

**COUNTY OF SUMMIT**  
**SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**  
**April 24, 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:

- 2023-104 Bill Holland from the Sheriff's Office addressed Council on this first reading passage request.
- 2023-105 Lori Pesci from Public Safety addressed Council on this first reading passage request.
- 2023-106 Lori Pesci from Public Safety addressed Council on this first reading passage request.
- 2023-107 Phil Montgomery from the Executive's Office addressed Council on this first reading passage request.
- 2023-108 Heidi Swindell from the Engineer's Office addressed Council on this first reading passage request.
- 2023-116 Brian Nelsen from the Executive's Office addressed Council on this first reading passage request.
- 2023-117 Brian Nelsen from the Executive's Office addressed Council on this first reading passage request.

The Council Regular Meeting was called to order at 04:30 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 April 3, 2023.

Voice Vote on the motion.

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

Absent: DeVitis

The Minutes were approved 10-0.

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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-023-2023 A Motion of Council confirming the reappointment of Mr. David Prentice to the Metro Board of Trustees.**

Movant - Ms. Sims

Mr. Schmidt moved to adopt.

Voice Vote on the motion.

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

Absent: DeVitis

Motion passed - Voice Vote: 10-0

Motion M-023-2023 was adopted.

**FIRST READINGS**

2023-104     **A Resolution confirming the award by the Board of Control of a purchase contract with Statewide Ford Lincoln, as a Best Practical Source, for the purchase of seven 2023 Ford Explorer Interceptors, in an amount not to exceed \$319,613.00, 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, Dickinson, Donofrio, McKenney, Rodgers, Schmidt, Sims, Walters, Wiedie Higham, Wilhite

Absent: DeVitis

Motion passed - Voice Vote: 10-0

Ms. Dickinson moved to adopt.

Voice Vote on the motion.

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

Absent: DeVitis

Motion passed - Voice Vote: 10-0

Resolution 2023-104 was adopted.

2023-105     **A Resolution confirming the award by the Board of Control of a purchase contract with AT&T to relocate the Vesta 9-1-1 call handling system from the Sheriff's Office and City of Akron to the consolidated dispatch center, located in the City of Tallmadge, in Council District 6, in an amount not to exceed \$341,104.84, for the Executive's Department of Public Safety, 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, Dickinson, Donofrio, McKenney, Rodgers, Schmidt, Sims, Walters, Wiedie Higham, Wilhite

Absent: DeVitis

Motion passed - Voice Vote: 10-0

Ms. Dickinson moved to adopt.

Voice Vote on the motion.

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

Absent: DeVitis

Motion passed - Voice Vote: 10-0

Resolution 2023-105 was adopted.

2023-106     **A Resolution confirming the award by the Board of Control of a purchase order for ProTech to provide night vision equipment for the Tuscarawas County Sheriff's Office SWAT Team, Ohio Region 5, in an amount not to exceed \$39,624.00, 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, Dickinson, Donofrio, McKenney, Rodgers, Schmidt, Sims, Walters, Wiedie Higham, Wilhite

Absent: DeVitis

Motion passed - Voice Vote: 10-0

Ms. Dickinson moved to adopt.

Voice Vote on the motion.

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

Absent: DeVitis

Motion passed - Voice Vote: 10-0

Resolution 2023-106 was adopted.

2023-107     **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

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, Dickinson, Donofrio, McKenney, Rodgers, Schmidt, Sims, Walters, Wiedie Higham, Wilhite

Absent: DeVitis

Motion passed - Voice Vote: 10-0

Ms. Dickinson moved to adopt.

Voice Vote on the motion.

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

Absent: DeVitis

Motion passed - Voice Vote: 10-0

Resolution 2023-107 was adopted.

2023-108     **A Resolution approving the time, place, and expense of the Engineer’s annual meeting of county and township authorities on May 2, 2023, at Pick’s at Portage Lakes, located in Coventry Township, in Council District 8, in an amount not to exceed \$5,500.00, 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: 10-0

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: 10-0

Resolution 2023-108 was adopted.

2023-109 **A Resolution authorizing appropriation proceedings for a drainage easement over the real property known as Parcel No. 0403043, owned by Scott E. Parker, needed for the Yellow Creek Road Culvert Replacement Project, located in 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

Committee First Readings

2023-110 **A Resolution approving and authorizing the Executive to execute and submit the Community Development Block Grant and HOME Investment Partnership Program 2023 Action Plan to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development for program year 2023 and authorizing the Executive to execute the 2023 Community Development Block Grant and HOME Investment Partnership Program contracts, 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

2023-111 **A Resolution authorizing the Executive to apply for, and accept, funds from the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency through the Water Pollution Control Loan Fund for the repair and replacement of home septic systems, in the amount of \$150,000.00, with an estimated \$80,000.00 client provided local cash match requirement, and authorizing the Executive to execute a Water Pollution Loan Control Loan Fund Assistance Agreement with the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency for said purposes, 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

2023-112 **A Resolution confirming the award by the Board of Control of a professional service agreement with Matthew Deevers, PhD, dba Dimensions Consulting LLC, as a Best Practical Source, to provide project management services to support the implementation of the Unite Us data sharing platform, for the term 6/1/23 through 6/30/24, in an amount not to exceed \$100,000.00, for the Executive's Department of Public Safety, and declaring an emergency.**

Sponsor - Executive Shapiro

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

Committee First Readings

2023-113     **A Resolution confirming the award of the Board of Control of a professional service contract with Roetzel and Andress, LPA to provide general legal representation and services to the County of Summit in 2023, in an amount not to exceed \$50,000.00, 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

2023-114     **A Resolution authorizing the Executive to execute a grant agreement with the Summit County Combined General Health District d.b.a. Summit County Public Health, for a grant, in an amount not to exceed \$1,500,000.00, for the purpose of constructing a shelter and additional lanes for drive up testing and vaccinations, for the Executive, and declaring an emergency.**

Sponsor - Executive Shapiro

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

Committee First Readings

2023-115     **A Resolution declaring the month of May 2023 as Foster Care Month in the County of Summit and encouraging residents to join in this acknowledgement and consider the importance of foster care in their community, for the Executive, and declaring an emergency.**

Sponsor - Executive Shapiro

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

Committee First Readings

Ms. Dickinson moved to amend the Agenda to add Late Filings.

Voice Vote on the motion

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

### **FIRST READINGS LATE FILINGS**

2023-116     **A Resolution urging the General Assembly to amend Substitute Ohio House Bill 33 to restore the governor’s proposed 90% funding level by restoring the \$48 million removed from the Governor’s Budget recommendation and supporting a full 100% state reimbursement for indigent defense and efforts to create a uniform and adequately funded statewide indigent defense system, for the Executive and Council, and declaring an emergency.**

Sponsor - Executive Shapiro, Jeff Wilhite and Christine Wiedie Higham

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 failed - Voice Vote: 11-0

Resolution 2023-116 was adopted.



2023-117 **A Resolution opposing proposed changes to Ohio Revised Code section 3501.022 as contained in Ohio Senate Bill 92 that would amend expand the circumstances under which a special election may be held in August and declare a special election on August 8, 2023, for the Executive and Council, and declaring an emergency.**

Sponsor - Executive Shapiro, Jeff Wilhite and Christine Wiedie Higham

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.

Roll Call on the motion.

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

No: DeVitis, McKenney, Rodgers

Motion passed - Roll Call: 8-3

Ms. Walters moved to adopt.

Roll Call on the motion.

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

No: DeVitis, McKenney, Rodgers

Motion passed - Roll Call: 8-3

Resolution 2023-117 was adopted.

M-024-2023 **A Motion amending the Rules of Council by adding subsection (F) under Council Rule 4.03, entitled Special Council Meetings, to clarify the process of cancelling Council or Committee Meetings in the event of a County emergency.**

Movant - Mr. Schmidt, Mrs. Darrow

Committee First Readings

**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**

2023-090     **A Resolution confirming the award by the Board of Control of a construction contract with M.P. Dory Co, for the 2023 Guardrail Replacement Program, in an amount not to exceed \$235,673.00, for the Engineer, and declaring an emergency.**

Sponsor - Executive Shapiro

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

Resolution 2023-090 was adopted.

2023-091     **A Resolution confirming the award by the Board of Control of a construction contract with Barbicas Construction Company, Inc. for the 2023 Summit County 441 Asphalt Concrete (448) Resurfacing Program-North, in an amount not to exceed \$3,776,713.75, for the Engineer, and declaring an emergency.**

Sponsor - Executive Shapiro

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

Resolution 2023-091 was adopted.

2023-092     **A Resolution confirming the award by the Board of Control of a construction contract with Karvo Companies, Inc. for the 2023 Summit County 441 Asphalt Concrete (448) Resurfacing Program-South, in an amount not to exceed \$1,190,513.80, for the Engineer, and declaring an emergency.**

Sponsor - Executive Shapiro

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

Resolution 2023-092 was adopted.

2023-093     **An Ordinance amending Section 339.12 of the Codified Ordinances of the County of Summit, entitled “Bridge Weight Limits,” to place a load limit on the Glenwood Drive Bridge over Tinkers Creek, reduce the load limit on the Wheatley Road Bridge over Riding Run, and remove the load limits on the Christman Road Bridge over the Nimisila Reservoir and the Knox Boulevard Bridge over Pigeon Creek, for the Engineer, and declaring an emergency.**

Sponsor - Executive Shapiro

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

Resolution 2023-093 was adopted.

2023-094     **A Resolution confirming the award by the Board of Control of a construction contract with Perrin Asphalt & Concrete for the 2023 Summit County Regional Concrete Pavement Repair Program, in an amount not to exceed \$648,670.00, for the Engineer, and declaring an emergency.**

Sponsor - Executive Shapiro

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

Resolution 2023-094 was adopted.

2023-095     **A Resolution authorizing the Executive to enter into a Local Public Agency agreement with the State of Ohio, through the Department of Transportation, for the Valley View Road Improvement Project, located in Northfield Center Township, in Council District 1, with the Department of Transportation providing up to a total of \$300,000.00 in Surface Transportation Block Grant funds, and up to \$260,000.00 in Federal Congestion Mitigation Air Quality funds, with the Engineer being responsible for the balance of the project costs, at a total cost not to exceed \$885,000.00, for the Executive and Engineer, and declaring an emergency.**

Sponsor - Executive Shapiro

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

Resolution 2023-095 was adopted.

2023-096     **A Resolution confirming the award by the Board of Control of a construction contract with Ehre North, LLC. for the Summit County Jail Bunk Stabilization Project, in an amount not to exceed \$299,500.00, 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

Resolution 2023-096 was adopted.

2023-097     **A Resolution confirming the award by the Board of Control of a purchase agreement with Environments 4 Business, LLC., at State Term Pricing, for new furniture in the Prosecutor’s Office for victim advocates, administration support staff and intern workstations, for a total amount not to exceed \$80,538.35, for the Prosecutor, and declaring an emergency.**

Sponsor - Executive Shapiro

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

Resolution 2023-097 was adopted.

2023-098     **A Resolution declaring the month of May 2023 as Mental Health Awareness Month in Summit County and encouraging the residents of Summit County to join in this acknowledgement for the Executive, and declaring an emergency.**

Sponsor - Executive Shapiro and Council as a Whole

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

Resolution 2023-098 was adopted.

2023-099     **A Resolution declaring the month of May 2023 as Older Americans Month in Summit County, recognizing the contributions of older adults in Summit County and encouraging residents and professionals to participate in the Age-Friendly Akron-Summit initiative and the 2023 Senior Summit, for the Council and Executive, and declaring an emergency**

Sponsor - Executive Shapiro and Council as a Whole

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

Resolution 2023-099 was adopted.

2023-100     **A Resolution confirming the award by the Board of Control of a renewal (second and final) 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 5/1/23 through 4/30/25, 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 2023-100 was adopted.

2023-101     **A Resolution confirming the award by the Board of Control of the renewal (first and final) of professional service contracts with certain vendors, for title examination services, for the period 5/1/23 through 4/30/25, 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 2023-101 was adopted.

2023-103     **A Resolution authorizing the Executive to execute a grant agreement with the Akron Marathon Charitable Corporation, in the amount of \$35,000.00 per year, for a two-year period for a total amount of \$70,000.00, for the Executive and declaring an emergency.**

Sponsor - Executive Shapiro and Council as a Whole

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

Resolution 2023-103 was adopted.

## **SECOND READINGS**

2023-102     **A Resolution confirming the award by the Board of Control of a professional service contract with Ward & Associates for appraisal services for the valuation of commercial, industrial, and exempt buildings considered new or altered, and land splits of the same classification, for the 2023 real estate tax year, in an amount not to exceed \$141,300.00, for the Fiscal Officer, 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, McKenney, Rodgers, Schmidt, Sims, Walters, Wiedie Higham, Wilhite

Abstain: Donofrio

- Voice Vote: 10-0-1

Mr. Wilhite moved to adopt.

Voice Vote on the motion.

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

Abstain: Donofrio

Motion passed - Voice Vote: 10-0-1

Resolution 2023-102 was adopted.

Presentation of New Business:

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 May 1, 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 17th day of April, 2023.

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CLERK OF COUNCIL

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*Vernice Sims*  
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PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL