

COUNTY OF SUMMIT
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
December 9, 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:

- 2024-345 Heidi Swindell from the Engineer's Office addressed Council on this first reading passage request.
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- 2024-347 Brian Harnak from the Law Department addressed Council on this first reading passage request.
- 2024-348 Joe Eckenrode from Administrative Services-Physical Plants addressed Council on this first reading passage request.
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- 2024-352 Phil Montgomery from the Executive's Office addressed Committee. Council on this first reading passage request. Phil Montgomery from the Executive's Office addressed Council on this first reading passage request.
- 2024-353 Councilmember Liz Walters addressed Council on this first reading passage request.

The Council Regular Meeting was called to order at 05:58 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:

MINUTES FOR APPROVAL: Ms. Walters moved to approve the minutes of the regular Council meeting(s) held December 2, 2024.

Roll Call Vote on the motion.

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

Minutes were approved 11-0.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF GENERAL INTEREST:

ANNOUNCEMENT FROM EXECUTIVE:

ANNOUNCEMENT OF OFFICEHOLDERS:

FIRST READINGS

2024-345 **A Resolution authorizing the Executive to advertise for bids as needed for stormwater improvement projects for the Summit County Surface Water Management District's 2025 Capital Improvements Program at an estimated cost not to exceed \$9,605,000.00, 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, Dickinson, Donofrio, Ford, Kacyon, 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, Dickinson, Donofrio, Ford, Kacyon, McKenney, Rodgers, Schmidt, Walters, Wiedie Higham, Wilhite

Motion passed - Voice Vote: 11-0

Resolution 2024-345 was adopted.

2024-346 **A Resolution authorizing the Executive to advertise for bids as needed for road and bridge construction projects in the Engineer's 2025 Capital Improvement Program at an estimated cost not to exceed \$9,160,000.00, 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, Dickinson, Donofrio, Ford, Kacyon, 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, Dickinson, Donofrio, Ford, Kacyon, McKenney, Rodgers, Schmidt, Walters, Wiedie Higham, Wilhite

Motion passed - Voice Vote: 11-0

Resolution 2024-346 was adopted.

2024-347 **A Resolution authorizing the Executive to execute an Amendment Renewing a Lease Agreement with STC Two, LLC, subject to the approval of the Board of Control, by adding four Renewal Terms of five years each, with a final Lease expiration date of November 11, 2048, 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

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

Motion passed - Voice Vote: 11-0

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

Resolution 2024-347 was adopted.

2024-348 **A Resolution confirming the award by the Board of Control of a purchase contract with Ken Ganley Ford, at less than State Term Pricing, for two (2) 2024 Ford F-150 pickup trucks, in a total amount not to exceed \$80,779.32, 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, Dickinson, Donofrio, Ford, Kacyon, McKenney, Rodgers, Schmidt, Walters, Wiedie Higham, Wilhite

Motion passed - Voice Vote: 11-0

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

Resolution 2024-348 was adopted.

2024-349 **A Resolution confirming the award by the Board of Control of a purchase contract with CG Building Group, LLC, at Equalis Cooperative Purchase pricing, for the Jail Cell Painting Project, located in the City of Akron, in Council District 4, in an amount not to exceed \$494,078.57, 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, Dickinson, Donofrio, Ford, Kacyon, McKenney, Rodgers, Schmidt, Walters, Wiedie Higham, Wilhite

Motion passed - Voice Vote: 11-0

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

Resolution 2024-349 was adopted.

2024-350 **A Resolution authorizing the Executive to advertise for bids for the Ohio Building Exterior Cleaning and Sealing Project, located in the City of Akron, in Council District 5, for an estimated total cost not to exceed \$365,000.00, 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, Dickinson, Donofrio, Ford, Kacyon, McKenney, Rodgers, Schmidt, Walters, Wiedie Higham, Wilhite

Motion passed - Voice Vote: 11-0

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

Resolution 2024-350 was adopted.

2024-351 **A Resolution confirming the award by the Board of Control of a renewal (first of two) of a purchase contract with Rumpke Waste & Recycling Services for trash removal and disposal at various County facilities, for a two-year term, from 1/1/25 to 12/31/26, in an amount not to exceed \$313,711.68, for the Executive's Department of Finance and Budget – Purchasing, 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 2024-351 was adopted.

2024-352 **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 2024-352 was adopted.

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

Voice Vote on the motion

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

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FIRST READINGS LATE FILINGS

2024-353 **A Resolution requiring the Director and Deputy Director of the Summit County Board of Elections to appear before Council at Council’s January 13, 2025 Committee Meeting, to deliberate on issues surrounding reporting delays that occurred during the November 5, 2024 General Election and to respond to questions pertaining to the relocation of the Board of Elections to 1040 E. Tallmadge Ave., located in the City of Akron, for County Council, and declaring an emergency.**

Sponsor - Ms. Walters

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

Motion passed - Voice Vote: 11-0

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

Resolution 2024-353 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, 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

2024-332 **An amended Resolution confirming awards by the Board of Control of contracts for the County's health insurance programs, as set forth in amended Exhibit A, for the Executive's Department of Human Resources-Division of Employee Benefits, and declaring an emergency.**

Sponsor - Executive Shapiro

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

Resolution 2024-332 was adopted.

2024-333 **A Resolution confirming the award by the Board of Control of a professional service contract with Euthenics, Inc. for design services for the Valley View Road (CR25) Resurfacing and Landslide Repair Project, located in Sagamore Hills Township, in Council District 1, in an amount not to exceed \$518,919.00, for the Engineer, and declaring an emergency.**

Sponsor - Executive Shapiro

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

Resolution 2024-333 was adopted.

2024-334 **A Resolution authorizing the Executive to advertise for bids and to enter into a cooperative agreement with Richfield Township concerning the Stubbins Road, Farnham Road, and Hecker Drive Drainage and Roadway Improvements Project, at an estimated cost not to exceed \$196,000.00, with no County funds involved, located in Richfield Township, in Council District 1, for the Engineer, and declaring an emergency.**

Sponsor - Executive Shapiro

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

Resolution 2024-334 was adopted.

- 2024-335 **A Resolution authorizing the Executive to enter into agreements for the acquisition of Drainage Easements over portions of 5284 Streetsboro Road and the vacant lot located on the southeast side of the Medina Line Road and West Streetsboro Road intersection, located in Richfield Township, in Council District 1, in a total amount not to exceed \$600.00, as part of the Medina Line Road Culvert Rehabilitation Project, for the Engineer, and declaring an emergency.**
- Sponsor - Executive Shapiro
Staff Contact: Mark Potter, (330) 643-2726, mpotter@summitoh.net
- Resolution 2024-335 was adopted.
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- 2024-336 **A Resolution confirming the award by the Board of Control of a construction contract with Central Window Cleaning, Inc. for the Domestic Relations Courthouse Exterior Project, located in the City of Akron, in Council District 4, in an amount not to exceed \$129,832.00, 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
- Resolution 2024-336 was adopted.
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- 2024-337 **A Resolution authorizing the Executive to advertise for bids for the purchase of six (6) vehicles for the Sheriff’s Office, for an estimated total amount not to exceed \$365,550.00, for the Executive and the Sheriff, and declaring and emergency.**
- Sponsor - Executive Shapiro
Staff Contact: Kent Starks, (330) 643-2074, kstarks@summitoh.net
- Resolution 2024-337 was adopted.
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- 2024-338 **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 StepMobile, LLC., for the implementation of the Ohio Community Supervision System, in an amount not to exceed \$97,485.00, for the Court of Common Pleas, and declaring an emergency.**
- Sponsor - Executive Shapiro
Staff Contact: Kent Starks, (330) 643-2074, kstarks@summitoh.net
- Resolution 2024-338 was adopted.

2024-339 **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 Adgators, for digital signage and wayfinding for the Summit County Courthouse, in an amount not to exceed \$87,344.00, for the Court of Common Pleas, and declaring an emergency.**

Sponsor - Executive Shapiro

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

Resolution 2024-339 was adopted.

2024-340 **A Resolution confirming the award by the Board of Control of a professional service contract with Sadler-NeCamp Financial Services, Inc. dba Proware, as a Sole Source, for case management system software support and maintenance services, for a one-year term, from 1/1/25 through 12/31/29, for an amount not to exceed \$212,130.00 for the first year, with four options to renew for an additional one-year term, for a total cost not to exceed \$1,139,760.00 for the five-year period, 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

Resolution 2024-340 was adopted.

2024-341 **A Resolution confirming the award by the Board of Control, subject to the approval of the Information Technology Board, of a ten-year purchase contract with Axon Enterprise, Inc., at State Term Pricing, for the implementation of and subscription to Axon Evidence, Evidence.com and Axon Storage, in an amount not to exceed \$151,963.60 per year, for a total amount not to exceed \$1,519,636.00, for the Prosecutor, and declaring an emergency.**

Sponsor - Executive Shapiro

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

Resolution 2024-341 was adopted.

2024-342 **A Resolution authorizing the Executive to execute a Gift Agreement with the Akron Community Foundation for the establishment of a Field of Interest Fund to support and enhance the health and safety of minority and disadvantaged County of Summit residents, and authorizing the contribution of an amount not to exceed \$5,000,000.00 of Opioid Settlement Dollars, for the Executive, the Opiate Abatement Advisory Council, and the Key Stakeholders Group, and declaring an emergency.**

Sponsor - Executive Shapiro, Mr. Ford, Mr. Wilhite, Council as a Whole

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

Resolution 2024-342 was adopted.

2024-343 **A Resolution confirming the award by the Board of Control of a professional service contract with Laketec Communications, Inc., as a Best Practical Source, for Palo Alto firewall services, for a three-year term, from 1/1/25 to 1/10/28, in an amount not to exceed \$272,390.82, for the Office of Information Technology, and declaring an emergency.**

Sponsor - Executive Shapiro

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

Resolution 2024-343 was adopted.

2024-344 **A Resolution confirming the award by the Board of Control of a professional service contract with The Amazing Cloud, LLC., as a Best Practical Source, for Disaster Recovery as a Service, for a one-year term, from 1/1/25 through 12/31/25, for a total amount not to exceed \$82,500.00, for the Office of Information Technology, and declaring an emergency.**

Sponsor - Executive Shapiro

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

Resolution 2024-344 was adopted.

THIRD READINGS

2024-322 **A Resolution approving and adopting the 2025 operating budget for the Alcohol Drug and Mental Health Services Board of the County of Summit and appropriating funds, 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 adopt.

Voice Vote on the motion.

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

Abstain: Ms. Rodgers

Motion passed - Voice Vote: 10-0-1

Resolution 2024-322 was adopted.

2024-323 **A Resolution approving and adopting the 2025 operating budget for all funds, departments and agencies of the County of Summit and appropriating funds, 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 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 2024-323 was adopted.

2024-324

A Resolution approving and adopting the 2025 operating budget for the Executive's Department of Job and Family Services and appropriating funds, 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 adopt.

Voice Vote on the motion.

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

Abstain: Mr. Wilhite

Motion passed - Voice Vote: 10-0-1

Resolution 2024-324 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 6:26 pm. The next regular meeting will be held January 6, 2025 at 4:30 pm

All deliberations concerning official business and formal actions by this County Council were conducted in an open public meeting this 9th day of December, 2024.

CLERK OF COUNCIL

PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL