

Stark County Commissioners Board of Commissioners Minutes

December 17, 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 Authorizing the Signing of a "Master Services and Purchasing Agreement with Axon Enterprises, Inc.

Brant Luther: Add an Executive Session Pursuant to O.R.C. 121.22(G)(8) To Consider Confidential Information for an Economic Development Request.

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

Skylark Bruce of Canton raised concerns about a death notification in Stark County.

Nancy Bloom of Canton spoke about Ohio House Bills 186 and 335.

Pierce Brooks of North Canton shared quotes concerning the war in GAZA.

Joseph Race, Retiring Executive Director of the Building Industry Association of Stark, praised both the previous and current Commissioners for always treating him and others with kindness and respect.

V. Approve Minutes

December 10, 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:
 - Auditor: 2026 REA Appropriation Request-\$4,518,993.00
2026 appropriation request for the Real Estate Assessment fund under Auditor Kinsey.
 - Commissioners: Initial Capital Appropriation for 2026-\$575,000.00
 - Common Pleas Court: 2026 Appropriation Fund 811 Court E-Filing System-\$23,500.00

- Common Pleas Court: 2026 Appropriation Fund 196 Court Data Processing-\$7,500.00
- Common Pleas Court: 2026 Appropriation Fund 315 Chance Program Fees-\$5,500.00
- Common Pleas Court: 2026 Appropriation Fund 908 S.C. Security Improvement-\$27,000.00
- Common Pleas Court: 2026 Appropriation Fund 817 Veteran's Honor Court-\$3,000.00
- Common Pleas Court: 2026 Appropriation Fund 487 Special Projects-\$365,000.00
- Common Pleas Court: 2026 Appropriation Fund 487 Stop Heroin From Killing-\$1,000.00
- Common Pleas Court: 2026 Appropriation Fund 069 General Supervision Probation-\$42,500.00
- Common Pleas Court: 2026 Appropriation Fund 487 Special Projects Fund Probation-\$130,000.00

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:
 - Auditor: To cover final two pays of 2025 from Supply to Salary-\$3,000.00 and Supply to Benefits-\$1,000.00 Total \$4,000.00
 - Auditor: Service to Benefits-\$16,000.00, Benefits to Benefits-\$99,630.00, Salary to Salary-\$227,377.00, Salary to Salary-\$533,170.00, Benefits to Benefits-\$262,551.00, Salary to Salary-\$157,881.00 and Benefits to Benefits-\$111,870.00 Total=\$1,408,479.00

- Commissioners: Year End expenses from Supply to Salary-\$300.00
- Commissioners: Year End expenses from Supply to Benefits-\$700.00
- Sheriff: Benefits to Salary-\$35,500.00
- Data/IT: Capital to Benefits-\$24,000.00
- Sheriff: Benefits to Salary-\$225,000.00

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 SCOG: December 2025 SCOG Share-\$48,697.95

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:
 - Community Development to County Parks: CDBG Funding for Petros Restroom-\$49,900.00
 - Job & Family Services to Commissioners: 2025 Q4 Indirect Costs JFS-\$163,605.00
 - Motor Vehicle & Gas Tax to Data Processing: ENG IT Charges October 2025-110-ITC-\$89.24

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

Advertise for Bid (Kris Miller)

- Engineer: A Resolution to Advertise for Bid # 2996 - Skytrim and Vegetation Removal Services

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)

- Job and Family Services: A Resolution approving an amendment to the child placement and related services agreement with Friends 2 Family Youth Services, LLC. Effective December 1, 2025, 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

Requisitions (Kris Miller)

- Commissioners: IT/Data Wireless upgrade to replace all 160 wireless access points-Vendor: Step CG LLC-\$140,000.00
- EMA: Monthly fee for Vesta Workstations-Vendor: AT&T-\$153,000.00
30 workstations \$850.00 each=\$25,500.00 per month for six (6) months

- EMA: 2026 Membership Dues-Vendor: Stark County Fire Chiefs Association-\$25.00
- EMA: 2026 IAEM Membership Dues-Vendor: International Assoc of Emergency Managers-\$250.00
- EMA: 2026 Membership Dues-Vendor: Stark County Police Chiefs Association-\$50.00
- EMA: NEOEMA Membership dues 2026-Vendor: Emergency Management Assoc of Ohio-\$100.00
- EMA: EMAO Membership dues 2026-Vendor: Emergency Management Assoc of Ohio-\$500.00
- Job & Family Services: Title XX Contract effective 10/1/2025-9/30/2026-Vendor: Coleman Professional Services-\$273,522.98
Contract approved 10/8/2025
- Job & Family Services: Auto Repair Program effective 10/1/2025-9/30/2026-Vendor: United Way-\$100,000.00
- Job & Family Services: Membership Dues Vendor: Stark County Bar Association-\$1,845.00
- Job & Family Services: Children Services Division Mileage-Variou s Vendor-\$300,000.00
- Job & Family Services: Clothing for Kids in Care-Variou s Vendor-\$200,000.00
- Job & Family Services: Monthly Telecommunications Bill-Vendor: CBTS Technology Solutions LLC-\$85,000.00
- Job & Family Services: Custody prevention-food, housing, utilities, infestation, appliances, furnishings etc.-Variou s Vendor-\$250,000.00
- Job & Family Services: Adoption Assistance Subsidy Board payments-Variou s Vendor-\$400,000.00

- Job & Family Services: Foster Parent Board-Variou Vendor-\$900,000.00
- Job & Family Services: Work Related Child Care-Variou Vendor-\$100,000.00
- Job & Family Services: Security Contract effective 10/1/2024-9/30/2028-Vendor: Vets Securing America-\$100,000.00
- Job & Family Services: NET Transportation Contract effective 7/1/2025-6/30/2028-Vendor: The Hupp Mobile-\$800,000.00
- Job & Family Services: NET Transportation Contract effective 7/1/2025-6/30/2028-Vendor: LED Transportation-\$750,000.00
- Job & Family Services: NET Transportation Contract effective 7/1/2025-6/30/2028-Vendor: Reliaride-\$1,000,000.00
- Job & Family Services: NET Transportation Contract effective 7/1/2025-6/30/2028-Vendor: Reliaride-\$1,600,000.00
- Job & Family Services: NET Transportation Contract effective 7/1/2025-6/30/2028-Vendor: ABCD Inc.-\$600,000.00
- Job & Family Services: Monthly Electric Bill-Vendor: AEP American Electric Power-\$80,000.00
- Recorder: 2026 Dues for Stark County Recorder Membership-Vendor: Ohio Recorders Association-\$4,000.00
- Recorder: 2026 Yearly fee for Land Records Management System-Vendor: Govos Inc.-\$82,000.00
- Sanitary Engineer: Sewage Disposal Agreement-Vendor: Canal Fulton City-\$100,000.00
- Sheriff: Expenses relating to the science of medicine, such as doctors, nurses, psychologists and psychiatrists for the Stark County Jail-Variou Vendor-\$173,579.00

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

Change Orders (Kris Miller)

- Commissioners: Removal of all classroom exhaust fans-Vendor: Standard Plumbing-Original amount $\$235,618.00 + \$8,438.94 = \$244,056.94$
- Job & Family Services: NET Transportation-Vendor: Reliaride-Original amount $\$420,000.00 + \$100,000.00 = \$520,000.00$
- Sheriff: Water/Sewer-Vendor: Canton City-Original amount $\$125,000.00 + \$16,000.00 = \$141,000.00$

Motion Result: Pass

Motion to: Approve Change Orders made by Commissioner Harold and seconded by Commissioner Smith

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

Engineer (Jennifer Odey)

- A Resolution setting 2026 weight limit reductions for County and Township roads during times of thawing and moisture. Effective January 1, 2026 to May 1, 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 accepting the Stark County Engineer's Report of Bridges dated December 11, 2025, to journalize the load limits on three bridges and post appropriate load limit signs.

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 Robertsville Ave Bridge Removal Project, PID 114325 to Matt Winters Excavating, LLC., of Stow, 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

Regional Planning (Jennifer Odev)

- A Resolution Entering into Funding Agreements with Ten Subrecipients to Carryout CDBG Activities for the 2025 Fiscal Year.

The Regional Planning Commission is asking the Board of Commissioners to approve and sign ten funding agreements with subrecipients for 2025 CDBG activities. All subrecipients and activities were listed in the 2025 Annual Action Plan which was approved by the Commissioners on June 4, 2025.

Alliance for Children & Families, Inc.

Beacon Charitable Pharmacy

CommQuest Services, Inc.

Domestic Violence Project Inc.

Stark County Mental Health & Addiction Recovery

The Stock Pile

Vantage Aging

Kent State University

Economic and Community Development Institute

Stark County Engineer's Office

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 Entering into Funding Agreements with Three Subrecipients to Carryout HOME Activities for the 2025 Fiscal Year
(City of Alliance; City of Massillon; and Habitat for Humanity East Central 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 final plat for Weston Place No. 1 in Perry 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 a time extension on the Sidewalk Performance Bond for the Carrington West No. 1 Allotment in Jackson 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

Commissioners (Jennifer Odey)

- A Resolution approving a Family Court FY 26 Reclaim Ohio Grant Youth Services Contract with Straight Path Juvenile Empowerment Program in the amount of \$37,500.00 for mentoring services.

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 Accepting the Stark County Sheriff's Office Motorcycle Ohio FY2026 Grant.

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 Stark County Automatic Data Processing Board's Cybersecurity 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

Amendment:

- A Resolution authorizing the signing of a 'Master Services and Purchasing Agreement' with Axon Enterprise, Inc. for the purchase of 'Axon Evidence Justice Premier' Software and Services for a ten (10) year term on behalf of the Stark County Prosecuting Attorney for an amount not to exceed \$1,051,231.28 from February 1, 2026 through January 31, 2036.

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 advertisement for an Apiary Inspector for the 2026 inspection season. The inspector will be paid \$20.00 per hour and \$0.70 / mile and there is a not to exceed amount of \$10,000.00 for the season.

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

- Acknowledgement of the filing of the “3222 Bruening Ave SW - 2025 Annexation ” on December 10, 2025, by the City of Canton and noting that it is an Expedited Type 2 Annexation.

Acknowledgement Only

- A Resolution approving the extension of the Village of Navarre’s MRF funding allocations and retention of the funding from the Municipal Road Fund until December 31, 2026 for 2025 W Canal Street Project \$18,566.00

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

Ohio Division of Liquor Control (Jennifer Odey)

- A Resolution indicating the Board of Commissioners is not requesting a hearing regarding a new liquor license permit in Plain Township.
Ajanel Convenient Market LLC/Mi Bandera Guatemala #2
2110 Columbus Rd NE, Plain Twp, Canton, OH 44705

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 indicating the Board of Commissioners is requesting a hearing regarding the transfer of a liquor license in Canton Township.
Celebrationz Bar and Grill LLC (Formerly Brick City)
2820 8th St NE, Canton Twp, Canton, OH 44730

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 December 22, 2025 @ 10:00 AM- No Work Session.

Tuesday December 23, 2025 @ 10:00 AM- No Work Session.

**Wednesday December 24, 2025 No Board of Commissioners Meeting.
Christmas Eve-All Offices Close at 12:00 p.m.**

Thursday December 25, 2025 Christmas Day Holiday-All Offices Closed.

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

Wednesday December 31, 2025 No Board of Commissioners Meeting.

Thursday January 1, 2026 New Year's Day-All Offices Closed

Amendment:

VIII. Executive Session-Pursuant to O.R.C. 121.22(G)(8) To Consider Confidential Information for an Economic Development Request

Commissioner Harold moved, seconded by Commissioner Smith, to adjourn into Executive Session Pursuant to O.R.C. 121.22 (G)(8) To Consider Confidential Information for an Economic Development Request with County Administrator Brant Luther, and Budget Director Chris Nichols at 1:55 PM.

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

The Commissioners came out of Executive Session at 2:32 PM

IX. Adjournment

Meeting Adjourned at 2:32 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