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STARK COUNTY COMMISSIONER



January 2023 Stark County Commission Meeting Recap January 5, 2023

Happy New Year everyone! I hope this finding your 2023 off to a great start. Here is a quick summary of our January Stark County Commission Meeting.

Dickinson Catholic Schools - MIDA Bonds

We authorized the Dickinson Catholic Schools to issue MIDA bonds for the construction of their new facilities. These bonds allow the Dickinson Catholic Schools to finance their new addition at a very attractive interest rate. This project is a great addition to our area.

2023 IT Service Contract

We approved our 2023 contract with Consolidated Communications for our IT service. Consolidated does our IT troubleshooting work, maintains our county email system, and provides guidance and service for our technology equipment.

Roads & Bridges

We received an update from Highlands Engineering, Northern Plains Engineering, and KLJ Engineering on a number of road and bridge projects that we are trying to get done in 2023 and future years. As you can imagine, the costs to do road and bridge projects have exploded in the last couple of years, and we want to get our priority projects lined up and completed as soon as possible.

Courthouse HVAC Improvement Project

We authorized allowing the Courthouse HVAC improvement project to go bids. A lot of the HVAC system in the original building which was built in 1936 is original and is in dire need of an upgrade. We hope to open those bids at our February meeting.

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Stark County Employee Policies

We revised and approved a number of revisions to our Stark County Employee Policies. We made the HR department a full-time position two years ago and have made huge strides getting this department up to date and more efficient.

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** Finally, I would like to give a big shout out to everyone who “went the extra mile” in helping others and doing their job in the trying times during the recent storms. There are a ton of untold stories of people helping others in need and it’s great to see our citizens coming together. I know all the street and road crews, emergency providers, utility companies, and many more had a lot on their plate, and did an outstanding job! Thank you everyone!

Our next meeting will be held Tuesday, February 7, 2023.

Once again should you ever have any questions or concerns, please contact me at 701-290-4839.