

**COUNTY OF SUMMIT**  
**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**  
**February 10, 2025**

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

Councilmember Erin Dickinson presented a commendation to Lisa Petit, Park Superintendent at Cuyahoga Valley National Park, on the occasion of the park's 50th anniversary.

At the conclusion of Council business, the following individuals addressed Council with public comments: Dr. Ahmad Jadallah, David Guran, and Robert Quade.

The following items were addressed before Council at the Caucus:

- 2025-039 Phil Montgomery from the Executive's Office addressed Council on this first reading passage request.
- 2025-040 Phil Montgomery from the Executive's Office addressed Council on this first reading passage request.
- 2025-048 Joe Eckenrode from Administrative Services-Physical Plants addressed Council on this first reading passage request.

The Council Regular Meeting was called to order at 04:40 PM in Council Chambers.

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

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MINUTES FOR APPROVAL: Mrs. McKenney moved to approve the minutes of the regular Council meeting(s) held January 27, 2025.

Voice Vote on the motion.

Yes: Darrow, Dickinson, Ford, Kacyon, Licate, McKenney, Schmidt, Walters, Wilhite

Absent: Donofrio, Higham

Minutes were approved 9-0.

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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-013-2025 **A Motion of Council confirming the reappointments of Judge Alison McCarty and Police Chief Jeff Film to the Criminal Justice Advisory Board.**

Movant - Ms. Darrow

Ms. Walters moved to adopt.

Voice Vote on the motion.

Yes: Darrow, Dickinson, Ford, Kacyon, Licate, McKenney, Schmidt, Walters, Wilhite

Absent: Donofrio, Higham

Motion passed - Voice Vote: 9-0

Motion M-013-2025 was adopted.

## **FIRST READINGS**

- 2025-039     **A Resolution appropriating carryover balances for various life-to-date operating and capital funds for 2025, 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. Wilhite moved to adopt.  
Voice Vote on the motion.  
Yes: Darrow, Dickinson, Ford, Kacyon, Licate, McKenney, Schmidt, Walters, Wilhite  
Absent: Donofrio, Higham  
Motion passed - Voice Vote: 9-0  
Resolution 2025-039 was adopted.
- 2025-040     **A Resolution appropriating funds in order to meet projected expenditures for the balance of 2025 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. Wilhite moved to adopt.  
Voice Vote on the motion.  
Yes: Darrow, Dickinson, Ford, Kacyon, Licate, McKenney, Schmidt, Walters, Wilhite  
Absent: Donofrio, Higham  
Motion passed - Voice Vote: 9-0  
Resolution 2025-040 was adopted.
- 2025-041     **An Ordinance amending Section 169.29 of the Codified Ordinances of the County of Summit, entitled “Fee and Tuition Reimbursement For Any Employment Related Undergraduate Courses Program,” to make certain updates and revisions to adjust reimbursement amount for inflation and make reimbursement more competitive, for the Executive’s Department of Human Resources, and declaring an emergency.**
- Sponsor - Executive Shapiro  
Staff Contact: Mark Potter, (330) 643-2726, mpotter@summitoh.net
- Committee First Readings

- 2025-042 **A Resolution confirming the award by the Board of Control of a construction contract with Geauga Highway Co. for the Cleveland Massillon Sidewalk Project, located in the Bath Township, in Council District 5, in amount not to exceed \$445,246.24, for the Engineer, and declaring an emergency.**
- Sponsor - Executive Shapiro  
Staff Contact: Mark Potter, (330) 643-2726, mpotter@summitoh.net
- Committee First Readings
- 2025-043 **A Resolution confirming the award by the Board of Control of a professional service contract with DLZ Ohio, Inc., as a Best Practical Source, for the final design of the Springfield Lake Outlet Structure and Channel Study, located in Council District 8, in amount not to exceed \$257,946.77, for the Engineer, and declaring an emergency.**
- Sponsor - Executive Shapiro  
Staff Contact: Mark Potter, (330) 643-2726, mpotter@summitoh.net
- Committee First Readings
- 2025-044 **A Resolution approving the time, place, and expense of the Engineer's annual meeting of county and township authorities on May 6, 2025, at Michael Angelo's Winery, located in Richfield Township, in Council District 1, in an amount not to exceed \$6,000.00, for the Engineer, and declaring an emergency.**
- Sponsor - Executive Shapiro  
Staff Contact: Mark Potter, (330) 643-2726, mpotter@summitoh.net
- Committee First Readings
- 2025-045 **A Resolution declaring the month of March 2025 as Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month in Summit County, recognizing people with developmental disabilities for their contributions to our community and their perseverance in breaking down barriers, for the Executive, and declaring an emergency.**
- Sponsor - Executive Shapiro  
Staff Contact: Kent Starks, (330) 643-2074, kstarks@summitoh.net
- Committee First Readings
- 2025-046 **A Resolution declaring the month of March 2025 as Women's History Month in Summit County, recognizing the women of America, the achievements they have made, and the struggles they have faced and continue to face today, for the Executive, and declaring an emergency.**
- Sponsor - Executive Shapiro  
Staff Contact: Kent Starks, (330) 643-2074, kstarks@summitoh.net
- Committee First Readings

2025-047

**A Resolution authorizing the Executive to execute grant agreements with various Summit County nonprofit organizations and State mandated entities, in a total amount not to exceed \$843,900.00, for the year 2025, 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

Committee First Readings

Mr. Schmidt moved to amend the Agenda to add Late Filings.

Voice Vote on the motion

For: Darrow, Dickinson, Ford, Kacyon, Licate, McKenney, Schmidt, Walters, Wilhite

Absent: Donofrio, Higham

9-0

### **FIRST READINGS LATE FILINGS**

2025-048     **A Resolution authorizing the Executive to advertise for bids for asbestos abatement at the former Department of Environmental Service headquarters located at 2525 State Rd., located in the City of Cuyahoga Falls, in Council District 2, for an estimated total cost not to exceed \$650,000.00, funded through a grant award from the Ohio Department of Development’s Building Demolition & Site Revitalization Program with a 25% grant match, for the Executive’s Department of Administrative Services–Physical Plants, and declaring an emergency.**

Sponsor - Executive Shapiro, Mr. Schmidt, Council as a Whole

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, Ford, Kacyon, Licate, McKenney, Schmidt, Walters, Wilhite

Absent: Donofrio, Higham

Motion passed - Voice Vote: 9-0

Ms. Walters moved to adopt.

Voice Vote on the motion.

Yes: Darrow, Dickinson, Ford, Kacyon, Licate, McKenney, Schmidt, Walters, Wilhite

Absent: Donofrio, Higham

Motion passed - Voice Vote: 9-0

Resolution 2025-048 was adopted.

**Routine Agenda Motion(s)**

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, Ford, Kacyon, Licate, McKenney, Schmidt, Walters, Wilhite

Absent: Donofrio, Higham

Motion passed

Mr. Schmidt moved to adopt.

Voice Vote on the motion.

Yes: Darrow, Dickinson, Ford, Kacyon, Licate, McKenney, Schmidt, Walters, Wilhite

Absent: Donofrio, Higham

Motion passed

**ROUTINE LEGISLATION UNANIMOUSLY AGREED TO BY COMMITTEE**

2025-018     **A Resolution approving the salary adjustments for certain classified non-bargaining employees based upon job performance, increased responsibilities in their job duties and pay equity, for the Sheriff, and declaring an emergency.**

Sponsor - Executive Shapiro

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

Resolution 2025-018 was adopted.

2025-019     **A Resolution confirming the award by the Board of Control of a renewal (second of three) of a professional service contract with KE McCartney & Associates for design services related to the Surface Water Management District, for a one-year term, for the period 1/1/25 to 12/31/25, in amount not to exceed \$100,000.00, for the Engineer, and declaring an emergency.**

Sponsor - Executive Shapiro

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

Resolution 2025-019 was adopted.

2025-021     **A Resolution confirming the award by the Board of Control of a purchase contract with The Hannon Company, as a Best Practical Source, for the replacement of a pump at Pump Station No. 51, located in the City of Green, in Council District 8, in an amount not to exceed \$99,751.00, 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 2025-021 was adopted.

2025-022 **A Resolution authorizing the Executive to execute any agreements, memorandums of understanding or other documents necessary to participate with the Village of Mogadore in applying for Ohio Public Works Commission grant funding for the Lincoln Avenue and Etter Road Infrastructure Improvement Project, located in the Village of Mogadore, in Council District 8, at a cost to the County not to exceed \$75,000.00, 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 2025-022 was adopted.

2025-023 **A Resolution authorizing the Executive to execute a supplemental policing contract for the Sheriff's Office, with the City of Green, for use of space, utilities and equipment, for the period 1/1/2024 through 12/31/2026, for the Executive and the Sheriff, and declaring an emergency.**

Sponsor - Executive Shapiro

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

Resolution 2025-023 was adopted.

2025-024 **A Resolution confirming the award by the Board of Control of a purchase contract with Bob Maxey Ford Inc. for five (5) 2025 Ford Explorer Police Interceptors AWD V6, in a total amount not to exceed \$226,900.00, for the Sheriff, and declaring an emergency.**

Sponsor - Executive Shapiro

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

Resolution 2025-024 was adopted.

2025-025 **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 Best Practical Source, for case management system software support and maintenance services, for a one-year term, from 1/1/25 through 12/31/25, for an amount not to exceed \$223,700.00 for the first year, with four options to renew for an additional one-year term, for a total cost not to exceed \$1,203,510.00 for the five-year period, for the Court of Common Pleas-General Division, and declaring an emergency.**

Sponsor - Executive Shapiro

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

Resolution 2025-025 was adopted.



- 2025-026 **A Resolution confirming the award by the Board of Control of a professional service contract with Community Support Services for two part-time peer support specialists and one full-time case manager, to refer and link Hope Mental Health Court participants to community resources and provide case management services, from 10/1/24 through 9/30/25, in an amount not to exceed \$124,645.00, for the Court of Common Pleas-General Division, Adult Probation, and declaring an emergency.**
- Sponsor - Executive Shapiro  
Staff Contact: Kent Starks, (330) 643-2074, kstarks@summitoh.net
- Resolution 2025-026 was adopted.
- 2025-027 **A Resolution authorizing the Executive to execute agreements between the Legal Defenders Office of Summit County, Ohio, Inc., and various Summit County Municipalities for payment of the unreimbursed portion of legal defender services for indigent persons, for a one-year term, for the period 1/1/25 through 12/31/25, for the Executive, and declaring an emergency.**
- Sponsor - Executive Shapiro  
Staff Contact: Kent Starks, (330) 643-2074, kstarks@summitoh.net
- Resolution 2025-027 was adopted.
- 2025-028 **A Resolution confirming the award by the Board of Control of a renewal (second of four) for a professional service contract with Oriana House, Inc. for community corrections services for a one-year term, from 1/1/25 through 12/31/25, in an amount not to exceed \$9,490,655.40, with three options to renew for an additional one-year term, 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 2025-028 was adopted.
- 2025-029 **A Resolution authorizing the Executive to execute an Intergovernmental Agreement with the City of Akron, subject to the approval of the Information Technology Board, for data hosting equipment and services for the computer-aided dispatch system, for the term of 1/1/25 through 12/31/25, in an amount not to exceed \$156,000.00, with four options to renew for an additional one-year term, 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 2025-029 was adopted.

2025-030 **A Resolution authorizing the Executive to advertise for bids for a mobile response trailer for the Summit County Special Operations Response Teams and special events, for an estimated amount not to exceed \$130,000.00, 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

Resolution 2025-030 was adopted.

2025-031 **A Resolution authorizing the Executive to execute a purchase contract with AVI-SPL, LLC, subject to the approval of the Information Technology Board, as Best Practical Source, for audio upgrades for the Public Safety Training Room, in an amount not to exceed \$77,280.48, 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 2025-031 was adopted.

2025-032 **A Resolution authorizing the Executive to execute a grant agreement with Akron Children's Hospital Foundation to provide funding for the implementation of the county-wide Unite Us data sharing platform, in an amount not to exceed \$100,000.00 of Opioid Settlement Dollars, for the Executive, the Opiate Abatement Advisory Council and the Key Stakeholders Group, and declaring an emergency.**

Sponsor - Executive Shapiro, Mrs. McKenney

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

Resolution 2025-032 was adopted.

2025-033 **A Resolution authorizing the Executive to execute a lease renewal agreement with Summit and Medina Workforce Area Council of Governments for a portion of the 2nd floor located at 175. South Main Street, Akron, Ohio 44308, in Council District 4, for the Executive, and declaring an emergency.**

Sponsor - Executive Shapiro

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

Resolution 2025-033 was adopted.

2025-034 **A Resolution adopting the Capital Improvements Program for 2025-2030 for the County of Summit and appropriating funds as set forth in Exhibit A, for the balance of projects in the 2025 Capital Improvement Plan, 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

Resolution 2025-034 was adopted.

2025-035 **A Resolution appropriating carryover balances for various annual operating and capital funds for 2025, 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

Resolution 2025-035 was adopted.

2025-036 **A Resolution confirming the award by the Board of Control of a renewal (second and final) of a professional service contract with AdvizeX Technologies LLC, for PureStorage Solution for SAN, for a one-year term, from 5/1/25 through 4/30/26, in an amount not to exceed \$104,580.00, for the Office of Information Technology, and declaring an emergency.**

Sponsor - Executive Shapiro

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

Resolution 2025-036 was adopted.

2025-037 **A Resolution confirming the award by the Board of Control of a purchase contract with FairlawnGig, as a Best Practical Source, for high-speed internet service to support the virtual court project, for a one-year term, from 1/1/25 to 12/31/25, in an amount not to exceed \$120,000.00, for the Office of Information Technology, and declaring an emergency.**

Sponsor - Executive Shapiro

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

Resolution 2025-037 was adopted.

2025-038     **A Resolution confirming the award by the Board of Control of a purchase contract with Zoom Video Communications, Inc., as a Best Practical Source, for Zoom Licenses for the Virtual Court Project and County operations, for the period from 11/24/24 to 11/23/25, in an amount not to exceed \$97,049.38, for the Executive’s Department of Public Safety and the Office of Information Technology, and declaring an emergency.**

Sponsor - Executive Shapiro

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

Resolution 2025-038 was adopted.

## **SECOND READINGS**

2025-020     **An amended Resolution declaring the Mudbrook Sanitary Emergency Repair Project to repair the Mudbrook sewer trunkline on Canyon Brook Drive, located in the City of Cuyahoga Falls, in Council District 3 2, an emergency pursuant to Section 177.07(a)(3) of the Codified Ordinances of the County of Summit, and confirming the award by the Board of Control of a construction contract with Wingfoot Rental & Development Co., for an emergency repair to the sewer trunkline, in an amount not to exceed \$829,386.18, 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

Mr. Ford moved to amend the legislation.

Voice Vote on the motion.

Yes: Darrow, Dickinson, Ford, Kacyon, Licate, McKenney, Schmidt, Walters, Wilhite

Absent: Donofrio, Higham

Motion passed - Voice Vote: 9-0

Mr. Ford 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, Ford, Kacyon, Licate, McKenney, Schmidt, Walters, Wilhite

Absent: Donofrio, Higham

Motion passed - Voice Vote: 9-0

Mr. Ford moved to adopt.

Voice Vote on the motion.

Yes: Darrow, Dickinson, Ford, Kacyon, Licate, McKenney, Schmidt, Walters, Wilhite

Absent: Donofrio, Higham

Motion passed - Voice Vote: 9-0

Resolution 2025-020 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 5:02 pm. The next regular meeting will be held March 3, 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 10th day of February, 2025.

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CLERK OF COUNCIL

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PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL