

## November 10<sup>th</sup>, 2025 Stark County Board Meeting Minutes

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

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

During public comment, board member Wilson acknowledged the upcoming Veterans Day holiday and thanked our veterans.

Motion made by Shipp with a second from Loane to approve the minutes from the October 14<sup>th</sup> board meeting, with six ayes and 1 abstention, motion carried.

Motion made by Loane with a second from Shipp to approve the minutes from the October 22<sup>nd</sup> finance committee meeting, with five ayes and 2 abstentions, motion carried.

### **Committee Reports**

Police-None

Legislative-None

Economic Development-None

Health Board-The pharmacy is now open for business. If you use a health department provider, you can also receive a discount on your prescription. There is money to fund WIC through November.

Road & Bridge-There will be two resolutions presented later in the meeting for approval. Bureau County has started painting lines on the roads in various parts of the county. Working on preparing the new facility in Bradford for the move of the Highway Department. Mr. Nowlan also reported that the timeline for the wind farm project has been moved up for the county. We were originally in phase three, and we are now in phase two.

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 Shipp to approve payment of the bills, with all present voting aye; motion carried.

### **Highway Report**

Given during the committee reports by committee chair Nowlan.

### **Finance Report**

None.

### **Sheriff's Report**

Sheriff Sloan informed the board that he plans to retire January 1, 2026.

### New Business

- 1) The annual intergovernmental agreement with Marshall and Putnam Counties for probation services was presented for approval. Motion made by Orwig to approve the agreement, with a second from Loane, with all present voting aye, motion carried.
- 2) A resolution to tentatively adopt the fiscal year 25/26 budget was presented for approval. Motion made by Orwig to approve the resolution, with a second from Shipp, with all present voting aye, motion carried.
- 3) A resolution to correct the levy rate in the county federal aid matching fund requested by the Illinois Department of Transportation was presented for approval. This correction will require a transfer of funds from the general fund to the federal aid matching fund to bring the rate up to the required minimum of .045%. Motion made by Nowlan to approve the resolution, with a second from Loane, with all present voting aye, motion carried.
- 4) A resolution to appoint Valerie Wagher to the Board of Appeals to fill a vacancy was presented for approval. Motion made by Shipp to approve the resolution, with a second from Loane, with all present voting aye, motion carried.
- 5) A resolution to approve the use of IDOT grant funds for bridge repairs was presented for approval. Motion was made by Nowlan to approve the resolution, with a second from Wilson, with all present voting aye, motion carried.
- 6) A resolution to approve the purchase of a truck for the highway department was presented for approval. Motion was made by Nowlan, with a second from Wilson, to approve the purchase, with all present voting aye, motion carried.
- 7) A revised food ordinance was presented for approval. Motion made by Loane, with a second from Shipp to approve the ordinance, with all present voting aye, motion carried.
- 8) A resolution to approve the 2026 noxious weed work plan was presented. Motion made by Nowlan, with a second from Shipp, with all present voting aye, motion carried.

### Old Business

- 1) The renewal of the insurance package for 2026 was tabled to make some changes. After clearing up some missing information and making some minor changes, a motion was made by Orwig to approve the amended insurance package, with a second from Shipp, with all present voting aye, motion carried.
- 2) There were no updates on the proposed administrative building. We are still waiting on the additional cost of adding a basement. After discussion, the majority of the board did not feel the added expense of a basement was necessary.

At 7:13 pm, board member Nowlan made a motion to go into closed session to discuss employee performance. Board member Wilson seconded the motion.

At 7:26pm, the regular meeting was reopened with no action taken on the closed session item.

Chair Bush addressed the board on a situation between the Circuit Clerk's Office and the Sheriff's Office regarding the purchase of an E-Ticket software program that is no longer happening. This will result in the Sheriff's Office reimbursing the Circuit Clerk the money already invested.

At 7:44 pm, Shipp 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