

## May 13<sup>th</sup>, 2025 Stark County Board Meeting Minutes

The Stark County Board met in the Courthouse for the May 13<sup>th</sup> board meeting at 6:30 pm. Chair Bush called the meeting to order. Roll call shows Howes, Schaffer, Loane, Nowlan, and Bush present. Absent were Wilson and Orwig. A quorum was established. Chair Bush led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Board member Wilson arrived at 6:35 pm.

During public comment, Matt Kieser addressed the board regarding the agenda item of a potential hearing on a new livestock management facility, which will be owned and operated by his family. He gave the board more detailed information and answered their questions.

Motion made by Howes with a second from Loane to approve the minutes from the April 9<sup>th</sup> board meeting with all present voting aye, motion carried.

### **Committee Reports**

Police-None.

Legislative-None.

Economic Development-None.

Health Board-The health board held their quarterly meeting on May 6<sup>th</sup>. The main topic was the federal funding cuts and how this may affect Health Department services. Duane Stevens will be attending the June board meeting and will give more details on these cuts and how the county can help sustain these services. The Henry County OEM used grant money to purchase a new mobile command unit trailer and will be bringing it to the next board meeting for show and tell.

Road & Bridge- None

County Highway/Administrative Offices Building-None

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

### **Highway Report**

Engineer Giffin gave his monthly report. Last year's MFT program was finally approved by IDOT. There are two MFT resolutions to be passed later in the agenda. He will be presenting information during the closed session regarding the purchase of real property.

### **Finance Report**

Treasurer Leezer reported the transfer of overtime pay involving the K-9 officers was moved from the Sheriff's Office budget to the Animal Control Budget. Tax bills have been mailed and to date, \$547,395.46 has been collected. She answered questions the board had regarding a report requested by the police committee on the Sheriff's Office budget.

## Sheriff's Report

None

## Consent Agenda

There was 1 appointment and 4 reappointments on the consent agenda:

- a. Planning Commission Appointment-Robert Finney
- b. Farmland Assessment Review Board Reappointment-Dennis Daum
- c. Farmland Assessment Review Board Reappointment-John Nowlan
- d. Board of Review Reappointment-Dennis Daum
- e. Board of Review Reappointment-Phil Shaner

Motion made by Howes to approve all the appointments with a second by Loane with 5 ayes and 1 abstain, motion carried.

## New Business

- 1) A MFT resolution was presented for approval. Motion made by Nowlan to approve with a second from Wilson with all present voting aye, motion carried.
- 2) A MFT resolution was presented for approval. Motion made by Wilson to approve with a second from Howes with all present voting aye, motion carried.
- 3) A resolution to appoint Melissa Shipp to fill the vacancy in County Board District 2 was presented for approval. Motion made by Nowlan to approve with a second from Howes with 5 ayes and 1 abstain, motion carried. At this time Ms. Shipp was sworn in and was seated at the table for the remainder of the meeting.
- 4) The Illinois Department of Agriculture notified the board of the construction of a livestock management facility located north of Bradford. The board has 30 days to request a public hearing. After discussion, the board decided not to request a public hearing. No action was taken.

At 7:10 pm board member Nowlan made a motion to adjourn into a closed session to discuss the purchase of real property. Howes seconded the motion with all in favor. The open session is now closed.

At 7:54 pm the meeting was reopened. No action was taken on the old business agenda item of the acquisition of real property.

At 7:55 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