

## March 10<sup>th</sup>, 2026 Stark County Board Meeting Minutes

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

Due to impending inclement weather, all non-essential items on the agenda were skipped so that everyone could get home safely before the storms arrived. Only action items were addressed.

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

No public comment.

Motion made by Shipp with a second from Loane to approve the minutes from the February 10<sup>th</sup> board meeting, with five ayes and one abstention, motion carried.

Motion made by Orwig with a second from Loane to approve the minutes from the March 4<sup>th</sup> special meeting, with five ayes and one abstention, motion carried.

No Committee Reports except finance to approve the bills.

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

### **New Business**

- 1) A zoning permit for a MET tower to be placed in Goshen Township by Goldrush Apple Energy was presented for approval. After discussion, a motion was made by Orwig with a second from Shipp, with five ayes and one nay, motion carried.
- 2) A resolution to officially join the North Central Council of Governments for grant assistance was presented for approval. Motion made by Shipp to approve the resolution, with a second from Orwig, with all present voting aye, motion carried.
- 3) The annual Peoria Convention and Visitors Bureau resolution was presented for approval. Motion made by Orwig with a second from Shipp to approve the resolution, with all present voting aye, motion carried.
- 4) A resolution to the reappointment of Janelle Down to the health board was presented for approval. Motion made by Shipp, with a second from Howes, with all present voting aye, motion carried.
- 5) A resolution to appoint Matt Forstrom to the planning commission was presented for approval. Motion made by Orwig to approve the resolution, with a second from Shipp, with five ayes and one nay, motion carried.
- 6) The annual Downstate Operating Assistance Program resolution was presented for approval. Motion made by Shipp with a second from Howes to approve the resolution, with all present voting aye, motion carried.
- 7) The annual public transportation ordinance was presented for approval. Motion made by Howes with a second from Orwig to approve the resolution, with all present voting aye, motion carried.

## Old Business

- 1) A resolution for the appointment of Pat Maher to the E911 board had its motions withdrawn.
- 2) A resolution for the appointment of Joseph Rediger to the E911 board was presented for approval. Both motions from last month have been rescinded, so a new motion and a second are needed for this resolution. Motion made by Orwig to approve the appointment, with a second from Loane, with all present voting aye, motion carried.

At 6:43 pm, Shipp 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