

Stark County Board Meeting Minutes
March 12th, 2024

The Stark County Board met in the Courthouse for the March 12th Board Meeting at 6:30 pm. Chair Bush called the meeting to order. Roll call shows Howes, Schaffer, Loane, Orwig, Nowlan, and Bush present. Absent were Wilson and McMillen. A quorum was established, and Ms. Bush led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

During public comment, John Ballentine inquired as to the monetary difference on the MFT resolution from the scheduled special meeting that had to be adjourned due to a lack of quorum to the one being presented at this meeting. County Engineer Giffin explained that he had rerun some calculations, and the new amount reflected those calculations.

A motion was made by Nowlan to approve the minutes of the February 13th board meeting with a second by Loane with all present voting aye, motion carried.

A motion was made by Orwig to approve the minutes of the February 21st special meeting with a second by Loane with all present voting aye, motion carried.

Committee Reports

Police-None

Legislative-Mr. Howes reported that our new insurance carrier Illinois Counties Risk Management Trust is having a conference in East Peoria. This conference is free for all members to attend. He thinks we should be taking advantage of the free training classes that they offer.

Economic Development-Mr. Orwig reported on the upcoming Lincoln Day dinner to be held at the Newsroom Bistro. There is an upcoming SCCI meeting that he plans to attend.

Health Board-Ms. Bush reported that the telepharmacy in the new Health Department facility is scheduled to open in early April. They are also looking for a therapist at the facility.

Road & Bridge-None

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

Highway Report

The County Engineer gave the monthly report. Employees are readying the equipment for spring road maintenance and have been doing some brush cutting. Spray patching will start soon, and he is still looking for land for a new building. This led to Mr. Howes expressing concern about the lack of heat in the shop where equipment is stored. The Stark County OEM was in attendance on an unrelated matter and volunteered to supply heaters if there was no solution in place come winter. The last item was the approval of the Motor Fuel Tax resolution. Motion made by Orwig with a second from Howes with all present voting aye, motion carried.

Finance Report

County Treasurer Paula Leezer highlighted two items in her report, the ongoing overtime issues in the Sheriff's Department and the election supply budget for the County Clerk due to the expenses for the upcoming election. The year-to-date for this line item is within budget.

Sheriff's Report

None.

Consent Agenda

There were three Health Board reappointments on the consent agenda:

- a. Remi Satkauskus, M.D.
- b. Claudia Plumer
- c. Natalie Carroll

Motion made by Nowlan to approve all the appointments and seconded by Loane with all present voting aye, motion carried.

New Business

- I. The annual Peoria Convention & Visitors Bureau resolution was presented for approval. Motion made by Orwig to approve the resolution and seconded by Howes with all present voting aye, motion carried.
- II. A resolution recognizing National Agriculture Day was presented for approval. Motion made by Orwig to approve the resolution and seconded by Loane with all present voting aye, motion carried.
- III. A resolution for the State's Attorney Appellate Prosecutor services was presented for approval. Loane made a motion to approve the resolution seconded by Howes with all present voting aye, motion carried.
- IV. The last item on the agenda was revisiting the discussion of passing a resolution to designate Stark County as a non-sanctuary county for undocumented migrants. Stark County OEM officer Mat Schneppe attended the meeting. He expressed his concerns about passing such a resolution and outlined the plans in place if there were ever an issue with undocumented persons being brought into the county. The board once again took the advice of the OEM office and will not be pursuing this matter. He will keep the board updated if he thinks this may become an issue.

At 7:40 pm Loane 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