

Stark County Commissioners Board of Commissioners Minutes

September 16, 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 Regula, Commissioner Smith and Commissioner Harold. 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

Nancy Bloom of Canton spoke about Data Centers.

V. Approve Minutes

September 2, 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:
 - Human Resources: Appropriation for payroll deductions for HR for remainder of the year-\$30,000.00
 - Prosecutor: Appropriation for Keep Kids in Schools (KKIS) Contract 25-26 Q4-\$19,230.93

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:
 - Job & Family Services: Capital to Supply-\$7,500.00
 - Human Resources: Salary to Benefits-\$142.78
 - Human Resources: Salary to Benefits-\$229.20

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: September 2026 Mandated Shares-\$98,915.16
 - Commissioners to RPC: July 2026 Wage Monitoring-\$2,670.65
 - Commissioners to RPC: July 2026 Sub Division Engineer/Inspection-\$37,527.61
 - Commissioners to RPC: July 2026 Storm & Water/NPDES-\$4,275.29
 - Commissioners to RPC: July 2026 House Numbering-\$3,184.93
 - Commissioners to SCOG: September 2026 SCOG Share-\$48,558.31

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:
 - Board of Health to Sheriff: Fingerprints-\$120.00
 - Common Pleas Court to Sheriff: Reimburse Sheriff for PATH Program services-\$1,000.00
 - County Parks to Sheriff: Fingerprinting Fees-\$47.25
 - Job & Family Services to Family Court: JFS Reimburse Family Court May 2026 IV-D-\$763.01

- Job & Family Services to Job & Family Services: Stark County Public Assistance Fund for Child, family and community Protective Services funding to CSEA to cover Child Support State Match per Resolution September 2026-\$114,821.37
- RPC to Sheriff: Law Enforcement Building Security for the RPC Meeting held on September 8, 2026-\$343.02
- Sanitary Engineer to Data Processing: January 2026 Sanitary IT Charge 2026-6-ITC-\$183.08
- Sanitary Engineer to Data Processing: July 2026 Sanitary IT Charge 2026-72-ITC-\$115.00

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:
 - Sheriff to Sheriff: 2024-DL-LEF-21963 Q2-\$14,285.70

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)

- Board of Elections: A Resolution declaring Stark County Commissioner property as excess property and authorizing said property to be donated to the Stark County Agricultural Board which is a 501 (c)(3) nonprofit
54 metal chairs, and 1 chair cart.

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 Greenleaf Family Center Community Services for the Deaf for interpretation services. Effective September 16, 2026, and continue through December 31, 2027, and the amount shall not exceed \$15,000 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 & Family Services: A Resolution approving an amendment with Specialized Alternatives for Families & Youth of Ohio Inc. (SAFY) for child placement and related services, originally approved on April 2, 2025. This contract amendment will increase the total amount of the contract from \$1,000,000.00 to \$1,600,000.00 effective August 1, 2026 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 & Family Services: A Resolution Authorizing the Participation of Stark County Job and Family Services in the Ohio Fellowship Program through the Public Children Service Agency of 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

- Job & Family Services: A Resolution approving an amendment to the child placement and related services agreement with Advantage Family Outreach and Foster Care, originally approved on April 16, 2025. This contract amendment will increase the total amount of the contract \$2,500,000.00 to \$3,150,000.00 effective August 1, 2026 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 & Family Services: A Resolution approving an amendment to the child placement and related services agreement with Lutheran Homes Society, Inc. dba Genacross Family & Youth Services, originally approved on April 16, 2025. This contract amendment will increase the total amount of the contract from \$1,500,000.00 to \$2,600,000.00 effective July 1, 2026 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 & Family Services: A Resolution approving the Title IV-D Contract with the Stark County Clerk of Courts for Court filings related to Title IV-D cases. Effective July 1, 2026, to June 30, 2027, and the amount shall not exceed \$121,322.33.

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: CommVault Cloud HyperScale Appliance Active Directory/Backup-Vendor: Open Storage Solutions-\$250,000.00

- Commissioners: Stark County Probate Courtroom (Judge Werren)-Vendor: Justice AV Solutions-\$61,284.50
Ohio State Term Bid Contract 800879
- Commissioners: Stark County Probate Court Magistrate Room Technology (Judge Werren)-Vendor: Justice AV Solutions-\$53,991.99
Ohio State Term Bid Schedule: 800879
- Data/IT: CommVault Cloud Backup & Recovery Software Subscriptions-Vendor: Open Storage Solutions-\$133,763.23
- Job & Family Services: 2027 Association Dues Class 4-Vendor: OJFSDA (Ohio Job & Family Service Directors Association)-\$16,968.01
- RPC: OCCD annual dues for CDBG & HOME Programs 9/1/2026-8/31/2027-Vendor: OCCD-\$325.00
- Sheriff: Medical contract services for the Stark County Jail-Vendor: Armor Health of Stark County LLC.-\$284,402.00

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)

- Probate Court: FY 2026 Retired Assigned Judges Billing-Vendor: Treasurer State of Ohio-\$553.00

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

Change Orders (Kris Miller)

- Commissioners: 2026 Indigent Transcripts-Various Vendor-Original amount
 $\$108,875.00 + \$24,945.00 = \$133,820.00$

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 EMA employee seeking \$405.60 to attend OH205 Recovery from Disaster Training on October 6-7, 2026 in Columbus, OH.
- One EMA employee seeking \$44.08 to attend NECO Committee Meeting on September 24, 2026 in Akron, OH.
- Two EMA employees seeking \$850.00 to attend EMAO Winter Conference on December 3-4, 2026 in Lore City, OH.
- Two Job and Family Services Employees seeking \$212.00 to attend Canton/Cleveland District Meeting on Sept. 21, 2026 in Zanesville, OH.
- Three Job and Family Services Employees seeking \$113.40 to attend 35th Annual NEORTC Foster Parent Training Liaison Retreat on Oct. 8, 2026 in Richfield, 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

Commissioners (Brant Luther)

- A Resolution Prohibiting the Placement of Private Signs and Unattended Displays Upon County-Owned Property at the Stark County Board of Elections.

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 two Drainlayer Licenses commencing on September 16, 2026, and ending on the first day of March 2027.
Great Lakes Hydroseeding & Construction, LTD, 6530 Deerfield Ave
NW, Canal Fulton, OH 44614

Keiper Excavating, Inc, 9450 Mennonite Rd, Wadsworth, OH 44281

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. 1 with Advanced Rehabilitation Technology, LTD for the Sanitary Engineer's Project P-641, Annual Manhole Rehabilitation.

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 approving the submission of the Stark County Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report (CAPER) for the CDBG & HOME Programs for Fiscal Year 2025.

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 Entering into a Funding Agreement with One Subrecipient to Carryout CDBG Activities for the 2025 Fiscal 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

- A Resolution approving the final plat for Belden Reserves 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 Shawbell Gardens No. 3 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 M.H. Frank's Moreland Allotment No. 3 in Canton 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 one-year time extension on the General Performance Bond for the Oldestone Crossing No. 3 Allotment in Lake Township from January 10, 2026, to January 10, 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

Commissioners (Jennifer Odey)

- Journal Entry Documenting the request to Withdraw the "Bixler Farm Annexation" Petition.

Notification Only

- A Resolution awarding the Board of Stark County Commissioners contract for the Rebid – Family Court Interior Renovations Project to Massillon Construction & Supply in the amount of \$349,694.00.

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 Stark County Commissioners Engineers HVAC Phase II Project contract to The Standard Plumbing & Heating Co. LLC. in the amount of \$5,099.88.

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 & Authorizing the President of the Board to Sign the Stark County Sheriff's Office 2025-JG-A01-66622 Stark County Metro Narcotics Unit Subgrant Award 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

- A Resolution reappointing two members to the Stark County Flood Plain Appeals Board.
 Todd Paulus – Reappointment; effective 10/01/2026 and ending on 09/30/2029
 Dennis Flechtner – Reappointment; effective 10/01/2026 and ending on 09/30/2029

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 reappointing Roger Mann to the Stark County Port Authority Board for a four-year term commencing on October 1, 2026 and ending on September 30, 2030.

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 Angela Burick to the Stark County Port Authority Board for an Unexpired Term four-year term which runs through September 30, 2026, and then for a Full four-year term beginning October 1, 2026, through September 30, 2030.

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 September 21, 2026 @ 10:00 AM-No Work Session (If Needed). In addition to attending in-person, the public may also Dial (667) 770-1465 Access Code 692732# (Listen Only)

Tuesday September 22, 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 September 23, 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) (5), "Matters required to be kept confidential by State Statutes."

Commissioner Harold moved, seconded by Commissioner Smith, to adjourn into Executive Session Pursuant to O.R.C. 121.22 (G)(5) to discuss matters that are to be kept confidential according to State Statutes with County Administrator Brant Luther and Budget Director Chris Nichols at 1:47 PM.

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

The Commissioners came out of Executive Session at 2:45 PM

IX. Adjournment

Meeting Adjourned at 2:45 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