

Stark County Commissioners 2025 Organizational Meeting Minutes January 07, 2025 Present Richard Regula, President Bill Smith, Vice President Alan Harold, Member Brant Luther, County Administrator Chris Nichols, Director of Management & Budget	Approved By The Stark County Commissioners Regula: _____ Smith: _____ Harold: _____ Clerk: _____ Date Approved: _____ Distribution: Journal/File
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I. Call to Order

President of the Board, Commissioner Richard Regula, called the teleconference meeting of the Board of Commissioners to order at 10:00 AM. Present, were Commissioner Harold, Commissioner Regula and Commissioner Smith.

II. Pledge

Commissioner Regula led the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

III. Resolution-Discussion and Action (Brant Luther)

- Adoption of the 2025 Organizational Resolution of the Board of County Commissioners of Stark County, Ohio.

1. Nomination for President of the Board:

Richard Regula

2. Nomination for Vice President of the Board:

Bill Smith

3. Regular Session Days, Hours and Places:

Wednesday at 1:30 PM- Regular Session Date (The Board will not meet on the following dates January 22, February 19, May 28, July 2, September 3, October 15 and December 24, 2025). The last meeting of 2025 will be on Tuesday, December 30, 2025 at 1:30 p.m. The Regular place of meeting will be the second floor Board Meeting room in Suite 240 of the County Office Building at 110 Central Plaza South in downtown Canton, Ohio.

Monday at 10:00 AM and Tuesday at 10:00 AM- Work Sessions

4. Reading of the Minutes:

The Board will dispense with the reading of the Minutes of their meetings.

5. Elected Official Meeting:

The Board shall schedule Elected Official Meetings. The dates, times, and locations will be announced prior to those given.

6. Department Head Meetings:

2nd Wednesday of every month at 9:30 AM in the Commissioner's Board Room, Conference Room, or at other locations within the county.

7. Staff Authority:

The Board hereby authorizes its Administrator, Clerk, Personnel Manager, Human Resources Director, Purchasing Manager, Director of Management and Budget, Manager of Properties and Contracts and Assistant Clerks, to advertise in recruiting persons for County employment as directed by the Board, to record motions of the Board and certify them to the Journal, and to carry out the directives of the Board.

8. Signing of Payroll and Department of Administrative Services Certificates:

Any two or more members of the Board of Stark County Commissioners are hereby authorized to sign the Commissioners' payroll and the Certificate of the portion of the payroll that must be sent to the Department of Administrative Services for all payrolls paid under appropriations. In the absence or unavailability of a second Commissioner, the County Administrator, Brant Luther and/or the Human Resources Director, Michael Kimble and/or the Director of Management and Budget, Chris Nichols have the authorization to sign the payroll on their behalf.

9. Authority to Sign OAC 5101:9-6-82 Inter-County Adjustments for any State or Federal County Family Services Agency Allocations:

The Board of Commissioners hereby deems the County Administrator Brant Luther and County Director of Job and Family Services Jerry Coleman to be the most knowledgeable designees to evaluate, request and execute such inter-county adjustments, and pursuant to Ohio Administrative Code Section 5101:9-6-82 (F)(3), hereby assigns authority to the County Administrator and County Director of Job And Family Services to serve as the as the Stark County Board of Commissioners' designee, and thereby grants authority to sign inter-county adjustments on behalf of Stark County.

10. County Engineer Force Account Authorization:

The Board acting under authority of Section 5543.19 of the Revised Code of Ohio, hereby authorizes the County Engineer to employ such laborers, lease such implements and tools, and purchase such materials and tools as may be necessary in the construction, reconstruction, improvement, maintenance and repair of roads, bridges and culverts by force account, effective immediately provided the County Engineer files the necessary reports in accordance with Section 5555.72.

11. Data Processing Board Appointment

The Board acting under authority of Section 307.84 of the Revised Code of Ohio, hereby appoints Bill Smith as the County Commissioners' representative and Alan Harold and the County Administrator Brant Luther as alternates to the Data Processing Board.

12. Stark Council of Governments (SCOG) Board Appointments (And Alternate)

The Board acting under authority of Section 167 of the Revised Code of Ohio, hereby appoints County Administrator Brant Luther as the County representative on the SCOG Board in addition to the County Prosecutor and the County Sheriff, and designates any of the County Commissioners as the alternate to any of the above representatives.

13. Tax Incentive Review Councils for All Enterprise Zones:

Alan Harold, County Administrator, Brant Luther and David Thorley appointed as its representatives (Richard Regula and Bill Smith as alternates) to the Tax Incentive Review Councils for enterprise zones in accordance with requirements of Section 5709.63(b), Ohio Revised Code.

14. Stark County Area Transportation Study (SCATS):

The Board appoints Richard Regula, Bill Smith, and Alan Harold as representatives, and designates Brant Luther and Christopher Nichols as alternates to any of the above Commissioners, to the Stark County Area Transportation Study.

15. Stark-Tusc-Wayne Solid Waste Management District:

Alan Harold is appointed to represent this Board on the Budget Committee and Records Committee, Richard Regula is appointed to represent this Board on the Landfill and Rules Committee, and the Personnel Committee; and Bill Smith is to represent this Board on the Policy Committee and Audit Committee of the Stark-Tusc-Wayne Solid Waste Management District and all three Board members will be alternates to each other, as necessary.

16. Workforce Initiative Association Council of Governments:

The Board designates Commissioner Richard Regula as its representative to the Workforce Initiative Association Council of Governments and Bill Smith as alternate.

17. Stark Tuscarawas Workforce Development Board Council of Governments/LEO:

The Board designates Richard Regula as its representative and Bill Smith as its alternate to the Stark Tuscarawas Workforce Development Board of Council of Governments/LEO.

18. Stark County Community Action Agency:

The Board designates the Director of the Stark County Department of Job and Family Services, or his designee, as its representative and Richard Regula or Brant Luther as its alternates to the Stark County Community Action Agency.

19. FEMA:

The Board designates Richard Regula as its representative to FEMA and County Administrator, Brant Luther as alternate.

20. LEPC:

The Board designates Richard Regula as its representative to LEPC and Bill Smith and County Administrator, Brant Luther as alternates.

21. NEFCO:

The Board designates Richard Regula as its representative and Bill Smith as alternate. Meetings are the third Wednesday of every month.

22. Stark Council of Governments (SCOG) Regional Dispatch Governing Board:

The Board designates Bill Smith and Tim Warstler as the two representatives and Brant Luther as alternate to the SCOG Regional Dispatch Governing Board.

23. Stark Housing Network, Inc.:

The Board designates Alan Harold, or his designee as the representative to the Stark Housing Network, Inc. Board of Directors.

24. Stark County Board of Revision:

The Board designates Richard Regula and/or Bill Smith and/or Alan Harold as its representative; David Bridenstine, Director of Management and Budget Chris Nichols, County Administrator Brant Luther and Daniel R. Miller as alternates to the Stark County Board of Revision.

25. Canton/Stark County Convention and Visitors' Bureau:

The Board designates Christopher Nichols as its representative and Brant Luther as alternate to the Canton/Stark County Convention and Visitors' Bureau Board of Directors.

26. Stark County Land Reutilization Corporation:

The Board designates Alan Harold and Bill Smith as its Representatives (Richard Regula and Brant Luther/alternates) to the Stark County Land Reutilization Corporation.

27. Voting At the Annual Meeting of the Stark County Commissioners Association of Ohio in 2025:

The Board designates Richard Regula as the official voting representative of Stark County, and Bill Smith as the alternate voting representative for Voting at the Annual Meeting of the Stark County Commissioners Association of Ohio in 2025.

28. Stark County Family Council:

The Board designates Bill Smith as the representative and Brant Luther as alternate to serve on the Stark County Family Council.

29. Carroll, Columbiana, and Stark County Regional Transportation Improvement Project (RTIP):

The Board designates Richard Regula as the representative to the Board of Carroll, Columbiana, and Stark County Regional Transportation Improvement Project (RTIP).

30. Records Commission:

The Board designates Richard Regula as the representative to the Stark County Records Commission.

31. Multi County Juvenile Attention System (MCJAS) Board of Trustees:

The Board designates Bill Smith as the representative to the MCJAS Board of Trustees for the term ending December 31, 2028.

Commissioner Harold moved, seconded by Commissioner Smith to approve the 2025 Organizational Resolution as Submitted

Roll Call: Yes. Motion Carried. Unanimously

IV. Adjournment

Commissioner Harold moved, seconded by Commissioner Smith to adjourn the Meeting at 10:01 AM.

Roll Call: Yes. Motion Carried. Unanimously

NOTICE: Minutes of meetings of the Board of Commissioners are filed as a permanent record in the official journal of the Board of Commissioners. The official record includes originals or copies of all resolutions that are adopted by the Board. This includes resolutions approving the signing of Contractual documents, financial transaction forms and other actions adopted by the Board. Contracts, agreements, leases, purchase orders, personnel actions and other such material referred to in the resolutions are filed by subject in the Administrative Offices and originating departments. The official journals that include, the minutes and related resolutions are available for public inspection in the Administrative Offices of the Commissioners.

Respectfully Submitted,
Sara Donald, Clerk

Orig.: Sara Donald
Cc: Commissioners