

**Proceedings of the Ogle County Board Meeting
July 19, 2022**

State of Illinois)
County of Ogle) ss

Call to Order

Chairman John Finfrock calls the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

Roll Call

The roll call shows Youman is absent. The invocation is given by Sparrow and followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Consent Agenda Items – by Roll Call Vote

1. Approval of Ogle County Board Meeting Minutes - June 21, 2022
2. Accept Monthly Reports – Treasurer, County Clerk & Recorder and Circuit Clerk
3. Appointments - None
4. Resignations - None
5. Vacancies -
 - Mental Health 708 Board - 1 vacancy (unexpired term)
 - 9-1-1 ETS Board (3 terms - 1 Fire/EMS, 1 Law Enforcement, 1 Rochelle PSAP)
 - Franklin Grove Fire Protection District - 1 vacancy

Application and Resumé deadline – Friday, July 29, 2022, at 4:30 p.m. in the County Clerk’s Office located at 105 S. 5th St – Suite 104, Oregon, IL
6. Ogle County Claims –
 - Department Claims - June 2022 - \$123,512.45
 - County Board Payments – \$94,875.42
 - County Highway Fund – \$114,030.46
7. Communications
 - Sales Tax April 2021 - \$46,191.48 and \$103,105.60
 - Sales Tax April 2022 - \$65,259.83 and \$111,489.05

Bowers moved to approve the Consent Agenda, McKinney seconds and roll call is taken:

YES: Sparrow, Williams, Asp, Billeter, Bowers, Corbitt, Droege, Fox, Fritz, Griffin, Heuer, Hopkins, Huber, Janes, Kenney, Larson, McKinney, Miller, Nordman, Oltmanns, Reising, Smith, and Finfrock

NO: None

ABSENT: Youman

Motion carried on roll call vote. (Placed on file)

Zoning - #002-22AM - Chad & Tracy Surmo - O-2022-0701

Fritz presents #002-22AM - Chad & Tracy Surmo, 500 Madison St., Oregon, for an Amendment to the Zoning District to rezone from AG-1 Agricultural District to IA Intermediate Agricultural District on property described as follows and owned by the petitioner: Part of the Southeast Quarter (SE1/4) of the Southeast Quarter (SE1/4) of Section 18 Marion Township 24 North, Range 11 East of the 4th P.M., Ogle County, IL, 30.02 acres, more or less – P.I.N.: 10-18-400-011 - Common Location: 3858 N. Black Walnut Rd. – Fritz moved to approve O-2022-0701 and Williams seconds.

Motion carried (Placed on File)

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Zoning - #003-22AM - Bahr - O-2022-0702

Fritz presents #003-22AM – Larry & Tina Bahr, 5057 Linden Rd. #5111, Rockford, IL 61109 (Purchaser); and Joshua Peterson, 15748 Royster Rd., Monroe Center, IL (Seller) for an Amendment to the Zoning District to rezone from AG-1 Agricultural District to R-1 Rural Residential District on property described as follows owned by Joshua Peterson and being purchased by Larry & Tina Bahr: North part of Lot 4 of Royster Estates, part of the Southeast Quarter (SE1/4) of the Southwest Quarter (SW1/4) of Section 19, Monroe Township 42 North, Range 2 East of the 3rd P.M., Ogle County, IL, 5.09 acres, more or less – P.I.N.: 12-19-300-035 - Common Location: 15700 Block of N. Royster Rd. – Fritz moved to approve O-2022-0702 and McKinney seconds.

Motion carried (Placed on File)

Zoning - #001-22SU - Nitram - O-2022-0703

Fritz presents #001-22SU – Nitram Properties, Inc., %Ryan Byrnes, 2456 E. Pleasant Grove Rd., Oregon, IL for a Special Use Permit in the I-1 Industrial District to allow excavation, extraction, mining or quarrying of raw materials from the earth on property described as follows and owned by the petitioner: The East Half (E1/2) of the Southwest Quarter (SW1/4); and part of the West Half (W1/2) of the Southeast Quarter (SE1/4) of Section 18 Buffalo Township 23 North, Range 8 East of the 4th P.M., Ogle County, IL, 88.75 acres, more or less - P.I.N.(s): 14-18-400-016 & 14-18-300-002 - Common Location: 14584 W. Brick Church Rd. – Fritz shared Regional Planning approved this item 6-0 and Zoning Board of Appeals denied 5-0. McKinney moved to deny O-2022-0703 and Corbitt seconds.

Reising will abstain due to customer relations and Fritz abstains due to customer relations.

Corbitt read a prepared statement based on all of the individual conversations she has had with constituents.

Kenney visited the site and believes it is best not to pass this Ordinance.

Heuer said the Zoning Board of Appeals denied this based on sworn testimony and the Board should support their recommendation.

Janes explained Martin Company has been in the County for roughly 70 years with multiple quarries without any complaints. Janes shared he would hate to set a precedence when we are losing 1 person, every four minutes of every day in Illinois. I hate to discourage business because jobs are where they are following. It isn't right to put everyone in the same box; there are a lot of quarries in Ogle County and if they are run properly it is just doing business as always.

Roll call is taken:

YES: Williams, Bowers, Corbitt, Droege, Fox, Heuer, Hopkins, Huber, Kenney, McKinney, Oltmanns, and Smith

NO: Asp, Billeter, Griffin, Janes, Larson, Miller, Nordman, Sparrow, and Finfrock

ABSTAIN: Fritz and Reising

ABSENT: Youman

Motion carried on roll call vote. (Placed on file)

Zoning - #002-22SU - Pennington - O-2022-0704

Fritz presents #002-22SU – Tonya & Jeff Pennington, 6372 N. Mt. Morris Rd., Leaf River, IL for a Special Use Permit in the AG-1 Agricultural District to allow a Small Rural Business (auto repair shop) on the property described as follows and owned by the petitioner(s): Part of the Northeast Quarter (NE1/4) of the Southeast Quarter (SE1/4) of Section 03 Mt. Morris Township 24 North, Range 9 East of the 4th P.M., Ogle County, IL, 11.19 acres, more or less – P.I.N.(s): 08-03-400-001 - Common Location: 6372 N. Mt. Morris Rd. - Fritz moved to approve O-2022-0704 and Asp seconds.

Motion carried (Placed on File)

Zoning - #005-22 MAP AM - Pope - O-2022-0705

Fritz presents #005-22 MAP AMENDMENT - Shane & Kayla Pope, 510 W. Hitt St., Mt. Morris, IL for an Amendment to the Zoning District to rezone from AG-1 Agricultural District to IA Intermediate Agriculture District on property described as follows and owned by the petitioner(s): Part of the South Half (S1/2) of the Southwest Quarter (SW1/4) of Section 33, Mt. Morris Township 24 North, Range 9

East of the 4th P.M., Ogle County, IL, 10.98 acres, more or less – P.I.N.: Part of 08-33-300-005 - Common Location: 1200 N. Moose Rd. - Fritz moved to approve O-2022-0705 and Janes seconds.

Motion carried (Placed on File)

Zoning - #006-22 MAP AM - Howard - O-2022-0706

Fritz presents #006-22 MAP AMENDMENT - Curt & Tandy Howard, 5135 S. Ridge Rd., Oregon, IL for an Amendment to the Zoning District to rezone from AG-1 Agricultural District to IA Intermediate Agriculture District and R-1 Rural Residential District on property described as follows and owned by the petitioner(s): Part of the North Half (N1/2) of the Northwest Quarter (NW1/4) of Section 36 Pine Creek Township 23 North, Range 9 East of the 4th P.M., Ogle County, IL, 40.0 acres, more or less – P.I.N.: 15-36-100-005 - Common Location: 5135 S. Ridge Rd. - Fritz moved to approve O-2022-0706 and Smith seconds.

Motion carried (Placed on File)

Public Comment –

Hopkins shared the Ogle County Fair is August 3rd thru the 7th.

Nolan Yocum stated Winnebago County has a 1 year waiting period to reapply for a Zoning item that has been denied. Yocum said he didn't think that is how Ogle County worked but felt it would be worth looking into adopting a rule like that. It would allow parties time to prepare and get things in order and would eliminate a company/individual from reapplying just make the County Board wary to just make a decision.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

The following committee minutes have been placed on exhibit: 911 ETSB, County Facilities - County Security - County IT, Executive, Finance and Insurance, Mental Health 708 Board, Personnel and Salary, Road & Bridge, State's Attorney – Court Services – FOCUS House - Judiciary & Circuit Clerk, and Supervisor of Assessments and Planning & Zoning.

- **Finance & Insurance**

- ARPA Recommendations - R-2022-0701

Sparrow presented and moved to approve R-2022-0701 for a total of \$604,786.81. Larson seconds.

| ARPA REQUESTS | | | | |
|------------------|-----------------------|---|---------------|---------------------|
| DEPARTMENT | VENDOR | DESCRIPTION | NOTES | AMOUNT REQUESTED |
| Highway | LIFE Paper | Bid Ad for Jail Solar Project | | \$ 198.00 |
| | Generations Cleaning | Highway Dept Floors | | \$ 810.00 |
| Personnel | Life | HR Advertisement | | \$189.00 |
| Personnel | Shaw Media | Hr Advertisement | | \$950.00 |
| Public Defenders | Gesin | See Attached - Creating window | | \$ 15,859.56 |
| Probation | Gesin | See attached Front area revision | | \$ 24,149.00 |
| States Att. | M Esparza | Reimbursement for Victims Advocate Water/Snack | | \$77.14 |
| Building & Grd | TimberMen | Trees x2, Stumps x3, Canopy 6 trees | | \$ 5,100.00 |
| Building & Grd | Hagemann Horti | Watering Grounds -new plants | | \$875.00 |
| | Hagemann Horti | Plants,Shrubs, see attached | | \$5,354.47 |
| Sheriff | Knie | Microwave Refrigerator | | \$1,117.00 |
| | Automatic Fire | Courthouse Sprinkler Inspection | Sprinkler | \$2,292.00 |
| | Flocker | 10 Lic Plate Readers Start up and 3 yr Contract | | \$91,000.00 |
| | Camping World | 20 - WiFi Router 20x100.99 | | \$2,019.80 |
| County Clerk | Liberty System | 5 machines ADA Compliant | Early Voting | \$22,150.00 |
| Longe Range | State Solar | Roof Top Solar Jail | | \$277,645.84 |
| Coroner | Back Wages Adjustment | | 45x3= 135,000 | \$ 135,000.00 |
| | | | 20x1= 20,000 | \$ 20,000.00 |
| TOTAL | | | | \$604,786.81 |

Motion carried. (Placed on file)

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- Community ARPA Requests – R-2022-0702

Sparrow presented and moved to approve R-2022-0702 for a total of \$81,885.00 and Billeter seconds. Nordman abstains due to being the Association Board President at Serenity Hospice & Home.

| COMMUNITY ARPA REQUESTS | | | | |
|-------------------------|--------------------|--|--------------|---------------------|
| Community | VENDOR | DESCRIPTION | NOTES | AMOUNT REQUESTED |
| Polo Fire Depart | Stryker | Patient Power Cart | 32,010.00 | \$16,000.00 |
| | | Request \$32,010.00 will match | | |
| Ogle County | Historical Society | Scanning Historical Newspapers | | \$10,885.00 |
| | | Once scanning complete will reach out to libraries and assist scanning | | |
| Ogle County Airport | | Lost Revenues - Non for Profit | | \$10,000.00 |
| | | Inability to convey for fund raisers for 2020, 2021 | | |
| Serenity Hospice & Home | | COVID Impact see attached | | \$25,000.00 |
| Kitchen Table | | Kitchen Upgrades see attached | | \$20,000.00 |
| | | | TOTAL | \$ 81,885.00 |

Motion carried. (Placed on File)

- Ogle County Economic Development Grant – City of Polo – O-2022-0707

Sparrow presented and moved to approve O-2022-0707 for the grant to City of Polo in the amount of \$15,000. Corbitt seconds.

Motion carried. (Placed on file)

- Ogle County Economic Development Grant – City of Oregon – O-2022-0708

Sparrow presented and moved to approve O-2022-0708 for the grant to City of Oregon in the amount of \$17,250 to be matched by Oregon’s ARPA monies within 90 days. Kenney seconds.

Motion carried. (Placed on file)

- Ogle County as Trustee – 14-09-459-0002 - R-2022-0703

Sparrow presented and moved to approve R-2022-0703 and Janes seconds.

Motion carried. (Placed on file)

- Public Defender Salary – O-2022-0709

Sparrow presented and moved to approve O-2022-0709 and McKinney seconds.

Motion carried. (Placed on file)

- **Long Range**

- Rooftop Solar Bid – Judicial Center Annex – R-2022-0704

Jeremy Ciesiel shared on July 11th they opened bids for the rooftop solar on Judicial Center Annex. There were 4 interested companies but only 2 bids were submitted. Ciesiel shared one of the companies wasn’t comfortable with micro-inverters instead of string inverters and that was the reason for not bidding on the project and the other he was unaware of why they didn’t bid.

The 2 bids came from Energy Link out of Columbia, MO and Stateline Solar out of Lena, IL. The low bid went to Stateline Solar for \$257,500 and extended warranty for \$13,000 for 30 years on the solar installation. Ciesiel shared he did check up on Stateline Solar’s job reputation and there were a few jobs that have been satisfied with Stateline Solar’s abilities and have completed repeat business with them 3 or 4 times since their initial contracts.

Taylor Burns, a Commercial Sales Consultant with Stateline Solar shared the deadline is October of this year. Burns said they have everything together for materials and are just waiting on the inverters. The inverters shipment has been delayed a month but they are working on getting the

shipping expedited. Smith asked what would happen if the inverters don't come in. Burns stated they would have to pause until those pieces came in and ask the County for an extension of time but all other work would be completed except the connection of the inverters.

Fritz asked does the extended warranty have a decreasing value on it. Burns shared that is a flat extended warranty for replacement value for all the panels and optimizers. Burns shared the life expectancy is 25 years. If the panels fall below 84.8% functional during that 30 years it is replaced no matter what.

Burns shared they have new technology with bifacial panels with solar capabilities on front and back of the panels. On backside would be reflections off of snow or roofs. That would allow for 5%-10% extra absorption.

Fritz asked if there is a program for recycling panels yet. Burns stated that there isn't one that he is aware. Burns also shared they are a turnkey business so if for some reason there are issues they will always be willing to work with the County.

Griffin moved to approve R-2022-0704 to except the bid from Stateline Solar and Fritz seconds.

Motion carried. (Placed on file)

- **Personnel & Salary**

- County Engineer Agreement – Reappointment – Salary – O-2022-0705

Kenney presented and moved to approve R-2022-0705 for the retention of Jeremy Ciesiel with a salary of \$146,747.20. Hopkins seconds.

Griffin shared that Ciesiel goes above and beyond for the County and he is grateful he will be reappointed.

Finrock stated the Board has unanimously agreed in the reappointment of Ciesiel and are thankful for all that he has done for the County.

Motion carried. (Placed on file)

- **Road & Bridge**

- Altered Speed Zones – Marion Twp Subdivisions – O-2022-0710

Hopkins presented and moved to approve O-2022-0710 to allow the Marion Township Road Commissioner to post 30 mph speed limit signs within the Nordic Woods and Walden Valley subdivisions and McKinney seconds.

Motion carried. (Placed on file)

- **Executive**

- Committee Guidelines – Meeting Report Card - R-2022-0706

Finrock presents and moves to approve R-2022-0706, with updated pay for Committees & County Board members and Smith seconds.

Heuer stated the other change is you have to show up for your assigned meeting(s) in order to be paid now.

Motion carried. (Placed on file)

- County Board Rules of Order – R-2022-0707

Finrock presents and moved to approve R-2022-0707 and Kenney seconds.

Motion carried. (Placed on file)

Unfinished Business & New Business: None

Chairman Comments:

Reminds everyone again about the Ogle County Fair.

Vice-Chairwoman Comments:

Stay healthy everyone and fill out those Broadband surveys.

Adjourn Meeting

At 6:18 p.m., with no further business Chairman Finrock adjourns the meeting until Tuesday, August 16, 2022 at 5:30 p.m. at the Courthouse in Oregon.

Chairman, John Finrock
Ogle County Board

Attest: Laura J. Cook, Ogle County Clerk &
Ex-officio Clerk of the Ogle County Board