

**COUNTY OF SUMMIT**  
**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**  
**October 30, 2023**

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.

The following items were addressed before Council at the Caucus:

- Citizen Pamela Pinkney addressed Council.
- 2023-320 Brian Harnak from the Law Department addressed Council on this first reading passage request.
- 2023-321 Heidi Swindell from the Engineer's Office addressed Council on this first reading passage request.
- 2023-322 Brian Clark from the Department of Administrative Services addressed Council on this first reading passage request.
- 2023-323 Faylin Thurn from the Division of Public Safety-Emergency Management Agency addressed Council on this first reading passage request.
- 2023-324 Brian Harnak from the Law Department addressed Council on this first reading passage request.
- 2023-325 Bill Holland from the Sheriff's Office addressed Council on this first reading passage request.
- 2023-326 Deborah Matz from the Law Department and Christopher Burnham from the Development Finance Authority addressed Council on this first reading passage request.
- 2023-327 Phil Montgomery from the Executive's Office addressed Council on this first reading passage request.

The Council Regular Meeting was called to order at 04:50 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. Walters moved to approve the minutes of the regular Council meeting(s) held .

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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## **FIRST READINGS**

2023-320     **A Resolution approving the 2023 wage reopener as agreed between Ohio Council 8 and Local 1229 (Fiscal Office and Office of Information Technology Unit) of the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees, AFL-CIO, and the Executive, Fiscal Officer, and the Office of Information Technology, for the third year of the parties' collective bargaining agreement (9/1/23 through 8/31/24), for the Executive, Fiscal Office and the Office of Information Technology, 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 2023-320 was adopted.

2023-321     **A Resolution to cooperate with the Director of Transportation in a City of Barberton sponsored project to improve Wooster Road West located in the City of Barberton, in Council District 7, for the Engineer, and declaring an emergency.**

Sponsor - Executive Shapiro

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

Mr. Schmidt 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. Schmidt 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 2023-321 was adopted.

2023-322 **A Resolution authorizing the Executive to advertise for separate bids for the Exterior Lighting Project and Paving Construction Project, for the Summit County Children Services Administration Building, located in the City of Akron, in Council District 4, for estimated total costs not to exceed \$90,000.00 and \$154,000.00, respectively, 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

Ms. Walters 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. Walters 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 2023-322 was adopted.

2023-323 **A Resolution confirming the award by the Board of Control of a purchase contract with ICOR Technology, Inc for a bomb disposal robot for the Summit County Bomb Squad, for an amount not to exceed \$198,701.60, 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

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 2023-323 was adopted.

2023-324 **A Resolution authorizing employee retention lump sum payments to eligible non-bargaining employees of the Sheriff's Office pursuant to a subgrant received from the Ohio Department of Public Safety, Office of Criminal Justice Services to promote recruitment and retention of law enforcement employees, in accordance with the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021, for the purpose of assisting with employee retention, for the Executive and Sheriff, and declaring an emergency.**

Sponsor - Executive Shapiro

Staff Contact: Kent Starks, (330) 643-2074, kstarks@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 2023-324 was adopted.

2023-325 **A Resolution confirming the award by the Board of Control of a purchase contract with Montrose Ford, at State Term Pricing, for a 2023 Ford Expedition, in a total amount not to exceed \$50,371.50, for the Sheriff, and declaring an emergency.**

Sponsor - Executive Shapiro

Staff Contact: Kent Starks, (330) 643-2074, kstarks@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 2023-325 was adopted.

2023-326 **An Ordinance amending Chapter 164A of the Codified Ordinances of the County of Summit entitled “Development Finance Authority,” 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

Ordinance 2023-326 was adopted.

2023-327 **A Resolution appropriating funds in order to meet projected expenditures for the balance of 2023 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 2023-327 was adopted.

2023-328 **A Resolution establishing legal holidays for non-bargaining County employees for calendar year 2024, for the Executive’s Department of Human Resources, and declaring an emergency.**

Sponsor - Executive Shapiro

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

2023-329 **A Resolution authorizing the Executive to execute a grant agreement with the Summit County Land Reutilization Corporation (“Land Bank”) for a grant in the amount of \$103,500.00, to enable the Land Bank to retain Hasenstab Architects for design work of a 54,000 square foot buildout of 1040 E. Tallmadge Ave., located in the City of Akron, in Council District 2, 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

2023-330 **A Resolution confirming the award by the Board of Control of a professional service contract with Community Support Services for two part-time peer support specialists and one full-time case manager, to refer and link Hope Mental Health Court participants to community resources and provide case management services, from 10/1/23 through 9/30/24, in an amount not to exceed \$119,406.49, for the Court of Common Pleas-General Division, Adult Probation, and declaring an emergency.**

Sponsor - Executive Shapiro

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

2023-331 **An Amended Resolution confirming the award by the Board of Control of professional service contracts with various providers for State Fiscal Year 2024 utilizing Temporary Assistance to Needy Families, Benefit Bridge and State General Revenue Funds, from 10/1/23 through 9/30/24, in a total amount not to exceed \$5,335,000.00 \$5,385,000.00, 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

2023-332 **A Resolution confirming the award by the Board of Control of a professional service contract with Julian & Grube, Inc. for the preparation of the County’s Annual Comprehensive Financial Report (ACFR) and Schedule of Expenditures (SEFA), for a three-year period, in an amount not to exceed \$145,500.00, for the Fiscal Officer, and declaring an emergency.**

Sponsor - Executive Shapiro

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

**Routine Agenda Motion(s)**

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

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

**ROUTINE LEGISLATION UNANIMOUSLY AGREED TO BY COMMITTEE**

2023-306     **A Resolution confirming the award by the Board of Control of a purchase contract with UniFirst Corporation, at Sourcewell pricing, for uniform services, for a five year term, in an amount not to exceed \$310,561.30, for the Executive’s Department of Administrative Services–Physical Plants and Department of Sanitary Sewer Services, and declaring an emergency.**

Sponsor - Executive Shapiro

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

Resolution 2023-306 was adopted.

2023-307     **A Resolution authorizing the Executive to enter into a Cooperative Agreement with the City of Barberton to improve Wooster Road West, located in the City of Barberton, in Council District 7, in an amount not to exceed \$250,000.00 in County funds, for the Executive and Engineer, and declaring an emergency.**

Sponsor - Executive Shapiro

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

Resolution 2023-307 was adopted.

2023-308     **A Resolution authorizing the Executive to enter into a Local Public Agency agreement with the State of Ohio, through the Department of Transportation for Boston Township’s Hines Hill Road Resurfacing Project, located in Boston Township, in Council District 1, at a cost not to exceed \$80,000.00, with no local funds required, for the Executive and Engineer, and declaring an emergency.**

Sponsor - Executive Shapiro

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

Resolution 2023-308 was adopted.

2023-309 **A Resolution authorizing the Executive to execute a grant agreement with Bounce Innovation Hub, to provide local matching funds to the Economic Adjustment Assistance Project Grant provided by the U.S. Economic Development Administration, for renovation of the second floor of 526 S. Main Street, located in the City of Akron, in Council District 5, in an amount not to exceed \$350,000.00, for the Executive's Department of Community and Economic Development, and declaring an emergency.**

Sponsor - Executive Shapiro

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

Resolution 2023-309 was adopted.

2023-310 **A Resolution confirming the award by the Board of Control of a purchase contract with Environmental Systems Research Institute, Inc. (ESRI), as a Sole Source, for software maintenance, including technical support and software upgrades, for ArcGIS, for a one-year term, from 10/31/23 through 10/30/24, in an amount not to exceed \$78,084.32, for the Executive's Department of Community and Economic Development, and the Office of Information Technology and declaring an emergency.**

Sponsor - Executive Shapiro

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

Resolution 2023-310 was adopted.

2023-311 **A Resolution declaring November 25th, 2023, as Small Business Saturday in Summit County, encouraging the residents of Summit County to support our small businesses, for the Executive and Council, and declaring an emergency.**

Sponsor - Executive Shapiro, Council As A Whole

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

Resolution 2023-311 was adopted.

2023-312 **A Resolution confirming the award by the Board of Control of a construction contract with Thompson Electric, Inc. for the Summit County Jail Storage Building Electric Service Project, in an amount not to exceed \$72,875.00, 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

Resolution 2023-312 was adopted.



2023-313 **A Resolution authorizing various service rates to be charged by the Sheriff and authorizing the Executive to execute contracts for the Sheriff for said services, for calendar years 2024, 2025, and 2026, for the Executive and the Sheriff, and declaring an emergency.**

Sponsor - Executive Shapiro

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

Resolution 2023-313 was adopted.

2023-314 **A Resolution confirming the award by the Board of Control of a professional service contract with Keefe Commissary Network, LLC, to operate the Jail Inmate Commissary, located at 205 E. Crosier St, Akron, Ohio 44311, in Council District 4, for a one-year term, from 11/15/23 through 11/14/24, with five one-year options to renew, with a commission rate of 38% to be paid to the County, for the Sheriff, and declaring an emergency.**

Sponsor - Executive Shapiro

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

Resolution 2023-314 was adopted.

2023-315 **A Resolution authorizing the Court of Common Pleas-General Division to make additional expenditures, in an amount not to exceed \$10,000.00, for a total amount not to exceed \$20,000.00, for hospitality items incurred in providing training, planning, and meetings to be held in 2023, for the Court of Common Pleas-General Division, and declaring an emergency.**

Sponsor - Executive Shapiro

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

Resolution 2023-315 was adopted.

2023-316 **A Resolution confirming the award by the Board of Control of a renewal (second of four) of a purchase contract with Aramark Correctional Services, LLC, for food services at the Jail, for a one-year term, from 12/1/23 through 11/30/24, in a total amount not to exceed \$975,0000.00, for the Executive and the Sheriff, and declaring an emergency.**

Sponsor - Executive Shapiro

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

Resolution 2023-316 was adopted.

2023-317 **A Resolution authorizing the Executive to execute a Subaward Agreement with Direction Home Akron Canton Area Agency on Aging & Disabilities to provide additional services to Summit County Residents and launch two pilot programs to assist older adults with aging in place, from 10/1/23 through 9/30/24, in a total amount not to exceed \$4,000,000.00, for the Executive, and declaring an emergency**

Sponsor - Executive Shapiro, Ms. Sims, Ms. McKenney

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

Resolution 2023-317 was adopted.

2023-318 **A Resolution authorizing the Executive to execute a renewal (fourth and final) of a Master Services Agreement with Effectiff Services, LLC to act as a broker for translation and interpreter services for non-English speaking clients, for the period of 1/1/24 through 12/31/24, and confirming the award of a professional service contract with Effectiff Services, LLC for translation and interpreter services for non-English speaking clients, for the period of 1/1/24 through 12/31/24, in an amount not to exceed \$150,000.00, 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

Resolution 2023-318 was adopted.

Presentation of New Business: Budget Hearings took place after the Council meeting for the following offices:

Prosecutor: Brad Gessner and John Galonski addressed Council.

Child Support Enforcement Agency: Caitlin Croft addressed Council.

Probate Court: Judge Elinore Marsh Stormer addressed Council.

Law Library Resources Board: Deborah Matz addressed Council.

Budget Hearings adjourned at 5:29 p.m.

Presentation of Petitions to address Council:

**Executive Session**

Motion By:

Seconded By:

Motion Type:

For:

Against:

Abstain:

Absent:

Outcome:

Call To Order:

Reason:

Adjournment: Council adjourned at 4:58 pm. The next regular meeting will be held November 13, 2023 at 4:30 pm

All deliberations concerning official business and formal actions by this County Council were conducted in an open public meeting this 30th day of October, 2023.

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CLERK OF COUNCIL

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PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL