

**COUNTY OF SUMMIT**  
**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**  
**October 16, 2023**

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

The following items were addressed before Council at the Caucus:

Citizens Pamela Pinkney and Denise Woods addressed Council.

2023-302 Heidi Swindell from the Engineer's Office addressed Council on this first reading passage request.

2023-303 Phil Montgomery from the Executive's Office addressed Council on this first reading passage request.

2023-304 Phil Montgomery from the Executive's Office addressed Council on this first reading passage request.

2023-305 Stephen Byrne from the Office of Information Technology addressed Council on this first reading passage request.

2023-319 Daniel Blain, CEO of JewishAkron addressed Council on this first reading passage request.

M-047-2023 Henry Johnson Jr., Crystal Burnett and Jeannine Marks addressed Council on their appointment to the ADM Board.

The Council Regular Meeting was called to order at 04:56 PM in Council Chambers.

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

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MINUTES FOR APPROVAL: Mr. Schmidt moved to approve the minutes of the regular Council meeting(s) held September 25, 2023.

Voice Vote on the motion.

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

Absent: Donofrio

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-045-2023 A Motion of Council confirming the reappointment of Stephen Byrne, Chad Voller, Joe Clarke, and Dave Gordon to the Information Technology Advisory Committee.**

Movant - Executive Shapiro

Ms. Walters moved to adopt.

Voice Vote on the motion.

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

Absent: Donofrio

Motion passed - Voice Vote: 10-0

Motion M-045-2023 was adopted.

**M-046-2023 A Motion of Council confirming the reappointment of Amber Zibritosky to the Facility Governing Board.**

Movant - Executive Shapiro

Ms. Wiedie Higham moved to adopt.

Voice Vote on the motion.

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

Absent: Donofrio

Motion passed - Voice Vote: 10-0

Motion M-046-2023 was adopted.

**M-047-2023 A Motion of Council confirming the appointment of Henry Johnson Jr (replacing John Williams), Crystal Burnett (replacing Elizabeth England) and Jeannine Marks (replacing Roula Braidy) to the Alcohol, Drug Addiction & Mental Health Services Board.**

Movant - Executive Shapiro

Mrs. McKenney moved to adopt.

Voice Vote on the motion.

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

Absent: Donofrio

Motion passed - Voice Vote: 10-0

Motion M-047-2023 was adopted.

M-048-2023 **A Motion of Council confirming the appointment of Holly Brugh as Alternate to Lisa Kamlowsky and Dr. Danielle Maholtz as Second Alternate to Dr. Susan Nofziger to the Child Fatality Review Board.**

Movant - Executive Shapiro

Mrs. Rodgers moved to adopt.

Voice Vote on the motion.

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

Absent: Donofrio

Motion passed - Voice Vote: 10-0

Motion M-048-2023 was adopted.

M-049-2023 **A Motion of Council approving a travel expenditure for Council Member Gloria Rodgers in the amount of \$94.98 for her scheduled attendance at the Ohio Jail Advisory Board Meeting on October 19, 2023, from 12:30 pm until 2:45 pm at North Central State College, 175 Mansfield Ave., Shelby, OH 44875.**

Movant - Executive Shapiro

Ms. Walters moved to adopt.

Voice Vote on the motion.

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

Absent: Donofrio

Motion passed - Voice Vote: 10-0

Motion M-049-2023 was adopted.

## **FIRST READINGS**

2023-302     **A Resolution confirming the award by the Board of Control of a construction contract with Cook Paving and Construction Co., Inc., for completion of the Wye Road Flood Mitigation and Improvement Project – Phase 1A, located in Bath Township, in Council District 4, in amount not to exceed \$183,332.50, 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, McKenney, Rodgers, Schmidt, Sims, Walters, Wiedie Higham, Wilhite

Absent: Donofrio

Motion passed - Voice Vote: 10-0

Mr. Schmidt moved to adopt.

Voice Vote on the motion.

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

Absent: Donofrio

Motion passed - Voice Vote: 10-0

Resolution 2023-302 was adopted.

2023-303 **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. 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

Absent: Donofrio

Motion passed - Voice Vote: 10-0

Mr. Wilhite moved to adopt.

Voice Vote on the motion.

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

Absent: Donofrio

Motion passed - Voice Vote: 10-0

Resolution 2023-303 was adopted.

2023-304 **A Resolution authorizing the Executive to execute Change Order No. 1 to a purchase contract with Brinks, Inc. to provide additional County-wide armored car services, in an amount not to exceed \$50,000.00, including additional services performed during the 7/1/22-6/30/23 contract term exceeding the original amount (for a cumulative increase of 100.00%) for a period up to 1 year, until bidders are found and a new contract awarded, for a total amount not to exceed \$100,000.00, for the Executive's Department of Budget and Finance, 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

Absent: Donofrio

Motion passed - Voice Vote: 10-0

Mr. Wilhite moved to adopt.

Voice Vote on the motion.

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

Absent: Donofrio

Motion passed - Voice Vote: 10-0

Resolution 2023-304 was adopted.

2023-305 **A Resolution confirming the award by the Board of Control of a purchase contract with Tyler Technologies, Inc., as a Best Practical Source, for the purchase of twenty-four (24) timeclocks, in an amount not to exceed \$57,960.00, for the Office of Information Technology, 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

Absent: Donofrio

Motion passed - Voice Vote: 10-0

Mr. Wilhite moved to adopt.

Voice Vote on the motion.

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

Absent: Donofrio

Motion passed - Voice Vote: 10-0

Resolution 2023-305 was adopted.

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

Committee First Readings

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

Committee First Readings

- 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
- Committee First Readings
- 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
- Committee First Readings
- 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 10/30/23, 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
- Committee First Readings
- 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  
Staff Contact: Mark Potter, (330) 643-2726, mpotter@summitoh.net
- Committee First Readings
- 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
- Committee First Readings

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



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

Committee First Readings

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

Voice Vote on the motion

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

Absent: Donofrio

The Late Filings were added by a vote of 10-0.

### **FIRST READINGS LATE FILINGS**

2023-319     **A Resolution expressing resolute support for the state of Israel and its citizens and condemning in the strongest terms the recent barbaric attacks against the nation, and encouraging the United States and its partners to continue to provide broad assistance to Israel, for Council, and declaring an emergency.**

Sponsor - Mr. Schmidt, Ms. Dickinson, Ms. Sims

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

Absent: Donofrio

Motion passed - Voice Vote: 10-0

Mr. Schmidt moved to adopt.

Voice Vote on the motion.

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

Absent: Donofrio

Motion passed - Voice Vote: 10-0

Resolution 2023-319 was adopted.

**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, McKenney, Rodgers, Schmidt, Sims, Walters, Wiedie Higham, Wilhite

Absent: Donofrio

Motion passed

Ms. Dickinson moved to adopt.

Voice Vote on the motion.

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

Absent: Donofrio

Motion passed

The Routine Agenda was adopted 10-0.

**ROUTINE LEGISLATION UNANIMOUSLY AGREED TO BY COMMITTEE**

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

Resolution 2023-292 was adopted.

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

Resolution 2023-293 was adopted.

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

Resolution 2023-294 was adopted.

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

Resolution 2023-295 was adopted.

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

Resolution 2023-297 was adopted.

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 & Veronica Sims

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

Resolution 2023-298 was adopted.

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 & Veronica Sims

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

Resolution 2023-299 was adopted.

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

Resolution 2023-300 was adopted.

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

Resolution 2023-301 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 5:10 pm. The next regular meeting will be held October 30, 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 16th day of October, 2023.

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CLERK OF COUNCIL

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PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL