

**COUNTY OF SUMMIT**  
**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**  
**June 3, 2024**

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

Mar-quetta Boddie, Executive Director of Summit County Continuum of Care presented to Council and provided information on the agency.

The following items were addressed before Council at the Caucus:

- 2024-162 Holly Miller from the Community and Economic Development Department addressed Council on this first reading passage request.
- 2024-163 Sarah Buccigross from the Executive's Office addressed Council on this first reading passage request.
- 2024-185 Brian Nelsen from the Executive's Office addressed Council on this first reading passage request.
- M-048-2024 Ean Johnson from OmniTRAX, LLC., addressed Council on this motion.
- M-049-2024 Georjette Johnson from Pay It Forward For Pets, Inc., addressed Council on this motion.

The Council Regular Meeting was called to order at 04:52 PM in Council Chambers.

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

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MINUTES FOR APPROVAL: Ms. Walters moved to approve the minutes of the regular Council meeting(s) held May 13, 2024 and May 20, 2024.

Voice Vote on the motion.

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

Absent: Rodgers

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-047-2024 A Motion of Council confirming the appointment of Captain Dan Garrett (replacing Deputy Chief Mark Oziomek), as Alternate to District Chief Chris Karakis, to the Child Fatality Review Board.**

Movant - Ms. Darrow

Ms. Wiedie Higham moved to adopt.

Voice Vote on the motion.

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

Absent: Rodgers

Motion passed - Voice Vote: 10-0

Motion M-047-2024 was adopted.

**M-048-2024 A Motion of Council confirming the appointment of Ean Johnson (replacing Tracy Dowe) to the Development Finance Authority Board.**

Movant - Ms. Darrow

Mr. Wilhite moved to adopt.

Voice Vote on the motion.

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

Absent: Rodgers

Motion passed - Voice Vote: 10-0

Motion M-048-2024 was adopted.

**M-049-2024 A Motion of Council confirming the appointment of Georjette Thomas (replacing Frances Kline) to the Humane Commission.**

Movant - Ms. Darrow

Ms. Walters moved to adopt.

Voice Vote on the motion.

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

Absent: Rodgers

Motion passed - Voice Vote: 10-0

Motion M-049-2024 was adopted.

## **FIRST READINGS**

2024-162      **A Resolution confirming the award by the Board of Control of a professional service contract with OHM Advisors, as a Best Practical Source, for construction inspection services for fiber to 1040 E. Tallmadge Ave., located in the City of Akron, in Council District 2, for an amount not to exceed \$49,410.00, 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

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

Absent: Rodgers

Motion passed - Voice Vote: 10-0

Ms. Walters moved to adopt.

Voice Vote on the motion.

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

Absent: Rodgers

Motion passed - Voice Vote: 10-0

Resolution 2024-162 was adopted.

- 2024-163     **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, Schmidt, Walters, Wiedie Higham, Wilhite

Absent: Rodgers

Motion passed - Voice Vote: 10-0

Mr. Donofrio moved to adopt.

Voice Vote on the motion.

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

Absent: Rodgers

Motion passed - Voice Vote: 10-0

Resolution 2024-163 was adopted.

- 2024-164     **A Resolution confirming the award by the Board of Control of a construction contract with Pavement Technology, Inc. for the 2024 Summit County Regional Asphalt Rejuvenating Program, in an amount not to exceed \$161,049.97, for the Engineer, and declaring an emergency.**

Sponsor - Executive Shapiro

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

Committee First Readings

- 2024-165     **A Resolution confirming the award by the Board of Control of a professional service contract with Burgess & Niple, LLC. for design services for the rehabilitation of the Wheatley Road Bridge over Riding Run, located in Richfield Township, in Council District 5, in an amount not to exceed \$121,223.00, for the Engineer, and declaring an emergency.**

Sponsor - Executive Shapiro

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

Committee First Readings

- 2024-166     **A Resolution authorizing the Executive to advertise for bids for a purchase contract for sanitary sewer utility billing services, for a two-year term, for an estimated total cost not to exceed \$300,000.00, 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

Committee First Readings

- 2024-167      **A Resolution authorizing the Executive to advertise for bids for the construction of Project Q-536 Copley Road Sanitary Sewer Infrastructure Improvements for an estimated total cost not to exceed \$561,890.00 for Phase I and for an estimated total cost not to exceed \$468,481.25 for Phase IA-Alternate, located in Copley Township, in Council District 5, 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
- Committee First Readings
- 2024-168      **A Resolution authorizing the Executive to advertise for bids for the construction of Project Q-960 Pump Station #30 Replacement for an estimated total cost not to exceed \$7,000,000.00, and to authorize the Executive to apply for and execute a Water Pollution Control Loan Fund Agreement for a loan in an amount not to exceed \$7,000,000.00, to fund the project, located in the City of Green, in Council District 8, 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
- Committee First Readings
- 2024-169      **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 a Drug Law Enforcement Fund grant, in the amount of \$136,875.73, with a 25% local cash match requirement of \$45,625.24, for a project total of \$182,500.97, for the period 7/1/24 through 6/30/25, for the Sheriff, and declaring an emergency.**
- Sponsor - Executive Shapiro  
Staff Contact: Kent Starks, (330) 643-2074, kstarks@summitoh.net
- Committee First Readings
- 2024-170      **A Resolution authorizing the County to enter into a contract with Summit County Children Services for policing and after-hours call answering services to be performed by the Sheriff's Office for the period 7/1/24 through 6/30/25, in an amount not to exceed \$181,185.64, 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

- 2024-171     **A Resolution confirming the award by the Board of Control, subject to the approval of the Information Technology Board, of a professional service contract with Tyler Technologies, Inc., as a Best Practical Source, for the case management system at the Jail, for a one-year term, for the period of 7/1/24 to 6/30/25, in an amount not to exceed \$259,905.50, for the Office of Information Technology and Sheriff, and declaring an emergency.**

Sponsor - Executive Shapiro

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

Committee First Readings

- 2024-172     **A Resolution authorizing the Executive to execute intergovernmental agreements with twelve local law enforcement agencies to provide diversion services to unruly and misdemeanor youth within their respective jurisdictions to prevent an official referral to the Court of Common Pleas-Juvenile Division, for the period 7/1/24 through 6/30/25, in a total amount not to exceed \$202,000.00, for the Court of Common Pleas-Juvenile Division, and declaring an emergency.**

Sponsor - Executive Shapiro

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

Committee First Readings

- 2024-173     **A Resolution confirming the award by the Board of Control of a purchase contract with The Ohio Desk Company, at State Term Pricing, for new office furniture for the Psycho-Diagnostic Clinic, for a total amount not to exceed \$140,349.26, for the Court of Common Pleas, and declaring an emergency.**

Sponsor - Executive Shapiro

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

Committee First Readings

- 2024-174     **A Resolution confirming the award by the Board of Control of a professional service contract with Greenleaf Family Center, as a Best Practical Source, to provide assessments to identify court-involved individuals who may require enhanced programs or services, for the period 7/1/24 through 6/30/25, in an amount not to exceed \$189,900.00, 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

- 2024-175     **A Resolution confirming the award by the Board of Control of the First Amendment and Renewal with FairlawnGig, as a Best Practical Source, to provide computer-aided dispatch network, data storage and back-up services, for the amended first renewal period of 7/1/24 through 12/31/28, in an amount not to exceed \$362,664.00, 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

- 2024-176     **A Resolution submitting to the electors of the County of Summit at the November 5, 2024 general election a proposed charter amendment, as recommended by the 2023-2024 Charter Review Commission, to amend Article V, Section 5.10 to add the clarifying term “Charter” add “aunt” and “uncle” to familial relations, and remove the salary limit, for the County Charter Review Commission, and declaring an emergency.**
- Sponsor - Executive Shapiro  
Staff Contact: Mark Potter, (330) 643-2726, mpotter@summitoh.net
- Committee First Readings
- 2024-177     **A Resolution submitting to the electors of the County of Summit at the November 5, 2024 general election a proposed charter amendment, as recommended by the 2023-2024 Charter Review Commission, to amend Article II, Section 2.03(8)(c) to require yearly submissions of estimated revenues and proposed expenditures by each County department, office, agency, authority, board and commission, for the County Charter Review Commission, and declaring an emergency.**
- Sponsor - Executive Shapiro  
Staff Contact: Mark Potter, (330) 643-2726, mpotter@summitoh.net
- Committee First Readings
- 2024-178     **A Resolution declaring the day of August 24, 2024 as Summit County Pride Day, encouraging residents to celebrate and support the LGBTQ+ community and the Akron Pride Festival and Equity March, for the Executive, and declaring an emergency.**
- Sponsor - Executive Shapiro, Ms. Walters  
Staff Contact: Kent Starks, (330) 643-2074, kstarks@summitoh.net
- Committee First Readings
- 2024-179     **A Resolution declaring August 31, 2024 Overdose Awareness Day in Summit County, raising awareness of the opioid epidemic and asking residents to join in remembering and mourning the lives lost due to the epidemic, for the Executive, and declaring an emergency.**
- Sponsor - Executive Shapiro, Ms. Walters  
Staff Contact: Kent Starks, (330) 643-2074, kstarks@summitoh.net
- Committee First Readings
- 2024-180     **A Resolution declaring the month of August 2024 as National Immunization Awareness Month, recognizing the individual and community benefits of receiving immunizations, for the Executive, and declaring an emergency.**
- Sponsor - Executive Shapiro, Ms. Walters  
Staff Contact: Kent Starks, (330) 643-2074, kstarks@summitoh.net
- Committee First Readings

- 2024-181      **A Resolution declaring the month of August 2024 as Child Support Awareness Month in Summit County, recognizing that child support is crucial to keeping children and families healthy and strong and encouraging the residents of Summit County to join in this acknowledgement and to wear green on Wednesday, August 7, 2024, for the Prosecutor and the Executive, and declaring an emergency.**

Sponsor - Executive Shapiro, Ms. Walters

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

Committee First Readings

- 2024-182      **A Resolution confirming the award by the Board of Control, subject to the approval of the Information Technology Board, of Change Order No. 1 to a purchase contract with Data Cloud Solutions-A Woolpert Company, as a Best Practical Source, for MobileAssessor hardware and software to enable Fiscal Office appraisers to digitally reappraise real property in real time, for a term from 4/8/22 through 12/31/28, in an amount not to exceed \$345,439.54 (for a cumulative increase of 50.8%) for a total amount not to exceed \$1,025,385.78, for the Fiscal Officer and the Office of Information Technology, and declaring an emergency.**

Sponsor - Executive Shapiro

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

Committee First Readings

- 2024-183      **A Resolution determining to proceed with the submission to the voters of the County of Summit the question of the renewal of an existing tax levy for the operation of Summit County Children Services, established under Chapter 5153 of the Revised Code, for the support of children services and the care and placement of children, for the Summit County Childrens Services Board, and declaring an emergency.**

Sponsor - Executive Shapiro

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

Committee First Readings

- 2024-184      **A Resolution authorizing the Executive to execute any documents necessary to accept an award from the Ohio Department of Natural Resources of a 2024 Marine Patrol Assistance Grant for the calendar year ending 12/31/24, in the amount of \$32,697.37, with a local cash match requirement of \$10,899.12, for a program total of \$43,596.49, for the Sheriff, and declaring an emergency.**

Sponsor - Executive Shapiro

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

Committee First Readings



2024-185     **A Resolution authorizing the Executive to execute a professional service contract with MCM Consulting Group, Inc., for continued assessment, strategic plan development and consulting services in developing the Summit County Public Safety Fiber and Communications Network, in an amount not to exceed \$442,945.23, for the Executive 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, Schmidt, Walters, Wiedie Higham, Wilhite

Absent: Rodgers

Motion passed - Voice Vote: 10-0

Ms. Dickinson moved to adopt.

Voice Vote on the motion.

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

Absent: Rodgers

Motion passed - Voice Vote: 10-0

Resolution 2024-185 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, Donofrio, Ford, McKenney, Schmidt, Walters, Wiedie Higham, Wilhite

Absent: Rodgers

Motion passed

Ms. Dickinson moved to adopt.

Voice Vote on the motion.

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

Absent: Rodgers

Motion passed

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

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

Resolution 2024-152 was adopted.

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

Resolution 2024-153 was adopted.

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

Resolution 2024-154 was adopted.

- 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

Resolution 2024-155 was adopted.

- 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 an emergency.**

Sponsor - Executive Shapiro

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

Resolution 2024-156 was adopted.

- 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

Resolution 2024-157 was adopted.

- 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

Resolution 2024-158 was adopted.

- 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

Resolution 2024-159 was adopted.

- 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

Resolution 2024-160 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 5:07 pm. The next regular meeting will be held June 17, 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 3rd day of June, 2024.

**Signed by:**

*Monique Willis*

~~CLERK OF COUNCIL~~  
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*Rita J. Danner*

~~PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL~~  
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