

COUNTY OF SUMMIT
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
October 6, 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.

Councilmember Christine Higham presented a joint commendation with Executive Shapiro to 13-year-old Emma Lindhe of Tallmadge, who won this summer's T-Mobile Little League Home Run Derby Championship.

A public hearing took place regarding Coventry Township's Petition for Construction of Single County Drainage Improvement. Hearing called to order at 4:38 PM and adjourned at 5:22 PM.

Prosecutor Kolkovich & Sheriff Kandy Fatheree addressed Council regarding Issue 2.

The following items were addressed before Council at the Caucus:

- 2025-280 David Horner from the Court of Common Pleas, Juvenile Division addressed Council on this first reading passage request.
- 2025-281 Craig Stanley from the Department of Administrative Services addressed Council on this first reading passage request.
- 2025-282 Sheriff Kandy Fatheree and Brian Nelsen from the Executive's Office addressed Council on this first reading passage request.
- 2025-283 Brian Nelsen from the Executive's Office and David Magura from the Court of Common Pleas addressed Council on this first reading passage request.
- 2025-284 Phil Montgomery from the Executive's Office addressed Council on this first reading passage request.

The Council Regular Meeting was called to order at 05:42 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 22, 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-041-2025 A Motion of Council confirming the reappointment of Lori Pesci to the Facility Governing Board.

Movant - Rita 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-041-2025 was adopted.

FIRST READINGS

- 2025-280 **A Resolution approving a collective bargaining agreement between the Court of Common Pleas-Juvenile Division and Teamsters Local #348, affiliated with the International Brotherhood of Teamsters, for the period 10/1/25 through 9/30/28, for the Court of Common Pleas-Juvenile Division, 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, Walters, Wilhite

Motion passed - Voice Vote: 11-0

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

Resolution 2025-280 was adopted.

- 2025-281 **A Resolution authorizing the Executive to advertise for bids for the Ohio Building Elevator Project, located in the City of Akron, in Council District 4, for an estimated total cost not to exceed \$840,000.00, 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

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 2025-281 was adopted.

2025-282 **A Resolution authorizing the Executive to execute any documents necessary to accept the award from the Ohio Department of Rehabilitation and Correction of a H.B. 2 Local Jail Capital Project Grant, in the amount of \$2,952,750.00, with a 25% local cash match requirement of \$984,000.00, for a total amount of \$3,936,750.00, for the Executive and the 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, 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 2025-282 was adopted.

2025-283 **A Resolution confirming the award by the Board of Control, subject to the approval of the Information Technology Board, of a purchase contract with BPI Information Technologies, dba Talix, at National Cooperative Purchasing Alliance Pricing, to purchase desktop computers and a server upgrade, in an amount not to exceed \$265,620.00, for 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 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 2025-283 was adopted.

- 2025-284 **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 2025-284 was adopted.

- 2025-285 **A Resolution confirming the award by the Board of Control of a professional service contract with Apex Benefits Services, LLC dba Apex Health Solutions, to provide medical administration for SummaCare, Ohio Health and First Health Networks, for a three-year term, from 1/1/26 through 12/31/28, in an amount not to exceed \$675,000.00, 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

- 2025-286 **A Resolution confirming the award by the Board of Control of Change Order No. 1 to a professional service contract with Apex Benefit Services LLC dba Apex Health Solutions, to provide administrative services for the County's SummaCare health insurance coverage and claims, for a one-year term, from 1/1/25 through 12/31/25, in an amount not to exceed \$92,000.00, (for a cumulative increase of 75.41%) for a total amount not to exceed \$214,000.00, 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

- 2025-287 **A Resolution granting design preparations for Coventry Township’s Hinman Ditch Petitioned Drainage Improvement Project pursuant to Section 6131.12 of the Ohio Revised Code and declaring an emergency.**
- Sponsor - Executive Shapiro
Staff Contact: Mark Potter, (330) 643-2726, mpotter@summitoh.net
- Committee First Readings
- 2025-288 **A Resolution confirming the award by the Board of Control of a construction contract with Boak & Sons, Inc. for the Women’s Community Based Correctional Facility (CBCF) Roof Replacement Project, located in the City of Akron, in Council District 4, for an estimated total cost not to exceed \$328,578.00, 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
- 2025-289 **A Resolution confirming the award by the Board of Control of a professional service contract with Avid Architects, Inc. for the design phase of the Jail Pre-Intake and Sallyport Addition Project, located in the City of Akron, in Council District 4, in an amount not to exceed \$137,000.00, 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
- 2025-290 **A Resolution confirming the award by the Board of Control of a five-year purchase contract with AXON Enterprise, Inc., at Sourcewell pricing, for the purchase of body worn cameras, tasers, related supplies, a warranty and software, in an amount not to exceed \$2,470,336.23, for the Sheriff, and declaring an emergency.**
- Sponsor - Executive Shapiro
Staff Contact: Kent Starks, (330) 643-2074, kstarks@summitoh.net
- Committee First Readings
- 2025-291 **A Resolution confirming the award by the Board of Control of a renewal (fourth and final) of a purchase contract with Aramark Correctional Services, LLC, for food services at the Jail, for a one-year term, from 12/1/25 through 11/30/26, in a total amount not to exceed \$980,000.00, for the Executive and the Sheriff, and declaring an emergency.**
- Sponsor - Executive Shapiro
Staff Contact: Kent Starks, (330) 643-2074, kstarks@summitoh.net
- Committee First Readings

- 2025-292 **A Resolution confirming the award by the Board of Control of a professional service contract with The Drala Project, Inc., dba The Redesign Group, under the National Cooperative Purchasing Alliance, for storage as a service, for a three-year term, in an amount not to exceed \$208,251.00, 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

- 2025-293 **A Resolution confirming the award by the Board of Control of a professional service contract with The Amazing Cloud, LLC., as a Best Practical Source, for Disaster Recovery as a Service, for a nineteen-month term, from 1/1/26 through 7/31/27, for a total amount not to exceed \$130,625.00, 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

- 2025-294 **A Resolution confirming the award by the Board of Control of a professional service contract with Teletronics Services, Inc. (TTX), as a Best Practical Source, for hardware replacement services, in an amount not to exceed \$105,186.33, 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

- 2025-263 **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

Resolution 2025-263 was adopted.

- 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

Resolution 2025-264 was adopted.

- 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

Resolution 2025-265 was adopted.

- 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

Resolution 2025-266 was adopted.

- 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

Resolution 2025-267 was adopted.

- 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

Resolution 2025-268 was adopted.

- 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

Resolution 2025-270 was adopted.

- 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
- Resolution 2025-271 was adopted.
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- 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
- Resolution 2025-272 was adopted.
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- 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
- Resolution 2025-273 was adopted.
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- 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
- Resolution 2025-274 was adopted.

- 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

Resolution 2025-275 was adopted.

- 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, Council as a Whole

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

Resolution 2025-276 was adopted.

- 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

Resolution 2025-277 was adopted.

- 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, Council as a Whole

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

Resolution 2025-278 was adopted.

2025-279 **An Amended 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

Resolution 2025-279 was adopted.

SECOND READINGS

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

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, Walters, Wilhite

Motion passed - Voice Vote: 11-0

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

Resolution 2025-262 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 5:55 pm. The next regular meeting will be held October 27, 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 6th day of October, 2025.

Signed by:

Monique Willis

CLERK OF COUNCIL

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Rita J. Darrin

PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL