

Proceedings of the Ogle County Board Meeting  
December 21, 2004

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

Call to Order

Chairman Gocken calls the meeting to order at 5:35 p.m.

**Roll Call**

The roll call shows Stahl\* is absent. The invocation is given by Shirley Clayton and this is followed with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. (\*Stahl enters at 5:40 p.m.)

**Approval of Minutes**

Chairman Gocken asks for approval of the following County Board minutes:

- October 27, 2004, Budget Hearing - Hoekstra moves to approve the October 27, 2004, Budget Hearing minutes. Swanson seconds and the motion carries on a voice vote.
- November 10, 2004, Budget Hearing - Hoekstra moves to approve the November 10, 2004, Budget Hearing minutes. Clayton seconds and the motion carries on a voice vote.
- November 16, 2004, Ogle County Board meeting - Johnson moves to approve the November 16, 2004, Ogle County Board meeting. Colbert seconds and the motion carries on a voice vote.
- November 29, 2004, Budget Approval meeting - Remhof moves to approve the November 29, 2004, Budget Approval meeting. Rice seconds and the motion carries on a voice vote.

**Approval of Reports**

Colson moves to accept and place on file the monthly reports of the County Clerk/Recorder and Treasurer and monthly and 6-month report of the Circuit Clerk. Hoekstra seconds and the motion carries on a voice vote.

**Hearings - Rep. Bob Pritchard**

Chairman Gocken introduces Representative Bob Pritchard to the board members to keep his continuants updated on legislative happenings. Rep. Pritchard extends a Merry Christmas to everyone present. Rep. Pritchard is here to give board members an update and an opportunity to give some input because they are at a breakpoint during the legislature where they are completing one session and starting the next General Assembly. There will be two days of VETO session on January 10 and 11, 2005, where there will be an opportunity to deal with a lot of the unresolved issues of the last General Assembly, such as early retirement for teachers, capital projects which include school construction and highway construction, Economic Opportunity Returns Program of the Governor and the members' initiative capital projects which had money for various community infrastructures and money that have been promised and communities have pledged across this district. Issues which should have been resolved during the General Assembly session which were

not and he doesn't think they will be during the next two days that are left in this session. Representative Pritchard also discusses some of the revenue shortages the State is having and some of the outstanding issues and needs will not be funded. The 94<sup>th</sup> General Assembly will begin on January 12, 2005, and they will begin the process of introducing new bills. During the last General Assembly over the two-year time period there were some 10,000 bills introduced and dealt with to some degree over this time period. Representative Pritchard asks the board members what issues they would like to see or have sent to Springfield. He informs the board they can call or e-mail and he values the input given to him. County Clerk Huntley asks Representative Pritchard if the House Bill has passed which will have a Recorder's Fee of up to \$11 per document to go toward underprivileged housing? Rep. Pritchard says this was a House Bill that did pass the House but the Senate has not passed it yet. Rep. Pritchard states a number of House members had many concerns about this new source of revenue to be used toward underprivileged housing. There are a number of issues of increasing the cost of registering new properties and this was an increased burden to young home buyers. County Clerk Huntley asks how much of this fee will go toward the Ogle County underprivileged? Rep. Pritchard states it is up to the Human Service Agency and the Department of Aging. Representative Pritchard reminds the board to call, write or e-mail with any input they may have and thanks the board for their time tonight. Chairman Gocken states more than one person has told her how approachable he is to his continuants.

**Suspension of Rules**

Spencer moves to suspend Rules of Order #12 per Rules of Order #25, Horner seconds and a roll call vote is called:

**YES:** Bauer, Brooks, Clayton, Colbert, Colson, Gouker, Heuer, Hoekstra, Hopkins, Horner, Huntley, Johnson, Kenney, Nye, Remhof, Rice, Saunders, Scholl, Spencer, Stahl, Swanson, White, Zuehl and Gocken

**NO:** None

**ABSENT:** None

The motion carries on a roll call vote.

**Ordinances**

- Ordinance Abating the taxes levied for the year 2004 to pay debt services on \$9,800,000 General Obligation Bonds, Series 2003

Zuehl moves to approve the Ordinance Abating the taxes levied for the year 2004 to pay debt services on \$9,800,000 General Obligation Bonds, Series 2003, Clayton seconds. Gouker asks Treasurer John Coffman if the money had been transferred? Coffman says yes the money has been transferred. A roll call vote is called:

**YES:** Brooks, Clayton, Colbert, Colson, Gouker, Heuer, Hoekstra, Hopkins, Horner, Huntley, Johnson, Kenney, Nye, Remhof, Rice, Saunders, Scholl, Spencer, Stahl, Swanson, White, Zuehl, Bauer and Gocken

**NO:** None

**ABSENT:** None

The motion carries on a roll call vote.  
(Placed on file and filed with the County Clerk's Office)

- Ordinance Abating the taxes levied for the year 2004 to pay debt services on \$5,200,000 General Obligation Bonds, Series 2004

Hopkins moves to approve the Ordinance Abating the taxes levied for the year 2004 to pay debt services on \$5,200,000 General Obligation Bonds, Series 2004, Remhof seconds and a roll call vote is called:

**YES:** Clayton, Colbert, Colson, Gouker, Heuer, Hoekstra, Hopkins, Horner, Huntley, Johnson, Kenney, Nye, Remhof, Rice, Saunders, Scholl, Spencer, Stahl, Swanson, White, Zuehl, Bauer, Brooks and Gocken

**NO:** None

**ABSENT:** None

The motion carries on a roll call vote.  
(Placed on file and filed with the County Clerk's Office)

### **Resignations**

#### Lynn - Scott - Rock Fire Protection District

The clerk reads a letter of a vacancy on Lynn - Scott - Rock Fire Protection District. Trustee Minor Avery has tendered his resignation as of December 31, 2004, due to a change in residence and no longer residing in the District. Hoekstra moves to accept the resignation, Clayton seconds and the motion carries on a voice vote.(Placed on file)

#### Mental Health "708" Board

The clerk reads a letter of resignation from Shirley Hoffmeister which will be effective as of December 31, 2004. Gouker moves to accept the resignation, Huntley seconds and the motion carries on a voice vote.(Placed on file)

### **Vacancies**

Chairman Gocken announces the following vacancies:

- Lynn-Scott-Rock F.P.D. - 1 unexpired term - ends April 30, 2007
- Mental Health "708" Board - 1 unexpired term - ends December 31, 2006

Application deadline for this appointment will be Friday, February 25, 2005, at 4:30 p.m. in the Ogle County Clerk's Office

### **REMINDER:**

- Ogle County Housing Authority - 1 unexpired term ends October 31, 2005

Application deadline for this appointment will be Friday, January 7, 2005, at 4:30 p.m. in the Ogle County Clerk's Office

## **Appointments**

### Mental Health "708" Board

Chairman Gocken announces the H.E.W. Committee has recommended Kathe Wilson of Oregon be appointed for a full term which ends December 31, 2008. Heuer moves to accept the recommendation, Clayton seconds and the motion carries on a voice vote. (Placed on file)

### Mental Health "708" Board

Chairman Gocken announces the H.E.W. Committee has recommended Louise M. Hall of Polo be appointed for a full term which ends December 31, 2008. Clayton moves to accept the recommendation, Hoekstra seconds and the motion carries on a voice vote. (Placed on file)

### Mental Health "708" Board

Chairman Gocken announces the H.E.W. Committee has recommended Gordon H. Dockerty of Rochelle be appointed for a full term which ends December 31, 2008. Clayton moves to accept the recommendation, Nye seconds and the motion carries on a voice vote. (Placed on file)

### Ogle County Housing Authority

Chairman Gocken announces the State's Attorney and Legislative Committee has recommended Amy Vaupel-Simmons of Polo be appointed for a full term which ends October 31, 2009. Hoekstra moves to accept the recommendation, Johnson seconds and the motion carries on a voice vote. (Placed on file)

### Board of Health

Chairman Gocken announces the H.E.W. Committee has recommended Dr. Gregory D. Reckamp of Oregon be appointed for a full term which ends November 30, 2008. Spencer moves to accept the recommendation, Bauer seconds and the motion carries on a voice vote. (Placed on file)

### Board of Health

Chairman Gocken announces the H.E.W. Committee has recommended of Dorothy Bowers of Byron be appointed for a full term which ends November 30, 2008. Bauer moves to accept the recommendation, Johnson seconds and the motion carries on a voice vote. (Placed on file)

### Board of Health

Chairman Gocken announces the H.E.W. Committee has recommended of Charles J. Fisher of Byron be appointed for a full term which ends November 30, 2008. Johnson moves to accept the recommendation, Bauer seconds and the motion carries on a voice vote. (Placed on file)

### Kishwaukee Drainage District

Chairman Gocken announces the landowners in the Kishwaukee Drainage District have requested Loren Richolson of Davis Junction be appointed to the Kishwaukee Drainage District for the term commencing the first Tuesday in September 2004, for three years, expiring the first Tuesday of September 2007. Rice moves to accept the recommendation, Johnson seconds and the motion carries on a voice vote. (Placed on file)

**Resolution - 2005 Holiday Schedule**

The clerk reads the Resolution for the proposed 2005 Holiday Schedule as presented. Huntley moves to approve the resolution as presented and Stahl seconds. Horner discusses the possibilities of departments outside of the courthouse be opened at times when the courthouse is closed. Doreen O'Brien states the Health Department uses some of the holidays as floating holidays and they do close on the mandatory holidays. Doreen states they still get the same number of days off as other county employees and this has been done by the Health Department for the past five years. The motion carries on a voice vote.(Placed on file)

**Resolution - Appellate Prosecutor contribution**

Chairman Gocken states the resolution along with a letter of explanation were included in the packets. Chairman Gocken thanks Ben Roe for including this letter for it is the best explanation for what the Appellate Prosecutor is all about. Johnson moves to approve the \$15,000 contribution from Ogle County to the Appellate Prosecutor's Office, Hoekstra seconds and the motion carries on a voice vote.(Placed on file)

**Resolution - Northern Illinois Commuter Rail Initiative**

Chairman Gocken informs the board members this resolution was included in their packets. Chairman Gocken states she has attended meetings on this initiative and approving this resolution is to encourage both State and Federal Legislators to earmark funding in the next Transportation Budget to continue the study of the feasibility of a commuter rail line from the Rockford airport to Chicago. Rice moves to approve the resolution, Zuehl seconds and a roll call vote is needed.

**YES:** Colbert, Colson, Gouker, Heuer, Hoekstra, Hopkins, Horner, Huntley, Johnson, Kenney, Nye, Remhof, Rice, Saunders, Scholl, Spencer, Stahl, Swanson, White, Zuehl, Bauer, Brooks, Clayton and Gocken

**NO:** None

**ABSENT:** None

The motion carries on a roll call vote  
(Placed on file and mailed copy to the City of Rockford)

**Zoning - #18-04 AMENDMENT - Michael R. Bressette**

The clerk reads the petition of Michael R. Bressette, 1092 W. Myrtle Rd., Leaf River, IL and Mark A. & Debra M. Kunz, 1312 Quincy St., Rockford, IL for an Amendment to the Zoning District to rezone from B-1 Business District to R-2 Single-Family Residence District on property described as follows, owned by Michael R. Bressette and being purchased by Mark A. & Debra M. Kunz:

Part of Lots 15 thru 18 Block 4 Original town of Myrtle, Part E ½ NE 1/4 Section 17 Leaf River Township 25N, R10E of the 4th P.M., Ogle County, IL  
P.I.N.: 04-17-276-001 - Common Location: 1092 W. Myrtle Rd.

Scholl moves to concur with the Zoning Board of Appeals and approve #18-04 Amendment. Hopkins seconds and the motion carries on a voice vote.(Placed on file)

**Zoning - Clarification of Motion - Regional Planning Commission**

The clerk reads - Clarification of motion from July 14, 2004 (Planning & Zoning Committee) and July 20, 2004 (County Board) regarding sitting County Board Members not being eligible to serve on the Regional Planning Commission. Scholl makes the motion to reaffirm the July 14, 2004 action of the County Board that Mr. White, as a newly elected County Board member, is no longer eligible to serve on the Regional Planning Commission, and that a vacancy shall be declared on the Regional Planning Commission. Horner seconds. Heuer addresses Chairman Gocken and calls for a Point of Order for two reasons:

- ▶ The motion now presented does not reaffirm the motion adopted by the County Board on July 20<sup>th</sup> which read, “from this time forward, no County Board member shall be appointed to the Regional Planning Commission.” The motion now presented entirely changes the aforementioned motion and deals with an appointment that was duly recorded in April of 2003, for Paul White, with the term of office from May 1, 2003 to April 30, 2006. Therefore, the appointment cannot be retroactively rescinded by action of the County Board
- ▶ This motion is out of order because it violates Illinois State Statute 50 ILCS, 105/1 of the Local Government Code, which reads: County Board. No member of a County Board, during the term of office for which he or she is elected, may be appointed to, accept, or hold any office other than (1) Chairman of the County Board or member of the Regional Planning Commission by appointment or election of the board of which he or she is a member...

Madam Chairman, for these two reasons I ask the Chair to rule this motion out of order. This Point of Order has been reviewed by, and has the concurrence of Nancy Sylvester, Professional Registered Parliamentarian, 4826 River Bluff Court, Rockford, Illinois. Chairman Gocken concurs and rules the motion is out of order.

**Zoning - #19-04 AMENDMENT - Billy H. & Shirley A. Cooper**

The clerk reads the petition of Billy H. & Shirley A. Cooper, 15565 Twombly Rd., Rochelle, IL for an Amendment to the Zoning District to rezone from I-1 Industrial District to R-2 Single-Family Residence District on property described as follows and owned by the petitioners:

Part of NW 1/4 NE 1/4 Section 18 Dement Township 40N, R2E of the 3rd P.M., Ogle County, IL, 0.80 acres, more or less. P.I.N.: 25-18-200-004  
Common Location: 15565 Twombly Rd.

Scholl moves to concur with the Zoning Board of Appeals and approve #19-04 Amendment. Zuehl seconds and the motion carries on a voice vote.(Placed on file)

**Zoning - #10-04 SPECIAL USE - Dorothy Brinkman**

The clerk reads the petition of Dorothy Brinkman, 1144 W. 2nd St., Byron, IL for a Special Use Permit to allow a junk yard (recycling/reclamation facility) on property described as follows and owned by the petitioner:

Part W1/2 SW1/4 Section 25, Byron Township 25N, R10E of the 4th P.M., 17.40 acres, more or less. P.I.N.: 04-25-300-003  
Common Location: 2104 E. IL Rte. 72

Scholl moves to deny this Special Use Permit #10-04 and Remhof seconds. Horner asks if the board denies this request what will happen? Scholl states it

is to be cleaned up within 30 days. Horner asks if we give them the Special Use Permit with conditions, does the board have more leverage? Scholl states if we can control it yes, other wise it will always be a junkyard. The motion to deny is carried on a voice vote.(Placed on file)

**Zoning - #20-04 AMENDMENT - Rita Bearrows**

The clerk reads the petition of Rita Bearrows, PO Box 420, Rochelle, IL for an Amendment to the Zoning District to rezone from AG-1 Agricultural District to R-2 Single-Family Residence District on property described as follows and owned by the petitioner:

SE1/4 SW 1/4 Section 17 Flagg Township 40N, R1E of the 3rd P.M., Ogle County, IL, 40.039 acres, more or less. P.I.N.: 24-17-376-001  
Common Location: 10296 E. Kyte Rd.

Scholl moves to concur with the Zoning Board of Appeals and approve #20-04 Amendment and Colbert seconds. Colson says if Rochelle grows as predicted with the expansion that is going on over there, this petition and the next petition are going to set-up large lot well and septic subdivisions that will block what the Comprehensive Plan calls for; compact and contiguous development outward from the municipality services. On these two petitions we are setting up road blocks for further growth for the City of Rochelle. Remhof says normally he would oppose these kind of developments because of the urban sprawl nature that they present. He will grudgingly vote for these because at this point if you look at the nature of that area, there are so many residential areas. A roll call vote is called:

**YES:** Gouker, Hoekstra, Hopkins, Horner, Huntley, Johnson, Kenney, Nye, Remhof, Rice, Saunders, Scholl, Spencer, Stahl, Swanson, Zuehl, Bauer, Clayton, Colbert and Gocken

**NO:** Colson, Heuer, White and Brooks

**ABSENT:** None

The motion carries on a roll call vote.(Placed on file)

**Zoning - #21-04 AMENDMENT - James Schabacker**

The clerk reads the petition of James Schabacker, 10965 Hemstock, Rochelle, IL, William R. Kuehl, 6735 Center Rd., Rochelle, IL and Peter Alfano, 1138 Clifton Terrace, Rochelle, IL for an Amendment to the Zoning District to rezone from AG-1 Agricultural District to R-2 Single-Family Residence District on property described as follows, owned by James Schabacker and being purchased by William R. Kuehl & Peter Alfano:

Part E1/2 SW1/4 and part of SW1/4 SE1/4 Section 8 Flagg Township 40N, R1E of the 3rd P.M., Ogle County, IL, 66.052 acres, more or less  
P.I.N.: 24-08-300-006 & part of 24-08-300-004  
Common Location: 10266 - 10594 Blk. E. Fowler Rd.

Scholl makes the recommendation to approve #21-04 Amendment and Horner seconds. Rice asks how the different committee voted on this issue? Reibel says the Regional Planning Commission recommended denial (unanimously) and the Zoning Board of Appeals recommended denial by a vote of 3 - 2. The Planning and Zoning Committee recommended by a vote of 4 - 1 for approval. Zuehl says the reason he voted for this was because Mr. Schabacker has an opportunity to acquire a highly productive piece of ground and give up one that is not. Rice asks what was the reason for the other committee's to deny the request? Scholl states the LESA score is less than the LESA score in the previous one. Scholl states that on the South side there is a subdivision, on the North side it is cut

off by a railroad and on sandy ground. Spencer asks if there is a gas line running through the property? The answer was Yes, there is a gas line through this property. Heuer comments it was mentioned in both committee's this particular amendment did not fit the Ogle County Comprehensive Plan nor the Flagg Township Comprehensive Plan. A roll call vote is called:

**YES:** Hopkins, Horner, Huntley, Kenney, Nye, Remhof, Rice, Saunders, Scholl, Stahl, Swanson, Zuehl, Bauer, Clayton, Colbert and Gocken

**NO:** Gouker, Heuer, Hoekstra, Johnson, Spencer, White, Brooks and Colson

**ABSENT:** None

The motion carries on a roll call vote.(Placed on file)

### **Zoning - Final Plat of "Cyrrier Acres"**

The clerk presents the Final Plat of "CYRIER ACRES":  
Section 13, Pine Creek Township - Developer: Robert & Donna Cyrrier and Jonathan & Donna Ortman - Authorized Agent: Attorney Dennis Schumacher - Surveyor/engineer: Willett & Hofmann & Assoc.

Scholl moves to recommend to approve the Final Plat of "Cyrrier Acres". Hopkins seconds and the motion carries on a voice vote.(Placed on file)

### **Road & Bridge - Resolution - County Engineer Salary Program**

The clerk reads the resolution to participate in the County Engineer Salary Program (05-00000-00-CS). This resolution authorizes the transfer of \$47,052 from the Federal Surface Transportation Rural Funds to the Illinois Department of Transportation and under the terms of the County Engineer Salary Program agreement, will deposit \$47,052 of State funds into the Ogle County Motor Fuel Tax account for the purpose of payment of the County Engineer's Salary. Scholl moves to approve the resolution, Colson seconds and the motion carries on a voice vote.(Placed on file)

### **Recess to refer claims to a committee**

At 6:45 p.m., Remhof moves to refer claims to committees, Saunders seconds and the motion carries on a voice vote. Chairman Gocken calls the meeting back to order at 7:00 p.m..

### **Claims**

The clerk reads the claims for the General Fund - \$82,956.54 and the County Highway Fund - \$100,328.34. Johnson moves to approve the claims as read, Rice seconds and the motion carries on a voice vote.(Placed on file)

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

The following committees had no additional report other than the minutes that are placed on an exhibit: *Building's & Grounds, Juvenile & Probation, Sheriff & Coroner, State's Attorney & Legislative, Road & Bridge, Personnel & Salary*. The following had no minutes to file: *H.E.W., Blackhawk Hills R&D, Board of Health, Ill Assoc. Co. Bd. Members, U.C.C.I., Tri-Count Opportunities, Safety, Liquor Commission, G.I.S. and Byron Dragway*.

**County Clerk & Insurance** Minutes placed on an exhibit

Oregon-Nashua Polling Place Rice informs the board that the Oregon-Nashua polling place at St. Mary's Learning Center will be moved before the next election. The church will no longer allow the County Clerk to hold voting at this location and an alternate location(s) will need to be researched. County Clerk Huntley says a resolution will be drafted with the new polling places for Oregon-Nashua Township. Clerk Huntley says she appreciated the use of St. Mary's Learning Center and regrets having to relocate.

**Finance & Revenue** Minutes placed on an exhibit

Mileage Reimbursement Spencer says the current rate for mileage reimbursement is at \$.36 and the I.R.S has set \$.405, however, the Finance Committee has not budgeted for this amount. Spencer moves to keep the mileage reimbursement rate at \$.36 per mile, Bauer seconds. Since this motion was not included on the County Board Agenda this evening, it will be held over until next month.

**Solid Waste** Minutes placed on an exhibit

Special Counsel Chairman Gocken says due to the complexity of issues involving Solid Waste, the Solid Waste Committee has determined legal counsel will be needed. A special meeting was held and interviews were done and the committee is recommending Charles Helsten of Rockford. Clayton moves to recommend the appointment of Charles Helsten as Special Assistant State's Attorney to provide legal counsel to the Ogle County Board and staff on Solid Waste Management issues in Ogle County and Spencer seconds. Rice asks who else does Helsten represent in the area? It was stated he works for Hinshaw & Culbertson out of Rockford. Saunders asks if his fees will be paid out of the Solid Waste Fund? Chairman Gocken says yes it will be taken from the Solid Waste Fund. The motion carries on a voice vote.

**Judiciary & Circuit Clerk** Minutes placed on exhibit

Funds for Circuit Clerk bills Brooks says the committee was informed there is no money to pay for the Circuit Clerk's bills. The Circuit Clerk's Committee will be holding a meeting after Christmas with the Finance Committee to resolve this situation. The meeting will be held on January 14, 2005, at 10:00 a.m. at the Health Administration Building.

**Planning, Assessment & Zoning** Minutes placed on exhibit

Meeting Scholl says the next ZBA meeting will be held on January 12, 2005 at 12:30 p.m..

**Board of Health**

No minutes

Update of Flu shots

Chairman Gocken announces there are additional flu shots available and you can call the Health Department to set up an appointment.

**Planning Commission**

Minutes placed on exhibit

Meeting

The next meeting will be on December 23, 2004.

**Mental Health Board**

Minutes placed on exhibit

DVD

Horner alerts the board members, there is a DVD on their desks regarding the presentation of "Ogle County's 708 Agencies".

**Long Range Planning**

Minutes placed on exhibit

Update on progress

Gouker gives the following update -

- 1<sup>st</sup> floor the drywall is almost complete
- 2<sup>nd</sup> floor the drywall is half completed
- 3<sup>rd</sup> floor the wall studs are up
- The mechanical is nearly completed

Bills for approval

Gouker informs the board members he has added a column to the spreadsheet to show the percentage of completion for the various contracts for the Judicial Center. Gouker reviews the various bills which have been submitted for payment. Gouker moves to approve payment of the December 2004 expenditures from the Judicial Center Project Fund in the amount of \$973,052.13. Rice seconds and the motion to approve the bills as presented carries on a voice vote.

**IT Committee**

Minutes placed on exhibit (November)

Update

Colson informs the committee that Kevin Marsilek has left Arnold & O'Sheridan and they will be continuing their work with his replacement.

**Executive Committee**

Minutes placed on exhibit

Economic Development

Chairman Gocken states the Ogle Economic Development Corporation will temporarily be located at the Stillman Bancorp location in Oregon. Chairman Gocken says the Executive Committee would like to recommend the county donate the Economic Development business machines and office equipment as an "In-kind" contribution to the corporation. This will include the computer system, telephone, copier, 4-drawer file cabinet and 5-shelf bookcase, which would be valued at \$1,000. Hoekstra moves to approve the "In-kind" donation, Colson seconds. Kenney says we should wait and see if any of

this equipment is needed in-house. Gouker states the file cabinet came from the white house and the copier came from the Solid Waste Department. Gouker states the equipment was going to be discarded and it was put to use instead. The computer is two years old and they get old after two years anyway. Rice asks if the corporation has been formed and are they registered? Chairman Gocken says the papers are ready and a private investor has given contributions to cover start-up expenses. The question was asked if they would be incorporated by the next meeting? Lynne Kilker states she hopes they will be but she cannot guarantee it. Rice says we are donating equipment to a corporation which technically does not exist. Hoekstra moves to amend her motion to say "When the corporation is registered, the "In-kind" contribution will take place, Colson seconds and the amended motion carries on a voice vote. Chairman Gocken states the county board will now vote on the motion to give the "In-kind" contribution of equipment to the Ogle Economic Development Corporation and the motion carries on a voice vote.

**G.I.S.**

No minutes filed

Update

Curtis Cook states the G.I.S. Committee is in the process of interviewing applicants for the vacant position.

**Byron Dragway**

No minutes filed

Update

Brooks refers to State's Attorney Ben Roe for any updates. Roe states there was a conference call this morning and there is nothing further to report.

**Chairman Comments**

Committee Assignments

Chairman Gocken says the board has received a copy of the Committee Assignments for the next two years. These committees are appointed by the Board Chairman with the advise and consent of the board according to the Rules of Order. Spencer moves to approve the committee assignments as presented and Horner seconds. Rice asks why there are only 5 members of the Finance Committee? Chairman Gocken says she removed herself from this committee. The motion to accept the new Committee Assignments carries on a voice vote.(Placed on file)

Comments on Committees

Chairman Gocken says as a reminder the board operates on a committee principal. Issues should be brought to the committee in charge of the issue and approved by a majority of the committee, before being brought to the board for a vote.

Financial Report

Chairman Gocken states it is not necessary to transfer funds this evening for the end of the year. Chairman Gocken reads the amounts of unused funds for the various departments:

County Clerk & Recorder	\$ 3,938.41
Buildings & Grounds	\$ 24,587.45
Treasurer	\$ 14,503.35
H.E.W.	\$ 1,445.81
Judiciary & Jury	\$ 16,143.48
Circuit Clerk	\$ 0.10
Probation	\$ 14,687.35
Focus House	\$ 489.03
Assessment	\$ 5,342.28
Zoning	\$ 5,344.62
Sheriff	\$ 129,010.66
Coroner	\$ 9,796.70
State's Attorney	\$ 6,519.42
Insurance	\$ 59,506.78
Finance	\$ 93,539.21
Economic Development	\$ 2,615.69
Corrections	\$ (127,017.41)
<b>General Fund Total</b>	<b>\$ 260,452.93</b>

Chairman Gocken comments on the Corrections bottom line amount - this is the first time this department has been separated from the Sheriff's budget. The money left in the Sheriff's bottom line more than covers that amount. Chairman Gocken on behalf of the board, thanks the Department Heads for keeping within their budgets and doing a great job.

Univ of Illinois

Chairman Gocken informs the board members of a letter from the University of Illinois listing seminars available. Chairman Gocken and Vice-Chairman Clayton attended a seminar based on Rudy Guilani's book "Leadership" and they thought it was an excellent day.

**Public Comment**

Tom Smith of Rochelle has a comment regarding the Rochelle paper's article on the Ogle Economic Development Corporation and it being a private organization. Chairman Gocken says it will be a public/private organization. Mr. Smith asks her to define "public/private". Chairman Gocken states there will be some municipalities and such involved. Mr. Smith asks if the County will be involved? Chairman Gocken states there is no funding available from the county at this time. Gocken also states the corporation would like to see the county decide to contribute, but does not know if they will or not. There

was discussion regarding the use of public dollars, private dollars and who will control the corporation the public sector or private industry? Chairman Gocken says she would say the private industry would control the corporation. Mr. Smith has the following comments:

- Ogle County does need Economic Development and if the county funds it, the county needs to be in control of it and not private industry
- All County Board members for 2004, as a taxpayer, he thanks the board members for all of their hard work
- Ben Roe - Thanks for coming home

**Unfinished Business**

**New Business**

**Closed Session**

At 7:35 p.m., Chairman Gocken states the County Board will be going into Closed Session to discuss pending litigation and asks that Treasurer Coffman and State's Attorney Roe stay in the room. Bauer moves to go into Closed Session to discuss pending litigation, Johnson seconds and roll call is called:

**YES:** Heuer, Hoekstra, Hopkins, Horner, Huntley, Johnson, Kenney, Nye, Remhof, Rice, Saunders, Scholl, Spencer, Stahl, Swanson, White, Zuehl, Bauer, Brooks, Clayton, Colbert, Colson, Gouker and Gocken

**NO:** none

**ABSENT:** none

**Return to Open Session**

At 7:55 p.m., the County Board returns to Open Session.

**Motion to Adjourn**

At 7:55 p.m., Scholl moves to adjourn the December Ogle County Board meeting until Tuesday, January 18, 2005, at 5:30 p.m., Bauer 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