COUNTY OF SUMMIT REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES March 24, 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: Ahmad Jadallah and David Guran.

The following items were addressed before Council at the Caucus:

- 2025-075 Brian Nelsen from the Executive's Office addressed Council on this first reading passage request.
- 2025-076 Phil Montgomery from the Executive's Office addressed Council on this first reading passage request.
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- 2025-078 Councilmember John Schmidt, AJ Harris and David Guran addressed Council on this first reading passage request.

The Council Regular Meeting was called to order at 04:57 PM in Council Chambers.

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

MINUTES FOR APPROVAL: Mr. Wilhite moved to approve the minutes of the regular Council meeting(s) held March 3, 2025 & March 10, 2025.

Voice Vote on the motion.

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

Minutes were approved 10-0.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF GENERAL INTEREST:

ANNOUNCEMENT FROM EXECUTIVE:

ANNOUNCEMENT OF OFFICEHOLDERS:

FIRST READINGS

2025-075 A Resolution authorizing the Executive to execute a Subaward Agreement with Direction Home Akron Canton Area Agency on Aging & Disabilities to continue the provision of additional services to Summit County Residents to assist older adults with aging in place, from 1/1/25 through 6/30/25, authorizing the expenditure of an amount not to exceed \$1,000,125.99 in carryover funds from the 2024 Subaward Agreement and authorizing an additional amount not to exceed \$627,555.22, for a total amount not to exceed \$1,627,681.21, for the Executive, and declaring an emergency.

Sponsor - Executive Shapiro

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

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

Absent: Ford

Motion passed - Voice Vote: 10-0

Mr. Wilhite moved to adopt.

Voice Vote on the motion.

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

Absent: Ford

Motion passed - Voice Vote: 10-0

Resolution 2025-075 was adopted.

2025-076 A Resolution accepting the amount and rate as determined by the Budget Commission, to amend the levy of the Summit County Developmental Disabilities Board for the Tax Year 2024 from 4.5 mills to 3.59 mills, authorizing the necessary tax levy and certifying it 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, Higham, Kacyon, Licate, McKenney, Schmidt, Walters, Wilhite Absent: Ford Motion passed - Voice Vote: 10-0 Mr. Donofrio moved to adopt. Voice Vote on the motion. Yes: Darrow, Dickinson, Donofrio, Higham, Kacyon, Licate, McKenney, Schmidt, Walters, Wilhite Absent: Ford Motion passed - Voice Vote: 10-0 Resolution 2025-076 was adopted.

2025-077 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, Higham, Kacyon, Licate, McKenney, Schmidt, Walters, Wilhite
Absent: Ford
Motion passed - Voice Vote: 10-0
Mr. Donofrio moved to adopt.
Voice Vote on the motion.
Yes: Darrow, Dickinson, Donofrio, Higham, Kacyon, Licate, McKenney, Schmidt, Walters, Wilhite
Absent: Ford
Motion passed - Voice Vote: 10-0
Resolution passed - Voice Vote: 10-0
Resolution 2025-077 was adopted.

2025-078 A Resolution urging Ohio's 136th General Assembly to adopt Senate Bill 109 to provide breakfast and lunch at no cost to public and chartered nonpublic school students, for Council, and declaring an emergency.

Sponsor - John Schmidt, Council as a Whole, 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, Higham, Kacyon, Licate, McKenney, Schmidt, Walters, Wilhite Absent: Ford Motion passed - Voice Vote: 10-0 Mr. Schmidt moved to adopt. Voice Vote on the motion. Yes: Darrow, Dickinson, Donofrio, Higham, Kacyon, Licate, McKenney, Schmidt, Walters, Wilhite Absent: Ford Motion passed - Voice Vote: 10-0 Resolution 2025-078 was adopted.

2025-079 A Resolution confirming the award of the Board of Control, authorizing the purchase of contracts for liability, boiler and machinery, property, and other miscellaneous and necessary insurance coverage, for a one-year term, from 4/15/25 through 4/15/26, in an amount not to exceed \$1,946,393.00, payable through Wichert Insurance Services, Inc. dba Wichert Insurance, 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

Committee First Readings

2025-080 A Resolution approving salary adjustments for various classified non-bargaining employees, for the Prosecutor, and declaring an emergency.

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

Committee First Readings

2025-081 A Resolution confirming the award by the Board of Control of a construction contract with Melway Paving Company, Inc., for the 2025 Summit County 422 Resurfacing Program, in an amount not to exceed \$776,443.60, for the Engineer, and declaring an emergency.

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

2025-082 A Resolution confirming the award by the Board of Control of a purchase contract with Kenworth of Richfield, at Sourcewell Pricing, for two 2025 Kenworth T480 Tandem Axle Cab & Chassis Dump/Plow Trucks, in a total amount not to exceed \$274,865.84, for the Engineer, and declaring an emergency.

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

Committee First Readings

2025-083 A Resolution confirming the award by the Board of Control of a purchase contract with Ken Ganley Ford, at less than CUE Pricing, for two 2025 Ford F150 4x4 Pickup Trucks, in a total amount not to exceed \$86,676.80, for the Engineer, and declaring an emergency.

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

Committee First Readings

2025-084 A Resolution authorizing the Executive to execute a Loan Agreement and any other documents necessary to provide a loan to the Summit-Akron Solid Waste Management Authority d.b.a. ReWorks for the construction of a new administration building at 1211 Graham Rd., located in the City of Stow, in Council District 3, for a ten-year term, in an amount not to exceed \$3,000,000.00, for the Executive, and declaring an emergency.

> Sponsor - Executive Shapiro, Mr. Wilhite, Mr. Licate Staff Contact: Mark Potter, (330) 643-2726, mpotter@summitoh.net

Committee First Readings

2025-085 A Resolution authorizing the Executive to advertise for bids for the Medical Examiner's Two-Story Curtain Wall Replacement Project, located in the City of Akron, in Council District 4, for an estimated total cost not to exceed \$450,000.00, 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

Committee First Readings

2025-086 A Resolution declaring the month of April 2025 as Autism Acceptance Month in Summit County, recognizing all individuals in our community on the autism spectrum and celebrating the numerous ways in which they contribute to our communities and our lives, for the Executive, and declaring an emergency.

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

2025-087 A Resolution declaring the month of April 2025 as Child Abuse Prevention Month in the County of Summit and encouraging residents to join in this acknowledgement and Wear Blue on April 9, 2025, for the Executive, and declaring an emergency.

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

Committee First Readings

2025-088 A Resolution declaring the month of April 2025 as Minority Health Month in Summit County, recognizing the health inequalities facing minority communities, and encouraging all health organizations to conduct appropriate programs and activities to promote healthfulness in minority communities, for the Executive, and declaring an emergency.

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

Committee First Readings

2025-089 A Resolution declaring April 2, 2025, as Start by Believing Day throughout the County of Summit, supporting the Start by Believing campaign which raises awareness of survivors of sexual violence, and encouraging all businesses and residents alike to show their support by wearing teal on April 2, 2025, for the Executive, and declaring an emergency.

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

Committee First Readings

2025-090 A Resolution authorizing the Executive to execute any documents necessary to accept 2025 Northeast Ohio Public Energy Council (NOPEC) Energized Community Grants, in the amount of \$7,746.00, with no local cash match requirement, for the Executive, and declaring an emergency.

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

Committee First Readings

2025-091 A Resolution confirming the award by the Board of Control of an agreement with PGA Tour Enterprises, LLC. and Kaulig Companies, for sponsorship of the PGA Kaulig Companies Championship, in an amount not to exceed \$25,000.00, for the Veterans Service Commission, and declaring an emergency.

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

2025-092 A Resolution confirming the award of the Board of Control of a purchase contract with AT&T, as a Best Practical Source, to provide local Centrex telephone and long distance services, for a one-year term, from 1/1/25 through 12/31/25, in an amount not to exceed \$168,000.00, for the Office of Information Technology, and declaring an emergency.

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

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, Higham, Kacyon, Licate, McKenney, Schmidt, Walters, Wilhite Absent: Ford Motion passed Mr. Schmidt moved to adopt.

Voice Vote on the motion. Yes: Darrow, Dickinson, Donofrio, Higham, Kacyon, Licate, McKenney, Schmidt, Walters, Wilhite Absent: Ford Motion passed

ROUTINE LEGISLATION UNANIMOUSLY AGREED TO BY COMMITTEE

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

Resolution 2025-054 was adopted.

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

Resolution 2025-055 was adopted.

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

Resolution 2025-056 was adopted.

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

Resolution 2025-057 was adopted.

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

Resolution 2025-058 was adopted.

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

Resolution 2025-059 was adopted.

2025-060 A<u>n amended</u> Resolution authorizing the Executive to execute a grant agreement with the Summit Soil and Water Conservation District in the amount of \$259,000.00 \$295,000.00 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

Resolution 2025-060 was adopted.

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

Resolution 2025-061 was adopted.

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

Resolution 2025-062 was adopted.

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

Resolution 2025-063 was adopted.

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

Resolution 2025-064 was adopted.

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

Resolution 2025-065 was adopted.

2025-066 A Resolution confirming the awards by the Board of Control of construction contacts 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

Resolution 2025-066 was adopted.

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

Resolution 2025-067 was adopted.

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

Resolution 2025-068 was adopted.

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

Resolution 2025-070 was adopted.

2025-071 A Resolution confirming the award by the Board of Control of an agreement with AxessPointe 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

Resolution 2025-071 was adopted.

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

Resolution 2025-072 was adopted.

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

Resolution 2025-073 was adopted.

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

Resolution 2025-074 was adopted.

SECOND READINGS

2025-069 An Amended 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 \$180,638.00 113,820.00, 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 Ms. Dickinson moved to amend the legislation. Voice Vote on the motion. Yes: Darrow, Dickinson, Donofrio, Higham, Kacyon, Licate, McKenney, Schmidt, Walters, Wilhite Absent: Ford Motion passed - Voice Vote: 10-0 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, Higham, Kacyon, Licate, McKenney, Schmidt, Walters, Wilhite Absent: Ford Motion passed - Voice Vote: 10-0 Ms. Dickinson moved to adopt. Voice Vote on the motion. Yes: Darrow, Dickinson, Donofrio, Higham, Kacyon, Licate, McKenney, Schmidt, Walters, Wilhite Absent: Ford Motion passed - Voice Vote: 10-0 Resolution 2025-069 was adopted.

Presentation of New Business:

Presentation of Petitions to address Council:

Executive Session	
Motion By:	Seconded
Motion Type:	
For:	
Against:	
Abstain:	
Absent:	
Outcome:	
Call To Order:	
Reason:	

Adjournment: Council adjourned at 5:14 pm. The next regular meeting will be held March 31, 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 24th day of March, 2025.

Monique Willis

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