

Stark County Commissioners Board of Commissioners Minutes

September 23, 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 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

Bran Luther: Add an Executive Session to discuss pending litigation at the end of the Meeting.

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 Library Levy and Property Taxes,

V. Approve Minutes

September 16, 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:
 - Permanent Improvement Fund: Appropriation for anticipated Capital Improvement Projects-\$3,000,000.00
 - RPC: Appropriation for additional CDBG Revolving Loan Fund (RLF) Project Funding for the balance of 2026-\$70,000.00

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

- Budget Transfers:
 - Adult Probation: 2026 Health Insurance/Fringes from Service to Benefits-\$85,000.00 and 2026 Drug Screens from Service to Supply-\$35,000.00
Total=\$120,000.00
 - Job & Family Services: Other to Service-\$307,387.63

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:
 - Common Pleas Court to Sheriff: Reimburse Sheriff for PATH Program services-\$1,000.00
 - Job & Family Services to Commissioners: 2026 Q3 Indirect Costs JFS-\$73,013.50

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 & Family Services: A Resolution authorizing an agreement with the Stark County Sheriff to provide service of process and execution of arrest warrants for the effective administration of the child support enforcement program. Effective July 1, 2026 through June 30, 2027, and the total amount shall not exceed \$148,799.87 during the term of the 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 the amendment to the child placement and related services agreement with Keystone Richland Center, LLC dba: Foundation for Living effective September 17, 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

- Job & Family Services: A Resolution approving an amendment to the Respite Care Services Contract with Meeks Caring Hands, LLC. This contract amendment will increase the total amount of the contract from \$500,000.00) to \$580,000.00 and will be effective upon Board approval.

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 agreement with Pathway Caring for Children for Youth Mentoring Services. Effective October 1, 2026, through September 30, 2027 not exceed \$25,000.00.

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

- Job & Family Services: A Resolution approving an agreement with T & G Youth Services, LLP for Youth Mentoring Services. Effective October 1, 2026 through September 30, 2027 not exceed \$25,000.00.

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

- Job and Family Services: A Resolution Rescinding the Award of Bid No. 3000 For Security Services to Allied Universal Security Services.

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 Awarding Bid No. 3000 for Security Services to Vets Securing America for the period October 1, 2026 through September 30, 2028.
Armed Guards - \$31.74
Unarmed Guards - \$28.87

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: IT Is building Modernization Project Vertiv Smart Box- Vendor: Step CG LLC.-\$399,319.27
Purchased through SYNEX-OMNIA Purchasing Cooperative - Contract No. 01-170.

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: 2026 Misc. Legal Expenses -Various Vendors-Original amount \$200,000.00+\$69,386.00=\$269,386.00

- Job & Family Services: Security-Vendor: Vets Securing America-Original amount \$100,000.00+\$20,000.00=\$120,000.00

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 \$644.49 to attend OH-139 Training on October 20- 22, 2026, at the Harvard Garage in Cuyahoga County, OH.
- One EMA/LEPC employee is seeking \$24.10 to attend the All-Hazards LEPC Training on October 8, 2026 in Summit County, OH.
- One Job and Family Services employee seeking \$844.96 to attend CFIS User Conference 2026 from October 4-6, 2026 in Lewis Center, OH.
- One Job and Family Services employee seeking \$809.20 to attend CFIS User Conference 2026 from October 4-6, 2026 in Lewis Center, OH.
- One Job and Family Services Employee Seeking \$237.36 to attend OJFSDA North Coast Directors Meeting on October 16, 2026 in Painesville, OH.
- One Job and Family Services employee seeking \$112.52 to attend 2026 Independent Living Regional Meeting on November 10, 2026 in Solon OH.
- Two Treasurer employees seeking \$1,871.14 to attend 2026 OAPT Annual Conference on October 5-8, 2026 in Columbus, OH.
- One Veterans employee retroactively seeking \$1,241.53 to attend 2026 OSACVSO Fall Conference on September 8-11, 2026 in Columbus OH.

- Nine Veterans employees retroactively seeking \$8,093.66 to attend 2026 OSACVSO Fall Conference on September 8-11, 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)

- A Resolution approving and authorizing the Board of Stark County Commissioners to sign Modification 36227-2 to the STA Dressler Road Project PID No. 112040 Federal Project No. E200(539).

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 approving a Drainlayers' License for Sword Inc. commencing on September 23, 2026, and ending on the first day of March 2027.
Sword Inc.
PO Box 227
Dalton, OH 44618

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 Amendment No. 6 to the Architect Agreement with K2M Design, Inc. for the Jail Renovation Construction 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 approving a Type 2 Annexation petition, known as, “Rama Tika Area Annexation” from Perry Township to the City of Massillon.

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 2024 COB 3rd Floor-RPC Suite Renovation Project contract to Massillon Construction & Supply, LLC. in the amount of \$95,785.16

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 of acceptance and authorization of payment of retainage in the amount of \$13,201.00 on the Stark County Commissioners Rebid-COB 3rd Floor-RPC Interior Renovations Furniture Project contract to Office Revolution.

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 2026 IT Building Modernization Project Contract to Cavanaugh Building Corporation in the amount of \$1,379,600.00, as the lowest and best bidder. The award includes the acceptance of the Base Bid and Alternate Numbers A-1, M-1, and E-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 a contract for the Enterprise Network Video Recorder (NVR) Cluster Refresh from KIT Communications.

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 Exercise of the First, Five-Year Renewal Option of a Lease Agreement between the Board of Stark County Commissioners and Canton Ravenna Limited Partnership.

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 (Jennifer Odey)

- A Resolution indicating the Board of Commissioners is not requesting a hearing regarding the transfer of a liquor license in Jackson Township.
Op Burgers OH LLC.
Op Burgers #601 Canton
6522 Strip Ave NW, Jackson Twp, N Canton, OH 44720
Permit Class: D-5I

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 28, 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 September 29, 2026 @ 10:00 AM-No Work Session.

Wednesday September 30, 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) regarding Pending Litigation

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 Legal Counsel, County Administrator Brant Luther and Budget Director Chris Nichols at 1:48 PM.

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

The Commissioners came out of Executive Session at 3:13 PM

IX. Adjournment

Meeting Adjourned at 3:13 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