

**COUNTY OF SUMMIT**  
**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**  
**August 19, 2024**

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

Rachel Tecca, Executive Director of Youth Success Summit, presented information on the agency to Council.

The following items were addressed before Council at the Caucus:

- 2024-240 Hannah Kelling, Field Director, from Western Reserve addressed Council.
- 2024-241 Sarah Buccigross from the Executive's Office addressed Council.
- 2024-247 Marvin Evans from the Law Department addressed Council.
- M-059-2024 Assistant Fire Chief John Rodriguez from Bath Township Fire Department addressed Council.

The Council Regular Meeting was called to order at 04:50 PM in Council Chambers.

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

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MINUTES FOR APPROVAL: Mrs. Rodgers moved to approve the minutes of the regular Council meeting(s) held August 5, 2024.

Voice Vote on the motion.

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

Absent: Walters

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-059-2024 A Motion of Council confirming the appointment of Assistant Fire Chief John Rodriguez to the Criminal Justice Advisory Board.**

Movant - Ms. Darrow

Mrs. McKenney moved to adopt.

Voice Vote on the motion.

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

Absent: Walters

Motion passed - Voice Vote: 10-0

Motion M-059-2024 was adopted.

**M-060-2024 A Motion of Council adding newly appointed Council member Joseph Kacyon to the standing committees of the Council of the County of Summit for the remainder of the year 2024 as established in Section 1 of this motion.**

Movant - Ms. Darrow

Mr. Schmidt moved to adopt.

Voice Vote on the motion.

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

Absent: Walters

Motion passed - Voice Vote: 10-0

Motion M-060-2024 was adopted.

**M-061-2024 A Motion of Council establishing the membership of the Environmental Ad Hoc Subcommittee under the Health & Human Services Committee.**

Movant - Ms. Darrow

Ms. Wiedie Higham moved to adopt.

Voice Vote on the motion.

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

Absent: Walters

Motion passed - Voice Vote: 10-0

Motion M-061-2024 was adopted.

## **FIRST READINGS**

2024-240     **A Resolution declaring the County of Summit's approval and support for the Natural Areas Land Conservancy's Clean Ohio Green Space Conservation Program Grant Application to purchase and permanently protect the Brandywine Marsh Preserve Property, located in the City of Macedonia and Northfield Center Township, in Council District 1, for the Executive, and declaring an emergency.**

Sponsor - Executive Shapiro, Ms. Darrow, Council as a 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, Dickinson, Donofrio, Ford, Kacyon, McKenney, Rodgers, Schmidt, Wiedie Higham, Wilhite

Absent: Walters

Motion passed - Voice Vote: 10-0

Mr. Schmidt moved to adopt.

Voice Vote on the motion.

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

Absent: Walters

Motion passed - Voice Vote: 10-0

Resolution 2024-240 was adopted.

2024-241     **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, Dickinson, Donofrio, Ford, Kacyon, McKenney, Rodgers, Schmidt, Wiedie Higham, Wilhite

Absent: Walters

Motion passed - Voice Vote: 10-0

Mr. Donofrio moved to adopt.

Voice Vote on the motion.

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

Absent: Walters

Motion passed - Voice Vote: 10-0

Resolution 2024-241 was adopted.

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

Roll Call Vote on the motion

For: Darrow, Dickinson, Donofrio, Ford, Kacyon, McKenney, Rodgers, Schmidt, Wiedie Higham, Wilhite

Absent: Walters

10-0

### **FIRST READINGS LATE FILINGS**

2024-247      **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 (Clerk of Courts, Legal Division Unit), and the County of Summit for the period of 4/1/24 through 3/31/27, for the Executive and the Clerk of Courts, 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, Ford, Kacyon, McKenney, Rodgers, Schmidt, Wiedie Higham, Wilhite

Absent: Walters

Motion passed - Voice Vote: 10-0

Ms. Wiedie Higham moved to adopt.

Voice Vote on the motion.

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

Absent: Walters

Motion passed - Voice Vote: 10-0

Resolution 2024-247 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, Dickinson, Donofrio, Ford, Kacyon, McKenney, Rodgers, Schmidt, Wiedie Higham, Wilhite

Absent: Walters

Motion passed

Ms. Dickinson moved to adopt.

Voice Vote on the motion.

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

Absent: Walters

Motion passed

**ROUTINE LEGISLATION UNANIMOUSLY AGREED TO BY COMMITTEE**

- 2024-219      **An Ordinance amending Section 137.01 of the Codified Ordinances of the County of Summit, entitled "Using Employees and Property by Force Account," to reflect the newly revised Ohio Revised Code Section 5543.19, which raises the amounts for which the County Engineer is authorized to self-perform road, bridge, and culvert construction work and authorizing the force account limit to be increased annually in accordance with Ohio Revised Code Section 5543.19(C), for the lesser of 5% or the percentage amount of any increase in the Ohio Department of Transportation's Construction Cost Index, for the Engineer, and declaring an emergency.**

Sponsor - Executive Shapiro

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

Ordinance 2024-219 was adopted.

- 2024-220      **A Resolution confirming the award by the Board of Control of a professional service contract with CTI Engineers, Inc., as a Best Practical Source, for construction administration support services for Project Q-453 Fishcreek Wastewater Treatment Plant #25, located in the City of Stow, in Council District 3, in an amount not to exceed \$200,000.00, 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

Resolution 2024-220 was adopted.

- 2024-221      **A Resolution confirming the award by the Board of Control of Change Order No. 3 to a professional service contract with Environmental Design Group, LLC for engineering design and surveying services for Project Q-456, Pump Station No. 29 and Force Main Improvements, located in the City of Stow and the Village of Silver Lake, in Council District 3, in an amount not to exceed \$6,050.00 (for a cumulative increase of 72.92%), for a total amount not to exceed \$131,633.56, 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 2024-221 was adopted.

- 2024-222      **A Resolution confirming the award by the Board of Control of a construction contract with Cavanaugh Building Corporation, for Project Q-536 Copley Road Sanitary Sewer Infrastructure Improvements, located in Copley Township, in Council District 5, in an amount not to exceed \$606,225.00, 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 2024-222 was adopted.

- 2024-223      **A Resolution confirming the award by the Board of Control of a contract with Ohio CAT, as a Best Practical Source, for the rental of an emergency generator to provide back-up power to the Fishcreek Wastewater Treatment Plant #25, located in the City of Stow, in Council District 3, for a one-year term, in an amount not to exceed \$266,724.00, that will be fully reimbursed by insurance, 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 2024-223 was adopted.

- 2024-224      **A Resolution authorizing the Executive to enter into a Cooperative Funding Intergovernmental Agreement with the City of Green, for the installation of a sanitary sewer force main as part of the Massillon Road at Boettler Road and Corporate Woods Roundabouts Project, located in the City of Green, in Council District 8, in an amount not to exceed \$316,738.90, 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 2024-224 was adopted.

- 2024-225      **A Resolution confirming the award by the Board of Control of a purchase contract with Miller Builders, LLC., under Sourcewell pricing, for an open-sided canopy building, in an amount not to exceed \$260,108.00, 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 2024-225 was adopted.

- 2024-226      **A Resolution confirming the award by the Board of Control of a professional service contract for construction management services with Apostolos Group dba Thomarios, for the Courthouse HVAC Improvement Project, located in the City of Akron, in Council District 5, for an amount not to exceed \$513,108.00, 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 2024-226 was adopted.

- 2024-227      **A Resolution authorizing the Executive to execute agreements with various Summit County criminal justice agencies and organizations for the Criminal Justice Virtual Court Project, 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 2024-227 was adopted.

- 2024-228      **A Resolution declaring the month of September 2024 as Preparedness Month in Summit County, promoting family, community disaster and emergency preparation for the residents of Summit County, for the Executive, and declaring an emergency.**

Sponsor - Executive Shapiro, Council as a Whole

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

Resolution 2024-228 was adopted.

- 2024-229      **A Resolution declaring the month of September 2024 as Recovery Month in Summit County and encouraging the residents of Summit County to join in this acknowledgment, for the Executive, and declaring an emergency.**

Sponsor - Executive Shapiro, Council as a Whole

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

Resolution 2024-229 was adopted.



- 2024-230      **A Resolution authorizing the Executive to execute a grant agreement with AxxessPointe Community Health Centers to finance the construction of fiber to the new I Promise Health Quarters, located at 527 West Market St., in the City of Akron, in Council District 4, in a total amount not to exceed \$250,000.00, for the Executive, and declaring an emergency.**
- Sponsor - Executive Shapiro, Council as a Whole  
Staff Contact: Kent Starks, (330) 643-2074, kstarks@summitoh.net
- Resolution 2024-230 was adopted.
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- 2024-231      **A Resolution confirming the award by the Board of Control of a renewal (second and final) of a purchase contract with the Metro Regional Transit Authority, to provide Non-Emergency Medical Transportation Broker services for a one-year term, from 10/1/24 through 9/30/25, in an amount not to exceed \$350,000.00, 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 2024-231 was adopted.
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- 2024-232      **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 \$75,000.00, to all Non-Emergency Medical Transportation providers operating under contract with the Executive's Department of Job and Family Services in Federal Fiscal Year 2025, for the period 10/1/24 through 9/30/25, in an estimated total amount not to exceed \$6,000,000.00, 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 2024-232 was adopted.
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- 2024-233      **A Resolution authorizing the Executive to execute Aggregate Change Order No. 1 to increase the purchase aggregate total for calendar year 2024 for various vendors, as set forth in Exhibit A, 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 2024-233 was adopted.

- 2024-234      **A Resolution confirming the award by the Board of Control of a renewal (two of three) of a purchase contract with Nesco Resource, LLC fka Callos Resource LLC, for payroll services for the period 10/1/24 through 9/30/25, for various youth employment programs, including summer youth and year-round programs, in an amount not to exceed \$2,895,638.10, 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 2024-234 was adopted.

- 2024-235      **An amended Resolution confirming the award by the Board of Control of Change Order No. 2 to a renewal (first of three) of a purchase contract with Nesco Resource, LLC fka Callos Resource LLC, for payroll services for the period 10/1/23 through 9/30/24, for various youth employment programs, including summer youth and year-round programs, in an amount not to exceed ~~\$500,000.00~~ **\$650,000** (for a cumulative increase of ~~107.48~~ **118.22%**), for a total amount not to exceed ~~\$2,895,638.10~~ **\$3,045,638.10**, 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 2024-235 was adopted.

- 2024-236      **A Resolution authorizing the Executive to execute an intergovernmental agreement with the Summit County Combined General Health District dba Summit County Public Health, to increase utilization of Healthchek Early, Periodic, Screening, Diagnostic and Testing services for young children, for a one-year term, from 10/1/24 to 9/30/25, in an amount not to exceed \$120,000.00, 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 2024-236 was adopted.

- 2024-237      **A Resolution confirming the award by the Board of Control of a professional service contract with United Way of Summit and Medina, as a Best Practical Source, to provide Adult Protective Services after hours call response and 2-1-1 information and referral line services to assist low income families in accessing non-profit and government services to meet basic needs, for the period 10/1/24 through 9/30/25, in an amount not to exceed \$130,000.00, 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 2024-237 was adopted.

2024-238      **A Resolution confirming the award by the Board of Control of a professional service contract with Tyler Technologies, Inc., as a Best Practical Source, for IAS World Computer Aided Mass Appraisal and Tax systems, for cloud hosting and software maintenance, for a three-year term, from 10/1/24 to 9/30/27, with one option to renew for an additional two-year term, in an amount not to exceed \$1,896,982.00, for the Fiscal Office and the Office of Information Technology, and declaring an emergency.**

Sponsor - Executive Shapiro

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

Resolution 2024-238 was adopted.

2024-239      **A Resolution confirming the award by the Board of Control of a purchase contract with GuidePoint Security, as a Best Practical Source, for Cynet 360 endpoint protection software, for a thirty-six-month term, from 7/4/24 to 7/3/27, in an amount not to exceed \$293,352.72, for the Office of Information Technology, and declaring an emergency.**

Sponsor - Executive Shapiro

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

Resolution 2024-239 was adopted.

## **FIRST READINGS**

- 2024-242      **A Resolution naming the currently unnamed roadway between Hummel Drive and Dorwil Drive “Straub-Eubank Lane” in Coventry Township per the wishes of the Coventry Township Trustees, for the Council, and declaring an emergency.**
- Sponsor - Mr. Schmidt  
Staff Contact: Mark Potter, (330) 643-2726, mpotter@summitoh.net
- 2024-243      **A Resolution authorizing the Executive to advertise for bids for the Courthouse Exterior Project, located in the City of Akron, in Council District 4, for an estimated total cost not to exceed \$150,000.00, for the Executive’s Department of Administrative Services-Physical Plants Division, and declaring an emergency.**
- Sponsor - Executive Shapiro  
Staff Contact: Mark Potter, (330) 643-2726, mpotter@summitoh.net
- 2024-244      **A Resolution declaring September 13-22, 2024, as Welcoming Week in Summit County, recognizing refugees, immigrants, new citizens, and the contributions they make to our community, as well as the challenges and roadblocks they face, and declaring an emergency.**
- Sponsor - Executive Shapiro  
Staff Contact: Kent Starks, (330) 643-2074, kstarks@summitoh.net
- 2024-245      **A Resolution confirming the award by the Board of Control of professional service contracts with various providers for State Fiscal Year 2025 utilizing Temporary Assistance to Needy Families, Benefit Bridge, Food Assistance Employment and Training, and Emergency Rental Assistance Program funds, from 10/1/24 through 9/30/25, in a total amount not to exceed \$6,990,000.00, 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

2024-246      **A Resolution authorizing the Executive to execute a HOME Investment Partnership Program contract with Restore Addiction Recovery, to support the conversion of an approximately 3600 square foot building, at 552 Swartz Avenue, located in Coventry Township, in Council District 8, into “Launch House,” a facility to provide a residential program for men struggling with drug and/or alcohol addiction, in an amount not to exceed \$190,000.00, 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

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 September 9, 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 19th day of August, 2024.

**Signed by:**

*Monique Willis*

CLERK OF COUNCIL

**DocuSigned by:**

*Rita J. Darrin*

PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL