

COUNTY OF SUMMIT
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
September 22, 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.

Danielle Dieterich, Executive Director of Cuyahoga Valley Art Center provided an update on the local arts scene in Cuyahoga Falls. Live music from guitarist Jeremy Poparad, provided by Collide: Cuyahoga Falls.

A public hearing took place regarding Northfield Center Township's Petition for Construction of Single County Drainage Improvement. The public hearing adjourned at 4:59 PM.

The following items were addressed before Council at the Caucus:

2025-260 Joe Eckenrode from Administrative Services-Physical Plants addressed Council on this first reading passage request.

2025-261 Phil Montgomery from the Executive's Office addressed Council on this first reading passage request.

M-040-2025 Donna Skoda addressed Council on this motion.

The Council Regular Meeting was called to order at 05:10 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 September 8, 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-040-2025 **A Motion of Council confirming the appointments of Aimee Wade, Cassandra Holtzmann, Lisa Kamlowsky, Chris Barker, John Garofalo, Terri Burns, Dawn Distler, Jennifer Tultz, Lori Pesci, Linda Omobien, James Lawrence, Annie McFadden, Diane Miller-Dawson, Nan McClenaghan, Rick Kavenagh, Christine Marshall, Karen Talbott, Laura Pletcher, Kim Ventresca, Rev. Sandra Selby, Harry Kamdar, Jeff Ferguson, Roberta Aber, Malcolm Costa and Mollie Gilbride to the Social Services Advisory 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-040-2025 was adopted.

FIRST READINGS

2025-260 **A Resolution authorizing the Executive, subject to approval by the Board of Control, to execute a construction contract with Cardinal Environmental Services, Inc., an emergency pursuant to Section 177.07(a)(3) of the Codified Ordinances of the County of Summit, for lead-based paint removal for the Ohio Building Project, located in the City of Akron, in Council District 4, in an amount not to exceed \$143,640.00, 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

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 2025-260 was adopted.

2025-261 **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 2025-261 was adopted.

- 2025-262 **A Resolution confirming awards by the Board of Control of contracts for the County's health insurance programs, as set forth in Exhibit A, 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
- 2025-263 **A Resolution granting design preparations for Northfield Center Township's Dorwick Ditch Petitioned Drainage Improvement Project pursuant to Section 6131.12 of the Ohio Revised Code and declaring an emergency.**
- Sponsor - Mr. Ford
Staff Contact: Mark Potter, (330) 643-2726, mpotter@summitoh.net
- Committee First Readings
- 2025-264 **A Resolution confirming the award by the Board of Control of a purchase contract with Cargill, Incorporated, at Ohio Department of Transportation Cooperative Purchasing pricing, for road salt for the 2025-2026 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
- 2025-265 **A Resolution confirming the award by the Board of Control of Change Order No. 2 to a professional service contract with CTI Engineers, Inc. for engineering design services for Project Q-185 Elimination of Hudson Sanitary Sewer Overflow Area J, located in the City of Hudson, in Council District 3, in an amount not to exceed \$91,900.00 (for a cumulative increase of 71.73%), for a total amount not to exceed \$666,819.60, 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
- 2025-266 **A Resolution declaring the imminent failure of the force main, near Valleyview Road under State Route 8, located in the City of Macedonia, in Council District 1, 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., in an amount not to exceed \$537,884.79, for an emergency repair to the force main, 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

- 2025-267 **A Resolution certifying delinquent sewer service charges to the Fiscal Officer, 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
- 2025-268 **A Resolution confirming the award by the Board of Control of a construction contract with Control Concepts of Ohio, LLC, at GSA Co-op Pricing, for the HVAC Controls Upgrade Project, for the Summit County Children Services Administration Building, located in the City of Akron, in Council District 4, in an amount not to exceed \$463,114.29, 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
- 2025-269 **A Resolution confirming the award by the Board of Control of a construction contract with WL Concepts & Production, Inc, at GSA Co-op Pricing, for the Ohio Building Finishes & HVAC Signage Package, located in the City of Akron, in Council District 4, in an amount not to exceed \$116,295.66, 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
- 2025-270 **A Resolution confirming the award by the Board of Control of a purchase contract with Hamco X-Ray Inc., as a Best Practical Source, for three X-Ray scanners, for the use of two at the Common Pleas Courthouse and one at the Juvenile Court Facility, in an amount not to exceed \$136,575.00, for the Sheriff, and declaring an emergency.**
- Sponsor - Executive Shapiro
Staff Contact: Kent Starks, (330) 643-2074, kstarks@summitoh.net
- Committee First Readings
- 2025-271 **A Resolution confirming the award by the Board of Control of professional service contracts with various vendors to provide evaluation services for the Psycho-Diagnostic Clinic, for a one-year term, from 7/1/25 through 6/30/26, in a total amount not to exceed \$198,952.00, for the Court of Common Pleas and Psycho-Diagnostic Clinic, and declaring an emergency.**
- Sponsor - Executive Shapiro
Staff Contact: Kent Starks, (330) 643-2074, kstarks@summitoh.net
- Committee First Readings

- 2025-272 **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 two full-time case managers, to provide support and treatment services to Valor Court participants, for a one-year term, from 9/30/25 through 9/29/26, in an amount not to exceed \$133,473.00, 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

Committee First Readings

- 2025-273 **A Resolution confirming the award by the Board of Control of a professional service contract with Community Support Services, as a Best Practical Source, 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, for a one-year term, for the period of 10/1/25 through 9/30/26, 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

Committee First Readings

- 2025-274 **A Resolution confirming the award by the Board of Control of a renewal of a professional service contract with Interval Brotherhood Homes, Inc., dba IBH Addiction Recovery, for peer support services for Valor Court participants, for a one-year term, from 9/30/25 through 9/29/26, in an amount not to exceed \$87,471.00, 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

Committee First Readings

- 2025-275 **A Resolution declaring the month of October 2025 as Safe Sleep and SIDS Awareness Month, highlighting the risk of Sudden Infant Death Syndrome (“SIDS”) among infants, the importance of safe sleep practices in reducing SIDS, and uplifting families with newborns, for the Executive, and declaring an emergency.**

Sponsor - Executive Shapiro

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

Committee First Readings

- 2025-276 **A Resolution declaring the month of October 2025 as Breast Cancer Awareness Month in Summit County, recognizing survivors, loved ones lost to breast cancer, and caregivers that supported individuals throughout their battles, reaffirming the need for early detection and a cure for breast cancer, and encouraging residents to wear pink on October 24, 2025, for the Executive and the Council, and declaring an emergency.**

Sponsor - Executive Shapiro

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

Committee First Readings

2025-277 **A Resolution confirming the award by the Board of Control of a professional service contract with Dell Marketing L.P., at State Term Pricing, for Microsoft Select Plus perpetual licensing, for a one-year term, from 10/1/25 through 9/30/26, in a total amount not to exceed \$119,102.42, 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

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

Voice Vote on the motion

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

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FIRST READINGS LATE FILINGS

2025-278 **A Resolution authorizing the Executive to execute a third amendment to a grant agreement with the Akron Community Foundation to provide additional funds, in an amount not to exceed \$500,000.00, to the Opiate Small Grant Program to provide grants, in an amount not to exceed \$25,000.00 per grantee, to be paid from the Opiate Litigation settlement monies, for the Executive, and declaring an emergency.**

Sponsor - Executive Shapiro

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

Committee First Readings

2025-279 **A Resolution authorizing the Executive to execute grant agreements with the Development Finance Authority of Summit County, the City of Akron, Akron Public Schools, Summit Metro Parks, the Akron-Summit County Public Library, the Akron Zoological Park, the Summit County Board of Developmental Disabilities Board, the Summit County Children Services Board and the Summit County Alcohol Drug and Mental Health Services Board, for the distribution of proceeds from the sale of the real property located at 1 Cascade Plaza, Akron, Ohio 44308, in Council District 4, for the Executive, and declaring an emergency.**

Sponsor - Executive Shapiro

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

2025-244 **A Resolution granting design preparations for Copley Township's Copley Ditch (County Ditch No. 38) Petitioned Drainage Improvement Project pursuant to Section 6131.12 of the Ohio Revised Code and declaring an emergency.**

Sponsor - Mr. Ford

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

2025-245 **A Resolution confirming the award by the Board of Control of a construction contract with Kenmore Construction Co., Inc. for the Valley View Road Resurfacing Project, located in Sagamore Hills Township, in Council District 1, in an amount not to exceed \$921,156.72, for the Engineer, and declaring an emergency.**

Sponsor - Executive Shapiro

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

2025-246 **A Resolution authorizing the Executive to apply for and execute a loan agreement with the Water Pollution Control Loan Fund, for an additional amount of \$1,000,000.00 for a total amount not to exceed \$8,000,000.00, to fund Project Q-183 Pump Station No. 6 Replacement, located in the Cities of Hudson and Stow, in Council District 3, 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

- 2025-247 **A Resolution confirming the award by the Board of Control of a construction contract with Kenmore Construction Co. Inc. for Project Q-183 Pump Station No. 6 Replacement, located in the Cities of Hudson and Stow, in Council District 3, in an amount not to exceed \$6,761,800.00, 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

- 2025-248 **A Resolution declaring the week of October 1st–7th, 2025 as Stormwater Awareness Week in Summit County, recognizing the effects of stormwater runoff on the infrastructure and environment, for the Executive, and declaring an emergency.**

Sponsor - Executive Shapiro

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

- 2025-249 **A Resolution authorizing the Executive to advertise for bids for the Medical Examiner's Garage Addition Project, located in the City of Akron, in Council District 4, for an estimated total cost not to exceed \$600,000.00, 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

- 2025-250 **A Resolution confirming the award by the Board of Control of a construction contract with Western Waterproofing Company, Inc. for the Summit County Jail Windows Project, located in the City of Akron, in Council District 4, for an estimated total cost not to exceed \$154,282.00, 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

- 2025-252 **A Resolution confirming the award by the Board of Control of a renewal (third and final) of a purchase contract with Nesco Resource, LLC fka Callos Resource LLC, for payroll services for the period 10/1/25 through 9/30/26, for various youth and adult employment programs, including summer youth and year-round programs, in an amount not to exceed \$2,900,000.00, 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

- 2025-253 **A Resolution confirming the award of the Board of Control of professional service contracts and authorizing the Executive to disburse funds, including those that exceed an aggregate of \$75,000.00, to all Non-Emergency Medical Transportation providers operating under contract with the Executive's Department of Job and Family Services in Federal Fiscal Year 2026, for the period 10/1/25 through 9/30/26, with two options to renew for additional one-year terms, in an estimated total amount not to exceed \$7,000,000.00, 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

- 2025-254 **A Resolution confirming the award by the Board of Control of a purchase contract with the Metro Regional Transit Authority, to provide Non-Emergency Medical Transportation Broker services for a one-year term, from 10/1/25 through 9/30/26, in an amount not to exceed \$500,000.00, 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

- 2025-255 **A Resolution accepting the amounts and rates as determined by the Budget Commission, authorizing the necessary tax levies and certifying them for tax year 2025/collection year 2026 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

- 2025-256 **A Resolution confirming the award by the Board of Control of Change Order No. 4 to a purchase contract with Brinks, Inc., as Best Practical Source, to provide countywide armored car services, for the period of 1/1/25 to 6/30/26, or until an alternative solution is implemented, in an amount not to exceed \$141,000.00 (for a cumulative increase of 606%), for a total amount not to exceed \$353,000.00, for the Executive's Department of Budget and Finance, and declaring an emergency.**

Sponsor - Executive Shapiro

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

2025-257 **A Resolution declaring October 6, 2025 as North American First People’s Day in Summit County, honoring the history and culture of Native Americans, acknowledging the efforts to preserve this history in the United States, in the State of Ohio, and in Summit County, and encouraging residents to join in the acknowledgement, for the Executive, and declaring an emergency.**

Sponsor - Executive Shapiro, Council as a Whole

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

2025-258 **A Resolution declaring the month of October 2025 as National Arts and Humanities Month in Summit County, for the Executive, and declaring an emergency.**

Sponsor - Executive Shapiro, Council as a Whole

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

SECOND READINGS

2025-251 **A Resolution authorizing the Executive, on behalf of the Sheriff, to execute Special Weapons and Tactics (“SWAT”) Team Mutual Aid Agreements with various governmental organizations within Summit County, including the University of Akron and Summit Metroparks, as authorized by section 302.21 of the Ohio Revised Code, for the Executive and Sheriff, 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, McKenney, Schmidt, Walters, Wilhite

Abstain: Licate

Motion passed - Voice Vote: 10-0-1

Ms. Dickinson 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 2025-251 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 5:28 pm. The next regular meeting will be held October 6, 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 22nd day of September, 2025.

Signed by:

Monique Willis

CLERK OF COUNCIL

DocuSigned by:

Rita J. Darrin

PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL