

## September 9<sup>th</sup>, 2025 Stark County Board Meeting Minutes

The Stark County Board met in the Stark County Courthouse for the September 9<sup>th</sup> board meeting at 6:30 pm. Chair Bush called the meeting to order. Roll call shows Schaffer, Loane, Wilson, Orwig, Nowlan, and Bush physically present and Shipp remotely present. Absent was Howes. A quorum was established. A motion was made by Orwig, with a second from Wilson, to allow Shipp to attend remotely with all present voting, aye. Chair Bush led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

No public comment.

Motion made by Nowlan with a second from Loane to approve the minutes from the August 12<sup>th</sup> board meeting, with six voting aye and 1 abstaining, motion carried.

### **Committee Reports**

Police-Mr. Schaffer reported on the police committee meeting held earlier this month. Items discussed were the purchase of flock cameras and possibly obtaining a grant for the purchase of squad cars. Sheriff's Office employee Joe Charvat addressed the board on the role of the dispatch center and the need for 2 dispatchers per shift. The board has requested data on the number of calls received.

Legislative-Mr. Schaffer reported on a newly formed healthcare advisory committee sponsored by NACO and suggested that we investigate having a board member appointed to this committee.

Economic Development-None

Health Board-The health department will be hosting several flu clinics in the coming months.

Road & Bridge- None

County Highway/Administrative Offices Building-None

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

### **Audit Report**

Reynolds Beckham from our auditing firm addressed the board with the results of the 2024 audit. He presented a condensed report for the board. Overall, the county is in good financial shape, and no issues were found.

### **Highway Report**

Engineer Giffin gave his monthly report. MFT paperwork is complete, as is the Castleton Road project. He is working to change his budget to a fiscal year rather than an annual one to align better with IDOT. He will be attending the upcoming County Engineer fall conference to be held in East Peoria.

### **Finance Report**

Treasurer Leezer gave her monthly report. The second installment due date for property taxes has

passed, and the first gentle reminder letter has been mailed. The only line items highlighted were the overages in the Sheriff's Department and Animal Control salaries.

### **Sheriff's Report**

The Sheriff presented his budget for the upcoming fiscal year.

### **New Business**

- 1) A resolution approving the tax sale of property was up for approval. Motion made by Orwig to approve the resolution, with a second from Loane, with all present voting aye, motion carried.
- 2) The appointment of John 'Pat' Maher to fill a vacancy on the Emergency Telephone System Board (ETSB) was presented for approval. Motion made by Nowlan to approve the appointment, with a second from Loane, with all present voting aye, motion carried.
- 3) A resolution to recognize the Stark County Agriculture Community was presented. Motion made by Orwig to approve the resolution, with a second from Wilson, with all present voting aye, motion carried.
- 4) Mat Schnepple presented a revised hazard mitigation plan to be approved by the board. Motion made by Nowlan to approve the plan, with a second from Orwig, with all present voting aye, motion carried.
- 5) The board has expressed an interest in acquiring government issued IDs for staff and board members. There will be a form to fill out for any interested employee or board member. The Stark County OEM's office will be handling this for the county. A motion was made by Orwig to approve the OEM's office to facilitate this, with a second from Loane, with all present voting aye; motion carried.

At 7:54 pm, board member Nowlan made a motion to go into closed session to discuss the agenda item of the appointment and salary of the Supervisor of Assessments/Zoning Officer. Board member Orwig seconded this motion. The open meeting was reopened at 8:18 pm.

- 1) A resolution was presented to reappoint Renee Johnson as the Supervisor of Assessments and Zoning Officer. A motion was made by Orwig to approve the appointment with the salary set at a 5% increase of her current salary and an annual increase of 3% for the remaining three years of the appointment for both offices. This motion was seconded by Nowlan, with all present voting aye; motion carried.

### **Old Business**

At 8:20 pm, board member Nowlan made a motion to go into closed session to discuss the old business agenda item of the purchase of real property. The open meeting was reopened at 8:53 pm.

- 1) Board member Orwig made a motion to authorize board member Wilson as the chair of the County Highway & Administrative Offices Building Committee to negotiate on behalf of the county for property located in Bradford, IL. This motion was seconded by Nowlan, with all present voting aye; motion carried.

At 8:55 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