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RESOLUTION NO.: _____

**RESOLUTION REGARDING PUBLIC COMMENTS AT
STARK COUNTY BOARD MEETINGS**

WHEREAS, the Stark County Board of Supervisors (hereafter, Stark County Board) and its Committees hold public meetings to conduct the business of the County, and;

WHEREAS, the Stark County Board is subject to the provisions of the Illinois Open Meetings Act, 5 ILCS 120/1 *et seq.*; and,

WHEREAS, the Illinois General Assembly has amended the Illinois Open Meetings Act by adding Section 2.06(g) of that Act which provides, "Any person shall be permitted an opportunity to address public officials under the rules established and recorded by the public body" (5 ILCS 120/2.06(g)); and,

WHEREAS, the Stark County Board Chairman and Stark County Board Members find that communication between the public and the Stark County Board is an important and necessary function of the government; and,

WHEREAS, the Stark County Board finds that such comments should be made with decorum and should be integrated into the Stark County Board Meetings so as to allow for equal time for any person who desires to address the Stark County Board; and,

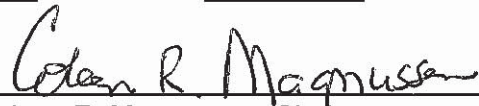
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT in order to conduct all public meetings in an orderly manner and to provide for public participation in such meetings, the Stark County Board hereby establishes public meeting rules and regulations as follows:

1. A citizen who wishes to address the Stark County Board and its committees shall complete a written Public Comment Speaker Slip no later than noon of the meeting date. The Public Comment Speaker Slip will be available in the Stark County Clerk & Recorder's Office and on the County website (when fully operational).
2. There will be provided at the beginning of the agenda for each public meeting an opportunity for residents and/or taxpayers of the County and others having an interest in County matters to comment on matters of concern, official actions or deliberation which are or may be before the Stark County Board. Such time on the agenda shall be titled "Public Comment". The following guidelines are established for this portion of the public meeting:
 - a) Fifteen (15) minutes shall be set-aside at the beginning of each County Board meeting for the purpose of allowing members of the public or County employees to make comments to the Stark County Board or to ask questions.
 - b) Each speaker shall be allowed three (3) minutes to address the Board.


- c) The County Board Chairman will have the prerogative to determine the order of the speakers and the procedures to be followed in making the presentations.
- d) There will be no audio/visual aide allowed during the public input period.
- e) All speakers will be required to address the Board from the designated location in the Courtroom. All comments will be recorded and made part of the official record of the meeting. Comments shall be directed to the Stark County Board or Committee and not to individual Board members.
- f) The Chairman will refer all questions to the appropriate Board Committee, Elected Official or Department Head for a response.
- g) No dialogue between speakers and Board members will be allowed.
- h) Each presentation shall be in consonance with good taste and decorum befitting the occasion and dignity of the meeting. Shouting, loud statements, threats, name calling, offensive personal references or other improper conduct are strictly forbidden.
- i) Comments shall be limited to topics that are relevant to the business matters of the Stark County Board and/or Committee.
- j) If a member from the public wishes to address the board during the meeting on a specific agenda item, they must contact a Board Member prior to the meeting to have the member ask the Chair for permission to speak.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Stark County Board of Supervisors at a special meeting of said Board, held on the 14th day of February, 2017, by the following vote of said Board.

AYES: 6 NAYS: 0 ABSTAIN: 0


 Coleen R. Magnussen, Chairwoman
 Stark County Board of Supervisors

ATTEST:


 Linda K. Pyell, County Clerk
 and ex-officio Clerk of the
 Stark County Board of Supervisors