

**STARK COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES  
THURSDAY, MAY 3, 2018**

A meeting of the Finance Committee of the Stark County Board of Supervisors was held at 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, May 3, 2018, in the Courtroom of the Stark County Courthouse located at 130 W. Main Street, Toulon, Illinois.

Portions of this Finance Committee Meeting were subject to closed session as permitted by the Illinois Open Meetings Act.

The meeting was open to the public in accordance with the Illinois Open Meetings Act.

The Finance Committee meeting of the Stark County Board was called to order by Chairman Curry.

Chairman Curry called for the Pledge of Allegiance.

Chairman Curry asked Mrs. Eberle to lead the Pledge to the Flag.

The roll call shows all members were present to wit:

Mrs. Bush, Mrs. Eberle, Mr. Howes, Mr. Loane, Mr. Newton, Mr. Nowlan, Mrs. Shipp and Chairman Curry.

Chairman Curry asked for a moment of silence in memory of Tom Howe's daughter.

The Board reviewed the Agenda.

**Approval of Agenda:**

MOTION BY MR. HOWES, seconded by Mr. Nowlan, that the Board approve the Agenda for the May 3, 2018 Finance Committee Meeting.

All members voted aye on roll call, motion carried.

Chairman Curry called Jim Owens, States Attorney to come forward to the Board meeting table.

Mr. Owens continued the discussion/recommendations for salaries of Elected/Appointed Officials with terms beginning December 1, 2018. The Finance Committee Meeting will continue and review the Finance Committee Meeting of April 24, 2018. The main objectives of the Finance Committee Meeting tonight is to finalize a recommendation to the County Board during the regular meeting on Tuesday evening to set the salaries for the elected officials on the ballot. They will be sworn in December 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2018. So we continue what was started April 24, 2018, we are finalizing the recommendations for the salaries tonight.

What's on the Agenda is review of the minutes of the finance committee for both the open and the closed session.

MOTION BY MR. NEWTON, seconded by Mr. Loane, that the Board approve open session of the 04-24-18 minutes.

The vote was as follows: Mr. Howes, Mr. Loane, Mr. Newton, Mrs. Shipp, Mrs. Bush, Mrs. Eberle + Chairman Curry voted aye.

Mr. Nowlan voted to abstain.

In reviewing the finance committee entered into a closed session. I think we need to take a very broad view of how does any governing body enter into a closed session. By policy and by law, the Illinois Open Meetings Act, the legal presumption is that every meeting is going to be open to the public. However, even within Illinois Open Meetings Act there are exemptions to an open meeting. There are two requirements for an entity to enter into closed session. One is a motion with a statutory citation, and the other one is a vote. On the night of April 24<sup>th</sup> there was a motion which did not include a statutory citation. There was a vote. So procedurally the finance committee was partially correct, and partially incorrect. So when you entered into the closed session then we have the verbatim record of what was said in the closed session.

As your attorney and parliamentarian, I would ask you to consider approving release of the minutes of the closed meeting. All of you have been provided a copy. All of you, but Mr. Nolan and I, were there. All of you recall what you said individually when they had been said by other county board members, the purpose of the discussion. And whatever consensus was agreed to but not finalized in the closed session, which is one of the reasons we are here tonight, which is to finalize what was discussed.

If you waive the confidentiality and approve the closed minutes and publish them, the entire meeting of April 24<sup>th</sup> can be discussed. You can re-open the topic, of every department salary, every elected official salary, and go from there. So as your attorney I would ask you to seriously consider waiving the privilege of proving the closed session minutes be published. And once again re-introduce the discussion that you had in the in the closed session, in open session. If you do that, then the minutes will be available to the public, it would be published on the website, and again tonight you can re-introduce what was discussed back then.

MOTION BY MRS. SHIPP, seconded by Mr. Howes, that the Board approve information discussed in the closed session of the 04-24-18 minutes.

The vote was as follows: Mr. Loane, Mr. Newton, Mrs. Shipp, Mrs. Bush, Mrs. Eberle, Mr. Howes + Chairman Curry voted aye.

Mr. Nowlan voted to abstain.

MOTION BY MRS. BUSH, seconded by Mr. Loane, that the Board approve the verbatim record of the closed session of the 04-24-18 minutes.

The vote was as follows: Mr. Newton, Mrs. Shipp, Mrs. Bush, Mrs. Eberle, Mr. Howes, Mr. Loane + Chairman Curry voted aye.

Mr. Nowlan voted to abstain.

**PUBLIC ATTENDEES + PUBLIC COMMENTS - NONE !**

**OLD BUSINESS**

A list of draft Motions shows figures discussed.

5. **COUNTY BOARD** MOTION BY HOWES, seconded by Mrs. Shipp, that the Board approve a motion to consider \$50.00 for attending a regular meeting and \$40.00 for attending a committee meeting.  
Reimbursement for the use of personal automobile while acting in their official duties or on a committee under the direction of the Stark County Board.  
All members voted aye on roll call, motion carried.
  
6. **COUNTY CLERK + RECORDER** MOTION BY MRS. SHIPP, seconded by Mr. Howes, that the Board approve a motion to consider \$40,000.00 for salary and freeze for 4 years.  
All members voted aye on roll call, motion carried.
  
7. **SHERIFF** MOTION BY MRS. SHIPP, seconded by Mrs. Eberle, that the Board approve a motion to consider \$61,000.00 for salary and freeze for 4 years.  
All members voted aye on roll call, motion carried.
  
8. **SUPERVISOR OF ASSESSMENTS** - MOTION BY MRS. BUSH, seconded by Mr. Loane, that the Board approve a motion to consider \$40,678.00 for salary and freeze for 4 years.  
All members voted aye on roll call, motion carried.
  
9. **ZONING OFFICER** - MOTION BY MRS. BUSH, seconded by Mr. Howes, that the Board approve a motion to consider \$10,770.00 for salary and freeze for 4 years.  
All members voted aye on roll call, motion carried.
  
10. **TREASURER** - MOTION BY MRS. SHIPP, seconded by Mr. Howes, that the Board approve a motion to consider \$ 45,480.00 for salary and freeze for 4 years.  
All members voted aye on roll call, motion carried.

A MOTION BY MRS. SHIPP, seconded by Mrs. Bush, that the Board **AMEND** the Finance Committee Meeting Minutes of 4-24-18 deleting:  
This motion is made pursuant to Act 5, Chapter 120, Section 2 @(1) of the Illinois Open Meetings Act.  
All members voted aye on roll call, motion carried.

MOTION BY MRS. SHIPP, seconded by Mr. Howes, that the Finance Committee Meeting Adjourn at 7:33 p.m.  
All members voted aye on roll call, motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,  
Linda K. Pyell, Clerk