

COUNTY OF SUMMIT
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
August 4, 2025

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

The following items were addressed before Council at the Caucus:

- 2025-202 Andrew Barry from the Law Department addressed Council on this first reading passage request.
- 2025-203 Lori Pesci from Public Safety addressed Council on this first reading passage request.
- 2025-204 Stephen Byrne from the Office of Information Technology addressed Council on this first reading passage request.
- 2025-205 Sarah Buccigross from the Executive's Office, and interns Bryson Hill and John Whorton addressed Council on this first reading passage request.

The Council Regular Meeting was called to order at 05:14 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, Mr. Wilhite; Absent: Ms. Walters

MINUTES FOR APPROVAL: Mr. Wilhite moved to approve the minutes of the regular Council meeting(s) held June 30, 2025.

Voice Vote on the motion.

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

Absent: Walters

Minutes were approved 10-0.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF GENERAL INTEREST:

ANNOUNCEMENT FROM EXECUTIVE:

ANNOUNCEMENT OF OFFICEHOLDERS:

FIRST READINGS

2025-202 **A Resolution confirming the award by the Board of Control of a professional service contract for cyber liability insurance coverage, for a one-year term, from 7/1/25 through 7/1/26, in an amount not to exceed \$77,987.50, payable through Wichert Insurance Services, Inc. dba Wichert Insurance, as a Best Practical Source, 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. Higham 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, Wilhite

Absent: Walters

Motion passed - Voice Vote: 10-0

Ms. Higham moved to adopt.

Voice Vote on the motion.

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

Absent: Walters

Motion passed - Voice Vote: 10-0

Resolution 2025-202 was adopted.

2025-203 **A Resolution authorizing the Executive to execute a contract with Oriana House, Inc. and the Summit County Facility Governing Board, for the operation of the County of Summit's Community Based Correctional Facility, from 7/1/25 through 6/30/27, in an amount not to exceed \$12,693,256.00, 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

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

Absent: Walters

Motion passed - Voice Vote: 10-0

Ms. Dickinson moved to adopt.

Voice Vote on the motion.

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

Absent: Walters

Motion passed - Voice Vote: 10-0

Resolution 2025-203 was adopted.

2025-204 **A Resolution authorizing the Executive, subject to the approval of the Board of Control, to execute Change Order No. 2 to a professional service contract with AdvizeX Technologies, LLC., as a Best Practical Source, to include Network as a Service for Aruba access points coverage at Domestic Relations Court, for a five-year term, in an amount not to exceed \$18,820.00 (for a cumulative increase of 34.26%), and confirming the award by the Board of Control of Change Order No. 3 to a professional service contract with AdvizeX Technologies, LLC., as a Best Practical Source, for Network as a Service for Aruba access points for additional coverage at the Board of Elections and during the Ohio Building Project move, for a five-year term, in an amount not to exceed \$27,294.00 (for a cumulative increase of 44.98%) for a total amount not to exceed \$368,888.00, for the Office of Information Technology, 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, Wilhite

Absent: Walters

Motion passed - Voice Vote: 10-0

Mr. Donofrio moved to adopt.

Voice Vote on the motion.

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

Absent: Walters

Motion passed - Voice Vote: 10-0

Resolution 2025-204 was adopted.

2025-205 **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, Wilhite

Absent: Walters

Motion passed - Voice Vote: 10-0

Mr. Donofrio moved to adopt.

Voice Vote on the motion.

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

Absent: Walters

Motion passed - Voice Vote: 10-0

Resolution 2025-205 was adopted.

2025-206 **A Resolution confirming the award by the Board of Control of a professional design service contract with GPD Group, Inc. for the Engineering Services Feasibility Study Phase of the High-Level Bridge Replacement Project, located in the Cities of Akron and Cuyahoga Falls, in Council Districts 2 & 4, for an amount not to exceed \$2,858,664.00, for the Engineer, and declaring an emergency.**

Sponsor - Executive Shapiro, Mr. Schmidt

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

Committee First Readings

2025-207 **A Resolution confirming the award by the Board of Control of a construction contract with Cistones Excavating Services, LLC for the 2025 Summit County Catch Basin Repair Program, in an amount not to exceed \$144,660.00, for the Engineer, and declaring an emergency.**

Sponsor - Executive Shapiro

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

Committee First Readings

- 2025-208 **A Resolution confirming the award by the Board of Control of a professional service contract with Palmer Engineering Company for the preliminary design of the Norwood Lake Outlet Stormwater Improvements Project, located in Northfield Center Township, in Council District 1, in amount not to exceed \$88,689.00, for the Engineer, and declaring an emergency.**
- Sponsor - Executive Shapiro
Staff Contact: Mark Potter, (330) 643-2726, mpotter@summitoh.net
- Committee First Readings
- 2025-209 **A Resolution requesting that the Director of the Ohio Department of Transportation determine and declare a prima facie speed limit of 35 miles per hour on a section of Akron-Cleveland Road under the jurisdiction of the County, located in Boston 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
- Committee First Readings
- 2025-210 **A Resolution authorizing the Executive to enter into an agreement for the acquisition of a standard highway easement over a portion of 3020 Sanitarium Road, located in Springfield Township, in Council District 8, in a total amount not to exceed \$2,336.00, as part of the Canton Road and Sanitarium Road Intersection and Pedestrian Safety Improvement Project, for the Engineer, and declaring an emergency.**
- Sponsor - Executive Shapiro
Staff Contact: Mark Potter, (330) 643-2726, mpotter@summitoh.net
- Committee First Readings
- 2025-211 **A Resolution authorizing the Executive to enter into an agreement for the acquisition of a Drainage Easement over a portion of 5215 Harter Road, located in Richfield Township, in Council District 1, in a total amount not to exceed \$300.00, as part of the Medina Line Road Culvert Replacement Project, for the Engineer, and declaring an emergency.**
- Sponsor - Executive Shapiro
Staff Contact: Mark Potter, (330) 643-2726, mpotter@summitoh.net
- Committee First Readings
- 2025-212 **A Resolution authorizing the Executive to advertise for bids for the disposal of sludge from both the Fishcreek Wastewater Treatment Plant #25, located in the City of Stow, and the Upper Tuscarawas Wastewater Treatment Plant #36, located in Springfield Township, in Council Districts 3 and 8, to a solid waste landfill, for a three year term, for an estimated total cost not to exceed \$1,025,000.00, 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
- Committee First Readings

- 2025-213 **A Resolution authorizing the Executive to declare the official intent and reasonable expectation of the County of Summit, on behalf of the State of Ohio (The Borrower), is to Reimburse the Sanitary Sewer Operating Fund, for the CU14AB, Mudbrook Sanitary Emergency Repair Project, with the Proceeds of Tax Exempt Debt of the State of Ohio, located in the City of Cuyahoga Falls, in Council District 2, for the Executive's Department of Sanitary Sewer Services, and declaring and emergency.**

Sponsor - Executive Shapiro

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

Committee First Readings

- 2025-214 **A Resolution authorizing the Executive to execute an amendment to the existing Sanitary Sewer Service Agreement between the County and the Northeast Ohio Regional Sewer District, dated October 22, 1987, to amend the City of Hudson's sanitary sewer service area, located in the City of Hudson, in Council District 3, for the Executive's Department of Sanitary Sewer Services, and declaring and emergency.**

Sponsor - Executive Shapiro

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

Committee First Readings

- 2025-215 **A Resolution accepting the recommendations of the Tax Incentive Review Council regarding two enterprise zone agreements in Summit County, located in the City of Cuyahoga Falls and Twinsburg Township, in Council Districts 1 and 2, 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

- 2025-216 **A Resolution authorizing the Executive to advertise for bids for the CBCF Women's Facility Roof 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

- 2025-217 **A Resolution confirming the award of the Board of Control of a construction contract with Quorum Group, LLC dba Takeform, under Other Public Cooperative Purchasing Association Pricing, for the Summit County Parking Deck Signage Project, located in the City of Akron, in Council District 4, in an amount not to exceed \$98,578.61, 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

- 2025-218 **A Resolution confirming the award by the Board of Control of professional service contracts with various providers for behavioral health and juvenile justice services, for the period 7/1/25 through 6/30/26, in a total amount not to exceed \$213,892.00, 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
- 2025-219 **An Ordinance amending Section 115.01 of the Codified Ordinances of the County of Summit, entitled “Administrative Organization,” to make certain updates and revisions to the organization of Administrative Services, for the Executive’s Departments of Law and Risk Management and Public Safety, and declaring an emergency.**
- Sponsor - Executive Shapiro
Staff Contact: Mark Potter, (330) 643-2726, mpotter@summitoh.net
- Committee First Readings
- 2025-220 **A Resolution authorizing the Executive to execute Aggregate Change Order No. 1 to increase the purchase aggregate total for Non-Emergency Medical Transportation services for calendar year 2025 for various vendors, as set forth in Exhibit A, 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
- 2025-221 **A Resolution declaring August 31, 2025, as Overdose Awareness Day in Summit County, raising awareness of the opioid epidemic and asking residents to join in remembering and mourning the lives lost due to the epidemic, for the Executive, and declaring an emergency.**
- Sponsor - Executive Shapiro
Staff Contact: Kent Starks, (330) 643-2074, kstarks@summitoh.net
- Committee First Readings
- 2025-222 **A Resolution declaring the day of August 23, 2025, as Summit County Pride Day, encouraging residents to celebrate and support the LGBTQ+ community and the Akron Pride Festival and Equity March, for the Executive, and declaring an emergency.**
- Sponsor - Executive Shapiro
Staff Contact: Kent Starks, (330) 643-2074, kstarks@summitoh.net
- Committee First Readings

2025-223 **A Resolution designating Fifth Third Bank N.A., Huntington National Bank, JP Morgan Chase Bank, N.A., Key Bank N.A., PNC Bank N.A., Portage Community Bank, US Bank N.A., and Westfield Bank FSB as depositories of active moneys of the County, for the period 9/1/25 through 8/31/29, and authorizing the Executive to execute agreements with those financial institutions, for the Fiscal Officer, 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, Wilhite

Absent: Walters

Motion passed

Mr. Schmidt moved to adopt.

Voice Vote on the motion.

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

Absent: Walters

Motion passed

ROUTINE LEGISLATION UNANIMOUSLY AGREED TO BY COMMITTEE

2025-201 **A Resolution submitting to the electors of the County of Summit at the November 4, 2025 general election a proposed charter amendment to add Article XI to the Charter of the County of Summit, as set forth in Exhibit A, for the Executive, and declaring an emergency.**

Sponsor - Executive Shapiro

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

Resolution 2025-201 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 5:26 pm. The next regular meeting will be held August 18, 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 4th day of August, 2025.

Signed by:

Monique Willis

CLERK OF COUNCIL

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Rita J. Darrin

PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL