

Stark County Commissioners Board of Commissioners Minutes

January 14, 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: _____

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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 Harold and Commissioner Regula. 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

None

IV. Public Speaks

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

V. Approve Minutes

January 7, 2026

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)

- County Obligations Journal Entries:
 - Commissioners to MCJAS: 2026 MCJAS 1st Quarter-\$930,099.55
 - Commissioners to RPC: November 2025 Wage Monitoring-\$1,057.57
 - Commissioners to RPC: November 2025 Subdivision Eng./Inspection-\$17,195.22
 - Commissioners to RPC: November 2025 Storm & Water/NPDES-\$6,962.06
 - Commissioners to RPC: November 2025 House Numbering-\$1,588.14

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:
 - Board of Health to Sheriff: Fingerprint Fees-\$80.00
 - CDBG/HOME to RPC: Reimburse CDBG/HOME Admin Exp Invoices 2054 and 2055-\$47,259.88

- Common Pleas Court to Sheriff: Reimburse Sheriff for Law Enforcement Services for Common Pleas Elevator Project OT-\$6,251.38
- County Parks to Sheriff: Fingerprint Fees-\$47.25
- County Parks to Sheriff Law Enforcement Training Fund: County Parks 2025 LETC Membership Fees from 1/1/2025-12/31/2025-\$325.00
- Job & Family Services to Data Processing: December 2025 JFS IT Charges Invoice 2025-128-ITC-\$93.84
- Sanitary Engineer to Data Processing: December 2025 Sanitary IT Charges Invoice 2025-127-ITC-\$183.08
- Sanitary Engineer to Sanitary Engineer: September 2025 Sewer/Water at 13870 Cleveland Ave.-\$191.90
- Sanitary Engineer to Sanitary Engineer: October 2025 Sewer/Water at 13870 Cleveland Ave.-\$8.25
- Sanitary Engineer to Sanitary Engineer: November 2025 Sewer/Water at 13870 Cleveland Ave.-\$182.00
- Sanitary Engineer to Sanitary Engineer: December 2025 Sewer/Water at 13870 Cleveland Ave.-\$8.25
- Sanitary Engineer to Sanitary Engineer: October 2025 Sewer at 4526 Louisville-\$464.04
- Sanitary Engineer to Sanitary Engineer: December 2025 Sewer at 4526 Louisville-\$464.04
- SRCCC Operating Grant FY 26-27 to Sheriff: Fingerprint Fees December 2025-\$187.25

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

- Prior Year Journal Entries:
 - Building Inspection to Telecommunications: November 2025 Verizon charges-\$247.02
 - Coroner to Telecommunications: November 2025 Verizon charges-\$110.50
 - EMA to Facilities: AEP, Enbridge, Water, AT&T and Silco-\$1,984.35
 - EMA to Telecommunications: November 2025 Verizon charges for 911, Hazmat, LEPC and EMA-\$1,196.43
 - Facilities to Telecommunications: November 2025 Verizon charges-\$278.11
 - Job & Family Services to Telecommunications: December 2025 Snow Plowing, Cornerstone & Midtown Parking-\$3,625.00
 - Job & Family Services to Telecommunications: November 2025 Snow Plowing, Cornerstone & Midtown Parking-\$240.00
 - Motor Vehicle & Gas Tax to Commissioners: Engineer Unemployment December 2025-\$250.02
 - Motor Vehicle & Gas Tax to Commissioners: Reimburse for Gannett Services-\$584.06

Motion Result: Pass

Motion to: Approve Prior Year 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)

- Coroner: A Resolution approving one 39-Month Lease of a new 2026 Chevy Equinox (\$489/Mo) - Vendor: Lavery Automotive Sales and Service through GM Financial
Vin # 3GNAXPEG6TL363979

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 with the Akron-Canton Regional Foodbank for Resource Room services that will be provided between January 2026 and December 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

- Job and Family Services: A Resolution approving a Subgrant Agreement with the Workforce Initiative Association for the reimbursement of providing Comprehensive Case Management and Employment Program (CCMEP) services. Effective October 1, 2025 through September 30, 2026, and the total amount shall not exceed \$75,000.00.

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

- Various County Departments: A Resolution authorizing a three-year maintenance agreement for video conferencing equipment to AVI-SPL in the amount of \$64,378.00. Effective 1/14/26 - 1/13/29

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)

- Auditor: 2026 Real Estate Tax Settlements, Refunds, Court Cost and Advertisements-Various Vendors-\$568,300,000.00
- Auditor: 2026 Township Gas Tax Distributions-Various Vendors-\$4,800,000.00
- Auditor: 2026 Motel Lodging Tax Distributions-Various Vendor-\$4,800,000.00
- Auditor: 2026 Local Government-Various Vendors-\$9,500,000.00
- Auditor: 2026 Manufactured Home Settlements & Refunds-Various Vendors-\$1,200,000.00
- Auditor: 2026 General & Permissive Motor Vehicles-Various Vendors-\$3,300,000.00
- Auditor: 2026 Public Library Fund-Various Vendors -\$18,000,000.00
- Commissioners: 2026 Membership Dues for Brant Luther, County Administrator-Vendor: Stark County Bar Association-\$205.00
- Commissioners: 2026 Membership Dues for County Administrators Association of Ohio-Vendor: CCAO-\$380.00
- Engineer: Road Salt for 2025-2026 snow season-Vendor: Cargill Inc.-Salt Division-\$250,000.00
Purchased through the CUE-COG approved by the BOC on 1/31/2024

- Engineer: Professional Design Services on the Easton Street Bridge Project-Vendor: Verdantas LLC-\$120,000.00
Total contract \$278,00.00 approved by the BOC on 4/30/2025
- Sanitary Engineer: Bulk Water purchase for Uniontown customers-Vendor: Aqua Ohio Inc.-\$175,000.00
- Sanitary Engineer: Electric Service-Vendor: AEP American Electric Power-\$300,000.00
- Sanitary Engineer: Electric Service-Vendor: Ohio Edison-\$150,000.00
- Treasurer: Advisory/Investment Services-Vendor: Meeder Public Funds Inc.-\$84,000.00
- Treasurer: Membership Dues for Alexander Zumbar-Vendor: GFOA-\$2,500.00
- Treasurer: Membership Dues for Alexander Zumbar-Vendor: County Treasurers Assoc of Ohio-\$4,149.90
- Treasurer: Unclaimed Funds-Various Vendors-\$300,000.00
- Treasurer: Refunds/Reimbursement of Taxes-Various Vendors-\$600,000.00
- Treasurer: Membership Dues for Alexander Zumbar and Deana Stafford-Vendor: Association of Public Treasurers of US & Canada-\$500.00
- Treasurer: Membership Dues for Alexander Zumbar and Deana Stafford-Vendor: Association of Public Treasurers -\$100.00

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)

- Common Pleas Court: 2026 Juror Parking-Vendor: Canton City Utilities-\$8,000.00 General Division

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)

- Three EMA employees seeking to use a county vehicle to attend EMAO meeting on January 30, 2026 in Medina, OH.
- One Job & Family Services employee seeking \$75.00 to attend Ohio YAB Meeting on January 15, 2026 in Columbus, OH.
- Two Job & Family Services employees seeking \$818.10 to attend the quarterly Ohio YAB meetings on April 16, July 16 and October 15, 2026 in Columbus, OH.
- Two Job & Family Services employees seeking \$2,980.36 for travel to Miami to retrieve two youth in custody.
- Four Sanitary Engineer employee seeking a total of \$340.00 to attend a Ohio Water Environment Industrial Waste Seminar on February 19, 2026 in Richfield, OH.
- One Treasurer employee seeking \$1,167.25 to attend Various CTAO Committee Mtgs from January-December 2026 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

Commissioners (Brant Luther)

- A Resolution designating Brant Luther as the public records training designee for the Board of Commissioners for each of the Commissioners in their current terms.

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 (Sarah Birone for Jennifer Odey)

- A Resolution approving the Stark County Engineer's 2025 County Highway System Mileage Certification.

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 Railroad Agreement between Norfolk Southern Railway Company and the Stark County Commissioners for the Cherry Rd NW Bridges Rehabilitation Project, PID 121152.

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 Railroad Agreement between RJ Corman Railroad Company and the Stark County Commissioners for the Cherry Rd NW Bridges Rehabilitation Project, PID 121152.

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 (Sarah Birone for Jennifer Odey)

- A Resolution approving the final plat for Hazelwood Terrace No. 4 (Rev) in Nimishillen 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 final plat for Treemont Estates No. 3 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

Commissioners (Sarah Birone for Jennifer Odey)

- A Resolution approving bid specification, plans, and advertisement to bid the Stark County 2026 Jail Water Heater 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 the Integrated Computer Assisted Mass Appraisal (CAMA) and Taxation Software Solution Software As A Service (SaaS) Agreement with Tyler Technologies.

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 for the Stark County Office Building 3rd Floor RPC Interior Renovations 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 a Type 2 Annexation petition, known as, “The 3222 Bruening Ave SW-2025 Annexation” from Canton Township to the City of Canton.

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 reappointing Joe Martuccio to the Stark County Public Defender Commission to a four-year term commencing February 8, 2026 and ending on February 8, 2030.

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 reappointing Paul Mastriacovo to the Stark County Public Defender Commission to a four-year term commencing February 8, 2026 and ending on February 8, 2030.

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 January 19, 2026 Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday-All Offices Closed

Tuesday January 20, 2026 @ 10:00 AM-No Work Session.

Wednesday January 21, 2026 @ 1:30 PM-Board of Commissioners Meeting Cancelled.

Monday January 26, 2026 @ 10:00 AM-Work Session Monthly Financial Update. In addition to attending in-person, the public may also Dial (667) 770-1465 Access Code 692732# (Listen Only)

Tuesday January 27, 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 January 28, 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 1:49 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