

Stark County Commissioners Board of Commissioners Minutes

March 11, 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

Kris Miller: Add one (1) Travel for Job & Family Services.

Brant Luther: Add an Executive Session Topic O. R. C. 121.22 (G)(3) to Discuss Pending Litigation with Legal Counsel and Add an Executive Session under O. R. C. 121.22 (G)(8) to Consider Confidential Information with another Political Subdivision Requesting a Request for Economic Development.

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

March 4, 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:
 - Sheriff: Appropriation for ARPA Violent Crime Grant 2022-AR-LEP-1063 Carry Over-\$46,464.42

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:
 - Board of Health to Sheriff: Fingerprints-\$40.00
 - Homeless Crisis Response Program to Stark Mental Health & Recovery Services: FY 2024 HCRP S-L-24-1DI-2 request No. 13-\$824.90

- SRCCC to Sheriff: Fingerprint fee February 2026 (CFP)-\$160.00
- Stark Mental Health & Recovery Services to Auditor: MHAR Reimburse Audit costs-\$4,674.00

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

Discuss and Consider Approval (Kris Miller)

- Job and Family Services: A Resolution approving an agreement with Necco SE, LLC dba Necco Center for child placement and related services. Effective March 15, 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

Requisitions (Kris Miller)

- Sanitary Engineer: Sewage Disposal Agreement-Vendor: Navarre Village-\$250,000.00

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

Non-Encumbered Expenses (Kris Miller)

- Law Library: Annual Membership-Vendor: Amazon.com-\$129.00

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)

- One Job & Family Services employee seeking \$68.50 to attend the Eastern Ohio Leadership Conference on March 26, 2026 in Sugarcreek, OH.

Amendment:

- Two Job and Family Services employees seeking \$4,866.47 to attend an ICPC Disrupted Placement on March 11 & 12, 2026 in Portland, Oregon.

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 (Sarah Birone for Jennifer Odey)

- A Resolution approving a Revised Local Public Agency Agreement (LPA) with the State of Ohio, Department of Transportation (ODOT) for the Northvale Ave. Bridge Project, PID# 119001.

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 Northvale Ave Bridge Replacement Project, PID No. 119001.

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 Stark County Engineer's contract for the H-1-2026 Chip Seal Resurfacing Project to Melway Paving, Inc. of Holmesville, Ohio in the amount of \$1,008,246.66 including Base Bid and Alternate #1.

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. 5 with Lockhart Concrete Company for the Stark County Engineer's Strausser & Lake O Springs Roundabout 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

Regional Planning (Sarah Birone for Jennifer Odey)

- A Resolution approving a Second Amendment to a Professional Services Agreement with Mullin & Lonergan Associates, Inc., for the HOME-ARP 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 for a time extension until December 31, 2027 to the Professional Services Agreement with ASK Development Solutions, for the HOME 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 a time extension on the General Maintenance Bond for the Lexington Farms North No. 6 Allotment 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 a time extension on the Sidewalk Performance Bond for the Lexington Farms North No. 7 Allotment 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 the final plat for Wicker Creek No. 6 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 the final plat for Floradale Acres No. 4 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

- A Resolution approving the final plat for George E. Pollock's Addition to North Lawrence No. 2 in Lawrence 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 Mount Marie Place No. 8 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

- A Resolution approving the final plat for Village Manor No. 3 in Lake 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

Sanitary Engineer (Sarah Birone for Jennifer Odey)

- A Resolution approving an agreement between the Board of Stark County Commissioners and the Pulte Homes of Ohio, LLC regarding construction of a waterline loop on Mogadore Avenue NW in Lake Township, Stark County, Ohio.

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 authorizing the acceptance and execution of the Local Jail Capital Project Grant Agreement with the Ohio Department of Rehabilitation and Corrections.

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 16, 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 17, 2026 @ 10:00 AM-Work Session (If Needed). Monthly Finance Update; 2025 Cultural Tourism Report from Visit Canton and Arts In Stark. In addition to attending in-person, the public may also Dial (667) 770-1465 Access Code 692732# (Listen Only)

Wednesday March 18, 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)

Amendment:

VIII. Executive Session-Pursuant to O. R. C. 121.22 (G)(3) with Assistant Prosecutors to Discuss Pending Litigation

Commissioner Harold moved, seconded by Commissioner Smith, to adjourn into Executive Session Pursuant to O.R.C. 121.22 (G)(3) with Assistant Prosecutor Deborah Dawson to Discuss Pending Litigation with County Administrator Brant Luther, and Budget Director Chris Nichols at 1:43 PM.

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

An Additional Motion was made to go into Executive Session immediately after the first item of Executive Session.

Executive Session-Pursuant to O.R.C. 121.22 (G)(8) To Discuss Negotiations with another Political Subdivision Requesting Request for Economic Development

Commissioner Smith moved, seconded by Commissioner Regula, to adjourn into Executive Session Pursuant to O.R.C. 121.22 (G)(8) to Consider Confidential Information with another Political Subdivision Requesting a Request for Economic Development with County Administrator Brant Luther, and Budget Director Chris Nichols Immediately following the first Executive Session.

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

**The Commissioners came out of Executive Session at 2:41 PM.
(Commissioner Harold was not present for the second Executive Session).**

IX. Adjournment

Meeting Adjourned at 2:41 PM.

Motion Result: Pass

Motion to: Approve Adjournment made by Commissioner Smith and seconded by Commissioner Regula

Votes For (2): Commissioner Regula and Commissioner Smith

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