

**COUNTY OF SUMMIT**  
**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**  
**May 13, 2024**

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

Council received an update from the Executive's Office, Clerk of Courts, and Sheriff's Office on the Recovery Friendly Workplace initiative, followed by a presentation by Maggie Urban-Waala from Summit County Public Health declaring Summit County a recovery friendly workplace.

Heather Yannayon from the Executive's Department of Job and Family Services provided Council with a brief update on the Summer Youth Employment Program and Torsha Solomon provided a testimonial of the positive impact the program had when she was a youth.

A Public Hearing took place on the Bath Township Wye Road petition for construction of a single county drainage improvement. The hearing adjourned at 5:12 PM.

The following items were addressed before Council at the Caucus:

- 2024-148 Mark Potter from County Council addressed Council on this first reading passage request.
- 2024-149 Holly Miller from the Community and Economic Development Department addressed Council on this first reading passage request.
- 2024-150 Phil Montgomery from the Executive's Office addressed Council on this first reading passage request.
- 2024-152 Phil Montgomery from the Executive's Office addressed Council on this first reading passage request.

M-046-2024 Councilman Jeff Wilhite addressed Council on this motion.

The Council Regular Meeting was called to order at 05:26 PM in Council Chambers.

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

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MINUTES FOR APPROVAL: Mr. Schmidt moved to approve the minutes of the regular Council meeting(s) held April 29, 2024.

Voice Vote on the motion.

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

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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-043-2024 A Motion of Council confirming the appointment of Jeff Garvas to the 9-1-1 Program Review Committee.**

Movant - Ms. Darrow

Ms. Walters moved to adopt.

Voice Vote on the motion.

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

Motion passed - Voice Vote: 11-0

Motion M-043-2024 was adopted.

**M-044-2024 A Motion of Council confirming the reappointment of James Merklin to the Alcohol, Drug, and Mental Health Board (ADM Board).**

Movant - Ms. Darrow

Mr. Wilhite moved to adopt.

Voice Vote on the motion.

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

Motion passed - Voice Vote: 11-0

Motion M-044-2024 was adopted.

**M-045-2024 A Motion of Council confirming the reappointments of District Chief Joseph Shumaker, Chief Steve Leslie, Chief Brett Reinbolt, and Thomas Smoot to the Special Operations Response Team (SORT).**

Movant - Ms. Darrow

Ms. Wiedie Higham moved to adopt.

Voice Vote on the motion.

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

Motion passed - Voice Vote: 11-0

Motion M-045-2024 was adopted.

**M-046-2024 A Motion of Council establishing an Environmental Ad Hoc Subcommittee under the Health & Human Services Committee and declaring its purpose.**

Movant - Ms. Darrow

Ms. Wiedie Higham moved to adopt.

Voice Vote on the motion.

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

Motion passed - Voice Vote: 11-0

Motion M-046-2024 was adopted.

## **FIRST READINGS**

- 2024-148      **A Resolution granting design preparations for Bath Township's Wye Road Flood Mitigation Improvement Project – Phase 2 ditch petition pursuant to Section 6131.12 of the Ohio Revised Code and declaring an emergency.**

Sponsor - Council of the Whole

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

Motion passed - Voice Vote: 11-0

Mr. Schmidt moved to adopt.

Voice Vote on the motion.

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

Motion passed - Voice Vote: 11-0

Resolution 2024-148 was adopted.

- 2024-149      **A Resolution authorizing the Executive to execute, subject to the approval of the Board of Control, Emergency Change Order No. 1 to a construction contract with Lakeland Electric, Inc., for construction of a run of conduit and fiber optic cable to the 1040 E. Tallmadge Ave. building, for the Board of Elections Relocation Project, in an amount not to exceed \$545,096.21 (for a cumulative increase of 43.60%), for a total amount not to exceed \$1,795,068.37, 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

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

Motion passed - Voice Vote: 11-0

Ms. Dickinson moved to adopt.

Voice Vote on the motion.

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

Motion passed - Voice Vote: 11-0

Resolution 2024-149 was adopted.

- 2024-150      **A Resolution confirming the award by the Board of Control of Change Order No. 2 to a purchase contract with Brinks, Inc., as Best Practical Source, to provide County-wide armored car services, for the period of 2/1/24 to 6/30/24, or until bidders are located and a new contract is awarded, in an amount not to exceed \$80,000.00 (for a cumulative increase of 260.00%), for a total amount not to exceed \$180,000.00, 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. 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, Ford, McKenney, Rodgers, Schmidt, Walters, Wiedie Higham, Wilhite

Motion passed - Voice Vote: 11-0

Mr. Donofrio moved to adopt.

Voice Vote on the motion.

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

Motion passed - Voice Vote: 11-0

Resolution 2024-150 was adopted.

- 2024-151      **A Resolution appropriating funds in order to meet projected expenditures for the balance of 2024 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, Ford, McKenney, Rodgers, Schmidt, Walters, Wiedie Higham, Wilhite

Motion passed - Voice Vote: 11-0

Mr. Donofrio moved to adopt.

Voice Vote on the motion.

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

Motion passed - Voice Vote: 11-0

Resolution 2024-151 was adopted.

- 2024-152      **A Resolution confirming the award by the Board of Control of a construction contract with Matt Winters Excavating, LLC for the replacement of the existing Ira Road Bridge over the North Fork of Yellow Creek, located in Bath Township, in Council District 5, in an amount not to exceed \$474,886.00, for the Engineer, and declaring an emergency.**

Sponsor - Executive Shapiro

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

Committee First Readings

- 2024-153      **A Resolution confirming the award by the Board of Control of a construction contract with JD Stripping & Services, Inc. for the 2024 Regional Pavement Marking Program, in an amount not to exceed \$281,177.50, for the Engineer, and declaring an emergency.**

Sponsor - Executive Shapiro

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

Committee First Readings

- 2024-154      **A Resolution confirming the award by the Board of Control of a construction contract with Scodeller Construction, Inc. for the 2024 Summit County Regional Crack Sealing Program, in an amount not to exceed \$131,338.84, for the Engineer, and declaring an emergency.**

Sponsor - Executive Shapiro

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

Committee First Readings

- 2024-155      **A Resolution confirming the award by the Board of Control of a construction contract with Krumroy Cozad Construction Corporation for the Legal Department Renovation Project, for the Summit County Children Services Administration Building, located in the City of Akron, in District 4, for an amount not to exceed \$198,772.00, 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

- 2024-156      **A Resolution confirming the award by the Board of Control, subject to the approval of the Information Technology Board, of a purchase contract with Smart Safety Software, Inc., as a Best Practical Source, for a software upgrade and one year of service for ScenePD software, in an amount not to exceed \$139,508.00, for the Executive's Department of Public Safety, and declaring and emergency.**

Sponsor - Executive Shapiro

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

Committee First Readings

- 2024-157      **A Resolution declaring Friday, June 7, 2024 as Gun Violence Awareness Day in Summit County to honor and remember the victims and survivors of gun violence and to join in calling for the prevention of gun violence by wearing orange, for the Executive, and declaring an emergency.**

Sponsor - Executive Shapiro, Ms. Dickinson, Ms. Walters, Council as a Whole

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

Committee First Readings

- 2024-158      **A Resolution declaring Saturday, June 15, 2024 as Elder Abuse Awareness Day in Summit County and encouraging residents to participate in any events and programs designed to raise awareness of and prevent the abuse of older adults, for the Executive, and declaring an emergency.**

Sponsor - Executive Shapiro, Ms. Walters, Council as a Whole

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

Committee First Readings

- 2024-159      **A Resolution declaring the month of June 2024 as Alzheimer's and Brain Awareness Month in Summit County, and to raise awareness about Alzheimer's disease and other brain diseases and dementias, for the Executive, and declaring an emergency.**

Sponsor - Executive Shapiro, Ms. Walters, Council as a Whole

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

Committee First Readings

- 2024-160      **A Resolution confirming the award by the Board of Control of a professional services contract with Midwest Presort Mailing Services, Inc. dba Midwest Direct, at State Term Pricing, for pre-sort mail services, at the United States Postal Service mixed AADC presort discount rate of \$0.547 per piece, for a two-year term, in an amount not to exceed \$300,000.00, for the Executive's Department of Finance and Budget – Office Services, and declaring an emergency.**

Sponsor - Executive Shapiro

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

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

Motion passed

Ms. Dickinson moved to adopt.

Voice Vote on the motion.

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

Motion passed

### **ROUTINE LEGISLATION UNANIMOUSLY AGREED TO BY COMMITTEE**

2024-134     **A Resolution confirming the award by the Board of Control of a construction contract with Northstar Asphalt, Inc. for the Canton Road Improvement Project, in an amount not to exceed \$669,647.20, for the Engineer, and declaring an emergency.**

Sponsor - Executive Shapiro

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

Resolution 2024-134 was adopted.

2024-135     **A Resolution confirming the award by the Board of Control of a purchase contract with Ports Petroleum Company, Inc. for unleaded and diesel fuel for general fleet operations, at CUE pricing, for a ten-month term, from 3/25/24 through 12/31/24, in an amount not to exceed \$300,000.00, for the Engineer, and declaring an emergency.**

Sponsor - Executive Shapiro

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

Resolution 2024-135 was adopted.

2024-137     **A Resolution confirming the award by the Board of Control of a renewal (first of two) of a professional service contract with Davey Resource Group, Inc. for the evaluation and vegetation cleaning on detention and retention ponds located within assessed Township subdivisions located in Council Districts 1, 4, and 5, for an amount not to exceed \$95,000.00, for the Engineer, and declaring an emergency.**

Sponsor - Executive Shapiro

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

Resolution 2024-137 was adopted.

- 2024-138      **A Resolution confirming the award by the Board of Control of a renewal (first of two) of a professional service contract with Emerald Environmental Inc. for the evaluation and vegetation cleaning on detention and retention ponds located within assessed Township subdivisions located in the Council Districts 5 and 8, for a one-year term, for an amount not to exceed \$95,000.00, for the Engineer, and declaring an emergency.**

Sponsor - Executive Shapiro

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

Resolution 2024-138 was adopted.

- 2024-139      **A Resolution confirming the award by the Board of Control of a professional service contract with Burgess & Niple, Inc. for professional engineering design services for Project Q-208 Peninsula Wastewater Treatment and Sanitary Sewer System, located in the Village of Peninsula, in Council District 1, in an amount not to exceed \$1,409,800.00, funded by available American Rescue Plan Act funds, 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 2024-139 was adopted.

- 2024-140      **A Resolution confirming the award by the Board of Control of a purchase contract with Montrose Ford, Inc., at State Term Pricing, for three 2023 Ford Expeditions, in a total amount not to exceed \$150,904.50, 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 2024-140 was adopted.

- 2024-141      **A Resolution authorizing the Executive to execute any documents necessary to accept the award from the Ohio Department of Public Safety's Office of Criminal Justice Services of an Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant, for the period 1/1/24 through 12/31/24, in the amount of \$95,773.02, with a 25% local cash match requirement of \$31,924.34, for a total amount of \$127,697.36, for the Sheriff, and declaring an emergency.**

Sponsor - Executive Shapiro

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

Resolution 2024-141 was adopted.

- 2024-142      **A Resolution confirming the award by the Board of Control of a purchase contract with i2c Technologies, Ltd., at State Term Pricing, for the maintenance of security cameras and related equipment at the Jail, for a three-year term, for the period of 6/1/24 to 6/1/27, in an amount not to exceed \$81,764.50, for the Sheriff and Office of Information Technology, and declaring an emergency.**

Sponsor - Executive Shapiro

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

Resolution 2024-142 was adopted.

- 2024-143      **An Ordinance amending Chapter 198 of the Codified Ordinances of the County of Summit, entitled "Procurement Card," to make certain updates and revisions to spending and transaction limits for procurement cards, for the Executive's Departments of Law and Risk Management and Finance and Budget, and declaring an emergency.**

Sponsor - Executive Shapiro

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

Ordinance 2024-143 was adopted.

- 2024-144      **A Resolution confirming the award by the Board of Control of amendments to allow third renewals of agreements between certain providers and the Executive's Department of Job and Family Services and the Summit and Medina Workforce Area Council of Governments, to provide in-school and out-of-school youth employment and educational services under the Comprehensive Case Management and Employment Program, for the period of 7/1/24 to 6/30/25, in a total amount not to exceed \$2,576,868.56, 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 2024-144 was adopted.

- 2024-145      **A Resolution opposing Dominion Energy Ohio's proposed 30 percent rate increase and requesting that the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio deny Dominion Energy Ohio's request for the increase, for the Council, and declaring an emergency.**

Sponsor - Ms. Darrow, Mr. Schmidt, Mr. Ford, Ms. McKenney, Council as a Whole

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

Resolution 2024-145 was adopted.

2024-147      **An Amended Resolution declaring it necessary to submit to the electors of the County of Summit the question of the renewal of an existing tax levy, of 3.25 mills, for the programs and services of the Summit County Childrens Services Board and requesting the Fiscal Officer to certify to the taxing authority the total current tax valuation of the County and the dollar amount of revenue that would be generated by the renewal levy, for the Summit County Childrens Services Board, and declaring an emergency.**

Sponsor - Executive Shapiro

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

Resolution 2024-147 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 5:36 pm. The next regular meeting will be held June 3, 2024 at 4:30 pm

All deliberations concerning official business and formal actions by this County Council were conducted in an open public meeting this 13th day of May, 2024.

Signed by:

*Monique Willis*

CLERK OF COUNCIL

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*Rita J. Darrin*

PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL