

Stark County Commissioners Board of Commissioners Minutes March 04, 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
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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 an additional Travel for Commissioners Office.

Brant Luther: Add an additional Executive Session Topic 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

February 25, 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 of donated funds for kennel project-\$30,000.00
 - Commissioners: Appropriation for additional work to be completed on the Mt. Pleasant Basin Project-\$200,000.00
 - Sheriff: Appropriate Fund 275 for FY25 Prior Year Reimbursement FY25 Recovery Ohio Grant #2025-RO-ETF-R592-\$20,000.00

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

- County Obligations Journal Entries:
 - Commissioners to Job & Family Services: March 2026 Mandated Share-\$95,611.75
 - Commissioners to SCOG: February 2026 SCOG Share-\$52,973.95
 - Commissioners to RPC: January 2026 Wage Monitoring Invoice #2083-\$1,637.48
 - Commissioners to RPC: January 2026 Subdivision Eng./Inspection Invoice #2083-\$19,634.64
 - Commissioners to RPC: January 2026 Storm & Water/NPDES Invoice #2083-\$2,964.44
 - Commissioners to RPC: January 2026 House Numbering Invoice #2083-\$1,953.99

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:
 - Motor Vehicle & Gas Tax to Data Processing: Eng IT Charge January 2026 2026-11-ITC-\$98.44

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

Advertise for Bid (Kris Miller)

- Engineer: A Resolution to advertise for bid for Limestone & Gravel, Asphalt Concrete, and Bituminous Material

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)

- Job and Family Services: A Resolution approving an amendment to the child placement and related services agreement with Dimensional Phases, originally approved on January 28, 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

Change Orders (Kris Miller)

- Commissioners: Sky Trim-Vendor: Wildfire Pipeline-Original amount
 $\$191,637.00 + \$25,056.00 = \$216,693.00$

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

Requisitions (Kris Miller)

- Engineer: One (1) New Freightliner Tandem Axle Cab & Chassis-Vendor: Young Truck Sales Inc.-\$147,418.00
The purchase is based on ODOT Specifications and Fleet pricing (Contract #04425)

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: Burke's Federal Income Taxation of Partners and Partnerships in a Nutshell, 7th Edition-Vendor: West Academic-\$62.00

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)

- Two EMA employees seeking to use a county vehicle to attend First Energy Dispatch Facility walk-through and safety demonstration on March 18, 2026 in Akron, OH.
- Three Job & Family Services employees seeking \$1,234.00 to attend the 2026 OCSA General Membership meetings on Feb. 19, May 21, Sept. 17 and Nov. 19, 2026 in Columbus, OH.
- One Job & Family Services employee seeking \$470.00 to attend the Stir Trek 2026 Conference on May 1, 2026, in Columbus, OH.

- Three Job & Family Services employees seeking \$1,054.00 to attend the 2026 OCSPA Metro meetings on March 5, June 4, Sept. 3 and Dec. 3, 2026 in Columbus, OH.
- One Sanitary Engineer employee seeking to use a county vehicle to attend a free Ohio Water Environment Association Laboratory Meeting on March 12, 2026 in Stow, OH.
- One Sanitary Engineer employee seeking \$164.28 to attend a Ohio EPA Water Reclamation I Exam on March 21, 2026 in Akron, OH.
- One Sanitary Engineer employee seeking \$450.00 to attend a Ohio Safety Congress & Expo on March 11-13, 2026 in Columbus, OH.

Amendment:

- One Commissioners employee seeking \$162.80 to attend Mencer Case Appearance on March 10, 2026 in Cleveland, 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

Sanitary Engineer (Sarah Birone for Jennifer Odey)

- A Resolution accepting the work performed by Elite Excavating Co. of Ohio, Inc. under the P-594, Moreland Allotment Sanitary 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

- A Resolution authorizing the release of a maintenance bond for a private sanitary sewer Extension No. 2022.05 and assigning the responsibility of maintenance to 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 (Sarah Birone for Jennifer Odey)

- A Resolution approving two Stark Metropolitan Housing Authority satisfactions of mortgage lien.
11725 Jennings Road NE Alliance, OH 44601; Parcel No. 29-00710; \$49,781.00

11725 Jennings Road NE Alliance, OH 44601; Parcel No. 29-00710; \$35,514.16

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 a Performance Bond and approval of an escrow agreement for the Wicker Creek 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

Commissioners (Sarah Birone for Jennifer Odey)

- A Resolution, on behalf of Family Court, approving a Subgrant Agreement Amendment with Lighthouse Youth Services for the custody, care, and provision of protective services for delinquent children. The contract amendment will extend the term of the current contract from April 1, 2026 until 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

- A Resolution appointing Benjamin Myers of Navarre, Ohio as a second Stark County Apiary Inspector for the 2026 season.

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

Ohio Division of Liquor Control (Sarah Birone for Jennifer Odey)

- A Resolution indicating the Board of Commissioners is not requesting a hearing regarding the transfer of a liquor license in Jackson Township.
El Milagro Mexican Restaurant LLC.
7232 Portage Street NW, Jackson Twp, Massillon, OH 44646

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 9, 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 10, 2026 @ 10:00 AM-Work Session. CDBG/HOME Public Hearing. In addition to attending in-person, the public may also Dial (667) 770-1465 Access Code 692732# (Listen Only)

Wednesday March 11, 2026 @ 9:30 AM-Department Head Meeting. In addition to attending in-person, the public may also Dial (667) 770-1465 Access Code 692732# (Listen Only)

Wednesday March 11, 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. 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 Prosecutors to Discuss Pending Litigation with County Administrator Brant Luther, and Budget Director Chris Nichols at 1:42 PM.

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

The Commissioners came out of Executive Session at 2:41 PM

Amendment:

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 at 2:46 PM.

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

The Commissioners came out of Executive Session at 3:31 PM

IX. Adjournment

Meeting Adjourned at 3:31 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