

Stark County Commissioners Board of Commissioners Minutes

October 08, 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 declaring a disaster to structures and authorizing a contract for repairs at the Stark County Developmental Disabilities Building without bidding.

Add a Resolution approving an Agreement with Servpro for the Stark County Developmental Disabilities Building Disaster Repairs Project.

Kris Miller: Add a Requisition for Fire Restoration at 3057 Cleveland Ave SW Southgate School Building-Vendor: Servpro-\$1,051,720.00

Sara Donald: Approve a Correction on August 6, 2025 Board Meeting Minutes.

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

Bruce Lupfer of Canton Spoke about the Stark County District Library demolition and various other topics.

Pierce Brooks spoke about the Leahy Law and Israel Bonds.

V. Approve Minutes

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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:
 - Board of Elections: Appropriation for SOS Funding for Voter Registration Data Integrity mailing(s)-\$4,300.00
 - Coroner: Appropriation for YE 2025 Budget expenses due to staffing changes-\$151,500.00
 - Probate Court: Appropriation for YE 2025 Budget expenses due to staffing changes-\$195,000.00

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:
 - Human Services: Salary to Service-\$100,000.00
 - Sheriff: Salary to Benefits-\$70,000.00
 - Veterans: Financial Assistance to Public Servants for Honor Home from Other to Service-\$50,000.00
 - Veterans: Other to Salary-\$25,000.00

Motion Result: Pass

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

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

- County Obligations Journal Entries:
 - Commissioners to Job & Family Services: October 2025 Mandated Share-\$95,611.75
 - Commissioners to RPC: August 2025 Invoice #2019 Wage Monitoring-\$694.03
 - Commissioners to RPC: August 2025 Invoice #2019 Subdivision Eng./Inspection-\$22,163.48
 - Commissioners to RPC: August 2025 Invoice #2019 Storm & Water/NPDES-\$4,170.73

- Commissioners to RPC: August 2025 Invoice #2019 House Numbering-\$2,276.48

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:
 - 3939 Plaza-The Venue TIF Fund 2024 Advances Out to Commissioners General Fund Advance In to repay a 2024 Advance from the General Fund for the Mount Pleasant Retention Basin Project-\$150,000.00
 - Homeless Crisis Response Program to Stark Mental Health & Recovery Services: FY 2024 HCRP S-L-24-1DI-2 request No. 8-\$540.95
 - Sanitary Engineer to Sanitary Engineer: Sewer/Water at 13870 Cleveland Ave.-\$8.25
 - Sanitary Engineer to Sanitary Engineer: Sewer/Water at 13870 Cleveland Ave.-\$226.55
 - Sanitary Engineer to Sanitary Engineer: Sewer at 4526 Louisville for August 2025-\$464.04
 - SCOG to Sheriff: Gasoline reimbursements-\$242.20

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

Discuss and Consider Approval (Kris Miller)

- Board of Elections: A Resolution declaring Stark County Commissioner Property as excess property and authorizing it to be sold on Govdeals.
337 Self Standing Plexiglass shields

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 Goodwill Industries of Greater Cleveland and East Central Ohio, Inc. for parenting skills training programs. Effective October 1, 2025, and continue through September 30, 2026, and the amount shall not exceed \$290,000.00 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

- Job and Family Services: A Resolution approving a Subgrant Agreement with Coleman Professional Services dba Coleman Health Services for Prevention and Intervention Services. This Subgrant Agreement is in response to the Title XX RFP that was dated July 25, 2025. Effective October 1, 2025, and continue through September 30, 2026, and the amount shall not exceed \$18,959.23 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

- Job and Family Services: A Resolution approving an agreement with Karing Hearts, LLC for child placement and related services. Effective October 10, 2025, and continue through March 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

- Job and Family Services: A Resolution approving a Subgrant Agreement with J.R. Coleman Senior Outreach Services, Inc. for Adult Day Care Services. Effective October 1, 2025, and continue through September 30, 2026, and the amount shall not exceed \$102,000.00 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

- Job and Family Services: A Resolution approving an agreement with the Early Childhood Resource Center for parenting skills training programs. Effective October 1, 2025, and continue through September 30, 2026, and the amount shall not exceed \$10,000.00 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

- Job and Family Services: A Resolution approving a Subgrant Agreement with Coleman Professional Services dba Coleman Health Services for Adult Protective Services. Effective October 1, 2025, and continue through September 30, 2026, and the amount shall not exceed \$346,623.86 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

- Prosecutor: Resolution to authorize the President of the Board to sign a 63-month lease agreement with Visual Edge IT, Inc. for six (6) Sharp copiers (four (4) SHARP 6071 (Owned) and two (2) SHARP SHBP70C65 (Leased) Copiers) with financing through Wells Fargo Financing- \$2,495.00 per month.

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)

- EMA/911: 2026 NENA 911 Dues-Vendor: National Emergency Number Association-\$608.00
- Job & Family Services: Net Transportation-Vendor: Reliaride-\$420,000.00

Amendment:

- Commissioners: Fire Restoration at 3057 Cleveland Ave SW Southgate School Building-Vendor: Servpro-\$1,051,720.00

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)

- Human Resources: Duplicate payment for a Dell Docking Station-Vendor: Huntington-\$218.00 Paid with a Credit Card and a PO

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)

- Two IT employees seeking \$870.40 to attend Cyber Ohio Summit Conference on November 19, 2025 in Columbus, OH.
- Two Job & Family Services employees seeking \$80.00 to attend a Contract Monitoring Review on October 30, 2025 in Kent, OH.
- Five Job & Family Services employees seeking \$1,563.69 to attend the 2025 OCSA Fall Training on October 21-22, 2025 in Columbus, OH.
- One Job & Family Services employee seeking \$139.60 to attend the NorthCoast Directors' meeting on October 17, 2025 in Elyria, OH.
- One Job & Family Services employee seeking \$204.40 to attend the Wendy's Wonderful Kids Ohio Convening on October 29, 2025 in Columbus, 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

Engineer (Jennifer Odey)

- A Resolution approving a Local Public Agency (LPA) Agreement with ODOT for the Cleveland Ave (CR 66) Resurfacing Project, PID 117470.

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 partial release of retainage/escrow on the City of North Canton Woodrow/Lois Waterline Replacement Project to Wenger Excavating, Inc.

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)

Amendments:

- A Resolution declaring a disaster to structures and authorizing a contract for repairs at the Stark County Developmental Disabilities Building without Bidding.

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 approving an agreement with Servpro for the Stark County Developmental Disabilities Building Disaster Repairs Project in the amount of \$1,095,542.40

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 to approve and authorize the President of the Board to sign a Purchase Agreement with Cole Valley Cadillac, for the purchase of a 2023 Dodge Ram Promaster VIN No. 3C6LRVVG7PE572732 in the amount of \$30,138.00

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 implementing Sections 3735.65 through 3735.70 of the Ohio Revised Code, converting and describing the boundaries of a Community Reinvestment Area in Lake Township, designating a Housing Officer to administer the program, and creating a Community Reinvestment Housing Council.

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 implementing Sections 3735.65 through 3735.70 of the Ohio Revised Code, converting and describing the boundaries of a Community Reinvestment Area in Perry Township, designating a Housing Officer to administer the program, and creating a Community Reinvestment Housing Council.

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 President of the Board to sign an Ohio Department of Health Tuberculosis Funding Agreement effective from July 1, 2025 to December 31, 2025.

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

- Stark Regional Community Correction Center Facility Governing Board-Board Member Appointment of Michael Peterson to serve on the Board for the remainder of an unfinished term, effective October 8, 2025, through September 30, 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

- A Resolution approving an Addendum to the Community-Based Corrections FY 2026 – 2027 Subsidy Grant Agreement for the Probation Services Grants from the Ohio Department of Rehabilitation & Correction.

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 extension of the Village of Brewster's MRF funding allocations and retention of the funding from the Municipal Road Fund until December 31, 2026.
 - 2024 7th Street micro-surfacing Project \$11,189.00
 - 2025 7th Street micro-surfacing Project \$20,722.00

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

VII. Commissioners Comments and Questions

Monday October 13, 2025 Columbus Day Holiday-All Offices Closed

Tuesday October 14, 2025 @ 10:00 AM-No Work Session.

Wednesday October 15, 2025 @ 1:30 PM-Commissioners Board Meeting Cancelled.

Monday October 20, 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)

Tuesday October 21, 2025 @ 10:00 AM-Work Session. Monthly County Finance Update; then, update from Stark County District Library. In addition to attending in-person, the public may also Dial (667) 770-1465 Access Code 692732# (Listen Only)

Wednesday October 22, 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: Per 121.22 (G) (3) with Assistant Prosecutor to discuss pending or imminent court action.

Commissioner Harold moved, seconded by Commissioner Smith to adjourn into Executive Session Pursuant to O.R.C. 121.22 (G)(3) to discuss pending or imminent court action with Assistant Prosecutor Deborah Dawson, Budget Director Chris Nichols and County Administrator Brant Luther at 1:54 PM.

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

The Commissioners came out of Executive Session at 2:11 PM

Motion to Amend the Agenda to add an additional Resolution on behalf of the Board of Commissioners and Public Defender by Commissioner Harold and seconded by Commissioner Smith

Commissioner Harold motioned to adopt a Resolution to approve and Authorize the Board to Sign a Joint Application with the Stark County Prosecutor requesting the Court of Common Pleas to appoint Baker, Dublikar, Beck, Wiley & Matthews as counsel for one legal matter and approving and authorizing the President of the Board to sign the Standard Terms of Engagement with Baker, Dublikar, Beck, Wiley & Matthews to provide legal representation as needed and seconded by Commissioner Smith

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

IX. Adjournment

Meeting Adjourned at 2:12 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

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Respectfully Submitted,
Sara Donald, Clerk

Orig.: Sara Donald
Cc: Commissioners