

Stark County Commissioners Board of Commissioners Minutes

March 18, 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

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

Brant Luther: Add an Execution Session Pursuant to O.R.C. 122.21 (G)(3) to Discuss Pending Litigation.

Jennifer Odey: Remove the last item on the agenda.

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

Nancy Bloom of Canton spoke about the road conditions in Canton.

V. Approve Minutes

March 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:
 - Engineer: Appropriation to establish balances for various capital projects for 2026 (OPWC)-\$1,136,245.85
 - Engineer: Appropriation to establish balances for various capital projects for 2026 (ODOT)-\$4,359,849.22

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:
 - Adult Probation/ISP: Service to Supply-\$2,500.00
 - Sheriff: Service to Other-\$11,603.42

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 RPC: December 2025 Wage Monitoring Invoice #2065A-\$99.14
 - Commissioners to RPC: December 2025 Subdivision Eng./Inspection Invoice #2065A-\$10,419.18
 - Commissioners to RPC: December 2025 Storm & Water/NPDES Invoice #2065A-\$96.08
 - Commissioners to RPC: December 2025 House Numbering Invoice #2065A-\$923.99

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:
 - CDBG/HOME to RPC: Reimburse CDBG/HOME Admin Exp Invoices 2084 and 2085-\$41,165.00

- Dog Warden to Auditor: Dog License Fees 2/26/2026-\$14.00
- Family Court to Sheriff: January through March 2026 Invoice to reimburse Sheriff for Law Enforcement Services-\$34,785.51
- Job & Family Services to Data Processing: February 2026 JFS IT Charges Invoice 2026-18-ITC-\$92.92

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)

- IT Department: A Resolution declaring Stark County Commissioner Property as excess property and authorizing it to be sold on Govdeals.
21 Computer Monitors

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)

- Commissioners: 2026 Discretionary Appropriations to OSU-Vendor: The Ohio State University-\$250,251.00

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)

- Adult Probation: Payment for 2026 Chevrolet Trax VIN# KL77LFEP3TC058375-Lavery Automotive Sales & Service-\$430.00
- Facilities: Annual alarm and detection Inspection doe Stark County Office Building and Board of Elections Building-Vendor: S.A. Comunale-\$1,311.00
- Probate Court:5th Floor Probate Court Room-Vendor: Toshiba America Business Solutions-\$15.89

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 Coroner employees seeking a total of \$1745.95 to attend OSCA Conference on May 6-9, 2026 in Cincinnati, OH.
- One EMA employee seeking \$188.50 to attend NTSB Transportation Disaster Assistance Workshop on March 26, 2026 in Columbus, OH.
- One IT employee seeking \$461.25 to attend Stir Trek Conference on May 1, 2026 in Columbus, OH.
- One Job & Family Services employee seeking \$203.70 to attend the PCSAO Board of Trustees Meeting on April 1, 2026 in Columbus, OH.
- One Job & Family Services employee seeking \$83.85 to attend a Special Needs Fair on April 11, 2026, in Uniontown, OH.
- One Job & Family Services employee seeking \$88.20 to attend a Special Needs Fair on April 11, 2026 in Uniontown, OH.

- Three Job & Family Services employees seeking \$1,888.72 to attend the 2026 Wendy's Wonderful Kids (WWK) Summit on May 5-7, 2026 in Columbus, OH.
- One Job & Family Services employee seeking \$809.24 to attend the OJFSDA May General Session and Annual Conference on May 11-13, 2026 in Columbus, OH.
- Two Job & Family Services employees seeking \$254.00 to attend the 2026 Leadership & Life Skills Summit on June 9, 2026 in Columbus, OH.
- One Veterans employee seeking \$140.28 to attend Veterans Services Ohio Meeting on March 18, 2026 in Kent, 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 accepting the work performed by Northstar Asphalt, Inc. in the amount of \$29,968.00 under the H-3-2024 Hot Mix Asphalt Resurfacing Project and authorizing the release of the 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 approving a Local Public Agency Agreement (LPA) with the State of Ohio, Department of Transportation (ODOT) for the Whipple Ave and 4th St 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 authorizing the Sanitary Engineer to sell and dispose of accumulated scrap metal valued at less than \$5,000.00.

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

Regional Planning (Jennifer Odey)

- A Resolution accepting the streets and associated public improvements, releasing the existing performance bond, and accepting a maintenance bond for The Farms of Enclave No. 1 Allotment 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

Commissioners (Jennifer Odey)

- A Resolution Approving an MOU between the Stark Soil & Water Conservation District and the Board of County Commissioners of Stark County to continue implementing a unified response to inquiries regarding drainage issues impacting the public.

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, on behalf of Family Court, approving an Agreement with Cornell Abraxas Group, LLC. for the custody, care and provision of protective services for delinquent children.

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, on behalf of Family Court, approving an Agreement with Keystone Richland Center, LLC dba: Foundations for Living for the custody, care and provision of protective services for delinquent children. Effective April 1, 2026 through March 31, 2027.

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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 Stark County Sheriff's Office Motorcycle Ohio FY2027 Grant.

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 Brant Luther to the Stark County Transportation Improvement District (TID) Board to an additional 2-year term effective, retroactively, March 1, 2026, expiring on February 28, 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 approving a Software as a Service (SaaS) Agreement with OpenGov, Inc., procured through Vertosoft, LLC, for the procurement, installation, and maintenance of the OpenGov Permitting and Licensing System

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 23, 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 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)

Wednesday March 25, 2026 @ 1:00 PM-Jackson Twp.-Road Vacation Hearing.

Wednesday March 25, 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) to Discuss Pending Litigation with Assistant Prosecutors

Commissioner Harold moved, seconded by Commissioner Smith, to adjourn into Executive Session Pursuant to O.R.C. 121.22 (G)(3) to Discuss Pending Litigation with Assistant Prosecutors, County Administrator Brant Luther, and Budget Director Chris Nichols at 1:44 PM.

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

The Commissioners came out of Executive Session at 2:07 PM

IX. Adjournment

Meeting Adjourned at 2:07 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