

**COUNTY OF SUMMIT  
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES  
August 1, 2022**

A Caucus was held prior to the meeting to discuss Agenda items. Council members Darrow, DeVitis, Dickinson, Donofrio, McKenney, Rodgers, Schmidt, Sims, Walters, Wiedie Higham, Wilhite were present.

Donna Skoda from Summit County Public Health updated Council on COVID-19.

The following items were addressed before Council at the Caucus:

- 2022-220 Brian Nelsen from the Executive's Office addressed Council on this first reading passage request.
- 2022-221 Brian Nelsen from the Executive's Office addressed Council on this first reading passage request.
- 2022-222 Bill Holland from the Sheriff's Office addressed Council on this first reading passage request.
- 2022-223 Deborah Matz from the Law Department addressed Council on this first reading passage request.
- 2022-224 Phil Montgomery from the Executive's Office addressed Council on this first reading passage request.

The Council Regular Meeting was called to order at 05:02 PM in Council Chambers.

ROLL CALL- Present: Mrs. Darrow, Mr. DeVitis, Ms. Dickinson, Mr. Donofrio, Mrs. McKenney, Mrs. Rodgers, Mr. Schmidt, Ms. Sims, Ms. Walters, Ms. Wiedie Higham, Mr. Wilhite; Absent:

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MINUTES FOR APPROVAL: Ms. Sims moved to approve the minutes of the regular Council meeting(s) held June 27, 2022.

Voice Vote on the motion.

Yes: Darrow, DeVitis, Dickinson, Donofrio, McKenney, Rodgers, Schmidt, Sims, Walters, Wiedie Higham, Wilhite

The Minutes were approved 11-0.

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ANNOUNCEMENT OF GENERAL INTEREST:

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ANNOUNCEMENT FROM EXECUTIVE:

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ANNOUNCEMENT OF OFFICEHOLDERS:

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**MOTIONS FOR COUNCIL**

**M-026-2022 A Motion of Council adding newly appointed Council members Erin Dickinson and Christine Wiedie Higham to the standing committees of the Council of the County of Summit for the remainder of the year 2022 and replacing the vacancies of Clair Dickinson and Jerry Feeman and adjusting Chair and Vice Chair positions accordingly as established in Section 1 of this motion.**

Movant - Ms. Walters

Mr. Schmidt moved to approve.

Voice Vote on the motion.

Yes: Darrow, DeVitis, Dickinson, Donofrio, McKenney, Rodgers, Schmidt, Sims, Walters, Wiedie Higham, Wilhite

Motion passed - Voice Vote: 11-0

Motion M-026-2022 was approved.

**M-027-2022 A Motion of Council confirming the appointment of Ms. Veronica Sims as Summit County Council Vice President for the remainder of calendar year 2022.**

Movant - Ms. Walters

Mr. Donofrio moved to approve.

Voice Vote on the motion.

Yes: Darrow, DeVitis, Dickinson, Donofrio, McKenney, Rodgers, Schmidt, Sims, Walters, Wiedie Higham, Wilhite

Motion passed - Voice Vote: 11-0

Motion M-027-2022 was approved.

**M-028-2022 A Motion of Council approving a travel expenditure for Council Member Rita Darrow in the approximate amount of \$421.19 for her scheduled attendance at the CCAO Workforce, Families Symposium August 24, 2022 through August 26, 2022 meeting at 2299 Cherry Valley Road in Newark, Ohio.**

Movant - Ms. Walters

Mr. Schmidt moved to approve.

Voice Vote on the motion.

Yes: Darrow, Dickinson, Donofrio, McKenney, Rodgers, Schmidt, Sims, Walters, Wiedie Higham, Wilhite

No: DeVitis

Motion passed - Voice Vote: 10-1

Motion M-028-2022 was approved.

M-029-2022 **A Motion of Council approving a travel expenditure for Council Member Gloria Rodgers in the amount of \$155.00 for her attendance at the Ohio Jail Advisory Board Meeting on July 15, 2022 from 10:00 am until 12:00 pm at the State Library of Ohio, 274 East 1st Avenue, #100, Columbus, OH 43201.**

Movant - Ms. Walters

Mr. Schmidt moved to approve.

Voice Vote on the motion.

Yes: Darrow, Dickinson, Donofrio, McKenney, Rodgers, Schmidt, Sims, Walters, Wiedie Higham, Wilhite

No: DeVitis

Motion passed - Voice Vote: 10-1

Motion M-029-2022 was approved.

M-030-2022 **A Motion of Council confirming the appointment of Ms. Christine Wiedie Higham (replacing the late Jerry Feeman) as Alternate for Ms. Elizabeth Walters to the Akron/Summit Convention & Visitors Bureau Board of Trustees.**

Movant - Ms. Walters

Mr. Wilhite moved to approve.

Voice Vote on the motion.

Yes: Darrow, DeVitis, Dickinson, Donofrio, McKenney, Rodgers, Schmidt, Sims, Walters, Wiedie Higham, Wilhite

Motion passed - Voice Vote: 11-0

Motion M-030-2022 was approved.

M-031-2022 **A Motion of Council confirming the appointment of Erin Dickinson (replacing Clair Dickinson) to serve as Designee for Elizabeth Walters on the Criminal Justice Advisory Board.**

Movant - Ms. Walters

Ms. Sims moved to approve.

Voice Vote on the motion.

Yes: Darrow, DeVitis, Dickinson, Donofrio, McKenney, Rodgers, Schmidt, Sims, Walters, Wiedie Higham, Wilhite

Motion passed - Voice Vote: 11-0

Motion M-031-2022 was approved.

M-032-2022 **A Motion of Council confirming the appointment of Mr. John Donofrio (replacing the late Jerry Feeman) as alternate for Ms. Elizabeth Walters to the Information Technology Board.**

Movant - Ms. Walters

Mr. Wilhite moved to approve.

Voice Vote on the motion.

Yes: Darrow, DeVitis, Dickinson, Donofrio, McKenney, Rodgers, Schmidt, Sims, Walters, Wiedie Higham, Wilhite

Motion passed - Voice Vote: 11-0

Motion M-032-2022 was approved.

M-033-2022 **A Motion of Council confirming the appointment of Mr. Marvin Ferguson (replacing Mr. Andre Thornton) to the Alcohol, Drug Addiction & Mental Health Services Board.**

Movant - Ms. Walters

Ms. Sims moved to approve.

Voice Vote on the motion.

Yes: Darrow, DeVitis, Dickinson, Donofrio, McKenney, Rodgers, Schmidt, Sims, Walters, Wiedie Higham, Wilhite

Motion passed - Voice Vote: 11-0

Motion M-033-2022 was approved.

M-034-2022 **A Motion of Council confirming the reappointments of Ms. Louise Mazur and Ms. Danielle Kimmell to the Audit Committee.**

Movant - Ms. Walters

Mr. Wilhite moved to approve.

Voice Vote on the motion.

Yes: Darrow, DeVitis, Dickinson, Donofrio, McKenney, Rodgers, Schmidt, Sims, Walters, Wiedie Higham, Wilhite

Motion passed - Voice Vote: 11-0

Motion M-034-2022 was approved.

M-035-2022 **A Motion of Council confirming the appointment of Ms. Veronica Sims to the Summit County Land Reutilization Corporation Board.**

Movant - Ms. Walters

Mr. Wilhite moved to approve.

Voice Vote on the motion.

Yes: Darrow, DeVitis, Dickinson, Donofrio, McKenney, Rodgers, Schmidt, Sims, Walters, Wiedie Higham, Wilhite

Motion passed - Voice Vote: 11-0

Motion M-035-2022 was approved.

## **FIRST READINGS**

2022-220     **A Resolution approving a wage reopener agreement between the Fraternal Order of Police, Ohio Labor Council, Inc., and the Executive and Sheriff, effective January 1, 2022, for the Executive and the Sheriff, and declaring an emergency.**

Sponsor - Executive Shapiro

Staff Contact: Mark Potter, (330) 643-2726, mpotter@summitoh.net

Ms. Wiedie Higham moved to suspend Council Rule 8.01 (A): the requirement of three readings at a Regular Council meeting.

Voice Vote on the motion.

Yes: Darrow, DeVitis, Dickinson, Donofrio, McKenney, Rodgers, Schmidt, Sims, Walters, Wiedie Higham, Wilhite

Motion passed - Voice Vote: 11-0

Ms. Wiedie Higham moved to adopt.

Voice Vote on the motion.

Yes: Darrow, DeVitis, Dickinson, Donofrio, McKenney, Rodgers, Schmidt, Sims, Walters, Wiedie Higham, Wilhite

Motion passed - Voice Vote: 11-0

Resolution 2022-220 was adopted.

2022-221     **A Resolution approving the 2022 wage reopener as agreed between the County of Summit, Engineer and Local 1032 of the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees, AFL-CIO (Service and Maintenance Unit), for the second year of the parties' collective bargaining agreement (4/1/22 through 3/31/23), for the Executive and the Engineer, and declaring an emergency.**

Sponsor - Executive Shapiro

Staff Contact: Mark Potter, (330) 643-2726, mpotter@summitoh.net

Ms. Wiedie Higham moved to suspend Council Rule 8.01 (A): the requirement of three readings at a Regular Council meeting.

Voice Vote on the motion.

Yes: Darrow, DeVitis, Dickinson, Donofrio, McKenney, Rodgers, Schmidt, Sims, Walters, Wiedie Higham, Wilhite

Motion passed - Voice Vote: 11-0

Ms. Wiedie Higham moved to adopt.

Voice Vote on the motion.

Yes: Darrow, DeVitis, Dickinson, Donofrio, McKenney, Rodgers, Schmidt, Sims, Walters, Wiedie Higham, Wilhite

Motion passed - Voice Vote: 11-0

Resolution 2022-221 was adopted.

2022-222

**A Resolution confirming the award by the Board of Control of a purchase contract with Montrose Ford for the purchase of seven 2022 Ford Explorer police interceptor models, at State Term pricing, in an amount not to exceed \$231,995.61, for the Sheriff, and declaring an emergency.**

Sponsor - Executive Shapiro

Staff Contact: Kent Starks, (330) 643-2074, kstarks@summitoh.net

Mr. Wilhite moved to suspend Council Rule 8.01 (A): the requirement of three readings at a Regular Council meeting.

Voice Vote on the motion.

Yes: Darrow, DeVitis, Dickinson, Donofrio, McKenney, Rodgers, Schmidt, Sims, Walters, Wiedie Higham, Wilhite

Motion passed - Voice Vote: 11-0

Mr. Wilhite moved to adopt.

Voice Vote on the motion.

Yes: Darrow, DeVitis, Dickinson, Donofrio, McKenney, Rodgers, Schmidt, Sims, Walters, Wiedie Higham, Wilhite

Motion passed - Voice Vote: 11-0

Resolution 2022-222 was adopted.

2022-223

**A Resolution authorizing the Executive to execute a settlement agreement and release, for an amount not to exceed \$135,000.00, to settle any and all claims arising out of or concerning issues raised in the lawsuit, Katelyn Simmons, et al. v. Summit County, Ohio, et al., for the Executive and the Sheriff, and declaring an emergency.**

Sponsor - Executive Shapiro

Staff Contact: Mark Potter, (330) 643-2726, mpotter@summitoh.net

Ms. Dickinson moved to suspend Council Rule 8.01 (A): the requirement of three readings at a Regular Council meeting.

Voice Vote on the motion.

Yes: Darrow, DeVitis, Dickinson, Donofrio, McKenney, Rodgers, Schmidt, Sims, Walters, Wiedie Higham, Wilhite

Motion passed - Voice Vote: 11-0

Ms. Dickinson moved to adopt.

Voice Vote on the motion.

Yes: Darrow, DeVitis, Dickinson, Donofrio, McKenney, Rodgers, Schmidt, Sims, Walters, Wiedie Higham, Wilhite

Motion passed - Voice Vote: 11-0

Resolution 2022-223 was adopted.

2022-224 **A Resolution appropriating funds in order to meet projected expenditures for the balance of 2022 as set forth in Exhibit A, for the Executive's Department of Finance and Budget, and declaring an emergency.**

Sponsor - Executive Shapiro

Staff Contact: Kent Starks, (330) 643-2074, kstarks@summitoh.net

Mr. Donofrio moved to suspend Council Rule 8.01 (A): the requirement of three readings at a Regular Council meeting.

Voice Vote on the motion.

Yes: Darrow, DeVitis, Dickinson, Donofrio, McKenney, Rodgers, Schmidt, Sims, Walters, Wiedie Higham, Wilhite

Motion passed - Voice Vote: 11-0

Mr. Donofrio moved to adopt.

Voice Vote on the motion.

Yes: Darrow, DeVitis, Dickinson, Donofrio, McKenney, Rodgers, Schmidt, Sims, Walters, Wiedie Higham, Wilhite

Motion passed - Voice Vote: 11-0

Resolution 2022-224 was adopted.

2022-225 **A Resolution approving the upgrade of the classification and classification specification by the Human Resource Commission for the non-bargaining classified position of Child Support Supervisor, for the Executive's Department of Human Resources and the Prosecutor, and declaring an emergency.**

Sponsor - Executive Shapiro

Staff Contact: Mark Potter, (330) 643-2726, mpotter@summitoh.net

Committee First Readings

2022-226 **A Resolution approving the salary adjustment for classified non-bargaining employee Deborah Atkins, for the Engineer, and declaring an emergency.**

Sponsor - Executive Shapiro

Staff Contact: Mark Potter, (330) 643-2726, mpotter@summitoh.net

Committee First Readings

2022-227 **A Resolution approving the Human Resource Commission reclassification of the Prosecutor Secret Service Officer from being a Classified position to an Unclassified position, for the Executive's Department of Human Resources and the Prosecutor, and declaring an emergency.**

Sponsor - Executive Shapiro

Staff Contact: Mark Potter, (330) 643-2726, mpotter@summitoh.net

Committee First Readings



- 2022-228 **A Resolution confirming the award by the Board of Control of a construction contract with Kenmore Construction Co., Inc. for the Revere Road Bridge Design/Build Project, located in Bath Township, in Council District 4, in an amount not to exceed \$583,862.52, for the Engineer, and declaring an emergency.**
- Sponsor - Executive Shapiro  
Staff Contact: Mark Potter, (330) 643-2726, mpotter@summitoh.net
- Committee First Readings
- 2022-229 **A Resolution confirming the award by the Board of Control of a professional service contract with Four Points Architectural Services, Inc. for design services for the Summit Center Improvement Project, located in the City of Akron, in Council District 4, in an amount not to exceed \$90,700.00, for the Executive's Department of Administrative Services-Physical Plants, and declaring an emergency.**
- Sponsor - Executive Shapiro  
Staff Contact: Mark Potter, (330) 643-2726, mpotter@summitoh.net
- Committee First Readings
- 2022-230 **A Resolution revising the assessments for the parcels of Heritage Centre Allotment, located in Copley Township, in Council District 5, for drainage maintenance, for the Engineer, and declaring an emergency.**
- Sponsor - Executive Shapiro  
Staff Contact: Mark Potter, (330) 643-2726, mpotter@summitoh.net
- Committee First Readings
- 2022-231 **A Resolution confirming the award by the Board of Control of a purchase contract with CourtSmart Digital Systems, Inc., as a Sole Source, to update the audio recording system in the Domestic Relations Court including upgrading equipment in all courtrooms as well as the operating system for the servers that control the recording system, in an amount not to exceed \$141,130.00, for the Court of Common Pleas-Domestic Relations Division.**
- Sponsor - Executive Shapiro  
Staff Contact: Kent Starks, (330) 643-2074, kstarks@summitoh.net
- Committee First Readings
- 2022-232 **A Resolution authorizing the Executive to execute any documents necessary to accept the State Fiscal Year 2022 Hazard Mitigation Program Grant, in the amount not to exceed \$25,000.00, with a 10% local cash match, for the Executive's Department of Public Safety, Emergency Management Agency, and declaring an emergency.**
- Sponsor - Executive Shapiro  
Staff Contact: Kent Starks, (330) 643-2074, kstarks@summitoh.net
- Committee First Readings



- 2022-233 **A Resolution authorizing the Executive to execute intergovernmental agreements with eleven local law enforcement agencies to provide diversion services to unruly and misdemeanor youth within their respective jurisdictions to prevent an official referral to the Court of Common Pleas-Juvenile Division, for the period 7/1/22 through 6/30/23, in a total amount not to exceed \$197,000.00, for the Court of Common Pleas-Juvenile Division, and declaring an emergency.**
- Sponsor - Executive Shapiro  
Staff Contact: Kent Starks, (330) 643-2074, kstarks@summitoh.net
- Committee First Readings
- 2022-234 **A Resolution confirming the award by the Board of Control of a purchase contract with Environments 4 Business, LLC., at less than State Term Pricing, for furniture for the Combined Dispatch Building Project, located in the City of Tallmadge, in Council District 6, in an amount not to exceed \$222,198.39, for the Executive's Department of Administrative Services-Physical Plants, and declaring an emergency.**
- Sponsor - Executive Shapiro  
Staff Contact: Kent Starks, (330) 643-2074, kstarks@summitoh.net
- Committee First Readings
- 2022-235 **A Resolution declaring the month of September 2022 as Preparedness Month in Summit County, promoting family and community disaster and emergency preparation for the residents of Summit County, for the Executive, and declaring an emergency.**
- Sponsor - Executive Shapiro  
Staff Contact: Kent Starks, (330) 643-2074, kstarks@summitoh.net
- Committee First Readings
- 2022-236 **An Ordinance amending Section 169.22(c)(4)A of the Codified Ordinances of the County of Summit, entitled "Sick Leave," to add Aunt and Uncle to the definitions of "Immediate family" as defined in that section, for the Executive and Councilmembers Sims and Schmidt, and declaring an emergency.**
- Sponsor - Executive Shapiro, Ms. Sims, Mr. Schmidt  
Staff Contact: Mark Potter, (330) 643-2726, mpotter@summitoh.net
- Committee First Readings
- 2022-237 **A Resolution confirming the award of a renewal (second and final) of a professional service contract with The Young Men's Christian Association of Akron, Ohio dba Akron Area YMCA, to provide drop-in childcare services at the OhioMeansJobs Summit County facility, in Council District 2, for the period 10/1/22 through 9/30/23, in an amount not to exceed \$87,500.00, for the Executive's Department of Job and Family Services, and declaring an emergency.**
- Sponsor - Executive Shapiro  
Staff Contact: Kent Starks, (330) 643-2074, kstarks@summitoh.net
- Committee First Readings

- 2022-238 **A Resolution confirming the award by the Board of Control of professional service contract with Direction Home Akron Canton Area Agency on Aging & Disabilities for Adult Protective Services, Liaison and Extreme Chore services from 10/1/22 through 9/30/23, in a total amount not to exceed \$60,000.00, for the Executive's Department of Job and Family Services, and declaring an emergency.**
- Sponsor - Executive Shapiro  
Staff Contact: Kent Starks, (330) 643-2074, kstarks@summitoh.net
- Committee First Readings
- 2022-239 **A Resolution authorizing the Executive to execute an intergovernmental agreement with the Summit County Combined General Health District dba Summit County Public Health, to increase utilization of Healthchek Early, Periodic, Screening, Diagnostic and Testing services for young children, for a one-year term, from 10/1/22 to 9/30/23, in an amount not to exceed \$120,000.00, for the Executive's Department of Job and Family Services, and declaring an emergency.**
- Sponsor - Executive Shapiro  
Staff Contact: Kent Starks, (330) 643-2074, kstarks@summitoh.net
- Committee First Readings
- 2022-240 **A Resolution declaring the month of September 2022 as Recovery Month in Summit County and encouraging the residents of Summit County to join in this acknowledgment, for the Executive, and declaring an emergency.**
- Sponsor - Executive Shapiro & Ms. Walters  
Staff Contact: Kent Starks, (330) 643-2074, kstarks@summitoh.net
- Committee First Readings
- 2022-241 **A Resolution confirming the award by the Board of Control of a purchase contract with Guide Point Security, to replace VIPRE as the County's endpoint protection software, in an amount not to exceed \$82,000.00, for the Office of Information Technology.**
- Sponsor - Executive Shapiro  
Staff Contact: Kent Starks, (330) 643-2074, kstarks@summitoh.net
- Committee First Readings
- 2022-242 **A Resolution declaring September 9th-18th, 2022, as Welcoming Week in Summit County, recognizing refugees, immigrants, new citizens, and the contributions they make to our community, as well as the challenges and roadblocks they face, for the Executive and declaring an emergency.**
- Sponsor - Executive Shapiro & Ms. Walters  
Staff Contact: Mark Potter, (330) 643-2726, mpotter@summitoh.net
- Committee First Readings

Presentation of New Business: None

Presentation of Petitions to address Council: The following addressed Council on the Surface Water Management District legislation, 2022-191:

Lindsay Turnow, Farm Bureau; Ben Pearson; Robin Aikey  
Apostlett also addressed Council

**Executive Session**

Motion By:

Seconded By:

Motion Type:

For:

Against:

Abstain:

Absent:

Outcome:

Call To Order:

Reason:

Adjournment: Council adjourned at 5:14 pm. The next regular meeting will be held August 15, 2022 at 4:30 pm

All deliberations concerning official business and formal actions by this County Council were conducted in an open public meeting this 1st day of August, 2022.

  
CLERK OF COUNCIL

  
PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL