UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF OHIO WESTERN DIVISION

JAMES POLLARD, : Case No. 1:16-cv-1113

Plaintiff,

: Judge Timothy S. Black

vs. :

Magistrate Judge Karen L. Litkovitz

COMMISSIONER OF SOCIAL

SECURITY,

Defendant. :

DECISION AND ENTRY ADOPTING THE REPORT AND RECOMMENDATION OF THE UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE (Doc. 25)

This case is before the Court pursuant to the Order of General Reference to United States Magistrate Judge Karen L. Litkovitz. Pursuant to such reference, the Magistrate Judge reviewed the pleadings filed with this Court and, on April 3, 2018, submitted a Report and Recommendation. (Doc. 25). No objections were filed.

As required by 28 U.S.C. § 636(b) and Fed. R. Civ. P. 72(b), the Court has reviewed the comprehensive findings of the Magistrate Judge and considered *de novo* all of the filings in this matter. Upon consideration of the foregoing, the Court does determine that such Report and Recommendation should be and is hereby adopted in its entirety. Accordingly:

- 1. The Report and Recommendation (Doc. 25) is **ADOPTED**;
- 2. The parties' joint stipulation for attorney fees (Doc. 24) is **GRANTED**;
- 3. Plaintiff is awarded attorney fees and expenses in the amount of \$4,000.00.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

Date: _______

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Timothy S. Black United States District Judge