

Stark County Commissioners Board of Commissioners Minutes August 19, 2026 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: _____ Distribution: Journal/File
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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 Regula, Commissioner Smith 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 an Appropriation for Common Pleas General Division.

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

None

V. Approve Minutes

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: Appropriation for Professional Electric Engineering Services for the Stark County Fairgrounds Power Distribution Upgrades-\$217,588.00
 - Engineer: Appropriation to reestablish balances for various expense accounts for use in 2026-\$1,500,000.00
 - Prosecutor: Appropriation for AGO CAP Funding Expert Witness for LETF Reimbursement-\$450.00

Amendment:

- Common Pleas
 - Recorder: Additional 2026 Appropriation request-\$30,000.00 - Escrow Fund

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

- Intergovernmental Journal Entries:
 - Common Pleas Court to Sheriff: Reimburse Sheriff for PATH Program services-\$1,000.00
 - FY2024 State Homeland Security Grant to Commissioners: Advance Out to Advance In for FY25 SHRP Grant-\$160,380.00
 - Job & Family Services to Job & Family Services: Quarterly reimbursement to the Public Assistance Fund for SFY26, 4th Quarter CSEA (April-June) reconciliation of expenditure-\$111,161.93
 - Job & Family Services to Job & Family Services: Quarterly reimbursement to the Public Assistance Fund for SFY26, 4th Quarter PCSA (April-June) reconciliation of expenditures and revenues-\$2,652,378.63
 - Job & Family Services to Job & Family Services: Quarterly reimbursement to the Public Assistance Fund for SFY26, 3rd Quarter (January-March) Title XX Ceiling Excess-\$261,378.09
 - Job & Family Services to Prosecuting Attorney: JFS Reimburse Prosecutor 3rd Quarter 2026 CAP-\$100,000.00

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)

- Job and Family Services: A Resolution awarding Bid #3000 for Security Services to the lowest and best bid - Allied Security Services for a two-year agreement with the option to renew for three (3) one-year periods at a hourly rate for armed guards of \$29.30-effective 10/1/26-9/30/28.

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

Advertise for Proposal (Kris Miller)

- Job and Family Services: A Resolution to advertise Proposal # 26-01 - Title XX Services for the Stark County Community

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)

- IT/Various Departments: A Resolution authorizing a Micro Computer Maintenance Contract (All Equipment) with Doing Better Business Inc. in the amount of \$48,401.72 per year commencing September 1, 2026 through August 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 Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the International Institute of Akron for the Refugee Support Services program. Effective September 1, 2026, through August 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

Travel (Kris Miller)

- One EMA/LEPC employee is seeking \$62.85 to evaluate a Full-Scale Exercise at FBC Chemical on September 19, 2026 in Medina County, OH.
- One EMA/LEPC employee is seeking \$101.00 to attend OH138 Master Scenario Events List Training on September 15, 2026 in Cuyahoga County, OH.
- Two IT employees seeking \$2,730.80 to attend ManageEngine User Conference on October 7-9, 2026 in Orlando, FL.
For training for current software Stark County IT currently utilizes.
- Three Job and Family Services employees seeking \$635.20 to attend OCSPA General Membership Meetings on September 17 & November 19, 2026 in Columbus, OH.
Revised
- One Job and Family Services employee seeking \$460.56 to attend ODJFS General Session on September 10-11, 2026 in Columbus, OH.
- Three Job & Family Services employees seeking \$545.20 to attend the 2026 OCSPA Metro meetings on Sept. 3 and Dec. 3, 2026 in Columbus, OH.
Revised
- Two Job and Family Services employees seeking \$281.52 to attend Ohio Youth Advisory Board Member Statewide Meeting on October 15, 2026 in Columbus, OH.
Revised

- One Job and Family Services employee seeking \$242.60 to attend Domestic Violence Symposium on August 26, 2026 in Columbus, OH.
- One Job and Family Services employee seeking \$472.62 to attend 2026 DCY Kids Summit on September 1-2, 2026 in Columbus, OH.
- One Job and Family Services employee seeking 197.00 to attend 3rd Quarter Attorney Networking on September 2, 2026 in Westerville, OH.
- One Veterans employee seeking \$188.95 to attend Assistant Director Retirement on September 2, 2026 in Cleveland, 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 Professional Services Agreement with Palmer Engineering for the Stark County Engineer's 2026 Bridge Inspection 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 amendment to the bid specifications, plans, and advertisement to bid the Cleveland Ave/Everhard Rd Resurfacing Project, PID No. 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

- A Resolution approving Change Order No. 2 with TC Randal Construction, LLC for the Perry Dr. & Southway St. Signal Replacement 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 approving Change Order No. 1 with The Aero-Mark Company, LLC for the Stark County Engineer's T-2-2025 Long Line Pavement Marking 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 approving Addendum No. 1 as part of the bid specifications, plans, and advertisement to bid the Whipple & 3rd/4th St Improvement Project, PID 118837.

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 approving Aqua Ohio water rates for direct serve customers within the Stark County Metropolitan Sewer District for the years 2027 through 2031.

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 request for reimbursement of damages from a sewer backup at 2051 Stockton Rd. NW and a Release of Claims in the amount of \$6,500.00.

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 Final Change Order No. 2 with S.E.T. Inc. for the Sanitary Engineer project P-619, Sanitary Sewer Repairs Phase IV.

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 a construction variance for the Carrington West No. 2 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 the Stark County Emergency Operations Plan and authorizing the signing of the Base Plan Promulgation Statement.

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 Joint Funding Agreement with the United States Geological Survey to Maintain Various Gages that Assist with Giving Flood Warnings.

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 a cost sharing agreement with the City of Louisville, City of North Canton, and Plain Township for the joint funding of Stream Gage Maintenance of Nimishillen Creek Drainage Basin.

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

- Board Notification of the filing, on August 13, 2026, of an Expedited Type 2 Annexation known as the "Bixler Farm Annexation" consisting of 178.0795 acres from Lake Township to the Village of Hartville.

Notification Only

- A Resolution approving Addendum No. 1 as part of the bid specifications, plans, and advertisement to bid for the Stark County IT Building Modernization 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 authorizing the President of the Board of Stark County Commissioners to sign a Professional Services Agreement with HEI Engineering Group, Inc. for the Stark County Fair Grounds Electrical Upgrades Project is in an amount not to exceed \$217,588.00.

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 August 24, 2026 @ 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 August 25, 2026 @ 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 August 26, 2026 @ 1:30 PM-Board of Commissioners Meeting. In addition to attending in-person, the public may also Dial (667) 770-1465 Access Code 692732# (Listen Only)

VIII. Adjournment

Meeting Adjourned at 1:50 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