

Stark County Commissioners Board of Commissioners Minutes

January 28, 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

None

V. Approve Minutes

January 14, 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)

- Appropriations:
 - Commissioners: Appropriation for the 2026 Expense related to the 36 Month AVI-SPL Maintenance Agreement for County Audio/Video Conferencing Equipment-\$40,784.00
 - Commissioners: To appropriate funds for HCRP 2024 grant funds S-L-24-1DI-2-\$167,000.00
 - Commissioners: Appropriation for the Capital Purchase of a fully accessible transport van for the Veteran Transportation Program-\$106,900.00
 - Prosecutor: 2026 Appropriations Prosecutor's DTAC-\$8,500.00
 - Sheriff: Appropriate Fund 342 for Stark County Sexual Assault Victim Notification Project-\$24,705.80
 - Sheriff: Appropriate Fund 942 for 2025-DL-LEF-5818 Grant Award-\$165,105.53

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:
 - Prosecutor: 2025 Q4 CAP-Fringe Salary to Benefits-\$12,728.65
 - Prosecutor: 2026 Q1 VOCA-Fringes (October-December 2025) from Salary to Benefits-\$49,335.04

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: January 2026 Mandated Share-\$95,611.75
 - Commissioners to Law Library: 2026 Budget Allocation-\$321,000.00
 - Commissioners to RPC: 2026 SCATS Local Dues-\$21,703.00
 - Commissioners to SCOG: January 2026 SCOG Share-\$46,309.99
 - Commissioners to Soil & Water Conservation: 2026 County MS4 MOU-\$5,000.00

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:
 - Common Pleas Court to Sheriff: Reimburse Sheriff for STAR Program services-\$2,000.00
 - Homeless Crisis Response Program to Stark Mental Health & Recovery Services: FY 2024 HCRP S-L-24-1DI-2 request No. 11-\$549.71
 - Homeless Crisis Response Program to Stark Mental Health & Recovery Services: FY 2024 HCRP S-L-24-1DI-2 request No. 9-\$11.16
 - Homeless Crisis Response Program to Stark Mental Health & Recovery Services: FY 2024 HCRP S-L-24-1DI-2 request No. 10-\$727.28
 - ISP TCAP Fund 26-27 to Sheriff TCAP: 3rd Qtr. January-March 2026 TCAP Funding-\$75,000.00
 - Job & Family Services to Family Court: JFS Reimburse Family Court for November 2025 Title IV-D Invoice-\$1,595.87
 - Job & Family Services to Family Court: JFS Reimburse Family Court for December 2025 Title IV-D Invoice-\$2,624.96
 - Motor Vehicle & Gas Tax to Data Processing: December 2025 ENG IT Charges Invoice 2025-132-ITC-\$98.44
 - Prosecutor to Facilities: January 2026 Parking in Lot 2 Space 22-\$35.00
 - Prosecutor to Facilities: February 2026 Parking in Lot 2 Space 22-\$35.00

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

- Prior Year Journal Entries:
 - Building Inspection to Board of Health: October-December 2025 Rent, postage, electric, gas, janitorial and trash-\$8,320.63
 - DTAC Tax Liens to Prosecuting Attorney: 2025 Q4 Tax Lien Salary, Medic, PERS and Health-\$10,116.64
 - Job & Family Services to Commissioners: JFS December 2025 Unemployment Claim-\$1,459.42
 - Prosecuting Attorney to Prosecuting Attorney: 2025 Q4 Land Bank Salary, Medical, PERS and Health-\$30,844.13
 - Prosecuting Attorney to Prosecuting Attorney: CAP Q4 (Oct-Dec 2025) Salary, Medical, PERS, Medic & Health-\$44,068.25
 - Prosecuting Attorney to Prosecuting Attorney: DTAC Q4 (Oct-Dec 2025) Salary, Medical, PERS, Medic & Health-\$85,366.36
 - Prosecuting Attorney to Prosecuting Attorney: VOCA Q1 (Oct-Dec 2025) Salary, Medical, PERS, Medic & Health-\$127,141.42
 - Sanitary Engineer to Commissioners: Sanitary Unemployment December 2025-\$86.46
 - Veterans to Telecommunications: November 2025 Verizon-\$123.81

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

Award Bid (Kris Miller)

- Engineer: A Resolution to Award Bid No. 2995 for mowing services to low bidder: Quick Mow Inc. for 2026 in the amount of \$115,730.60 with an option to renew for an additional year.

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: A Resolution to Award bid No. 2996 for Skytrim and Vegetation Removal services to the lowest and best bidder: Wildfire Pipeline Contractors in the amount of \$191,637.00.

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

Discuss and Consider Approval (Kris Miller)

- Commissioners: A Resolution authorizing Membership for the Board of Stark County Commissioners to join the Cooperative Purchasing Program called Equalis.

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 Dimensional Phases for child placement and related services. Effective January 25, 2026, 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 an Agreement with UMCH Family Services for child placement and related services. Effective February 1, 2026, 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 an Agreement with Cross Thread Solutions, LLC for language translation and interpretation services. Effective from February 1, 2026, to January 31, 2027, and the amount shall not exceed \$15,000.00 during the term of this 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 Affiliation Agreement with Youngstown State University for student field education experience in Social Work. Effective from January 28, 2026, through January 27, 2029.

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 the Stark County Child Abuse and Neglect Memorandum of Understanding. This MOU is effective from December 3, 2025, through December 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 between Stark County Job and Family Services and the Ohio Department of Administrative Services for participation in the Cost-Per-Copy 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

- Sanitary Engineer: A Resolution approving a one-year agreement with PPI Graphics to create, print, and mail sewer bills in the amount of \$54,724.50 effective 3/1/2026 through 2/28/2027.

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

- Sheriff: A Resolution authorizing the Stark County Deputies Association to purchase retired Deputy Dave Meyers' service weapon for the fair market value of \$240.00. Serial # FBW407US Asset # 755407

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

- Sheriff: A Resolution declaring Stark County Commissioner Property as excess property and authorizing it to be sold on Govdeals.
2014 Ford Police Interceptor – VIN # 1FM5K8AR4EGB02391

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

- Sheriff: A Resolution rescinding a past award resolution and adopting a replacement Resolution authorizing the signing of an updated award agreement to provide medical healthcare for the Stark County Jail inmates.

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 OneSolution Maintenance-Vendor: Central Square-\$124,597.88
- Clerk of Courts: 2027 OCCA Dues-Vendor: Ohio Clerk of Courts Association-\$4,000.00
- Clerk of Courts: Postage for Meter Account# 33861329-Vendor: Pitney Bowes-Reserve Account-\$120,000.00
- Commissioners: 36 Month Maintenance Agreement for County Audio/Video Conferencing Equipment-Vendor: AVI-SPL-\$40,784.00
- Job & Family Services: 2026 HR Dues-Vendor: Ohio Department of Job & Family Services-\$100.00

- Sanitary Engineer: Two (2) 2026 F150 Supercab 4WD Short Bed Pickup Trucks @ \$53,000.00 each-Vendor: Liberty Ford-\$106,000.00
State Term Contract #RSI025487
- Sheriff: Installation and maintenance of the Sheriff's Enterprise Law Enforcement Records Management System-Vendor: Tyler Technologies Inc.-\$375,000.00
- Sheriff: Medical services for the Stark County Jail-Vendor: Armor Health of Stark County LLC.-\$3,000,000.00
- Sheriff: Expenses for mental health services for the Stark County Jail-Vendor: Armor Health of Stark County LLC.-\$600,000.00
- Veterans: Purchase one (1) Light Transit Vehicle-Honeycomb (LTV-HC)-Vendor: Western Reserve Coach Sales-\$106,900.00
Purchased via DOT State Contract #248-24

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)

- Facilities: Pest Control monthly service charge-Vendor: Stauffs Corp dba Aid Pest Control-\$125.00
No open PO
- Facilities: Stark County Office Bldg-4th Floor receptacle power-Vendor: Hilscher-Clarke Electric Co. Inc.-\$461.20
- Probate Court: Staples Invoices-Vendor: Staples-\$856.15
PO had insufficient funds
- Probate Court: Expert Evaluation-Vendor: Psychological & Family Consultants, Inc.-\$300.00

- Probate Court: Attorney Fees-Vendor: Attorney Laurie McDonnell-\$3,035.08
PO had insufficient funds

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

Change Orders (Kris Miller)

- Commissioners: Additional position at STARCOM in 2025-Vendor: Motorola Solutions-Original amount \$149,688.00+\$4,750.00=\$154,438.00
- Commissioners: Phase 1 & Phase 2 asbestos site assessment, sampling, laboratory analysis and reporting for Phase 1 & Phase 2 of building cleaning-Vendor: M & R Industries-Original amount \$77,650.00+\$7,850.00=\$85,500.00

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

Travel (Kris Miller)

- One Job & Family Services employee seeking \$728.52 to attend a PCSAO Executive Membership meeting in Columbus on March 5-6, 2026.
- One Job & Family Services employee seeking \$688.35 to attend three 2026 ONCAC meetings (Feb 13; April 1; May 8) in Columbus, OH.
- Three Job & Family Services employees seeking \$1,054.00 to attend four 2026 OCSA General Membership meetings (Feb 19; May 21; Sept 17; Nov 19) in Columbus, OH.
- One Sanitary Engineer employee seeking a total of \$299 to attend a FMLA Training Seminar on March 26, 2026 in Canton, 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

Human Resources (Michael Kimble)

- A Resolution Approving Addendums to the Mutual Health Services Plan Document.

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 (Jennifer Odey)

- A Resolution to Proceed with the County Bridge Improvement of the Cherry Road NW Bridges (PE-7-20 and PE-7-21) Project, PID No. 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 bid specifications, plans, and advertisement to bid the Cherry Rd Bridge Rehabilitation Projects, PID No. 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 the bid specifications, plans, and advertisement to bid the H-1-2026 Chip Seal Resurfacing 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 Change Order No. 1 with Northstar Asphalt, Inc. for the H-3-2024 Hot Mix Asphalt Resurfacing 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 accepting the work performed by Strawser Construction, Inc. under the H-4-2025 Micro Surfacing Project and authorizing the release of the Project Retainage in the amount of \$14,000.00

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

- A Resolution of Acceptance and Authorization of payment of retainage on the Beaumont Ave Bridge Replacement Project PID 113498 to Black Horse Bridge Construction, 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

Sanitary Engineer (Jennifer Odev)

- A Resolution Authorizing the combining of Sanitary Engineer projects P-655 and P-656 into Project No. P-655.

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 Preparation of Detailed Plans, Specifications, Estimates of Cost, and Tentative Assessments for the Construction of Project 654, Gambinus Siphon and Vault Replacement Project in the City of Canton in the Stark County Metropolitan Sewer District.

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 work performed by Fechko Excavating, LLC under the P-604 Justus/Harmon Utility Improvements Project and authorizing the release of Project Retainage.

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 work performed by Fechko Excavating, LLC under the P-625 Meadow Grove Allotment Sewer Project, and authorizing the release of Project Retainage.

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 Establishing dates, times, and locations for Public Hearings to receive citizen comment on the FY 2026 Stark County Community Development Block Grant Program and the FY 2026 HOME Investment Partnerships Program.

Regional Planning Commission is requesting the Board establish multiple public hearings to receive citizen comment on the Stark County FY 2026 CDBG Program and the FY 2026 HOME Program.

- FY2026 CDBG and HOME Action Plan: March 3, 2026 at 7:00pm.

Hearing to be held at the Stark County Regional Planning Commission conference room, 201 Third Street NE, Suite 201, Canton, OH 44702.

- FY2026 CDBG and HOME Action Plan: March 10, 2026 at 10:00am.

Hearing to be held in the Board Room at the Stark County Office Building, 110 Central Plaza South, 2nd Floor, Suite 240, Canton, OH 44702.

- FY2025 CDBG and HOME Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report (CAPER): September 8, 2026 at 7:00pm. This hearing will be in the Stark County Regional Planning Commission conference room, 201 Third Street NE, Suite 201, Canton, OH 44702.

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 second time extension for the General Performance Bond for the Heritage Park Allotment in Lake Township. (December 14, 2025, to June 14, 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 releasing the General Performance Bond and accepting a Maintenance Bond for the Ridgewood Allotment No. 2 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

Commissioners (Jennifer Odey)

- A Resolution establishing a date & time for a public hearing on a proposed road vacation petition received from the Lake Township Board of Trustees.

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 resignation of Christopher Newlon and approving the appointment of Robert Lavery to fill Mr. Newlon's unexpired term on the Stark County Public Defender Commission commencing on the Board's approval and extending until February 8, 2028.

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 making an Appointment to the Stark Area Regional Transit Authority Board. The three-year term will begin January 31, 2026 and expire January 30, 2029.

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 subgrant agreement with ICAN Housing for the Homeless Crisis Response Program (HCRP) Grant S-L-24-1DI-2.

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 Subgrant Agreement with the Alliance for Children and Families for the Homeless Crisis Response Program (HCRP) Grant S-L-24-1DI-2.

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 Amendment No. 5 to the Architect Agreement with K2M Design, Inc. for the Jail Renovation Construction 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

VII. Commissioners Comments and Questions

Monday February 2, 2026 @ 10:00 AM-Work Session. Sanitary Engineer-Rule Amendments; Stark Workforce Development Board Report to the Community. In addition to attending in-person, the public may also Dial (667) 770-1465 Access Code 692732# (Listen Only)

Tuesday February 3, 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 February 4, 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 2:00 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

NOTICE: Minutes of meetings of the Board of Commissioners are filed as a permanent record in the official journal of the Board of Commissioners. The official record includes originals or copies of all resolutions that are adopted by the Board. This includes resolutions approving the signing of Contractual documents, financial transaction forms and other actions adopted by the Board. Contracts, agreements, leases, purchase orders, personnel actions and other such material referred to in the resolutions are filed by subject in the Administrative Offices and originating departments. The official journals that include the minutes and related resolutions are available for public inspection in the Administrative Offices of the Commissioners.

Respectfully Submitted,
Sara Donald, Clerk

Orig.: Sara Donald
Cc: Commissioners