

Stark County Commissioners Board of Commissioners Minutes

February 25, 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

Neil Patel of Copley, Ohio, introduced himself to the Commissioners and mentioned he is running for Congress to represent Ohio's 13th District.

V. Approve Minutes

February 11, 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: Permanent Improvement Fund - Appropriation for anticipated 2026 Capital Expenses-\$1,025,000.00
 - Common Pleas Court: 2026 Appropriation Stop Heroin from Killing-\$750.00
 - Court of Appeals: Appropriation to assist in the payment of the rapid door project-\$16,632.00
 - EMA: Appropriation for E911 Wireless Tax Revenue Fund-\$115,000.00
 - Sheriff: Appropriation for ARPA Violent Crime Grant 2022-AR-LEP-1063-\$135,000.00
 - Sheriff: Appropriation for Sheriff's Edward Byrne Jag Grant-\$48,227.50
 - Sheriff: Appropriation for 2026 Dog & Kennel Fund-(262,500.00)

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:
 - Building Inspection: Transfer for vehicle purchase from Service to Capital-\$5,000.00

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

- Intergovernmental Journal Entries:
 - CDBG/HOME to RPC: Reimburse CDBG/HOME Admin Exp Invoices 2067 and 2068-\$46,355.00
 - Community Development to Stark Mental Health & Addiction Recovery: Homeless Hotline FY25 Request #1, #2, #3, #4, #5 and #6-\$11,773.10
 - Community Development to Stark Mental Health & Recovery Services: Homeless Hotline FY25 request No. 8-\$1,264.04
 - Dog Warden to Auditor: Auditor Dog Tag Fees (1/29/2026)-\$42.00
 - EMA to Sheriff: January through March 2026 Contractual Services-\$132,602.50
 - Job & Family Services to Data Processing: January 2026 JFS IT Charge 2026-7-ITC-\$93.84
 - Motor Vehicle & Gas Tax to Board of Health: Georgetown Rd-Semi Sewage Permit-\$40.00
 - Motor Vehicle & Gas Tax to Sheriff: Reimburse Law Enforcement Services Contract for Alan Raber Wages & Benefits (PERS, PERS Pickup, Medicare, W. Comp., Insurance July through December 2025-\$64,570.824

- Prosecutor to Facilities: March 2026 monthly 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:
 - Auditor to Telecommunications: December 2025 Telecommunications-\$22.26
 - Building Inspection to Telecommunications: December 2025 Telecommunications-\$307.12
 - Clerk of Courts to Telecommunications: November 2025 Telecommunications-\$2,468.63
 - Clerk of Courts to Telecommunications: December 2025 Telecommunications-\$2,472.69
 - Coroner to Telecommunications: December 2025 Telecommunications-\$704.86
 - County Parks to Sheriff: January-December 2025 Gasoline Reimbursement-\$7,728.06
 - Data Processing to Telecommunications: November 2025 Telecommunications-\$837.82
 - Data Processing to Telecommunications: December 2025 Telecommunications-\$966.51
 - Dog Warden to Telecommunications: December 2025 Telecommunications-\$345.05

- EMA/LEPC to Telecommunications: December 2025
Telecommunications-\$2,176.97
- EMA to Telecommunications: December 2025 Telecommunications
(911)-\$311.84
- Job & Family Services to Telecommunications: December 2025
Telecommunications-\$268.78
- Job & Family Services to Telecommunications: December 2025
Telecommunications-\$3,754.28
- Motor Vehicle & Gas Tax to Telecommunications: November 2025
Telecommunications (Office Phones)-\$1,337.16
- Motor Vehicle & Gas Tax to Telecommunications: December 2025
Telecommunications (Office Phones)-\$1,333.87
- Motor Vehicle & Gas Tax to Telecommunications: December 2025
Telecommunications (Cell Phones)-\$1,517.31
- Prosecutor to Prosecuting Attorney: VAWA-Salary Q4 (Oct-Dec 2025)-
\$10,685.69
- Sanitary Engineer to Telecommunications: November 2025
Telecommunications-\$2,651.83
- Sanitary Engineer to Telecommunications: December 2025
Telecommunications-\$2,579.97
- Sheriff to Telecommunications: December 2025 Telecommunications-
\$404.17
- Sheriff to Telecommunications: December 2025 Telecommunications-
\$6,907.50

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)

- Sanitary Engineer: A Resolution approving a one year agreement with Cleanrite Commercial cleaning for janitorial cleaning services - effective 3/1/26-2/28/27 for \$62,650.00.

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

- Treasurer: A Resolution Authorizing the Purchasing Manager to Send Notice to all Public Depositories in Stark County Outlining the Application Process to be Considered for an Award of Depository Contracts of Active or Interim County Funds.

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)

- Building Inspection: 2026 GM Terrain VIN# 3GKALUEGXTL246042- Vendor: Ron Marhofer GMC Inc.-\$35,000.00
- Job & Family Services: Respite Services for Children in Custody-Variou Vendor-\$500,000.00
- Recorder: Quarterly payments from office fees minus 1% paid to Recorder for Ohio Housing Trust Fund-Vendor: Treasurer State of Ohio-\$1,750,000.00

- Sanitary Engineer: Annual Membership James Troike-Vendor: CSEAO-\$175.00
- Sanitary Engineer: Sewage Disposal Agreement-Vendor: County of Summit Dept of Sanitary Sewer Services-\$250,000.00
- Sheriff: Expenses related to Computer Information Systems, such as Programmers, Analysts and Consultants-Vendor: Tyler Technologies-\$150,870.91

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: HCRP Grant S-L-24-1DI-2-Vendor: Alliance for Children & Families Inc.-Original amount \$88,631.84+\$1,620.38=\$90,252.22

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 Commissioner seeking \$185.60 to attend CCAO Board Meeting on February 13, 2026 in Columbus, OH.
- One Commissioner seeking a total of \$742.40 to attend CCAO Board Meetings on April 17, May 15, October 9, and November 20, 2026 in Columbus, OH.
- One EMA employee seeking \$296.10 to attend the EMAO Spring Conference on March 19, 2026 in Delaware, OH.

- One Job & Family Services employee seeking \$44.95 to attend a Region 9 Transition Council meeting on February 11, 2026 in Wooster, OH.
This is a revised travel request.
- Eight Job & Family Services employees seeking \$170.00 to attend a Change Processing Training on March 12, 2026 in Akron, OH.
- Three Job & Family Services employees seeking \$1,684.76 to attend the 2026 OCOWF Annual Training Conference on March 18, 19 & 20, 2026 in Lewis Center, OH.
- One Veterans employee seeking \$640.57 to attend OSACVSO Winter Seminar on March 5-6, 2026 in Columbus, OH.
- Four Veterans employees seeking \$1,406.32 to attend OSACVSO Winter Seminar on March 5-6, 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

Engineer (Jennifer Odey)

- Preliminary legislation pursuant to ORC§5521.02 with State of Ohio for participation/consent for an ODOT project that involves a proposed Roundabout at SR 241 and Shuffel St. (CR-230).

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. 4 with Wenger Excavating Inc for the Stark County Engineer's Dressler Road 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

Sanitary Engineer (Jennifer Odev)

- A Resolution Approving the annual list of complying contactors for Drainlayer Licenses for 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

Regional Planning (Jennifer Odev)

- A Resolution approving three Housing Rehabilitation Program satisfactions of mortgage lien.

Donald and Carla Brittain, 3225 Hilton Street NW, Massillon, Ohio 44646, Perry Township - \$12,005.00

Lora LeWay, 700 McDowell Street NE, Canton, Ohio 44721, Plain Township - \$2,612.00

Sara Rose Polen, 4305 Paradise Street SW, Canton, Ohio 44706, Canton Township - \$18,238.65

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 March 25, 2026 @ 1:00 PM for a public hearing on a proposed road vacation to vacate 0.083 acres of St. Marks Dr. NW in Jackson Township the petition was received from the Jackson 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 Awarding the 2026 Stark County Jail Water Heater Replacement Project to Standard Plumbing & Heating Company in the amount of \$79,500.00 as the lowest and best bid.

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 Change Order No. 2 for the 2024 Mt. Pleasant Detention Basin Improvement Project in Plain 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 Change Order No. 2 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 appointing Interim District Program Administrator, Jessica Evans – for the remainder of an unfinished 3-year term from, Daniel Kunz, District Program Administrator of Stark Soil and Water Conservation District, effective immediately and expiring on March 31, 2028 to the Stark County Flood Plains Appeals Board.

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 Lease Agreement between EOG Resources, Inc. and the Board of Stark County Commissioners for oil and gas substances that are produced and sold from the leased premises located in Sandy Township. Effective February 20, 2026, through February 20, 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

VII. Commissioners Comments and Questions

Monday March 2, 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 March 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 March 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 1:44 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