

COUNTY OF SUMMIT
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
August 18, 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.

Councilmembers Schmidt and Higham presented a commendation to Dontino's Family Restaurant on the occasion of their 50th anniversary.

Phil Montgomery from the Executive's Office of Finance and Budget presented a financial update to Council.

Apostlett Pamela addressed Council with a public comment.

The following items were addressed before Council at the Caucus:

2025-224 Heidi Swindell from the Engineer's Office addressed Council on this first reading passage request.

2025-225 Alex Burt from Public Safety addressed Council on this first reading passage request.

2025-226 Phil Montgomery from the Executive's Office addressed Council on this first reading passage request.

M-037-2025 Deputy Chief Scott Pascu 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: Mr. Wilhite moved to approve the minutes of the regular Council meeting(s) held August 4, 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: Council President Darrow announced Summit County Council and Committee Meetings will be relocating to 1050 E. Tallmadge Avenue, Akron, Ohio as the County undertakes renovations to the Ohio Building. First Council meeting at Tallmadge Avenue will be September 8, 2025.

ANNOUNCEMENT FROM EXECUTIVE:

ANNOUNCEMENT OF OFFICEHOLDERS:

MOTIONS FOR COUNCIL

M-035-2025 A Motion of Council confirming the reappointment of Jen D'Aurelo to the Humane Commission.

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-035-2025 was adopted.

M-036-2025 A Motion of Council confirming the reappointments of Fire Chief George Seifert, James Evans, John Reyes, Kevin Kindbom, and Susan Allen to the Building Standard Board of Appeals.

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-036-2025 was adopted.

M-037-2025 A Motion of Council confirming the appointment of Deputy Chief Scott Pascu (replacing District Chief Joseph Shumaker) to the Special Operations Response Team Executive 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-037-2025 was adopted.

FIRST READINGS

2025-224 **A Resolution authorizing the Executive to execute an Ohio Public Works Commission grant application and any other documents necessary to apply for and accept Local Transportation Improvement Program grant funds, in the amount of \$385,000.00, for Phase 4 of the resurfacing of Boston Mills Road from the end of Boston Mills Road Phase 3 westward approximately 2500 feet, located in Boston Township, in Council District 1, with no local cash match, for the Executive and Engineer, and declaring an emergency.**

Sponsor - Executive Shapiro

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

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

Motion passed - Voice Vote: 11-0

Mr. Ford 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 2025-224 was adopted.

2025-225 **A Resolution confirming the award by the Board of Control of a professional service contract with Oriana House, Inc., as a Best Practical Source, for community corrections services, for the period 7/1/25 through 6/30/27, in an amount not to exceed \$2,691,940.00, 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, Walters, Wilhite

Motion passed - Voice Vote: 11-0

Ms. Dickinson 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 2025-225 was adopted.

- 2025-226 **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 2025-226 was adopted.

- 2025-227 **A Resolution confirming the award by the Board of Control of a construction contract with Abel Recon, LLC, under Ohio Department of Transportation Purchase Pricing, for the Towpath Park Drainage Pipe Lining Project, located in Sagamore Hills Township, in Council District 1, in an amount not to exceed \$218,801.49, for the Engineer, and declaring an emergency.**

Sponsor - Executive Shapiro

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

Committee First Readings

- 2025-228 **A Resolution authorizing the Executive to enter into an agreement for the acquisition of standard highway easements over a portion of Parcel Number 5000003, located in the Village of Richfield, in Council District 1, in a total amount not to exceed \$600.00, as part of the Brecksville Road Bridge 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

- 2025-229 **A Resolution authorizing the Executive to execute intergovernmental agreements with Summit County municipalities for animal control services provided by the Division of Animal Control, for a five-year term, for the period of 9/1/25 to 8/31/30, with an option to renew for an additional five-year term, for the Executive's Department of Public Safety and Sheriff, and declaring an emergency.**

Sponsor - Executive Shapiro

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

Committee First Readings

- 2025-230 **A Resolution confirming the award by the Board of Control of Change Order No. 1 to a professional service agreement with Roetzel & Andress, LPA, in an amount not to exceed \$125,000.00 (for a cumulative increase of 100.00%), for a total amount not to exceed \$250,000.00, toward the costs of continued legal representation and services on behalf of the County, in the matter of Antonio Williamson v. Sheriff Kandy Fatheree, et al., for the Executive and the Sheriff, and declaring an emergency.**

Sponsor - Executive Shapiro

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

Committee First Readings

- 2025-231 **A Resolution confirming the award by the Board of Control of professional service contracts with various providers for State Fiscal Year 2026 utilizing Temporary Assistance to Needy Families, Benefit Bridge, State General Revenue Fund, and Food Assistance Employment and Training funds, from 10/1/25 through 9/30/26, in a total amount not to exceed \$5,569,000.00, 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

- 2025-232 **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 9/1/25 through 12/31/25, in an amount not to exceed \$673,304.89, for the Executive, and declaring an emergency.**

Sponsor - Executive Shapiro

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

Committee First Readings

- 2025-233 **A Resolution confirming the award by the Board of Control of a professional service contract with United Way of Summit and Medina, as a Best Practical Source, to provide Adult Protective Services after hours call response and 2-1-1 information and referral line services to assist low income families in accessing non-profit and government services to meet basic needs, for the period 10/1/25 through 9/30/26, in an amount not to exceed \$130,000.00, 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

- 2025-234 **A Resolution authorizing the Executive to execute an intergovernmental agreement with the Summit County Combined General Health District dba Summit County Public Health, to increase utilization of Healthchek Early, Periodic, Screening, Diagnostic and Testing services for young children, for a one-year term, from 10/1/25 to 9/30/26, in an amount not to exceed \$120,000.00, 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

- 2025-235 **A Resolution confirming the award by the Board of Control of a purchase contract with ComDoc A Xerox Company, under Equalis Group Public Cooperative Purchasing Association pricing, for a Versant 280 Press copier, in an amount not to exceed \$131,943.00, utilizing the Internal Lease Fund, for the Executive's Department of Finance and Budget – Office Services, and declaring an emergency.**

Sponsor - Executive Shapiro

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

Committee First Readings

- 2025-236 **A Resolution confirming the award by the Board of Control of a professional service contract with AdvizeX Technologies, LLC., as a Best Practical Source, for VMware licensing, updates, and software vendor support for vSphere server virtualization for data centers, for a four-year term, for the period of 7/31/25 to 7/30/29, for a total amount not to exceed \$237,968.08, 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

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

2025-206 **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

Resolution 2025-206 was adopted.

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

Resolution 2025-207 was adopted.

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

Resolution 2025-208 was adopted.

- 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
- Resolution 2025-209 was adopted.
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- 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
- Resolution 2025-210 was adopted.
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- 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
- Resolution 2025-211 was adopted.
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- 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
- Resolution 2025-212 was adopted.

- 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

Resolution 2025-213 was adopted.

- 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

Resolution 2025-214 was adopted.

- 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

Resolution 2025-215 was adopted.

- 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

Resolution 2025-216 was adopted.

- 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
- Resolution 2025-217 was adopted.
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- 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
- Resolution 2025-218 was adopted.
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- 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
- Ordinance 2025-219 was adopted.
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- 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, Council as a Whole
Staff Contact: Kent Starks, (330) 643-2074, kstarks@summitoh.net
- Resolution 2025-221 was adopted.
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- 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, Council as a Whole
Staff Contact: Kent Starks, (330) 643-2074, kstarks@summitoh.net
- Resolution 2025-222 was adopted.

SECOND READINGS

2025-220 **An amended Resolution authorizing the Executive to execute Aggregate Change Order No. 1 to increase the purchase aggregate total for Non-Emergency Medical Transportation services for Federal Fiscal 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

Mr. Wilhite moved to amend the legislation.

Voice Vote on the motion.

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

Motion passed - Voice Vote: 11-0

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

Motion passed - Voice Vote: 11-0

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

Resolution 2025-220 was adopted.

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

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, McKenney, Schmidt, Walters, Wilhite

Abstain: Licate

Motion passed - Voice Vote: 10-0-1

Mr. Donofrio moved to adopt.

Voice Vote on the motion.

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

Abstain: Licate

Motion passed - Voice Vote: 10-0-1

Resolution 2025-223 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 5:08 pm. The next regular meeting will be held September 8, 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 18th day of August, 2025.

Signed by:

Monique Willis

CLERK OF COUNCIL

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Rita J. Darrin

PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL