

Stark County Board Meeting Minutes  
March 11<sup>th</sup>, 2025

The Stark County Board met in the Courthouse for the March 11<sup>th</sup> board meeting at 6:30 pm. Chair Bush called the meeting to order. Roll call shows Howes, Schaffer, Loane, Wilson, Orwig, Nowlan, and Bush present. Absent was McMillen. A quorum was established. Chair Bush led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

During public comments, Board Chair Bush read a thank you note from the Larry West family thanking the county for the plant that was sent for his funeral.

Motion made by Loane with a second from Orwig to approve the minutes from the February 11<sup>th</sup> board meeting with all present voting aye, motion carried.

**Committee Reports**

Police-Mr. Schaffer reported on the police committee meeting that was held prior to the board meeting. Some of the items discussed were police medical classes, AI license plate readers, NCICG grant writing assistance, and a review of the intergovernmental agreements for policing with the local municipalities. Also discussed was the need for a detailed accounting of the overtime issues in the department. The sheriff will be working with the committee on this request.

Legislative-Mr. Orwig reported on the upcoming Lincoln Day dinner to be held on March 15<sup>th</sup>. He will be attending a program in Springfield that will address the proposed legislation to eliminate townships. Mr. Loane mentioned two bills that caught his attention. HB2827, which involves regulations for homeschooling families, and HB1729 which addresses the need for skilled labor and ways to recruit young people for these trades.

Economic Development-None.

Health Board-Ms. Bush read a statement sent by Duane Stevens that was released by the Illinois Public Health Association addressing funding cuts by the Trump administration that will directly impact the ability of the Health Department and other healthcare organizations to effectively serve the community.

Road & Bridge- None

County Highway/Administrative Offices Building-None

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

**Highway Report**

None

## Finance Report

Treasurer Leezer reported an overage of overtime pay in the Sheriff's Office. There were two reimbursements from the public defender grant, resulting in a negative balance in the court-appointed counsel and public defender salary line items.

## Sheriff's Report

Sheriff Sloane touched on the same items that were discussed by Mr. Schaffer during committee reports. He is also exploring other options for health insurance.

## New Business

- 1) A resolution to reappoint Cheryl Daum to the Health Board was presented for approval. Motion made by Orwig with a second from Loane to approve the resolution with all present voting aye, motion carried.
- 2) A resolution to reappoint Stacy Unhold to the Health Board was presented for approval. Motion made by Orwig with a second from Howes to approve the resolution with all present voting aye, motion carried.
- 3) A special use permit for Dennis Webster was presented for approval. Motion made by Orwig with a second from Loane to approve the request with all present voting aye, motion carried.
- 4) A revised floodplain ordinance was presented for approval. Motion made by Nowlan with a second from Orwig to approve the ordinance with all present voting aye, motion carried.
- 5) The annual Peoria Convention and Visitors Bureau resolution was presented for approval. Motion made by Wilson with a second from Loane to approve the resolution with all present voting aye, motion carried.
- 6) A MFT resolution was presented for approval. Motion made by Orwig with a second from Wilson to approve the resolution with all present voting aye, motion carried.
- 7) The annual Downstate Operating Assistance Program resolution was presented for approval. Motion made by Nowlan with a second from Howes to approve the resolution with all present voting aye, motion carried.
- 8) The annual public transportation ordinance was presented for approval. Motion made by Orwig with a second from Howes to approve the resolution with all present voting aye, motion carried.

## Old Business

- 1) The Bi-State Hazard Mitigation Plan that was tentatively adopted last month was presented for final approval. Motion made by Nowlan with a second from Loane to approve this item with all present voting aye, motion carried.
- 2) The purchase of real property was tabled.

At 7:08 pm Wilson 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