

COUNTY OF SUMMIT
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
September 25, 2023

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

Council member DeVitis was absent.

The following items were addressed before Council at the Caucus:

- 2023-287 Deborah Matz from the Law Department addressed Council on this first reading passage request.
- 2023-288 Ken Teleis from Summit County Court of Common Pleas addressed Council on this first reading passage request.
- 2023-289 Deborah Matz from the Law Department addressed Council on this first reading passage request.
- 2023-290 Phil Montgomery from the Executive's Office addressed Council on this first reading passage request.
- 2023-291 Ethan Lower from the Executive's Public Information 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, Ms. Dickinson, Mr. Donofrio, Mrs. McKenney, Mrs. Rodgers, Mr. Schmidt, Ms. Sims, Ms. Walters, Ms. Wiedie Higham, Mr. Wilhite; Absent: Mr. DeVitis

MINUTES FOR APPROVAL: Mrs. Darrow moved to approve the minutes of the regular Council meeting(s) held September 11, 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.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF GENERAL INTEREST:

ANNOUNCEMENT FROM EXECUTIVE:

ANNOUNCEMENT OF OFFICEHOLDERS:

FIRST READINGS

2023-287 **A Resolution authorizing the Executive to execute a collective bargaining agreement between Ohio Council 8 and Local 1229 of the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees, AFL-CIO (Medical Examiner Unit), and the Executive, for the period 4/1/23 through 3/31/26, for the Executive, 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, Dickinson, Donofrio, McKenney, Rodgers, Schmidt, Sims, Walters, Wiedie Higham, Wilhite

Absent: DeVitis

Motion passed - Voice Vote: 10-0

Ms. Wiedie Higham 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 2023-287 was adopted.

2023-288 **A Resolution confirming the award by the Board of Control of a purchase contract with the Community Drug Board, Inc. dba CHC Addiction Services, Inc., as a Best Practical Source, for drug screen testing services, from 3/1/23 through 2/28/24, in an amount not to exceed \$121,000.00, for the Court of Common Pleas-General Division, Adult Probation Department, 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 2023-288 was adopted.

2023-289 **A Resolution authorizing the Executive to execute a settlement agreement and release, in an amount not to exceed \$42,500.00, to settle all claims arising out of or concerning issues raised in the lawsuit, Williams v Summit County, et al., Case No. 5:22-cv-01649, before Judge Brennan, for the Executive 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, 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 2023-289 was adopted.

2023-290 **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

Absent: DeVitis

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, Wiedie Higham, Wilhite

Absent: DeVitis

Motion passed - Voice Vote: 10-0

Resolution 2023-290 was adopted.

2023-291 **A Resolution declaring the week of October 2nd – 7th, 2023 as Digital Inclusion Week in Summit County, recognizing the importance of internet access and digital literacy and reaffirming the County’s commitment to digital equity for all Summit County residents, for the Executive, 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

Absent: DeVitis

Motion passed - Voice Vote: 10-0

Ms. Walters 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 2023-291 was adopted.

2023-292 **A Resolution confirming the award by the Board of Control of a professional service contract with Woolpert, Inc., for geographic information system mapping, surveying, engineering and adjunct services as part of the Countywide Stormwater Mapping Project, in an amount not to exceed \$874,000.00, for the Engineer and declaring an emergency.**

Sponsor - Executive Shapiro

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

2023-293 **A Resolution certifying delinquent sewer service charges to the Fiscal Officer, 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

- 2023-294 **A Resolution confirming the award by the Board of Control of Change Order No. 5 to a construction contract with North Electric, Inc., for additional work required on the County Lighting Upgrade Project, in an amount not to exceed \$110,747.46, (for a cumulative increase of 36.9%), for a total amount not to exceed \$1,846,097.23, for the Executive's Department Administrative Services–Physical Plants, and declaring an emergency.**
- Sponsor - Executive Shapiro
Staff Contact: Mark Potter, (330) 643-2726, mpotter@summitoh.net
- 2023-295 **A Resolution confirming the award by the Board of Control of the Renewal (Fifth and Final) of a Land Lease Agreement with STC Two, LLC, of real property owned by the County of Summit, located at 126 Highland Drive, Macedonia, Ohio, in Council District 1, for use of a cell tower, 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
- 2023-296 **A Resolution confirming the award by the Board of Control of a professional service contract with VitalCore Health Strategies, LLC to provide jail inmate medical services, for a three-year term, from 1/1/24 through 12/31/26, with two options to renew for additional three-year terms, in a total amount not to exceed \$9,083,078.39, for the Sheriff, and declaring an emergency.**
- Sponsor - Executive Shapiro
Staff Contact: Kent Starks, (330) 643-2074, kstarks@summitoh.net
- 2023-297 **A Resolution authorizing the Executive to execute, subject to the approval of the Board of Control, a purchase contract with 908 Devices, Inc. for a handheld high-pressure mass spectrometer for the Stark County Type I Hazmat Team, in an amount not to exceed \$80,907.66, for the Executive's Department of Public Safety, Emergency Management Agency and declaring and emergency.**
- Sponsor - Executive Shapiro
Staff Contact: Kent Starks, (330) 643-2074, kstarks@summitoh.net
- 2023-298 **A Resolution authorizing the Executive to execute a grant agreement with Summa Hospital Foundation on behalf of Summa Hospital for a grant, in an amount not to exceed \$500,000.00, to further its First Step Program at its emergency departments throughout Summit County for a period from 10/1/23 through 9/30/25, for the Executive, and declaring an emergency.**
- Sponsor - Executive Shapiro
Staff Contact: Kent Starks, (330) 643-2074, kstarks@summitoh.net

2023-299 **A Resolution authorizing the Executive to execute a grant agreement with Cleveland Clinic Foundation on behalf of Cleveland Clinic Akron General Hospital for a grant, in an amount not to exceed \$500,000.00, to further its Recovery's in Reach Program at its emergency departments throughout Summit County, for a period from 10/1/23 through 9/30/25, for the Executive, and declaring an emergency.**

Sponsor - Executive Shapiro

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

2023-300 **A Resolution confirming the award by the Board of Control of a purchase contract with Visual Edge IT dba Graphic Enterprises Office Solutions, Inc., at Sourcewell Public Cooperative Purchasing Association competitively procured pricing, for six (6) copier machines, in an amount not to exceed \$62,395.40, utilizing the Internal Lease Fund, 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

2023-301 **A Resolution confirming the award by the Board of Control, subject to the approval of the Information Technology Board, of a purchase contract with Avenu Insights & Analytics, as a Best Practical Source, for Banner Annual Support and Maintenance for a twelve-month term, for the period of 1/1/24 to 12/31/24 for a total price not to exceed \$257,041.51, for the Office of Information Technology, 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, Dickinson, Donofrio, McKenney, Rodgers, Schmidt, Sims, Walters, Wiedie Higham, Wilhite

Absent: DeVitis

Motion passed

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

The Routine Agenda was adopted 10-0.

ROUTINE LEGISLATION UNANIMOUSLY AGREED TO BY COMMITTEE

2023-269 **A Resolution authorizing the Executive to execute, subject to the approval of the Board of Control, a lease-purchase agreement with MTech Company, at State Term Pricing, for a five-year term, for a 2023 Western Star Tandem Axle Chassis with a Gap Vax combination Jet/Vacuum Machine, which will be financed through The Huntington National Bank, for a total amount not to exceed \$396,070.00, 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 2023-269 was adopted.

2023-270 **A Resolution declaring the week of October 1st – 7th, 2023 as Stormwater Awareness Week in Summit County, recognizing the effects of stormwater runoff on the infrastructure and environment, for the Executive, and declaring an emergency.**

Sponsor - Executive Shapiro and Council as a Whole

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

Resolution 2023-270 was adopted.

2023-271 **A Resolution approving the award of the Board of Control of a Land Lease Agreement with Crown Castle, LLC, as a Best Practical Source, for a cell tower at 1100 North Avenue, Tallmadge, Ohio, in Council District 6, for a five-year term with four options to renew for additional five-year terms, for \$36,000.00 for the first year with a yearly 3% increase each year thereafter, and 25% of any the rental proceeds received by Crown Castle, LLC from users or sublessees, for the Executive's Department of Law, Insurance and Risk Management, and declaring an emergency.**

Sponsor - Executive Shapiro

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

Resolution 2023-271 was adopted.

2023-272 **A Resolution authorizing the Executive to execute a grant agreement with the Development Finance Authority of Summit County for a grant in the amount of \$125,000.00, for calendar year 2023, 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 2023-272 was adopted.

2023-273 **A Resolution accepting the recommendations of the Tax Incentive Review Council regarding several enterprise zone agreements in Summit County, in Council Districts 1 and 3, 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 2023-273 was adopted.

2023-274 **A Resolution authorizing the Executive, pursuant to Section 177.13 of the Codified Ordinances of the County of Summit, to increase the purchase aggregate total for calendar year 2023 for Federal Express Corporation and confirming the award by the Board of Control of a purchase contract with Federal Express Corporation, as a Best Practical Source, for service of process of documents for the Clerk of Courts for an estimated amount not to exceed \$55,000.00, for a total yearly amount not to exceed \$104,500.00 for calendar year 2023, for the Clerk of Courts, and declaring an emergency.**

Sponsor - Executive Shapiro

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

Resolution 2023-274 was adopted.

2023-275 **A Resolution, pursuant to Section 177.13 of the Codified Ordinances of the County of Summit, authorizing purchases by the Sheriff as a Best Practical Source, in calendar year 2023, with Akron Uniforms for Sheriff Deputy uniform purchases, in an aggregate amount not to exceed \$200,000, Akron Automotive, LLC. for fleet repair services, in an aggregate amount not to exceed \$150,000, Conrad's Tire Service for fleet repair services, in an aggregate amount not to exceed \$70,000.00, and Williams Automotive, LLC. for fleet repair services, in an aggregate amount not to exceed \$100,000.00, for the Sheriff's Office, and declaring an emergency.**

Sponsor - Executive Shapiro

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

Resolution 2023-275 was adopted.

2023-276 **A Resolution confirming the award by the Board of Control of Change Order No. 2 to a professional service contract with Family and Community Services, Inc. for Homeless Prevention Services, from 10/1/22 through 9/30/23, in an amount not to exceed \$50,000.00, (for a cumulative increase of 357.14%), for a total amount not to exceed \$320,000.00, 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 2023-276 was adopted.

2023-277 **A Resolution confirming the award by the Board of Control of Change Order No. 3 to a professional service contract with Visual Edge, Inc. dba Graphic Enterprises Office Solutions for maintenance, service, parts, equipment, and related supplies for all Department of Job and Family Services copy machines and eCopy scanner units, for the period 11/1/21 through 10/31/23, in an amount not to exceed \$15,000.00, (for a cumulative increase of 227.68%), for a total amount not to exceed \$65,000.00, 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 2023-277 was adopted.

2023-278 **A Resolution confirming the award of the Board of Control of the renewal of professional service contracts and authorizing the Executive to disburse funds, including those that exceed an aggregate of \$50,000.00, to all Non-Emergency Medical Transportation providers operating under contract with the Executive’s Department of Job and Family Services in Federal Fiscal Year 2024, for the period 10/1/23 through 9/30/24, in an estimated total amount not to exceed \$4,500,000.00, 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 2023-278 was adopted.

2023-280 **A Resolution confirming the award by the Board of Control of Change Order No. 2 to a professional service contract with United Way of Summit and Medina Counties, in an amount not to exceed \$50,000.00, (for a cumulative increase of 187.5%), for a total amount not to exceed \$575,000.00, 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 2023-280 was adopted.

2023-281 **A Resolution declaring the month of October 2023 as Breast Cancer Awareness Month in Summit County, recognizing survivors, loved ones lost to breast cancer, and caregivers that supported individuals throughout their battles, reaffirming the need for early detection and a cure for breast cancer, and encouraging residents to wear pink on October 21, 2023, for this Council and 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 2023-281 was adopted.

2023-282 **A Resolution declaring the month of October 2023 as Safe Sleep and SIDS Awareness Month, highlighting the risk of Sudden Infant Death Syndrome (“SIDS”) among infants, the importance of safe sleep practices in reducing SIDS, and uplifting families with newborns, 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 2023-282 was adopted.

2023-283 **A Resolution accepting the amounts and rates as determined by the Budget Commission, authorizing the necessary tax levies and certifying them for tax year 2023/collection year 2024 to the Fiscal Officer, 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

Resolution 2023-283 was adopted.

2023-284 **A Resolution declaring the month of October 2023 as National Arts and Humanities Month in Summit County, for the Executive, and declaring an emergency.**

Sponsor - Executive Shapiro

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

Resolution 2023-284 was adopted.

2023-285 **A Resolution declaring October 2, 2023 as North American First People’s Day in Summit County, honoring the history and culture of Native Americans, acknowledging the efforts to preserve this history in the United States, in the State of Ohio, and in Summit County, and encouraging residents to join in the acknowledgement, for the Executive, and declaring an emergency.**

Sponsor - Executive Shapiro

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

Resolution 2023-285 was adopted.

2023-286 **A Resolution declaring the County of Summit as a “Power A Clean Future Ohio Community” and affirming the County’s partnership with Power A Clean Future Ohio, a non-profit organization that works with local leaders to create carbon reduction plans and implement them in ways that are achievable, measurable, equitable, and economical, and declaring an emergency.**

Sponsor - Executive Shapiro, Ms. Walters, Ms. Sims, Mr. Wilhite, Ms. Dickinson and Council as a Whole

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

Resolution 2023-286 was adopted.

SECOND READINGS

2023-279 **A 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, for the Executive's Department of Job and Family Services, and declaring an emergency.**

Sponsor - Executive Shapiro, Mr. Donofrio, Ms. McKenney, Ms. Rodgers, Mr. Schmidt, Ms. Darrow, Ms. Wiedie Higham, Ms. Dickinson, Ms. Sims
Staff Contact: Kent Starks, (330) 643-2074, kstarks@summitoh.net

Mrs. Darrow 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

Abstain: Wilhite

Absent: DeVitis

Motion passed - Voice Vote: 9-0-1

Mrs. Darrow moved to adopt.

Voice Vote on the motion.

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

Abstain: Wilhite

Absent: DeVitis

Motion passed - Voice Vote: 9-0-1

Resolution 2023-279 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 . The next regular meeting will be held at 4:30 pm

All deliberations concerning official business and formal actions by this County Council were conducted in an open public meeting this 25th day of September, 2023.

CLERK OF COUNCIL

PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL