

**COUNTY OF SUMMIT**  
**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**  
**October 7, 2024**

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

The following items were addressed before Council at the Caucus:

- 2024-273 Tommy Smoot from the Division of Public Safety-Emergency Management Agency addressed Council.
- 2024-274 Tommy Smoot from the Division of Public Safety-Emergency Management Agency addressed Council.
- 2024-275 Sarah Buccigross from the Executive's Office addressed Council.

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

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

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MINUTES FOR APPROVAL: Ms. Walters moved to approve the minutes of the regular Council meeting(s) held September 23, 2024.

Voice Vote on the motion.

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

The minutes were approved 11-0.

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ANNOUNCEMENT OF GENERAL INTEREST:

ANNOUNCEMENT FROM EXECUTIVE:

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ANNOUNCEMENT OF OFFICEHOLDERS:

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**MOTIONS FOR COUNCIL**

M-063-2024 **A Motion of Council approving a travel expenditure for Council Member Gloria Rodgers in the amount of \$167.50 for her attendance at the Ohio Jail Advisory Board Meeting on October 4, 2024, from 10:00 am until 12:00 pm at the State Library of Ohio, 274 East 1st Avenue, #100, Columbus, OH 43201.**

Movant - Ms. Darrow

Ms. Walters moved to adopt.

Voice Vote on the motion.

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

Motion passed - Voice Vote: 11-0

Motion M-063-2024 was adopted.

## **FIRST READINGS**

2024-273     **A Resolution confirming the award by the Board of Control of a purchase contract with Advanced Eco Systems, Inc. for forty (40) HazMat suits for the Summit County Special Operations Response Team-HazMat Branch, for a total amount not to exceed \$78,262.40, for the Executive's Department of Public Safety, Emergency Management Agency, 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, Ford, Kacyon, 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, Dickinson, Donofrio, Ford, Kacyon, McKenney, Rodgers, Schmidt, Walters, Wiedie Higham, Wilhite

Motion passed - Voice Vote: 11-0

Resolution 2024-273 was adopted.

2024-274     **A Resolution accepting the amounts and rates as determined by the Budget Commission, authorizing the necessary tax levies and certifying them for tax year 2024/collection year 2025 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

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, Walters, Wiedie Higham, Wilhite

Motion passed - Voice Vote: 11-0

Mr. Donofrio moved to adopt.

Voice Vote on the motion.

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

Motion passed - Voice Vote: 11-0

Resolution 2024-274 was adopted.

- 2024-275     **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, Walters, Wiedie Higham, Wilhite

Motion passed - Voice Vote: 11-0

Mr. Donofrio moved to adopt.

Voice Vote on the motion.

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

Motion passed - Voice Vote: 11-0

Resolution 2024-275 was adopted.

- 2024-276     **A Resolution confirming the award by the Board of Control of a renewal (third of four) of a purchase contract with Aramark Correctional Services, LLC, for food services at the Jail, for a one-year term, from 12/1/24 through 11/30/25, 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

- 2024-277     **A Resolution authorizing the Executive to execute a Lease Agreement with the City of Green, for the lease of a portion of the First Floor of Fire Station #2, located at 393 East Turkeyfoot Lake Road, Green, Ohio 44319, in Council District 8, for \$1.00 per year, for a three-year term, for the Sheriff's Office, and declaring an emergency.**

Sponsor - Executive Shapiro

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

Committee First Readings

- 2024-278     **A Resolution confirming the award by the Board of Control of a professional service contract with Children's Hospital Medical Center of Akron, Division of Adolescent Medicine, for physician and medical services in the Juvenile Detention Center, for a total amount not to exceed \$351,751.00, for a one-year term, from 1/1/25 through 12/31/25, 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

2024-279      **A Resolution 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 Juvenile Court for a total estimated amount not to exceed \$165,000.00, for a one-year term, for the period of 1/1/25 through 12/31/25, 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

### **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, Walters, Wiedie Higham, Wilhite

Motion passed

Ms. Dickinson moved to adopt.

Voice Vote on the motion.

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

Motion passed

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

2024-269     **A Resolution confirming the award by the Board of Control of a professional service contract with Michael Baker International, Inc. for engineering design services for the replacement of the Glenwood Bridge over Tinkers Creek, located in the City of Twinsburg, in Council District 1, in an amount not to exceed \$422,990.00, for the Engineer, and declaring an emergency.**

Sponsor - Executive Shapiro

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

Resolution 2024-269 was adopted.

2024-271     **A Resolution in support of utilizing payroll withholding as means for Summit County employees to contribute to the STABLE Account Program, administered by the State of Ohio Treasurer's Office, for the Executive and the Fiscal Officer, and declaring an emergency.**

Sponsor - Executive Shapiro

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

Resolution 2024-271 was adopted.

2024-272     **A Resolution authorizing the Executive to execute a grant agreement with ArtsNow to provide funds for the ArtsForward Program, over a two-year period, in an amount not to exceed \$200,000.00 with matching funds committed from the Knight Foundation, 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 2024-272 was adopted.

## **TABLED ITEMS**

- 2024-270      **A Resolution authorizing the Executive to execute an agreement and any other necessary related documents with the Akron Community Foundation in order to establish a Supporting Organization, in accordance with the terms of Exhibit A, to support the health and safety of County residents, and authorizing the contribution of an initial amount not to exceed \$45,000,000.00, and a total amount not to exceed \$70,000,000.00 of Opioid Settlement Dollars, for the Executive, 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 5:12 pm. The next regular meeting will be held October 28, 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 7th day of October, 2024.

Signed by:

*Monique Willis*

CLERK OF COUNCIL

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*Rita S. Danner*

PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL