

Stark County Commissioners Board of Commissioners Minutes

December 03, 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

Kris Miller: Add a Requisition for Sanitary Engineer

Brant Luther: Add an Executive Session Pursuant to O.R.C. 121.22 (G)(1) to discuss the hiring of a Public Employee at the end of the Meeting.

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

Nancy Bloom of Canton spoke about property taxes and is patiently waiting for the governor to sign several bills which will provide homeowners with property tax relief.

Pierce Brooks of North Canton spoke about the war in Gaza.

V. Approve Minutes

November 26, 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:
 - Commissioners: Additional 2025 Appropriation for increased autopsy expenses-\$10,000.00
 - Prosecutor: Prosecutor's 2026 Appropriations-\$275,071.08
 - Prosecutor: Prosecutor's SVAA 2025-2026 Grant-2026-SVAA-136364418 2026 Appropriations-\$13,729.00
 - Prosecutor: Prosecutor's CAP 2026 Appropriations-\$400,000.00
 - Prosecutor: Prosecutor's 2026 Tax Lien Appropriations-\$80,600.00

- Prosecutor: Prosecutor's VOCA 2025-2026 Grant-2026-VOCA-136364378 2026 Appropriations-\$159,716.25
- Prosecutor: Prosecutor's VAWA 2025 Grant 2024-WF-VA2-11618 2026 Appropriations-\$10,685.69
- Prosecutor: Prosecutor's DTAC 2026 Appropriations-\$394,750.00
- Prosecutor: Prosecutor's 2026 Land Bank Appropriations-\$56,250.00
- Recorder: 2026 Appropriations-\$170,000.00
- Recorder: 2026 Appropriations-\$1,770,000.00
- RPC: Appropriation for Ohio Healthy Aging Subrecipient (Direction Home) grant funds refunded by provider. RPC will return the funds to the State of Ohio-\$825.53
- Sanitary Engineer: Appropriation to pay for water usage in the Network-\$150,000.00

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:
 - Adult Probation GSP FY24-25: To cover taxes from Capital to Benefits-\$314.65
 - Adult Probation ISP TCAP FY24-25: To cover taxes from Capital to Benefits-\$369.75
 - Clerk of Courts: Benefits to Salary-\$8,000.00

- Clerk of Courts: Other to Salary-\$10,000.00
- Sheriff: Service to Supply-\$53,862.55

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 Job & Family Services: December 2025 Mandates Share-\$95,611.75

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:
 - Job & Family Services to Commissioners: December 2025 Cornerstone Rent-\$3,400.90
 - Job & Family Services to Commissioners: December 2025 Midtown Rent-\$29,121.08
 - Job & Family Services to Data Processing: October 2025 JFS IT Charges 2025-106-ITC-\$92.92

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 # 2995 - Mowing 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

Requisitions (Kris Miller)

- Public Defender: 2026 Membership Dues for Public Defender's Office Attorneys-Vendor: Stark County Bar Association-\$3,105.00
- Sanitary Engineer: Four 2026 F150 Supercab, 4WD short bed pickup trucks at \$53,000.00 each-Vendor: Liberty Ford-\$212,000.00

Amendment:

- Sanitary Engineer: Bulk water purchase-Vendor: Aqua Ohio-\$150,000.00

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)

- Veterans: Financial Assistance for Veterans and their families-Various Vendor-Original amount \$294,084.87+\$30,000.00=\$324,084.87

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

Travel (Kris Miller)

- One EMA employee seeking to use a county vehicle to attend NECO Regional Meeting on December 18, 2025 in Akron, 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 Final Change Order No. 5 with Wenger Excavating Inc. for the Stark County Engineer's Perry Drive Improvement 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 of Acceptance and Authorization of payment of retainage on the Paris Ave Bridge Rehabilitation Project PID 117725 to Stanley Miller Construction Co.

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 of Acceptance and Authorization of payment of retainage on the Applegrove/Strip & Frank/Strausser Improvement Project to Lockhart Concrete Co. in the amount of \$25,600.00.

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 Amending the Standard Terms of Engagement with McMahon DeGulis LLP to provide legal representation as joint counsel for One (1) legal matter.

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 " The 2100 38th St NW - 2025 Annexation " on December 1, 2025, by the City of Canton and noting the same in the manner provided for by, ORC 709.16.

Acknowledgement Only

- A Resolution Approving a Memorandum of Understanding between the Stark Soil & Water Conservation District and the Board of Stark County Commissioners for assistance in satisfying certain requirements of the MS4 Operator's Ohio EPA National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System Small MS4 Storm Water Discharge Permit.

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 8, 2025 @ 10:00 AM-Work Session-Discussion with Sanitary Engineer. In addition to attending in-person, the public may also Dial (667) 770-1465 Access Code 692732# (Listen Only)

Tuesday December 9, 2025 @ 10:00 AM- Work Session with County Prosecutor regarding Evidence Software. In addition to attending in-person, the public may also Dial (667) 770-1465 Access Code 692732# (Listen Only)

Wednesday December 10, 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)

Amendment:

VIII. Executive Session

Commissioner Harold moved, seconded by Commissioner Smith, to adjourn into Executive Session Pursuant to O.R.C. 121.22 (G)(1) To Discuss the Hiring of a Public Employee with County Administrator Brant Luther, and Budget Director Chris Nichols at 1:40 PM.

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

The Commissioners came out of Executive Session at 2:52 PM

IX. Adjournment

Meeting Adjourned at 2:52 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