

Proceedings of the Ogle County Board Meeting
September 20, 2011

State of Illinois)
County of Ogle) ss

Call to Order

Chairman Barnes calls the Ogle County Board Meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

Roll Call

The roll call shows members Colson, Messer, Nye and Welty are absent.

Boy Scout Troop 315 Color Guard

Vice-Chairman Heuer introduces Boy Scout Troop 315 to present colors, lead in the Invocation and the Pledge of Allegiance.

Moment of Silence

Bowers would like a moment of silence in memory of County Board member Bob De Arvil's mother who passed away.

Approval of Minutes

Chairman Barnes asks for a motion to approve the August 16, 2011 County Board Meeting minutes. Bowers moves to approve, Colbert seconds and the motion carries on a voice vote.

Approval of Reports

Chairman Barnes asks for a motion to accept the monthly report of the Ogle County Clerk & Recorder, Treasurer, and Circuit Clerk. Kilker moves to accept the reports as filed, Simms seconds and the motion carries on a voice vote.(Placed on file)

Presentation – Eagle Scout Project – Weld Park

Vice-Chairman Heuer introduces Eagle Scout Lucas Kocourek who presents a PowerPoint which contains various highlights of Boy Scout Troop 315 and his Eagle Scout Project at Weld Park. Lucas was inspired by the history of the Henry Weld Family and chose Weld Park as his Eagle Scout project. He added trails and information about the park which will enhance visitors' experience at the park.

Presentation - Frank Schier – Rock River Trail

Mr. Schier is the publisher and editor of the Rock River Times and thanks the County Board for their time this evening to discuss the Rock River Trail. Schier updates the board on the campsites along the Rock River since his last visit. Schier is looking for a letter of support for the Rock River Trail. There was discussion on the following topics:

- Language in the House Joint Resolution No. 27 which was included in the board packets
- Requests for signage along the Rock River Trail
- Funding from local municipalities

Schier touches briefly on his testimony during the WECS hearings and the impact on the Rock River Trail.

Resignation – Mental Health 708 Board – John Finfrock – R-2011-0901

Chairman Barnes announces a letter of resignation from John Finfrock a member of the Mental Health 708 Board. White moves to approve R-2011-0901 as presented, Boes seconds and the motion carries on a voice vote.(Placed on file)

Resignation - Mental Health 708 Board – Bill Welty – R-2011-0902

Chairman Barnes announces a letter of resignation from Bill Welty a member of the Mental Health 708 Board. White moves to approve R-2011-0902 as presented, De Arvil seconds and the motion carries on a voice vote.(Placed on file)

Resignation - 9-1-1 ETS Board – Susan Steeves – R-2011-0903

Chairman Barnes announces a letter of resignation from Susan Steeves a member of the 9-1-1 ETS Board. Finfrock moves to approve R-2011-0903, Janes seconds and the motion carries on a voice vote.(Placed on file)

Resignation – County Board District 1 – Ron Colson – R-2011-0914

Chairman Barnes announces a letter of resignation from County Board Member Ron Colson of County Board District 1. De Arvil makes the motion to suspend Rule #25 of the Ogle County Board Rules of Order. Kilker seconds and a roll call vote is taken:

YES: Bauer, Boes, Bowers, Colbert, De Arvil, Finfrock, Gouker, Gronewold, Heuer, Hopkins, Horner, Janes, Kenney, Kilker, Saunders, Simms, Stahl, White, Williams and Barnes

NO: None

ABSENT: Colson, Messer, Nye and Welty

The motion carries on a roll call vote.

Kilker moves to accept the resignation of Ron Colson, Vice-Chairman Heuer seconds and a roll call vote is taken:

YES: Boes, Bowers, Colbert, De Arvil, Finfrock, Gouker, Gronewold, Heuer, Hopkins, Horner, Janes, Kenney, Kilker, Saunders, Simms, Stahl, White, Williams, Bauer and Barnes

NO: None

ABSENT: Colson, Messer, Nye and Welty

The motion carries on a roll call vote. County Clerk Huntley notes for the record this resignation will be R-2011-0914.(Placed on file)

Chairman Barnes declares a vacancy in County Board District 1. Any interested applicants may pickup an application in the County Clerk's Office with a deadline of Noon on Tuesday, October 11, 2011.

Appointment – 911 ETS Board – Randy Hilliard – R-2011-0904

Chairman Barnes announces a letter of recommendation from the Ogle County Sheriff to appoint Lt. Randy Hilliard to the 9-1-1 ETS Board for an unexpired term which ends June 30, 2012. Bowers moves to approve R-2011-0904 as presented. White seconds and the motion carries on a voice vote.(Placed on file)

Vacancies –

- Ogle County Housing Authority – 1 vacancy
- Ogle County Civic Center Authority – 4 vacancies
- Mental Health 708 Board – 2 vacancies

Application and Résumé deadline - Friday, September 30, 2011 at 4:30 p.m.
in the County Clerk's Office located at
105 S. 5th St – Suite 104, Oregon, IL

- Board of Health – 4 vacancies (1 applicant must be a Medical Doctor)

Application and Résumé deadline - Friday, October 28, 2011 at 4:30 p.m.
in the County Clerk's Office located at
105 S. 5th St – Suite 104, Oregon, IL

Zoning – none

Public Comment –

- ◆ Don Conn – Thanks the Ogle County State's Attorney and the Ogle County Sheriff regarding their investigation into the residency of County Board Member Ron Colson.
- ◆ Dennis Probasco - I would like to comment on the actions taken by two specific board members, actions that took place at the August County Board meeting (letter entered into record as requested):

“During the Public Comment section of The Ogle County Board Meeting on August 16, 2011, Mr. Lyle Hopkins and Ms. Lynn Kilker vacated their County Board Seat and left the room rather than listen to a

County resident present an opinion. Once the individual was completed, they returned for normal business.

I feel it is important that their choice be duly recorded and available for those that wish to stay abreast of County business through the meeting minutes. Therefore I ask that my letter be entered into today's meeting minutes. When a time arrives, regardless of reasons, that a board member at a public meeting decides they can choose to not listen, relative to who is speaking or what may be said, citizens should become aware and concerned. Perhaps a board member's reasons are just, although personally I'm at loss understanding that, but the perception from the general public is derived from the physical act only. "They choose not to Listen".

For example, from a citizens view, when a board member stops listening, is it unreasonable to assume that a received letter relative to the same subject may be simply discarded without due review? Is it not possible that Joe Citizen may assume arrogance or bias in that a board member feels they have all the knowledge needed about a particular public concern and further information is unneeded?

It is my understanding that, once a proposal has concluded all Committee reviews it will be voted on by the Board, without Public Comment. If I'm correct, wouldn't now be the time to present concerns to Board members, written or oral?

I realize there are times when it may be painful to tolerate public comment, but it is part of your job. Keep in mind, when a citizen, or group of citizens, feel they no longer have a voice, and their cause is personal and very important, they have little alternative but to utilize the media or the legal system to ensure they are heard.

Please, give us your ears, eyes, and time. Granted we are not as knowledgeable about the system as you are, but never make the mistake in thinking we are not as knowledgeable about the topics of discussion.

Thank you for listening."

Road & Bridge – 2011-2012 Ice Abrasives Award and Appropriation – R-2011-0905

Hopkins moves to approve R-2011-0905 for the 2011-2012 Ice Abrasives Award and Appropriation Resolution to Steve Benesh & Sons Quarries in the amount of \$27,265.00. The resolution appropriates the sum of \$27,500.00 from the County Highway Fund for said project. Kenney seconds and the motion carries on a voice vote.(Placed on file)

Road & Bridge - Intergovernmental Cooperation Agreement - County of Winnebago and County of Ogle - Edson Rd (11-02128-00-BR) – R-2011-0906

Hopkins moves to approve R-2011-0906 for the Intergovernmental Cooperation Agreement - County of Winnebago and County of Ogle - Edson Rd (11-02128-00-BR). De Arvil seconds and the motion carries on a voice vote.(Placed on file)

Ogle County Claims – Clerk reads the claims:

- Payments in Vacation – August 2011 - \$61,594.66
- County Board Payments - September 20, 2011 - \$124,718.32
- County Highway Fund – \$116,239.94
- Utility Expenses – Transfer from Solid Waste Fund
 - Buildings & Grounds - \$51,858.88
 - Highway - \$1,041.01
 - Focus House - \$5,781.49

Finrock moves to approve claims as presented, Janes seconds and the motion carries on a voice vote.(Placed on file)

COMMITTEE REPORTS

The following committee minutes have been placed on exhibit: Blackhawk Hills RC&D, Buildings & Grounds and Central Purchasing, Circuit Clerk and State's Attorney, Executive, Finance and Insurance, HEW & Solid Waste, I.T./N.I.T.T./G.I.S., Juvenile & Probation and Judiciary, Liquor Commission, Long Range and Strategic Planning, L.O.T.S., Mental Health '708 Board, Personnel & Salary and County Clerk, Road & Bridge, Sheriff & Coroner, Supervisor of Assessments and Planning & Zoning and Tri-County Opportunities.

The following committees had no minutes to file: 911 ETS Board, Board of Health, G.I.S. Partnership, LRP –Emergency Operations Center, Planning Commission, Safety Committee and UCCI/ICRMT.

Executive
O-2011-1001

Minutes placed on exhibit
Barnes presents the Lee County Enterprise Zone – Amending Ordinance and Amendment #15 which will be acted on at the October County Board meeting.

Finance & Insurance
Employee Contribution Rate
Health Insurance
R-2011-0907

Minutes placed on exhibit
Gouker presents and makes the motion to approve R-2011-0907 to increase the Employee Contribution rate by 5% for the Health Insurance. White seconds and a roll call vote is taken:

YES: Colbert, De Arvil, Gouker, Gronewold, Heuer, Hopkins, Horner, Janes, Kilker, Simms, Stahl, White, Williams, Bauer, Boes and Barnes

NO: Bowers, Finfrock, Kenney and Saunders

ABSENT: Colson, Messer, Nye and Welty

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

Health Plan Compliance
R-2011-0908

Gouker presents and makes the motion to approve R-2011-0908 regarding the Health Plan Compliance which was necessitated by the Health Plan signed by the President of the United States. White seconds and the motion carries on a voice vote.(Placed on file)

2011 Budget Amendment
Circuit Clerk
R-2011-0909

Gouker presents and makes the motion to adopt R-2011-0909. This recommendation was approved by the Finance Committee at the June meeting. This was in review of the several meetings regarding the Circuit Clerk current budget situation, comments Gouker. Kilker seconds.

Saunders reminds the board the budget presented for the Circuit Clerk last year; had several reasons. Both candidates at the time stated they would be a full-time Circuit Clerk and there was a possibility of the layoff of a low senior staff member. At that time there was discussion regarding the various discretionary funds in the amount of \$334,000 available to the Circuit Clerk. When we were short of money last year; the Sheriff had to impose layoffs since he does not have discretionary funds. Saunders states the Judges have ruled the Circuit Clerk can use the discretionary funds to pay salaries and benefits for the minimum of one person from each fund. The Circuit Clerk at that time was unwilling to do this. There was a lot of discussion and the budget was developed with that in mind.

Gouker explains when the Circuit Clerk came to the Finance Committee; he came with a presentation of funds which would be used. The request from the Circuit Clerk to the Finance Committee was \$80,000. The Circuit Clerk proposed to use \$32,500 for salaries from Document Storage Fund and \$32,500 from the Automation Fund. Gouker made the recommendation to have a likewise \$32,500 from the Finance Committee. Gouker also says the office has no money in the line item for office supplies and we didn't feel any office could operate without funds for this line item. Gouker states that is how the breakdown was calculated in the resolution.

Saunders asks if this Budget Amendment needs to be laid over for 30 days for public inspection. Gouker says no we are moving funds

laterally. Kenney questions why this is not a budget amendment. Gouker states the 15 day lay over requirement is for new appropriations and this is not a new appropriation. The General Fund which we appropriated last year was \$12,534,842.00 and we are not exceeding this number. Saunders asks if we will be exceeding that number. Gouker says he does not know; there are some other salary issues to deal with in regards to the Sheriff Department and Supervisor of Assessments Office.

Bauer has an issue since these budgets were set and it should not be a surprise to the current Circuit Clerk. We just had a presentation which the Circuit Clerk was willing to pay for changes to the website with his discretionary funds. We should not be using money from Contingencies for salaries.

Chairman Barnes asks for County Clerk Huntley to comment. County Clerk Huntley did research on what has been done in the past and in 2009 this was the process used since are within the General Fund Budget. State's Attorney Roe and County Treasurer Coffman concur with the County Clerk.

YES: Colbert, De Arvil, Gouker, Heuer, Janes, Kilker, Simms, White, Williams, Boes and Barnes

NO: Finfrock, Gronewold, Hopkins, Horner, Kenney, Saunders, Stahl, Bauer and Bowers

ABSENT: Colson, Messer, Nye and Welty

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

I.T./N.I.T.T./G.I.S.
iFiber – R-2011-0910

Minutes placed on exhibit

Finfrock presents and makes the motion to approve R-2011-0910 requesting the iFiber group to consider including Mt Morris into their map of service. Bowers seconds and the motion carries on a voice vote.(Placed on file)

Long Range
&
Strategic Planning
R-2011-0911

Minutes placed on exhibit

Williams presents and makes the motion to approve R-2011-0911 in the amount of \$6,335.00 as follows:

Stillman Banc Corp.	Bonds 2003 & 2004 Agent Fees	\$	250.00
Ogle Co. Sheriff's Dept.	Reimb. – Downpayment on County Clerk shelves to DanLee Wood Products	\$	2,000.00
Kronos	Timekeeper - Class	\$	600.00
Kronos	Timekeeper - Setup	\$	2,310.00
Dynamic Horizons	Network Mapping	\$	1,175.00
		TOTAL:	\$ 6,335.00

Simms seconds and the motion carries on a voice vote.(Placed on file)

Personnel & Salary
Personnel Policies
and
Benefits Manual
R-2011-0912

Minutes placed on exhibit

Boes presents and makes the motion to approve R-2011-0912 regarding the Ogle County Personnel Policies and Benefits Manual. The changes made were to be in compliance with the Accommodation of Disabilities (ADA), Compensatory Time, Family Medical Leave Act (FMLA), Personnel Records, Employee Identification Policy, IT Use Policy and Appendices &

Supplements. Kenney seconds and the motion carries on a voice vote.(Placed on file)

Sheriff & Coroner
False Alarm Ordinance
O-2011-0901

Minutes placed on exhibit

De Arvil presents and makes a motion to adopt O-2011-0901 to establish a False Alarm Ordinance in Ogle County and Janes seconds. Sheriff Harn answers County Board Member Welty's question from last month regarding the repeat offenders; this will be on an annual basis. The motion carries on a voice vote.(Placed on file)

Supervisor of Assessments
Board of Review
Annual Salary Adjustment
R-2011-0913

Minutes placed on exhibit

Hopkins moves to table R-2011-0913 until more research is done on the matter. Hopkins feels there is more responsibility with this job and would like to get more information. Stahl seconds and the motion carries on a voice vote.

• Chairman Comments:

- Due to the Holiday on Monday, October 10, 2011 the following committees will be held:

Wednesday, October 12, 2011- same time and place:

IT/NITT/GIS
Personnel & Salary and County Clerk & Recorder
HEW & Solid Waste
Juvenile & Probation and Judiciary

- Executive Committee will meet on Wednesday, October 12, 2011 at 6:30 p.m. – Tuesday, October 11, 2011 meeting is cancelled
 - Kenney reports on County Board Member Messer's condition. Kenney states Messer has mobility issues and is in a lot of pain. Kenney has offered to bring Messer to meetings.
 - Chairman Barnes thanks County Board Member Hopkins for arranging the tour of the Bocker-Ruff Grain facility. If anyone could not make the tour; he is willing to set something up, states Hopkins.
 - Chairman Barnes announces an invitation to the Orchard Hills Landfill Open House in Davis Junction on October 8, 2011.
 - Chairman Barnes asks the members of the board if he should send a letter of support to Rock River Trails. The consensus was yes. Bauer asks that verbiage be included regarding no monetary obligation to the county be specifically spelled out.
 - Hopkins is concerned with private property rights on the Rock River Trail. Chairman Barnes reads a portion of the letter he will send in support without any monetary obligation.
 - Bowers reminds the board members of the Electronic Recycling Event which will be held in Dixon on Friday, September 23rd and Saturday, September 24th. This is a joint event with Ogle County Solid Waste and Lee County Solid Waste departments.
 - County Clerk Huntley thanks Steve Rypkema for the changes made in the Personnel Policies and Benefits Manual.
- Vice-Chairman Comments:
- Vice-Chairman Heuer reminds the board to sign up for the UCCI Fall Conference to be held at the Lincoln Library.

Unfinished Business –

- Bauer asks if the Finance Committee will still meet on Tuesday, September 27th and Thursday, September 29th. Gouker states yes they will be meeting on these days. Bauer asks if any information will be sent ahead of the meeting to be reviewed. Gouker states he is waiting for a couple of departments and will send something out via e-mail. Gouker states they have had extensive meetings with department heads. Bauer asks if we will be receiving any notes of these meetings. Gouker states the budget will reflect the meetings.

New Business –

Communications –

- Sales Tax for June 2010 was \$30,922.59 and \$72,236.66
- Sales Tax for June 2011 was \$32,367.05 and \$70,036.77

Adjourn Meeting

At 7:26 p.m., White moves to adjourn the Ogle County Board until Tuesday, October 18, 2011 at 5:30 p.m. to be held at the Ogle County Courthouse. Janes seconds and the motion carries on a voice vote.

Chairman James L. Barnes
Chairman - Ogle County Board

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