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**OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE STARK COUNTY COMMISSION**  
**August 19, 2024**

Chairman Franchuk called the special meeting of the Stark County Board of Commissioners to order at 9:00 a.m. Commissioners Present: Dean Franchuk, Paul Clarys, Bernie Marsh (phone), and Neal Messer. Commissioner Absent: Cory White. Department Heads Present: Auditor Karen Richard, Zoning Director Steve Josephson, and State's Attorney Amanda Engelstad.

Franchuk asks for approval of the agenda.

**MOTION BY:** Messer **SECONDED BY:** Clarys

To approve the agenda as presented.

All voted aye, motion carried.

Zoning Director, Josephson presented the following changes to the flood plain ordinance: The State asked that the County change the part about enclosures built in flood plains and anyone building in the flood plain zone will need a flood plain management permit. Lastly, use the FEMA guidance manual for floodproofing. Josephson is asking the commission to adopt the changes to the floodplain ordinance.

**MOTION BY:** Clarys **SECONDED BY:** Messer

To approve the proposed amendments to article 2 rules and definitions, article 3 general provisions, and article 5 zoning district regulations of the Stark County zoning ordinance.

Clarys-aye, Messer-aye, Marsh-aye, White-Absent, Chair-aye, motion carried.

Auditor Richard presented the polling locations and times for the November 5<sup>th</sup>, 2024, General Election. Richard explained that we will be adding an additional polling location for the General Election including the Mall, Dakota Room, BAC, Richardton City Hall, and Belfield City Hall. Messer asked for clarification that early voting will only be at the mall. Richard answered absentee voting at the courthouse and early voting at the mall.

**MOTION BY:** Messer **SECONDED BY:** Clarys

To approve the General Election polling locations and hours as recommended by the Election Officer.

All voted aye, motion carried.

Richard presented a special beer and liquor permit for the fairgrounds for approval. Final Final Bar & Lounge does have their County State license.

**MOTION BY:** Clarys **SECONDED BY:** Messer

To approve the application for Final Final Bar & Lounge to sell beer and liquor at the Stark County Fairgrounds on August 31<sup>st</sup>.

All voted aye, motion carried.

Commissioner Messer made a **MOTION** to adjourn at 9:14 a.m., Commissioner Clarys **SECONDED**, Adjourned.

  
Karen Richard, Auditor

  
Dean Franchuk, Chairman