

Proceedings of the Ogle County Board
Re-organizational Meeting
December 6, 2004

State of Illinois)
County of Ogle) ss
City of Oregon)

Call to Order

Chairman Gocken calls the re-organizational meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

Swearing In Ceremony

Chairman Gocken asks for the newly elected board members to stand and be sworn in by Judge Michael Mallon. Judge Mallon swears in the following board members:

District #1 - Jerry Brooks - Kim Stahl - Ron Colson

District #2 - Fred Horner - John "Skip" Kenney - Bobbie Colbert

District #3 - James Swanson - Kim Gouker - Chris Remhof

District #4 - Paul White - Marcia Heuer - Tom Scholl

Chairman Gocken congratulates the newly elected board members and instructs them to sign their Oaths of Office and pass them forward for the Judge to sign. Chairman Gocken and County Clerk Huntley thank Judge Mallon for performing the ceremony for the board members.

Roll Call

The roll call shows all members are present and this is followed with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Nomination and Election of Chairman of the Board

_____ Chairman Gocken opens nominations for the Office of Chairman of the Ogle County Board. Sven Johnson states the person he is nominating for County Board Chairman has faithfully served the county for a total of 20 years and the last two years as Chairman. It is a great honor and privilege to nominate Betty Gocken, Jim Swanson seconds. Kim Gouker moves to close nominations, Lyle Hopkins seconds and the motion carries on a voice vote. Betty Gocken is elected Chairman of the Board by voice vote.

Nomination and Election of Vice-Chairman of the Board

_____ Chairman Gocken asks for Shirley Clayton to be re-elected as Vice-Chairman of the Board. Lyle Hopkins says since he is from the Westside of the County, he would like to nominate Shirley Clayton as Vice-Chairman of the Board. Don Huntley seconds. Bill Spencer moves to close nominations, Chris Remhof seconds and the motion carries on a voice vote. Shirley Clayton is elected Vice-Chairman of the Board by voice vote.

Comments

Chairman Gocken asks Paul White to attend the meetings that Mr. Conn was assigned to and they are Judiciary & Circuit Clerk and Sheriff & Coroner committees.

Chairman Gocken asks Marcia Heuer to attend the meeting that Mr. Daws was assigned to and they are Judiciary & Circuit Clerk, Planning, Assessment and Zoning committees.

Chairman Gocken announces that during the December meeting of the Judiciary & Circuit Clerk the committee will need to elect a chairman for that meeting since the Chairman and Vice-Chairman are no longer on that committee.

Chairman Gocken states there will be new committee assignments in the December County Board packets for approval.

New Business

Marguerite Nye moves to change the time of the Ogle County Board meeting from 5:30 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. and Don Huntley seconds. Chris Remhof says he is opposed to this motion. He feels we are public servants. We are here to serve the public in the best way possible and have the meetings at a time that is more convenient to the public. Remhof says he feels 5:30 p.m. meeting time is more convenient than 5:00 p.m. and once a month is not too much to ask with the average County Board meeting being 3 hours and 15 minutes long. Ed Rice would like to see us adopt the format Lee County has for their board meetings. In the winter time they meet at 9:00 a.m. and during Daylight Savings Time they meet at 5:30 p.m.. Ed Rice moves to amend the motion to have the board meetings at 9:00 a.m. during non-daylight savings time and at 5:30 p.m. during daylight savings time, Doug Zuehl seconds. Bobbie Colbert opposes the amended motion because it is not convenient for the working board members. The working board members need to take time off from work to attend the committee meetings and to take off work for the board meetings is not fair to them. Jason Bauer agrees with Colbert and says if someone would like to have a meeting at 4:30 a.m. it would be great. Bauer states if someone wants to run for county board, the meetings are held during the day and this prevents people from running for the county board. He would like to see some of the committee meetings more towards the afternoon for working people. Carol Hoekstra does not want the changing back and forth for meeting times because it is too confusing for people. Marguerite Nye says we have held these night meetings for 2 years and the only people that attend the meetings are people that have an issue during that particular meeting. Once their issue has been talked about they leave the meeting. Nye says that adopting the Lee County schedule is a fantastic compromise. Ed Rice reminds the board members of the board meeting held at the Oregon Coliseum on the building of the INS Detention Center, there were approximately 200 people in attendance. Once the vote for the INS Detention Center was taken the public left and the board then approved a \$30,000,000 Appropriation Budget and the press didn't even stay. The public didn't care that the county approved a \$30,000,000 budget. Kim Stahl will continue to support the 5:30 p.m. meeting time, she works full-time and this time will be convenient for the public. Kim Gouker says he would like to see the daytime meetings during the winter for the safety factor, we will not be on the roads at night during inclement weather. The question has been called and a roll call vote is called - The vote will be on the amended motion from Ed Rice:

YES: Brooks, Clayton, Gouker, Hopkins, Huntley, Kenney, Nye, Rice, Scholl, Spencer, Swanson and Zuehl

NO: Bauer, Colbert, Colson, Heuer, Hoekstra, Horner, Johnson, Remhof, Saunders, Stahl, White and Gocken

ABSENT: None

The motion is defeated.

Chairman Gocken informs the board they will now vote on the original motion to change the meeting time to 5:00 p.m. - a roll call vote is called:

YES: Brooks, Clayton, Gouker, Huntley, Kenney, Nye, Rice, Scholl, Swanson and Zuehl

NO: Colbert, Colson, Heuer, Hoekstra, Hopkins, Horner, Johnson, Remhof, Saunders, Spencer, Stahl, White, Bauer and Gocken

ABSENT: None

The motion is defeated.

Carol Hoekstra makes the motion to hold the monthly Ogle County Board meetings on the 3rd Tuesday of the month at 5:30 p.m., Sven Johnson seconds and the motion carries on a voice vote.

Public Comment

Motion to Adjourn

At 7:25 p.m., Chris Remhof moves to adjourn the December re-organizational meeting until Tuesday, December 21, 2004 at 5:30 p.m., Ed Rice seconds and the motion carries on a voice vote.

Betty Gocken
Chairman Ogle County Board

Attest: Rebecca Huntley, Ogle County Clerk &
Ex-officio Clerk of the Ogle County Board