

Stark County Board Meeting Minutes
December 12th, 2023

The Stark County Board met in the Courthouse for the December 12th Board Meeting at 5 pm. Chair Bush called the meeting to order. Roll call shows Howes, Schaffer, Loane, Orwig, Nowlan, and Bush present. Absent were Wilson and McMillen. A quorum was established, and Mr. Howes led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Nowlan made a motion to approve the agenda with a second from Howes with all present voting aye, motion carried.

No Public Comment.

A motion was made by Nowlan to approve the minutes from the November 14th board meeting with a second by Loane with all present voting aye, motion carried.

A motion was made by Orwig to approve the November 29th special meeting minutes with a second from Howes with all present voting aye, motion carried.

Committee Reports

Police-None

Legislative-Mr. Howes took this opportunity to suggest bringing in outside services to evaluate the Sheriff's Office and voice his concerns about the levy increase.

Economic Development-None.

Health Board-The Stark County Health Department satellite office in Toulon opened December 11th. There will be a grand opening at a later date once the pharmacy is up and running.

Road & Bridge-None

Finance-The monthly bills were presented for approval. After discussion, a motion was made by Nowlan with a second from Loane to approve the payment of the bills with all present voting aye, motion carried.

Highway Report

None

Finance Report

The treasurer was absent but did provide a handout to the board with her notes from the report. She reported on the end of fiscal year overages in the following accounts: postage, computer support, and several Sheriff's Office line items. There were some corrections made to the Treasurer's interest and penalties account for the years 2021 and 2022.

Sheriff's Report

Chief Deputy Demetreon was present for the Sheriff's Report. The board questioned him on the staffing and overtime issues and what steps are being taken to alleviate this problem. The squad cars are in the process of being equipped with computers that are connected to the Leads network which will enable them to run plates among other things and alleviate the dispatcher workload.

New Business

- I. Approval of Resolution #23-33 to set the meeting dates for the calendar year 2024. Meetings will be held on the second Tuesday of the month at 6:30 pm with two exceptions. The January meeting will be held on Wednesday, January 10th at 6:30 pm and the April meeting will be held on April 23rd at 6:30 pm.
Motion made by Orwig to approve the resolution and seconded by Loane with all present voting aye, motion carried.
- II. Approval of Resolution #23-34 to approve the appointment of Traci Dowell to the Human Services Transportation Plan Steering Committee.
Motion made by Nowlan to approve the resolution and seconded by Orwig with all present voting aye, motion carried.
- III. Approval of Resolution #23-35 to approve the appointment of Renee Razo to the Human Services Transportation Plan Steering Committee.
Motion made by Orwig to approve the resolution and seconded by Howes with all present voting aye, motion carried.
- IV. Handbook Amendment.
The County Engineer would like to amend the employee handbook section regarding overtime pay. The State's Attorney had some questions about this change and in the absence of the County Engineer to answer these questions, this item was tabled until next month.

At 5:36 pm Nowlan made a motion to adjourn the meeting with a second from Loane with all present voting aye, meeting **adjourned**.

Respectfully submitted,

Heather L. Hollis
County Clerk