

Stark County Commissioners Board of Commissioners Minutes

October 22, 2025

Present

Richard Regula, President
Bill Smith, Vice President
Alan Harold, Member
Brant Luther, County Administrator
Sara Donald, County Clerk

Approved By The Stark
County Commissioners

Regula: _____

Smith: _____

Harold: _____

Clerk: _____

Date Approved: _____

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I. Call to Order

President of the Board, Commissioner Richard Regula, called the meeting of the Board of Commissioners to order at 1:30 p.m. Present, were Commissioner Smith, Commissioner Regula and Commissioner Harold. Commissioner Regula noted that in addition to attending in-person, the public may also attend by teleconference.

II. Pledge

Commissioner Regula led the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

III. Amendments

Jennifer Odey: Add a Resolution, on behalf of the Stark County Sheriff, to establish a New Fund Number for the OPIOID Remediation Grant for Substance-Addicted Inmates in Ohio Jails.

Motion Result: Pass

Motion to: Approve Amendments made by Commissioner Harold and seconded by Commissioner Smith

Votes For (3): Commissioner Regula, Commissioner Smith, Commissioner Harold

IV. Public Speaks

Jingchun Guo of Cleveland spoke about the Chinese Communist Party (CCP) and its Threat to Shen Yun, Falun Gong, and the World.

Pierce Brooks of North Canton spoke about his skepticism with the ceasefire between Israel & Hamas in Gaza.

V. Approve Minutes

October 8, 2025

Motion Result: Pass

Motion to: Approve Minutes made by Commissioner Harold and seconded by Commissioner Smith

Votes For (3): Commissioner Regula, Commissioner Smith, Commissioner Harold

VI. Resolution-Discussion and Action

Finance (Kris Miller)

- Appropriations:
 - EMA: Appropriation for Special Emergency Planning (LEPC) Purchase-\$5,775.49
 - Engineer: Appropriation to establish balances for various capital projects for use in 2025 (ODOT)-\$160,000.00 - Fund 133 - Strip Ave. Widening.

Motion Result: Pass

Motion to: Approve Appropriations made by Commissioner Harold and seconded by Commissioner Smith

Votes For (3): Commissioner Regula, Commissioner Smith, Commissioner Harold

- Budget Transfers:
 - Adult Probation/ISP: 2025 Training for Courthouse Employees from Capital to Other-\$4,860.00
 - Auditor: 2025 Transfer to cover Insurance changes from Salary to Benefits-\$15,000.00; Salary to Benefits-\$7,000.00 and Salary to Benefits-\$2,000.00 Total=\$24,000.00
 - Commissioners: Year-end expenses from Benefits to Service-\$175,000.00 - Group Insurance Fund
 - Motor Vehicle & Gas Tax: Service to Capital-\$100,000.00
 - Motor Vehicle & Gas Tax: Supply to Capital-\$200,000.00
 - Prosecutor: 2025 Q3 CAP Fringe from Salary to Benefits-\$37,536.10
 - Sanitary Engineer: Capital to Salary-\$32,500.00
 - Sanitary Engineer: Capital to Benefits-\$25,000.00

Motion Result: Pass

Motion to: Approve Budget Transfers made by Commissioner Harold and seconded by Commissioner Smith

Votes For (3): Commissioner Regula, Commissioner Smith, Commissioner Harold

- County Obligations Journal Entries:
 - Commissioners to MCJAS: 2025 4th Qtr. Share MCJAS-\$921,367.46
 - Commissioners to SCOG: October 2025 SCOG Share-\$40,462.15

Motion Result: Pass

Motion to: Approve County Obligations Journal Entries made by Commissioner Harold and seconded by Commissioner Smith

Votes For (3): Commissioner Regula, Commissioner Smith, Commissioner Harold

- Intergovernmental Journal Entries:
 - Common Pleas Court to Sheriff: September and October 2025 Reimburse Sheriff for Common Pleas Court Law Enforcement Services-\$42,546.78
 - Common Pleas Court to Sheriff: September and October 2025 Reimburse Sheriff for Bow Building Law Enforcement Services-\$42,546.78
 - EMA to Sheriff: Contractual Services 4th Qtr. 2025 Sheriff 911 Calls-\$128,750.00
 - EMA to Sheriff: Reimbursement for Dispatch Workstation-\$63,021.80
 - Family Court to Sheriff: Fingerprinting Fees-\$160.00
 - Family Court to Sheriff: September & October 2025 Law Enforcement Services for Family Court-\$21,272.80
 - Human Services to Prosecutor: JFS Reimburse Prosecutor 4th Quarter 2025 CAP-\$100,000.00
 - Prosecutor to Facilities: November 2025 Parking Space 22 Lot 2-\$35.00
 - Sanitary Engineer to Data Processing: September 2025 Sanitary IT Charge 2025-94-ITC-\$160.08
 - SCOG to Sheriff: Reimburse Sheriff 2024 Labor & Parts-\$496.54
 - SRCCC Operation Grant FY 26-27 to Sheriff: Fingerprint Fee August/September 2025-\$320.00
 - Sheriff to Stark Mental Health & Recovery Services: Reimburse Stark Mental Health & Recovery April 2025 through June 2025 Invoice 6620-\$4,976.15

Motion Result: Pass

Motion to: Approve Intergovernmental Journal Entries made by Commissioner Harold and seconded by Commissioner Smith

Votes For (3): Commissioner Regula, Commissioner Smith, Commissioner Harold

Award Bid Kris Miller)

- EMA: A Resolution awarding bid No. 2989 - Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus to Atlantic Emergency Solutions in the amount of \$160,380.00.

Motion Result: Pass

Motion to: Approve Resolution made by Commissioner Harold and seconded by Commissioner Smith

Votes For (3): Commissioner Regula, Commissioner Smith, Commissioner Harold

- Facilities Department: Resolution to award bid # 2990 - Elevator Maintenance for Various County Buildings - Low Bidder - Specialized Elevator dba Gable Elevator in the amount of \$76,800 Effective 11/1/2025-10/31/2027.

Motion Result: Pass

Motion to: Approve Resolution made by Commissioner Harold and seconded by Commissioner Smith

Votes For (3): Commissioner Regula, Commissioner Smith, Commissioner Harold

Discuss and Consider Approval (Kris Miller)

- Engineer: A Resolution declaring Stark County Commissioner Property as excess property and authorizing it to be sold on GovDeals.
 - Felling Trailer Vin# 5FTDA262381029815 Plate # OK7121
 - Dump Truck Vin# 1HTWDAAR42J051292 Plate # 765YQU
 - Dump Truck Vin# 1HTSDAAROYH256719 Plate # 766YQU
 - GRADALL Vin# 0137286(upper) 01D543 (chassis) no plate
 - Ford Tractor Vin# C743316 no plate
 - Ford Tractor Vin# C743317 no plate
 - Ford Tractor # 3

Motion Result: Pass

Motion to: Approve Resolution made by Commissioner Harold and seconded by Commissioner Smith

Votes For (3): Commissioner Regula, Commissioner Smith, Commissioner Harold

- Job and Family Services: A Resolution approving an Agreement with Community Legal Aid Services, Inc. to provide legal services to TANF eligible individuals. The agreement will run from November 1, 2025, and continue through October 31, 2026, and the amount shall not exceed \$20,000.00 during the term of the agreement.

Motion Result: Pass

Motion to: Approve Resolution made by Commissioner Harold and seconded by Commissioner Smith

Votes For (3): Commissioner Regula, Commissioner Smith, Commissioner Harold

- Sheriff: A Resolution declaring Stark County Commissioner Property as excess property and authorizing it to be sold on Govdeals.
2009 Chevy Impala – VIN # 2G1WU57M191273933

Motion Result: Pass

Motion to: Approve Resolution made by Commissioner Harold and seconded by Commissioner Smith

Votes For (3): Commissioner Regula, Commissioner Smith, Commissioner Harold

- Sheriff: A Resolution authorizing the County Administrator to sign a non-renewal letter for the Medical and Mental Health Services for the inmates of the Stark County Jail (Current Contract ends 1/31/26)

Motion Result: Pass

Motion to: Approve Resolution made by Commissioner Harold and seconded by Commissioner Smith

Votes For (3): Commissioner Regula, Commissioner Smith, Commissioner Harold

- Treasurer: A Resolution authorizing a new procurement card user (Deana Stafford) pursuant to Ohio Revised Code 301.29, to be subject to a monthly credit limit of \$5,000.00.

Motion Result: Pass

Motion to: Approve Resolution made by Commissioner Harold and seconded by Commissioner Smith

Votes For (3): Commissioner Regula, Commissioner Smith, Commissioner Harold

Requisitions (Kris Miller)

- Commissioners: Jail Renovation Project Granger/Welty Escrow/Retainage account-Vendor: Stark County Commissioners-\$2,661,571.00
- Commissioners: IT Network Switch Upgrade Phase III Part 2 2025 Capital Budget approved 4/2/2025-Vendor: Step CG LLC.-\$150,000.00
- EMA: 2026 APCO Membership Dues-Vendor: APCO International-\$2,722.00
- EMA: Eventide Nexlog DX Recording System Stark County Sheriff 911-Vendor: Interaction Insight Corporation-\$139,709.30
- EMA: Eventide Nexlog DX Recording System Canton City 911-Vendor: Interaction Insight Corporation-\$118,027.30
- Engineer: Additional construction costs on the 12th Street and Summerdale Avenue Culvert Replacements Project-Vendor: Lockhart Concrete Co.-\$400,000.00
- Public Defender: 2025 Stark County Bar Association Membership dues for three (3) Attorneys-Vendor: Stark County Bar Association-\$721.00

Motion Result: Pass

Motion to: Approve Requisitions made by Commissioner Harold and seconded by Commissioner Smith

Votes For (3): Commissioner Regula, Commissioner Smith, Commissioner Harold

Non-Encumbered Expenses (Kris Miller)

- Adult Probation: 2025 Chevrolet Trax payment-Vendor: Lavery Automotive-\$413.52
- Veterans: eVET assist Annual Maintenance 11/21/2025-11/20/2026-Vendor: Enterprise Resource Partners-\$4,807.00

Motion Result: Pass

Motion to: Approve Non-Encumbered Expenses made by Commissioner Harold and seconded by Commissioner Smith

Votes For (3): Commissioner Regula, Commissioner Smith, Commissioner Harold

Travel (Kris Miller)

- Four Commissioners employees seeking \$5,066.20 to attend CCAO 2025 Winter Conference on December 3-5, 2025 in Columbus, OH.
- One EMA employee seeking \$23.10 to attend the Portage County Full-Scale Exercise Evaluator on October 31st, 2025 in Atwater, OH.
- One Job & Family Services employee seeking \$204.40 to attend a Wendy's Wonderful Kids Ohio Convening on October 29, 2025 in Columbus, OH.
- One Sanitary Engineer employee seeking a total of \$375.00 to attend a PE Engineering Training Class on November 6th, 2025 via remote attendance.
- Two Sanitary Engineer employees seeking a total of \$130.00 to attend a Employment Law Class on October 28th, 2025 in North Canton, OH.
- Two Veterans employees seeking \$323.50 to attend Ohio Veterans Hall of Fame Ceremony on November 6, 2025 in Columbus, OH.
- Four Veterans employees seeking \$3,045.20 to attend OSACVSC on November 21-23, 2025 in Dublin, OH.

Motion Result: Pass

Motion to: Approve Travel made by Commissioner Harold and seconded by Commissioner Smith

Votes For (3): Commissioner Regula, Commissioner Smith, Commissioner Harold

Human Resources (Michael Kimble)

- A Resolution Approving the Holiday Calendar for 2026

Motion Result: Pass

Motion to: Approve Resolution made by Commissioner Harold and seconded by Commissioner Smith

Votes For (3): Commissioner Regula, Commissioner Smith, Commissioner Harold

- A Resolution Approving Revisions to the Board of Stark County Commissioners' Employee Policy Manual

Motion Result: Pass

Motion to: Approve Resolution made by Commissioner Harold and seconded by Commissioner Smith

Votes For (3): Commissioner Regula, Commissioner Smith, Commissioner Harold

- A Resolution Authorizing Conversion of Vacation Time for Eligible Employees Under the Hiring Authority of the Board of Stark County Commissioners

Motion Result: Pass

Motion to: Approve Resolution made by Commissioner Harold and seconded by Commissioner Smith

Votes For (3): Commissioner Regula, Commissioner Smith, Commissioner Harold

Commissioners (Brant Luther)

- A Resolution approving and authorizing the Board of Commissioners to sign a Joint Application with the Stark County Prosecutor Requesting the Court of Common Pleas to Appoint McMahon DeGulis LLP as joint counsel for One (1) legal matter and approving and authorizing the President of the Board to sign the Standard Terms of Engagement with McMahon DeGulis LLP to provide legal representation as needed.

Motion Result: Pass

Motion to: Approve Resolution made by Commissioner Harold and seconded by Commissioner Smith

Votes For (3): Commissioner Regula, Commissioner Smith, Commissioner Harold

- Approving and authorizing the President of the Board of Commissioners to sign a Terms of Engagement document with Bricker Graydon LLP to provide consultation as needed.

Motion Result: Pass

Motion to: Approve Resolution made by Commissioner Harold and seconded by Commissioner Smith

Votes For (3): Commissioner Regula, Commissioner Smith, Commissioner Harold

Engineer (Jennifer Odey)

- A Resolution approving a Local Public Agency Agreement (LPA) with the State of Ohio, Department of Transportation (ODOT) for the 12th Street and Perry Drive Roundabout PID 122280 Local Project.

Motion Result: Pass

Motion to: Approve Resolution made by Commissioner Harold and seconded by Commissioner Smith

Votes For (3): Commissioner Regula, Commissioner Smith, Commissioner Harold

- A Resolution awarding the Stark County Engineer's contract for the T-1-2025 643 Long-Line Pavement Marking Project to Oglesby Construction, Inc. of Norwalk, Ohio.

Motion Result: Pass

Motion to: Approve Resolution made by Commissioner Harold and seconded by Commissioner Smith

Votes For (3): Commissioner Regula, Commissioner Smith, Commissioner Harold

- A Resolution awarding the Stark County Engineer's contract for the T-2-2025 642 Long-Line Pavement Marking Project to Aero-Mark, LLC. of Aurora, Ohio.

Motion Result: Pass

Motion to: Approve Resolution made by Commissioner Harold and seconded by Commissioner Smith

Votes For (3): Commissioner Regula, Commissioner Smith, Commissioner Harold

- A Resolution approving the installation of "No Engine Brake" signs on Dueber Avenue (CR-254) between Mill St. and Faircrest St. located in Canton Township.

Motion Result: Pass

Motion to: Approve Resolution made by Commissioner Harold and seconded by Commissioner Smith

Votes For (3): Commissioner Regula, Commissioner Smith, Commissioner Harold

- A Resolution approving the installation of "No Engine Brake" signs on Oakhill Avenue (CR-97) between Herbster St. and Cenfield St. located in Washinton Township.

Motion Result: Pass

Motion to: Approve Resolution made by Commissioner Harold and seconded by Commissioner Smith

Votes For (3): Commissioner Regula, Commissioner Smith, Commissioner Harold

- A Resolution Authorizing Change Order No. 1 with Shelly Co. for the State St Resurfacing Project PID No. 117103.

Motion Result: Pass

Motion to: Approve Resolution made by Commissioner Harold and seconded by Commissioner Smith

Votes For (3): Commissioner Regula, Commissioner Smith, Commissioner Harold

- A Resolution approving Change Order No. 2 with Wenger Excavating Inc. for the Stark County Engineer's Dressler Rd Improvement Project, PID 112040.

Motion Result: Pass

Motion to: Approve Resolution made by Commissioner Harold and seconded by Commissioner Smith

Votes For (3): Commissioner Regula, Commissioner Smith, Commissioner Harold

Sanitary Engineer (Jennifer Odey)

- A Resolution Authorizing an agreement with the GDC Meyers Investment Company for the construction of a sanitary sewer located at Meyers Lake Plaza.

Motion Result: Pass

Motion to: Approve Resolution made by Commissioner Harold and seconded by Commissioner Smith

Votes For (3): Commissioner Regula, Commissioner Smith, Commissioner Harold

Regional Planning (Jennifer Odey)

- A Resolution approving the final plat for Amherst Heights No. 9 in Jackson Township.
All required signatures have been endorsed on the plat, except the Prosecutor, due to no streets being impacted.

Motion Result: Pass

Motion to: Approve Resolution made by Commissioner Harold and seconded by Commissioner Smith

Votes For (3): Commissioner Regula, Commissioner Smith, Commissioner Harold

- A Resolution approving the final plat for Canton Industrial Park West Allotment No. 3 in Canton Township.
All required signatures have been endorsed on the plat, except for the Prosecutor, due to no streets being impacted.

Motion Result: Pass

Motion to: Approve Resolution made by Commissioner Harold and seconded by Commissioner Smith

Votes For (3): Commissioner Regula, Commissioner Smith, Commissioner Harold

- A Resolution approving the final plat for Panther Estates No. 5 in Plain Township.
All required signatures have been endorsed on the plat, except the Prosecutor, due to no streets being impacted.

Motion Result: Pass

Motion to: Approve Resolution made by Commissioner Harold and seconded by Commissioner Smith

Votes For (3): Commissioner Regula, Commissioner Smith, Commissioner Harold

- A Resolution approving a time extension for the Sidewalk Performance Bond on the Saint James Place No. 13 Allotment in Lake Township until October 27, 2026.

Motion Result: Pass

Motion to: Approve Resolution made by Commissioner Harold and seconded by Commissioner Smith

Votes For (3): Commissioner Regula, Commissioner Smith, Commissioner Harold

- A Resolution approving one FY2024 HOME Funding Agreement for Alliance Area Habitat for Humanity in the amount of \$70,000.00.

Motion Result: Pass

Motion to: Approve Resolution made by Commissioner Harold and seconded by Commissioner Smith

Votes For (3): Commissioner Regula, Commissioner Smith, Commissioner Harold

Commissioners (Jennifer Odey)

- A Resolution rescinding the September 24, 2025 Resolution authorizing the purchase a 2023 Dodge Ram 2500 Vin No. 3C6LRVVG0PE606297 from Schonert Chevrolet.

Motion Result: Pass

Motion to: Approve Resolution made by Commissioner Harold and seconded by Commissioner Smith

Votes For (3): Commissioner Regula, Commissioner Smith, Commissioner Harold

- A Resolution approving a Family Court's Title IV-E Foster Care Program Subgrant Agreement.

Motion Result: Pass

Motion to: Approve Resolution made by Commissioner Harold and seconded by Commissioner Smith

Votes For (3): Commissioner Regula, Commissioner Smith, Commissioner Harold

- A Resolution Authorizing the County Administrator to Sign a One-Year Renewal Agreement with Carbyne Ltd. for the County-Wide 911 System to Utilize its c-LITE NextGen Public Safety Solution (through Carbyne's State Beacon Program).

Motion Result: Pass

Motion to: Approve Resolution made by Commissioner Harold and seconded by Commissioner Smith

Votes For (3): Commissioner Regula, Commissioner Smith, Commissioner Harold

- A Resolution approving an Agreement with Standard Plumbing & Heating Co. for the Stark County Developmental Disabilities Building Disaster Repairs Project in the amount of \$235,618.00.

Motion Result: Pass

Motion to: Approve Resolution made by Commissioner Harold and seconded by Commissioner Smith

Votes For (3): Commissioner Regula, Commissioner Smith, Commissioner Harold

- A Resolution approving an amendment to the Professional Services Agreement with Motter & Meadows Architects for Architectural Services on the IT Building Renovation Project. The construction budget was revised from \$2,430,530.50 to \$2,680,530.50, after the inclusion of the project scope for modernization of the elevator and associated equipment and components. The cost for AE basic services is being revised from \$170,137.14 to \$187,637.14 (based on 7% of the revised construction budget).

Motion Result: Pass

Motion to: Approve Resolution made by Commissioner Harold and seconded by Commissioner Smith

Votes For (3): Commissioner Regula, Commissioner Smith, Commissioner Harold

- A Resolution approving bid specifications, plans, and advertisement to rebid the – COB 3rd Floor RPC Interior Renovations Furniture Project.

Motion Result: Pass

Motion to: Approve Resolution made by Commissioner Harold and seconded by Commissioner Smith

Votes For (3): Commissioner Regula, Commissioner Smith, Commissioner Harold

Amendment:

- A Resolution, on behalf of the Stark County Sheriff, to establish a New Fund Number for the OPIOID Remediation Grant for Substance Addicted Inmates in Ohio Jails.

Motion Result: Pass

Motion to: Approve Resolution made by Commissioner Harold and seconded by Commissioner Smith

Votes For (3): Commissioner Regula, Commissioner Smith, Commissioner Harold

VII. Commissioners Comments and Questions

Monday October 27, 2025 @ 10:00 AM-Work Session. Executive Session Regarding Pending Litigation. In addition to attending in-person, the public may also Dial (667) 770-1465 Access Code 692732# (Listen Only)

Tuesday October 28, 2025 @ 10:00 AM-Work Session (If Needed). In addition to attending in-person, the public may also Dial (667) 770-1465 Access Code 692732# (Listen Only)

Wednesday October 29, 2025 @ 1:00 PM-Lawrence Twp. Road Vacation Hearing

Wednesday October 29, 2025 @ 1:30 PM-Commissioners Board Meeting. In addition to attending in-person, the public may also Dial (667) 770-1465 Access Code 692732# (Listen Only)

VIII. Executive Session-O.R.C. 121.22 (G)(3) Conference with Counsel regarding Imminent Court Action

Commissioner Harold moved, seconded by Commissioner Smith to adjourn into Executive Session Pursuant to O.R.C. 121.22 (G)(3) Conference to discuss Imminent Court Action with Legal Counsel and County Administrator Brant Luther at 2:01 PM.

Roll Call Vote: Harold. Yes Smith. Yes, Regula. Yes, Motion Carried.

The Commissioners came out of Executive Session at 2:44 PM

IX.. Adjournment

Meeting Adjourned at 2:44 PM

Motion Result: Pass

Motion to: Approve Adjournment made by Commissioner Harold and seconded by Commissioner Smith

Votes For (3): Commissioner Regula, Commissioner Smith, Commissioner Harold

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