

Stark County Board Meeting Minutes  
September 10<sup>th</sup>, 2024

The Stark County Board met in the Courthouse for the September 10<sup>th</sup> Board Meeting at 6:30 pm. Chair Bush called the meeting to order. Roll call shows Howes, Schaffer, Loane, Orwig, Nowlan, McMillen, and Bush present. Absent was Wilson. A quorum was established, and Mr. Howes led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

During public comment, Sam Rice representing the Toulon American Legion addressed the board on the artillery rifle that belongs to the County. It is being housed by the Legion but needs to have extensive repairs done. Due to the nature of the repairs, it will need specialized servicing. Mr. Howes volunteered to contact Green Gables in Bradford to see if they would be able to do the repairs. Also, during public comment, John Ballentine addressed the board to discuss the Open Meetings Act.

A motion was made by Nowlan to approve the minutes of the August 13<sup>th</sup> finance committee meeting with a second by Loane with all present voting aye, motion carried.

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**Committee Reports**

Police-There was a police committee meeting last month. Items discussed were building repair and security issues, staffing shortages, and retention issues due to low salaries.

Legislative-Mr. Howes attended the County Official's Day hosted by State Treasurer Mike Frerichs at the Illinois State Fair.

Economic Development-Mr. Orwig reported there was a SCCI meeting last month. Wyoming hosted a cruise-in and will also be holding a fall festival the third weekend in September.

Health Board-Flu shots are available at the Health Department office in Toulon, there is also an updated COVID booster shot available for anyone interested.

Road & Bridge- None

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

**Highway Report**

The County Engineer gave the monthly report and presented his fiscal year 24/25 budget. He reported that township seal coating just started. There is an issue with the Cloud Point GIS integrated mapping service, and he may be looking at another company to provide this service. IDOT will be assisting with bridge inspections.

### **Finance Report**

County Treasurer Paula Leezer gave the finance report. Sheriff's Department salaries were again over budget but were offset by ARPA salaries. The second installment's due date has passed, and friendly reminders will be going out to those who have not paid.

### **Sheriff's Report**

A partial budget for the Sheriff's Office was presented. Due to union contract negotiations, the complete budget is not ready. The Sheriff reported that he is having no luck getting responses from the union lawyer. The dedication of the new E911 center will be held September 16<sup>th</sup> at 2:30 pm. There will be an open house for the public at a later date.

### **New Business**

- 1) A tax sale resolution for certificate #202000032 was presented for approval. Motion made by Nowlan to approve the resolution with a second from Loane with all present voting aye, motion carried.

### **Old Business**

Both items under old business were tabled.

At 7:22 pm Nowlan made a motion to adjourn the meeting with a second from Howes with all present voting aye, meeting **adjourned**.

Respectfully submitted,

Heather L. Hollis  
County Clerk