

**COUNTY OF SUMMIT
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
March 3, 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.

At the conclusion of Council business, the following individuals addressed Council with public comments: Robert Quade, Rami Feinstein, Mallory Shwab, and David Guran.

The following items were addressed before Council at the Caucus:

- 2025-049 Andrew Barry from the Law Department and Tom Bellish from Buckeye Energy Brokers, Inc., addressed Council on this first reading passage request.
- 2025-050 Craig Stanley from the Department of Administrative Services addressed Council and Paul Zuravel gave a public comment before Council on this first reading passage request.
- 2025-051 Andrew Barry from the Law Department addressed Council on this first reading passage request.
- 2025-052 Sarah Buccigross from the Executive's Office addressed Council on this first reading passage request.
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M-014-2025 Detective Kristofer London addressed Council on this motion.

M-016-2025 Councilmember Bethany McKenney addressed Council on this motion.

The Council Regular Meeting was called to order at 04:55 PM in Council Chambers.

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

MINUTES FOR APPROVAL: Ms. Walters moved to approve the minutes of the regular Council meeting(s) held February 10, 2025.

Voice Vote on the motion.

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

Minutes were approved 11-0.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF GENERAL INTEREST:

ANNOUNCEMENT FROM EXECUTIVE:

ANNOUNCEMENT OF OFFICEHOLDERS:

MOTIONS FOR COUNCIL

M-014-2025 A Motion of Council confirming the appointment of Detective Kristofer London (replacing Detective Daniel Cuckler) with alternate Detective Elisha Menefee to the Child Fatality Review Board.

Movant - Ms. Darrow

Ms. Walters moved to adopt.

Voice Vote on the motion.

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

Motion passed - Voice Vote: 11-0

Motion M-014-2025 was adopted.

M-015-2025 A Motion of Council confirming the reappointment of Anna Arvay to the Children Services Board.

Movant - Ms. Darrow

Mr. Wilhite moved to adopt.

Voice Vote on the motion.

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

Motion passed - Voice Vote: 11-0

Motion M-015-2025 was adopted.

M-016-2025 A Motion of Council confirming the appointment of Councilwoman Bethany McKenney (replacing Gloria Rodgers) to the Child Fatality Review Board.

Movant - Ms. Darrow

Ms. Higham moved to adopt.

Voice Vote on the motion.

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

Motion passed - Voice Vote: 11-0

Motion M-016-2025 was adopted.

FIRST READINGS

2025-049 **A Resolution authorizing the Executive to execute a Master Services Agreement with Dynegy Energy Services (East), LLC d/b/a Dynegy Energy Services, LLC., to supply electricity for the County's opt-out electricity aggregation program, for a thirteen-month term, from 5/1/25 through 5/31/26, at an estimated fixed price of .0892/kWh, for the Executive, 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, Higham, Kacyon, Licate, McKenney, Schmidt, Walters, Wilhite

Motion passed - Voice Vote: 11-0

Ms. Walters moved to adopt.

Voice Vote on the motion.

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

Motion passed - Voice Vote: 11-0

Resolution 2025-049 was adopted.

- 2025-050 **A Resolution authorizing the Executive to advertise for bids for demolition of the building and the parking deck located at 2525 State Road, located in the City of Cuyahoga Falls, in Council District 2, for an estimated total cost not to exceed \$1,100,000.00, 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

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, Higham, Kacyon, Licate, McKenney, Schmidt, Walters, Wilhite

Motion passed - Voice Vote: 11-0

Ms. Walters moved to adopt.

Voice Vote on the motion.

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

Motion passed - Voice Vote: 11-0

Resolution 2025-050 was adopted.

- 2025-051 **A Resolution confirming the award by the Board of Control of a renewal (second of four) of a marketing agreement with Alliance Media, as a Best Practical Source, for the Veterans Service Commission 2025 Advertising Campaign, for a one-year term, from 2/15/25 through 2/14/26, in an amount not to exceed \$100,000.00, for the Veterans Service Commission, 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, Higham, Kacyon, Licate, McKenney, Schmidt, Walters, Wilhite

Motion passed - Voice Vote: 11-0

Mr. Donofrio moved to adopt.

Voice Vote on the motion.

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

Motion passed - Voice Vote: 11-0

Resolution 2025-051 was adopted.

2025-052 **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, Higham, Kacyon, Licate, McKenney, Schmidt, Walters, Wilhite

Motion passed - Voice Vote: 11-0

Mr. Donofrio moved to adopt.

Voice Vote on the motion.

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

Motion passed - Voice Vote: 11-0

Resolution 2025-052 was adopted.

2025-053 **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. 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, Higham, Kacyon, Licate, McKenney, Schmidt, Walters, Wilhite

Motion passed - Voice Vote: 11-0

Mr. Donofrio moved to adopt.

Voice Vote on the motion.

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

Motion passed - Voice Vote: 11-0

Resolution 2025-053 was adopted.

- 2025-054 **A Resolution enacting a 3.0% salary increase for current non-bargaining, classified and unclassified employees of the Clerk of Courts, Council, Engineer, Executive, Fiscal Officer, Human Resource Commission, Internal Audit Department, Office of Information Technology, Prosecutor, and Sheriff, effective March 24, 2025, 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

- 2025-055 **A Resolution confirming the award by the Board of Control of Change Order No. 1 to a professional service contract with First Stop Health, to provide telemedicine services to County employees and participants of the County's health care regionalization program, for a three-year term, from 1/1/23 through 12/31/25, in an amount not to exceed \$150,000.00, (for a cumulative increase of 45.45%) for a total amount not to exceed \$480,000.00, 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

Committee First Readings

- 2025-056 **A Resolution authorizing the publication and legal notices for the proposed public improvement known as the Springfield Lake Outlet (County Ditch No. 45) Improvements Project located in Springfield Township, and setting dates for the Public Viewing and Public Hearing pursuant to Section 6131.07 of the Ohio Revised Code, for Council, and declaring an emergency.**

Sponsor - Mr. Ford

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

Committee First Readings

- 2025-057 **A Resolution confirming the award by the Board of Control of a construction contract with Perrin Asphalt Co., for Ravenna Road Resurfacing Part II, located in Twinsburg Township and the City of Hudson, in Council Districts 1 and 3, in an amount not to exceed \$907,762.25, for the Engineer, and declaring an emergency.**

Sponsor - Executive Shapiro

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

Committee First Readings

- 2025-058 **A Resolution confirming the award by the Board of Control of a construction contract with Kenmore Construction Co., Inc., to replace the Mt. Pleasant Road Bridge, located in the City of Green, in Council District 8, in an amount not to exceed \$737,822.00, for the Engineer, and declaring an emergency.**

Sponsor - Executive Shapiro

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

Committee First Readings

- 2025-059 **A Resolution confirming the award by the Board of Control of a construction contract with Matt Winters Excavating, LLC., for design/build for the Everett Connector Road Restoration Project, located in Richfield and Boston Townships, in Council District 1, in an amount not to exceed \$272,003.00, for the Engineer, and declaring an emergency.**
- Sponsor - Executive Shapiro
Staff Contact: Mark Potter, (330) 643-2726, mpotter@summitoh.net
- Committee First Readings
- 2025-060 **A Resolution authorizing the Executive to execute a grant agreement with the Summit Soil and Water Conservation District in the amount of \$259,000.00 for services to the Surface Water Management District and pursuant to the County's MS4 permit, for the Executive and the Engineer, and declaring an emergency.**
- Sponsor - Executive Shapiro
Staff Contact: Mark Potter, (330) 643-2726, mpotter@summitoh.net
- Committee First Readings
- 2025-061 **A Resolution confirming the award by the Board of Control of a renewal (first of three) of a professional service contract with Arcadis US, Inc. for an engineering services task order, for a one-year term, from 1/1/25 to 12/31/25, in an amount not to exceed \$175,000.00, for the Engineer, and declaring an emergency.**
- Sponsor - Executive Shapiro
Staff Contact: Mark Potter, (330) 643-2726, mpotter@summitoh.net
- Committee First Readings
- 2025-062 **A Resolution authorizing the Executive to enter into a Local Public Agency agreement with the State of Ohio, through the Department of Transportation, for the Bridge and Culvert Load Rating Project, for an estimated total project cost not to exceed \$146,084.00, with the Department of Transportation providing Federal Highway Administration Funds up to \$116,867.00 to cover up to 80% of the project costs, with the Engineer being responsible for the balance of the project costs, for the Executive and Engineer, and declaring an emergency.**
- Sponsor - Executive Shapiro
Staff Contact: Mark Potter, (330) 643-2726, mpotter@summitoh.net
- Committee First Readings
- 2025-063 **A Resolution authorizing the Executive, on behalf of the Engineer, to participate in the Ohio Department of Transportation's annual road salt bid, for the Engineer, and declaring an emergency.**
- Sponsor - Executive Shapiro
Staff Contact: Mark Potter, (330) 643-2726, mpotter@summitoh.net
- Committee First Readings

- 2025-064 **A Resolution confirming the award by the Board of Control of a purchase contract with Morton Salt, Inc., at Ohio Department of Transportation Cooperative Purchasing pricing, for road salt for the 2025 snow and ice control season, in an amount not to exceed \$165,000.00, for the Engineer, and declaring an emergency.**

Sponsor - Executive Shapiro

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

Committee First Readings

- 2025-065 **A Resolution authorizing the Executive to advertise for bids for the construction of Project Q-836-1 Pump Station No. 82 Replacement and Force Main Replacement for an estimated total cost not to exceed \$3,452,491.00, and to authorize the Executive to apply for and execute a loan agreement with the Water Pollution Control Loan Fund, for a loan in an amount not to exceed \$3,800,000.00, to fund the project, located in the City of Tallmadge, in Council District 6, 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

- 2025-066 **A Resolution confirming the awards by the Board of Control of construction contracts with various contractors for the Ohio Building HVAC and Finishes Upgrade Project, located in the City of Akron, in Council District 5, for an estimated total cost not to exceed \$11,143,539.00, 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

Committee First Readings

- 2025-067 **A Resolution confirming the award by the Board of Control of a professional service contract with Roetzel Consulting Solutions, as a Best Practical Source, to provide economic development strategy, project management and consulting services to the County, for the period 1/1/25 through 12/31/25, with two options to renew for additional one-year terms, in an amount not to exceed \$96,000.00, 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

Committee First Readings

- 2025-068 **A Resolution confirming the award by the Board of Control of a purchase contract with WEX Bank, at Sourcewell pricing, for fleet fuel card services and miscellaneous small vehicle expenses, in an amount not to exceed \$350,000.00, for the Sheriff, and declaring an emergency.**

Sponsor - Executive Shapiro

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

Committee First Readings

- 2025-069 **A Resolution authorizing the Executive, pursuant to Section 177.13 of the Codified Ordinances of the County of Summit, to increase the purchase aggregate total for calendar year 2025 for BPI Information Systems to an amount not to exceed \$113,820.00, for the Executive's Department of Finance and Budget and 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

- 2025-070 **A Resolution confirming the award by the Board of Control of a professional service contract with The Great Life Spay Neuter Wellness fka Good Life Veterinary Preventative Care, LLC for veterinarian services at the Animal Control Facility, located in the City of Akron, in Council District 5, for a one-year term, for the period 4/1/25 to 3/31/26, in a total amount not to exceed \$114,400.00, for the Executive's Department of Administrative Services – Division of Animal Control, and declaring an emergency.**

Sponsor - Executive Shapiro

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

Committee First Readings

- 2025-071 **A Resolution confirming the award by the Board of Control of an agreement with AxxessPointe Community Health Center, Inc. fka Family and Community Services, Inc., to provide supportive services to United States military veteran and TANF eligible families that are homeless or at-risk of becoming homeless, from 3/1/25 through 9/30/25, in an amount not to exceed \$200,000.00, 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

Committee First Readings

- 2025-072 **A Resolution confirming the award by the Board of Control of a purchase contract with DocuPet, Corp., as a Best Practical Source, for dog licensing software, for a three-year term, from 3/1/25 through 2/28/28, in an amount not to exceed \$135,000.00, for the Fiscal Officer, and declaring an emergency.**

Sponsor - Executive Shapiro

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

Committee First Readings

- 2025-073 **A Resolution confirming the award by the Board of Control of a purchase contract with ZixCorp Systems, Inc., as a Best Practical Source, for Office365 service with Zix/AppRiver/OpenText as a Cloud Solution Provider, for a one-year term, from 4/12/25 through 4/11/26, in an amount not to exceed \$293,148.00, for 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

2025-074 **A Resolution authorizing various County offices to make expenditures, in a total combined amount not to exceed \$105,000.00, for hospitality items for events to be held in 2025, for the Executive, and declaring an emergency.**

Sponsor - Executive Shapiro

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

Committee First Readings

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

Motion passed

Mr. Schmidt moved to adopt.

Voice Vote on the motion.

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

Motion passed

ROUTINE LEGISLATION UNANIMOUSLY AGREED TO BY COMMITTEE

- 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

Ordinance 2025-041 was adopted.

- 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

Resolution 2025-042 was adopted.

- 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

Resolution 2025-043 was adopted.

- 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

Resolution 2025-044 was adopted.

- 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, Council as a Whole

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

Resolution 2025-045 was adopted.

- 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, Council as a Whole

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

Resolution 2025-046 was adopted.

- 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

Resolution 2025-047 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 5:23 pm. The next regular meeting will be held March 24, 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 3rd day of March, 2025.

Signed by:

Monique Willis

CLERK OF COUNCIL

DocuSigned by:

Rita J. Darrin

PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL