie will work with our Lee County schools and western Whiteside County school districts. Even though school districts are out for the summer, we are still working with our Nexus families to ensure they have support and helping ensure they are enrolled and getting ready for school in August.

## Office of Professional Learning & Ed Services: Student Attendance Support

Welcome Nellie Burke to our Student Support team! This summer, we are working hard to meet with our local legal support, school districts, and our team to create a community-based plan for truancy. We are still looking for a Student Attendance Support worker for Ogle County. We have been conducting interviews over the last two months. We have completed the TAOEP grant before the due date and will be working this year to plan for our next grant cycle, which will be a competitive application for TAOEP services.

## Parents as Teachers First Years

June has been all about preparing for the big move – packing and unpacking. It has been a tremendous job and the parent educators have really gone above and beyond to make sure that our new facility looks attractive and inviting to families. Here is a sampling of some before and after pictures. The giant pile of boxes is only a small portion of the actual number of boxes that we had to unpack into our new space. We have definitely mastered the art of making things fit!





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We,



along with our Education Outreach friends,



had unique ways to dispose of unwanted items.

We had to donate some items to our Goodwill neighbors and make the trash fit in our dumpster.

## Education Outreach Program

The Education Outreach Program has officially made the move from Wallace Education Center to 2214 E. 4th Street, Suite C!

On June 28th, we honored this year's 15 graduates. Congratulations to Myria from Lee County for graduating in June!



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Education Outreach Program has also begun taking new enrollments and we are excited to optimize our new location and staff. The program services Lee, Ogle and Whiteside residents between the ages of 17-24 who are no longer enrolled in school. Individuals receive instruction that results in the completion of the HSE exam to earn their Illinois High School Diploma. In addition, individuals will be guided in career-readiness skills to help them secure and maintain employment.

## McKinney Vento Homeless Program

The Office move has been a major factor in the activities accomplished. Special training has been completed at various locations for the preparation of staff for the fall registration and proper identification of our students. Funding is being completed to prepare for the needs of students in August.