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COUNCIL MEETING: 4:30 PM

**COUNTY OF SUMMIT
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA
January 26, 2026**

Minutes for Approval: January 5, 2026

Councilman Jeff Wilhite and Executive Ilene Shapiro will present a joint commendation to Terri Burns in honor of her being declared 2025 Outstanding Director of the Year by the Ohio Job and Family Services Directors' Association.

MOTIONS FOR COUNCIL

M-004-2026 A Motion of Council confirming the appointment of Council President Erin Dickinson (replacing Councilwoman Rita Darrow) with Councilwoman Christine Higham as alternate to the Akron/Summit Convention & Visitors Bureau Board of Trustees.

First Consideration: January 26, 2026

Movant - Ms. Dickinson

M-005-2026 A Motion of Council confirming the appointment of Council President Erin Dickinson (replacing Councilwoman Rita Darrow) to the Summit County Audit Committee.

First Consideration: January 26, 2026

Movant - Ms. Dickinson

M-006-2026 A Motion of Council confirming the appointment of Council President Erin Dickinson (replacing Councilwoman Rita Darrow) with Councilman David Licate as alternate (replacing Councilwoman Erin Dickinson as alternate) to the Criminal Justice Advisory Board.

First Consideration: January 26, 2026

Movant - Ms. Dickinson

M-007-2026 A Motion of Council confirming the appointment of Council President Erin Dickinson (replacing Councilwoman Rita Darrow), with Councilman John Donofrio and Mark Potter as alternates to the County Information Technology Board.

First Consideration: January 26, 2026

Movant - Ms. Dickinson

MOTIONS FOR COUNCIL

M-008-2026 **A Motion of Council confirming the appointment of Council President Erin Dickinson (replacing Councilwoman Rita Darrow) with Mark Potter as alternate to the Investment Advisory Board.**

First Consideration: January 26, 2026
Movant - Ms. Dickinson

M-009-2026 **A Motion of Council confirming the appointment of Council President Erin Dickinson (replacing Councilwoman Rita Darrow) with alternates Mark Potter and Monique Willis to the Records Commission.**

First Consideration: January 26, 2026
Movant - Ms. Dickinson

M-010-2026 **A Motion of Council confirming the appointment of Council President Erin Dickinson (replacing Councilwoman Rita Darrow) with Mark Potter as alternate to the Tax Incentives Review Council.**

First Consideration: January 26, 2026
Movant - Ms. Dickinson

M-011-2026 **A Motion of Council confirming the appointment of Wendy Rickerd (replacing Karen Frantz) with Stephanie Kempton as first alternate and Dr. Anita Tamirisa as second alternate to the Child Fatality Review Board.**

First Consideration: January 26, 2026
Movant - Ms. Dickinson

M-012-2026 **A Motion of Council confirming the appointment of Captain Mike Brooks (replacing Captain Dan Garrett) as alternate to District Chief Chris Karakis to the Child Fatality Review Board.**

First Consideration: January 26, 2026
Movant - Ms. Dickinson

M-013-2026 **A Motion of Council establishing the standing committees of the Council of the County of Summit for the year 2026.**

First Consideration: January 26, 2026
Movant - Ms. Dickinson

FIRST READINGS

*2026-011 **A Resolution confirming the award by the Board of Control of a purchase contract with Cargill, Incorporated, at Ohio Department of Transportation Cooperative Purchasing pricing, for road salt for the 2026 snow and ice control season, in an amount not to exceed \$524,000.00, for the Engineer, and declaring an emergency.**

FRP Request By H. Swindell

Sponsor - Executive Shapiro

(PW)

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

*2026-012 **A Resolution confirming the award by the Board of Control of a purchase contract with Steele Industries, Inc., for two night vision projects for various Special Operations Teams in Ohio Homeland Security Region 5, for an amount not to exceed \$69,197.50, for the Executive's Department of Public Safety, Emergency Management Agency, and declaring an emergency.**

FRP Request By T. Smoot

Sponsor - Executive Shapiro

(PS)

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

*2026-013 **A Resolution authorizing the Executive to execute a settlement agreement and release, in an amount not to exceed \$115,000.00, to settle any and all claims arising out of or concerning issues raised in the lawsuit, W.H., a minor, and A.H., Guardian of W.H., v. Anthaun Cheatom, et al., for the Executive and the Court of Common Pleas – Juvenile Division, and declaring an emergency.**

FRP Request By B. Harnak

Sponsor - Executive Shapiro

(R)

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

*2026-014 **A Resolution appropriating carryover balances for various operating and capital funds for 2026, as set forth in Exhibit A, for the Executive's Department of Finance and Budget, and declaring an emergency.**

FRP Request By P. Montgomery

Exhibit A

Sponsor - Executive Shapiro

(F)

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

*2026-015 **A Resolution appropriating funds in order to meet projected expenditures for the balance of 2026 as set forth in Exhibit A, for the Executive's Department of Finance and Budget, and declaring an emergency.**

FRP Request By P. Montgomery

Exhibit A

Sponsor - Executive Shapiro

(F)

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

FIRST READINGS

2026-016	<p>A Resolution confirming the award by the Board of Control of a professional service contract with Raftelis Financial Consultants, Inc. to perform a cost-of-service study of the County's sanitary sewer rates, for an amount not to exceed \$88,200.00, for the Executive's Department of Sanitary Sewer Services, and declaring an emergency.</p> <p>Sponsor - Executive Shapiro (PW) Staff Contact: Mark Potter, (330) 643-2726, mpotter@summitoh.net</p>
2026-017	<p>A Resolution authorizing the Executive to execute any documents necessary to accept the award of the Opioid Remediation Grant from the Ohio Attorney General, in the amount of \$134,240.00, with no local cash match, and awarding a professional service contract to Oriana House, Inc., as a Best Practical Source, for Opioid Remediation services, for a one-year term, in an amount not to exceed \$134,240.00, for the Executive and Sheriff, and declaring an emergency.</p> <p>Sponsor - Executive Shapiro (PS) Staff Contact: Kent Starks, (330) 643-2074, kstarks@summitoh.net</p>
2026-018	<p>A Resolution authorizing the Prosecutor, or his designee, to initiate, through the State of Ohio's County Financial Information System, the acceptance by the Prosecutor's Child Support Enforcement Agency of inter-county transfers of surplus funds from other Ohio counties, and to release surplus County of Summit funds to other Ohio counties in exchange for those accepted funds, for a two-year period, from 1/1/26 through 12/31/27, provided that the collective funds released in a given calendar year do not exceed the collective funds accepted in that calendar year, for the Prosecutor, and declaring an emergency.</p> <p>Sponsor - Executive Shapiro (PS) Staff Contact: Kent Starks, (330) 643-2074, kstarks@summitoh.net</p>
2026-019	<p>An Ordinance amending Section 113.12 of the Codified Ordinances of the County of Summit, entitled "Engineer and Planning and GIS Division Map Fees," to make certain updates and revisions to the fee schedule, for the Executive's Departments of Law and Risk Management and Community and Economic Development – GIS Division, and declaring an emergency.</p> <p><i>Exhibit A</i></p> <p>Sponsor - Executive Shapiro (R) Staff Contact: Mark Potter, (330) 643-2726, mpotter@summitoh.net</p>

FIRST READINGS

2026-020 A Resolution approving the award by the Board of Control of a purchase contract with The Computer Solution Company of Virginia, LLC, dba Forensic Advantage Systems, as a Sole Source, for maintenance of Forensic Advantage software, for a five-year term, for the period of 2/1/26 to 1/31/31, in an amount not to exceed \$124,702.22, for the Office of Information Technology, and declaring an emergency.

Sponsor - Executive Shapiro

(F)

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

2026-021 **A Resolution authorizing the Executive to execute grant agreements with various Summit County nonprofit organizations and State mandated entities, for the year 2026, in a total amount not to exceed \$828,900.00, as set forth in Exhibit A, for the Executive's Department of Finance and Budget, and declaring an emergency.**

Exhibit A

Sponsor - Executive Shapiro

(F)

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

ROUTINE LEGISLATION UNANIMOUSLY AGREED TO BY COMMITTEE

2025-361 **A Resolution authorizing the Executive to advertise for bids for construction of Project Q-165-1 Akron-Cleveland Road Sanitary Sewer Extension, located in the City of Cuyahoga Falls and Boston Township, in Council Districts 1, 2 and 3, for an amount not to exceed \$3,794,222.72, that will be partially funded by American Rescue Plan Act funds and a loan from the Water Pollution Control Loan Fund, for the Executive's Department of Sanitary Sewer Services, and declaring an emergency.**

Introduced: December 8, 2025

Sponsor - Executive Shapiro

(PW)

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

Public Works Committee recommends passage.

2025-362 **A Resolution authorizing the Executive to advertise for bids for the construction of Project Q-186 Elimination of Hudson Sanitary Sewer Overflow Area L, located in the City of Hudson, in Council District 3, for an estimated total cost not to exceed \$1,161,692.28, for the Executive's Department of Sanitary Sewer Services, and declaring an emergency.**

Introduced: December 8, 2025

Sponsor - Executive Shapiro

(PW)

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

Public Works Committee recommends passage.

2025-363 **A Resolution authorizing the Executive to execute a Member Community Infrastructure Grant Program Agreement with the Northeast Ohio Regional Sewer District, in an amount not to exceed \$600,000.00, with no local cash match requirement, and to authorize the Executive to apply for and execute a Water Pollution Control Loan Fund Loan Agreement for a loan in an amount not to exceed \$3,000,000.00, to finance the engineering design and construction for Project Q-186 Elimination of Hudson Sanitary Sewer Overflow Area L, located in the City of Hudson, in Council District 3, for the Executive's Department of Sanitary Sewer Services, and declaring an emergency.**

Introduced: December 8, 2025

Exhibit A & Exhibit B

Sponsor - Executive Shapiro

(PW)

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

Public Works Committee recommends passage.

ROUTINE LEGISLATION UNANIMOUSLY AGREED TO BY COMMITTEE

2025-364 **A Resolution approving and adopting the Summit County Cybersecurity Policy and confirming the applicability of confidentiality provisions under Section 9.64(E) of the Ohio Revised Code, for the Office of Information Technology, and declaring an emergency.**

Introduced: December 8, 2025

Sponsor - Executive Shapiro (F)
Staff Contact: Kent Starks, (330) 643-2074, kstarks@summitoh.net
Finance Committee recommends passage.

2026-005 **A Resolution confirming that the Engineer may proceed with tree cutting on land owned by Summit County in preparation for the Idle Brook Bankfull Wetland Project, located in Bath Township, in Council District 5, for the Engineer and the Surface Water Management District, and declaring an emergency.**

Introduced: January 5, 2026

Sponsor - Executive Shapiro (PW)
Staff Contact: Mark Potter, (330) 643-2726, mpotter@summitoh.net
Public Works Committee recommends passage.

2026-006 **A Resolution confirming the award by the Board of Control of a professional service contract with The Thrasher Group, Inc. for the design of the Krumroy Road Resurfacing Project, located in the Village of Lakemore and Springfield Township, in Council District 8, in amount not to exceed \$200,000.00, for the Engineer, and declaring an emergency.**

Introduced: January 5, 2026

Sponsor - Executive Shapiro (PW)
Staff Contact: Mark Potter, (330) 643-2726, mpotter@summitoh.net
Public Works Committee recommends passage.

2026-007 **A Resolution confirming the award by the Board of Control of a construction contract with Krumroy Cozad Construction Corporation for the Medical Examiner's Garage Addition Project, located in the City of Akron, in Council District 4, for an estimated total cost not to exceed \$597,400.00, for the Executive's Department of Administrative Services—Physical Plants, and declaring an emergency.**

Introduced: January 5, 2026

Sponsor - Executive Shapiro (PL)
Staff Contact: Mark Potter, (330) 643-2726, mpotter@summitoh.net
Planning and Economic Development Committee recommends passage.

ROUTINE LEGISLATION UNANIMOUSLY AGREED TO BY COMMITTEE

2026-008	<p>A Resolution declaring the month of February 2026 as Black History Month in Summit County, recognizing the incredible accomplishments made by Black Americans in the face of adversity, as well as acknowledging the challenges of the present, for the Executive, and declaring an emergency.</p> <p>Introduced: January 5, 2026</p> <p>Sponsor - Executive Shapiro, Councilman Ford, Council as a Whole (HS) Staff Contact: Kent Starks, (330) 643-2074, kstarks@summitoh.net Health and Human Services Committee recommends passage.</p>
2026-009	<p>A Resolution adopting the Capital Improvements Program for 2026-2031 for the County of Summit and appropriating funds as set forth in Exhibit A, for the balance of projects in the 2026 Capital Improvement Plan, for the Executive's Department of Finance and Budget, and declaring an emergency.</p> <p>Introduced: January 5, 2026</p> <p><i>Exhibit A</i></p> <p>Sponsor - Executive Shapiro (F) Staff Contact: Kent Starks, (330) 643-2074, kstarks@summitoh.net Finance Committee recommends passage.</p>

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