

Stark County Board Meeting Minutes
February 11th, 2025

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

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

No Public Comment.

At 6:33 pm board member Nowlan entered the meeting.

At 6:34 pm board member Wilson entered the meeting.

Motion made by Loane with a second from Orwig to approve the minutes from the December 10th board meeting (tabled from January) with all present voting aye, motion carried.

Motion made by Loane with a second from Orwig to approve the minutes from the January 14th board meeting with all present voting aye, motion carried.

Committee Reports

Police-Mr. Schaffer reported the answers to questions regarding some bills from last month's meeting. There will be a Police Committee meeting this month.

Legislative-Mr. Orwig attended a recent SCCI meeting discussing some of the needs of the county including addressing the housing shortage. Also discussed was the proposed wind farm and the financial impact on the county.

Economic Development-None.

Health Board-There will be two reappointments on the agenda for next month.

Road & Bridge- None

County Highway/Administrative Offices Building-Wilson/Nowlan-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.

Stark County OEM

Stark County OEM addressed the board with several items. The first item was to tentatively adopt the Henry County & Stark County Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan. A brief synopsis of the plan was given, and the board was asked to tentatively adopt this plan. It will be available to the public for viewing for thirty days and final approval will be made next month. Motion made by Orwig with a second from Loane to tentatively approve this plan with all present voting aye,

motion carried.

The second item was an overview of the ARPA funds. All funds have been allocated and distributed at this time and a final report to the US Treasury will be submitted.

The third item was the revised flood plain ordinance that is required to be adopted because of the recent FEMA flood plan survey. The revised ordinance will be tentatively presented for approval at the next meeting.

The fourth and final item was the adoption of the Illinois Emergency Management Mutual Aid System Intergovernmental Agreement. This agreement will protect the county if any equipment is borrowed from another entity in response to an emergency. Motion made by Nowlan to approve the resolution with a second from Wilson with all present voting aye, motion carried.

Highway Report

Equipment is ready for a potential snowstorm being predicted. Bridge inspections are being conducted, along with MFT paperwork. Several of the issues with Cloud Point have been resolved.

Finance Report

Treasurer Leezer reported an excess in holiday and overtime pay in the Sheriff's Office causing them to be over budget for the month. The auditors have been on-site working on the 2024 audit.

Sheriff's Report

None

New Business

- 1) A resolution to maintain the confidentiality of closed session minutes was presented for approval. Motion made by Orwig with a second from Howes to approve this resolution with all present voting aye, motion carried.

At 7:33 pm board member Nowlan made a motion to adjourn into a closed session to discuss the purchase of real property. Wilson seconded the motion with all in favor. The open session is now closed.

At 8:26 pm the meeting was reopened. No action was taken on the acquisition of real property.

At 8:27 pm Nowlan made a motion to adjourn the meeting with a second from Orwig with all present voting aye, meeting **adjourned**.

Respectfully submitted,
Heather L. Hollis, County Clerk