

**COUNTY OF SUMMIT**  
**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**  
**March 29, 2021**

The meeting held on March 29, 2021 was conducted remotely pursuant to the authority in House Bill 404.

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

Teresa LeGrain from the Akron Urban League and Rachel Bridenstine of the Development Finance Authority updated Council on the Minority Contractor Capital Access (MCCAP) Program.

The following items were addressed before Council at the Caucus:

- 2021-081 Councilwoman McKenney addressed Council on this first reading passage request.
- 2021-082 Mark Potter, Council Office Chief of Staff and Councilman Wilhite addressed Council on this first reading passage request.
- 2021-083 Greta Johnson from the Executive's Office, Councilwoman Sims and Sharleeta Smith from Akron Community Foundation addressed Council on this first reading passage request.
- 2021-084 Greta Johnson from the Executive's Office addressed Council on this first reading passage request.
- 2021-085 Phil Montgomery from the Executive's Office addressed Council on this first reading passage request.
- 2021-086 Diane Miller-Dawson from the Executive's Department of Finance and Budget addressed Council on this first reading passage request.
- 2021-095 Mark Potter, Council Office Chief of Staff addressed Council on this first reading passage request.
- 2021-096 Mark Potter, Council Office Chief of Staff addressed Council on this first reading passage request.

The Council Regular Meeting was called to order at 05:08 PM in Council Chambers.

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

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MINUTES FOR APPROVAL: Mr. Schmidt moved to approve the minutes of the regular Council meeting(s) held March 15, 2021 and Special Meeting March 22, 2021.

Voice Vote on the motion.

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

Absent: Feeman

The Minutes were approved 10-0.

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ANNOUNCEMENT OF GENERAL INTEREST: None.

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ANNOUNCEMENT FROM EXECUTIVE: None.

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ANNOUNCEMENT OF OFFICEHOLDERS: None.

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**MOTIONS FOR COUNCIL**

**M-022-2021 A Motion of Council confirming the reappointment of Mr. Jerry Feeman to the Planning Commission.**

Movant - Ms. Walters

Mr. Wilhite moved to approve.

Voice Vote on the motion.

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

Absent: Feeman

Motion passed - Voice Vote: 10-0

Motion M-022-2021 was approved.

**FIRST READINGS**

2021-081     **A Resolution condemning any and all violence against Asians and all forms of anti-Asian sentiment in the County of Summit, State of Ohio and across the United States, for the Council and Executive, and declaring an emergency.**

Sponsor - Ms. Walters, Ms. McKenney, Executive Shapiro, Mr. Schmidt,  
Council of the Whole

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

Mrs. McKenney 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, Wilhite

Absent: Feeman

Motion passed - Voice Vote: 10-0

Mrs. McKenney moved to adopt.

Voice Vote on the motion.

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

Absent: Feeman

Motion passed - Voice Vote: 10-0

Resolution 2021-081 was adopted.

2021-082     **A Resolution setting dates for this Council to conduct a public viewing, and setting a date for a final hearing, to consider the vacation of segments of Everett Road in Bath, Richfield and Boston Townships and segments of Oak Hill Road in Boston Township, in Council District 1, pursuant to Chapter 5553 of the Ohio Revised Code and Section 125.03 of the Codified Ordinances of the County of Summit, for Council, and declaring an emergency.**

Sponsor - Mrs. Sims

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

Mrs. Sims 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, Wilhite

Absent: Feeman

Motion passed - Voice Vote: 10-0

Mrs. Sims moved to adopt.

Voice Vote on the motion.

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

Absent: Feeman

Motion passed - Voice Vote: 10-0

Resolution 2021-082 was adopted.

2021-083 **A Resolution declaring the month of April 2021 as Minority Health Month in Summit County, recognizing the health inequalities facing minorities, and encouraging all health organizations to conduct appropriate programs and activities to promote healthfulness in minority and other health disparity communities, for the Executive, and declaring an emergency.**

Sponsor - Executive Shapiro, Mrs. Sims, Mr. Schmidt, Council of the Whole  
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, Wilhite

Absent: Feeman

Motion passed - Voice Vote: 10-0

Mr. Wilhite moved to adopt.

Voice Vote on the motion.

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

Absent: Feeman

Motion passed - Voice Vote: 10-0

Resolution 2021-083 was adopted.

2021-084 **A Resolution declaring the month of April 2021 as Autism Acceptance Month in Summit County, recognizing all individuals in our community who live on the Autism Spectrum and celebrating the numerous ways autistic individuals enhance the quality of our communities and enrich our lives, for the Executive, and declaring an emergency.**

Sponsor - Executive Shapiro, Council of the Whole

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, Wilhite

Absent: Feeman

Motion passed - Voice Vote: 10-0

Mr. Wilhite moved to adopt.

Voice Vote on the motion.

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

Absent: Feeman

Motion passed - Voice Vote: 10-0

Resolution 2021-084 was adopted.

2021-085 **A Resolution confirming the award by the Board of Control of a purchase contract with CDW Government for 800 HP Chromebooks, at State Term pricing, in an amount not to exceed \$208,000.00, for the Executive's Department of Job and Family Services, and declaring an emergency.**

Sponsor - Executive Shapiro, Mrs. Sims

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, Wilhite

Absent: Feeman

Motion passed - Voice Vote: 10-0

Mr. Wilhite moved to adopt.

Voice Vote on the motion.

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

Absent: Feeman

Motion passed - Voice Vote: 10-0

Resolution 2021-085 was adopted.

2021-086 **A Resolution appropriating funds totaling \$181,096.31 in order to meet projected expenditures for the balance of 2021 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, Wilhite

Absent: Feeman

Motion passed - Voice Vote: 10-0

Mr. Donofrio moved to adopt.

Voice Vote on the motion.

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

Absent: Feeman

Motion passed - Voice Vote: 10-0

Resolution 2021-086 was adopted.

2021-087 **A Resolution confirming the award by the Board of Control, authorizing the purchase of contracts for liability, boiler and machinery, property, and other miscellaneous and necessary insurance coverage, for a one-year term, from 4/15/21 through 4/15/22, in an amount not to exceed \$1,055,020.00, payable through Wichert Insurance Services, Inc. dba Wichert Insurance, as a Best Practical Source, for the Executive's Department of Law and Risk Management, and declaring an emergency.**

Sponsor - Executive Shapiro

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

Committee First Readings

2021-088 **A Resolution confirming the award by the Board of Control of a construction contract with Melway Paving Company, Inc., for the 2021 Summit County 405 Resurfacing Program, in an amount not to exceed \$1,478,794.20, for the Engineer, and declaring an emergency.**

Sponsor - Executive Shapiro

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

Committee First Readings

2021-089 **A Resolution confirming the award by the Board of Control of a construction contract with Melway Paving Company, Inc. for the 2021 Summit County 422 Resurfacing Program, in an amount not to exceed \$911,577.13, for the Engineer, and declaring an emergency.**

Sponsor - Executive Shapiro

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

Committee First Readings

2021-090 **A Resolution authorizing the Executive to execute an agreement and plan with the Summit County Land Reutilization Corporation, aka the Summit County Land Bank, for the reclamation, rehabilitation and reutilization of vacant, abandoned and tax-foreclosed and other real property in Summit County, 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

Committee First Readings

2021-091 **A Resolution authorizing the Executive, subject to the approval of the Board of Control, to execute a 60-month lease with Graphic Enterprises Office Solutions for eight Konica Minolta copiers at State Term pricing, not to exceed \$75,791.40, which will be financed through Wells Fargo Financial Leasing Inc., and a 60-month Managed Print Services agreement with Graphic Enterprises Office Solutions, not to exceed \$15,118.72, for a total amount not to exceed \$90,910.12, for the Prosecutor, and declaring an emergency.**

Sponsor - Executive Shapiro

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

Committee First Readings

2021-092 **A Resolution authorizing the Executive, subject to the approval of the Board of Control, to execute a 60-month lease with Graphic Enterprises Office Solutions for three Konica Minolta copiers at State Term pricing, not to exceed \$43,020.00, which will be financed through Wells Fargo Financial Leasing Inc., and a 60-month Managed Print Services agreement with Graphic Enterprises Office Solutions, not to exceed \$32,234.89, for a total amount not to exceed \$75,254.89, for the Prosecutor's Child Support Enforcement Agency, and declaring an emergency.**

Sponsor - Executive Shapiro

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

Committee First Readings

2021-093 **A Resolution authorizing the Executive, subject to the approval of the Board of Control, to execute a professional service contract with Matrix Pointe Software, LLC, at State Term Pricing, for one year of subscription license fees for the Matrix Case Management system, from 4/1/21 through 3/31/22, in a total amount not to exceed \$192,000.00, for the Office of Information Technology and the Prosecutor, and declaring an emergency.**

Sponsor - Executive Shapiro

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

Committee First Readings

2021-094 **A Resolution authorizing the Executive to execute Case Management Agreements with local services providers, for services provided by the Out-Stationed Eligibility Workers employed by Summit County Department of Job and Family Services, for the Executive, and declaring an emergency.**

Sponsor - Executive Shapiro

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

Committee First Readings

Mr. Schmidt moved to amend the Agenda to add Late Filings.

Voice Vote on the motion

For: Darrow, DeVitis, Dickinson, Donofrio, McKenney, Rodgers, Schmidt, Sims, Walters, Wilhite

Absent: Feeman

The Late Filings were added to the Agenda 10-0.

### **FIRST READINGS LATE FILINGS**

2021-095     **A Resolution rescinding Resolution 2021-080, which set a public hearing for a petition for annexation filed with the Council Office March 15, 2021 and cancelling the aforementioned public hearing date scheduled for May 24, 2021, for Council, and declaring an emergency.**

Sponsor - Ms. Walters

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

Mrs. Sims 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, Wilhite

Absent: Feeman

Motion passed - Voice Vote: 10-0

Mrs. Sims moved to adopt.

Voice Vote on the motion.

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

Absent: Feeman

Motion passed - Voice Vote: 10-0

Resolution 2021-095 was adopted.

2021-096     **A Resolution setting a date for this Council, pursuant to Chapter 709.02, 709.021 and 709.023 of the Ohio Revised Code and Section 125.01(i) of the Codified Ordinances of the County of Summit, to conduct a public hearing to consider the annexation of 118.7873 acres of land in Richfield Township to the Village of Richfield, for Council, and declaring an emergency.**

Sponsor - Ms. Walters

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

Mrs. Sims 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, Wilhite

Absent: Feeman

Motion passed - Voice Vote: 10-0

Mrs. Sims moved to adopt.

Voice Vote on the motion.

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

Motion passed - Voice Vote: 10-0

Resolution 2021-096 was adopted.



**Routine Agenda Motion(s)**

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, Wilhite

Absent: Feeman

Motion passed

Mr. Schmidt moved to adopt.

Voice Vote on the motion.

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

Absent: Feeman

Motion passed

The Routine Agenda was Adopted 10-0.

**ROUTINE LEGISLATION UNANIMOUSLY AGREED TO BY COMMITTEE**

2021-067     **A Resolution approving and enacting a COVID-19 lump sum program, for current non-bargaining, classified and unclassified employees of the County Council, Executive, Fiscal Officer, Prosecutor, Sheriff, Clerk of Courts, Engineer, Internal Audit Department, Office of Information Technology, and Human Resource Commission, 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

Resolution 2021-067 was adopted.

2021-068     **A Resolution authorizing the Executive, Prosecutor and Clerk of Courts to establish an hourly rate of pay for 8 classified, non-bargaining, employees of \$15.00, for Council and the Executive, and declaring an emergency.**

Sponsor - Mr. Schmidt, Executive Shapiro, Mrs. Darrow, Mr. Dickinson, Mrs. Sims, Ms. Walters, Mr. Wilhite

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

Resolution 2021-068 was adopted.

2021-069     **A Resolution authorizing the Executive to enter into an intergovernmental agreement with the City of Akron concerning the resurfacing of Smith Road, located in the City of Akron and Bath Township, in Council District 4, for the Engineer, and declaring an emergency.**

Sponsor - Executive Shapiro

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

Resolution 2021-069 was adopted.

2021-070 **A Resolution confirming the award by the Board of Control of Change Order No. 2 to a professional service contract with Black & Veatch Corporation for additional easement acquisition, contract administration, and construction phase engineering services for the Q-452 Pump Station No. 19 Relocation Project, located in the City of Stow, in Council District 3, in an amount not to exceed \$159,894.00, (for a cumulative increase of 82.3%), for a total amount not to exceed \$670,686.00, for the Executive's Department of Sanitary Sewer Services, and declaring an emergency.**

Sponsor - Executive Shapiro

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

Resolution 2021-070 was adopted.

2021-071 **A Resolution declaring the County of Summit's approval and support for the West Creek Conservancy's Clean Ohio Greenspace Round 15 Grant Application for the Merriman Valley, in the City of Akron, in Council District 4, to be submitted by the West Creek Conservancy for funding under the Clean Ohio Program, for the Executive, and declaring an emergency .**

Sponsor - Executive Shapiro, Mr. Wilhite, Mrs. Sims, Mr. Schmidt, Mr.

Dickinson, Mrs. Darrow, Mrs. Walters, Mr. Feeman, Mr. Donofrio

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

Resolution 2021-071 was adopted.

2021-072 **A Resolution authorizing the Executive to advertise for bids for a five-year full maintenance service agreement for elevator maintenance at several County buildings, in Council Districts 2 and 4, for an estimated total cost not to exceed \$195,000.00, for the Executive's Department of Administrative Services-Physical Plants Division, and declaring an emergency.**

Sponsor - Executive Shapiro

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

Resolution 2021-072 was adopted.

2021-073 **A Resolution confirming the award by the Board of Control of a professional service contract with Clarktel Communications, subject to ratification by the IT Board, for the Board of Elections Telecom Wiring Upgrade Project, located in the City of Akron, in Council District 4, for an amount not to exceed \$101,867.00, 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 2021-073 was adopted.

2021-075 **A Resolution confirming the award by the Board of Control of Change Order No. 1 to a professional service contract with the United Way of Summit and Medina fka United Way of Summit County to provide 2-1-1 information and referral services to assist low income families in accessing non-profit and government services to meet basic needs, for the period 10/1/20 through 9/30/21, in an amount not to exceed \$200,000.00 (for a cumulative increase of 200%) for a total amount not to exceed \$300,000.00, for the Executive's Department of Job and Family Services, and declaring an emergency.**

Sponsor - Executive Shapiro, Mrs. Darrow

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

Resolution 2021-075 was adopted.

2021-076 **A Resolution confirming the award by the Board of Control of professional service contracts with certain vendors, for title examination services, for the period 5/1/21 through 4/30/23, with one option to renew for an additional two-year period, in an amount not to exceed \$250,000.00 per year, for a total amount not to exceed \$500,000.00, for the Fiscal Officer, and declaring an emergency.**

Sponsor - Executive Shapiro

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

Resolution 2021-076 was adopted.

2021-077 **A Resolution confirming the award by the Board of Control of a renewal (first of two) of a purchase contract with SmartBill, Ltd. for printing, mailing and CASS address file certification and updating services for real property tax bill and dog licensing processing, for the period 5/1/21 through 4/30/23, in an amount not to exceed \$462,731.20, for the Fiscal Officer, and declaring an emergency.**

Sponsor - Executive Shapiro

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

Resolution 2021-077 was adopted.

2021-078 **A Resolution declaring the County of Summit's approval and support for the Natural Areas Land Conservancy's Clean Ohio Greenspace Conservation Program Application for the O'Brien Preserve Project, in the City of Hudson, in Council District 3, to be submitted by the Natural Areas Land Conservancy for funding under the Clean Ohio Program, for the Executive, and declaring an emergency.**

Sponsor - Executive Shapiro, Mrs. Sims, Mr. Dickinson, Mr. Wilhite, Mrs. Rodgers, Mr. DeVitis, Mr. Feeman, Mr. Donofrio, Mr. Schmidt

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

Resolution 2021-078 was adopted.

**SECOND READINGS**

2021-074     **An Ordinance amending Section 198.03 of the Codified Ordinances of the County of Summit entitled “Expenses,” to permit expenses authorized by terms of the grants received by the Court of Common Pleas-General Division, 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, Wilhite

Absent: Feeman

Motion passed - Voice Vote: 10-0

Mr. Schmidt moved to adopt.

Voice Vote on the motion.

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

Absent: Feeman

Motion passed - Voice Vote: 10-0

Ordinance 2021-074 was adopted.

Presentation of New Business: None.

Presentation of Petitions to address Council: None.

**Executive Session**

Motion By: Mr. Wilhite

Seconded By:

Motion Type: Roll Call

For: Mrs. Darrow, Mr. DeVitis, Mr. Dickinson, Mr. Donofrio, Mrs. McKenney, Mrs. Rodgers,  
Mr. Schmidt, Mrs. Sims, Ms. Walters, Mr. Wilhite

Against:

Abstain:

Absent: Mr. Feeman

Outcome:

Call To Order: 5:21 PM

Reason: to discuss pending litigation and cyber security.

Adjournment: Council adjourned at 5:51 pm. The next regular meeting will be held April 12, 2021 at 4:30 pm

All deliberations concerning official business and formal actions by this County Council were conducted in an open public meeting this 29th day of March, 2021.

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CLERK OF COUNCIL

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PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL