

**COUNTY OF SUMMIT
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
February 9, 2026**

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.

Apostlett Pamela addressed Council with a public comment.

The following items were addressed before Council at the Caucus:

- 2026-025 Joe Eckenrode from Administrative Services-Physical Plants addressed Council on this first reading passage request.
- 2026-026 Joe Eckenrode from Administrative Services-Physical Plants addressed Council on this first reading passage request.
- 2026-027 Phil Montgomery from the Executive’s Office addressed Council on this first reading passage request.
- M-014-2026 Donna Skoda addressed Council on this motion.
- M-015-2026 Donna Skoda addressed Council on this motion.

The Council Regular Meeting was called to order at 04:51 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: Mrs. Darrow moved to approve the minutes of the regular Council meeting(s) held January 26, 2026.

Voice Vote on the motion.

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

Minutes approved 11-0.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF GENERAL INTEREST:

ANNOUNCEMENT FROM EXECUTIVE:

ANNOUNCEMENT OF OFFICEHOLDERS:

MOTIONS FOR COUNCIL

M-014-2026 A Motion of Council confirming the appointments of Vernon Sykes, Larry Moore, Traci Buckner, Pastor Deante Lavender, Terri Heckman, Toya Kelker and Mar-Quetta Boddie to the Field of Interest Fund Advisory Committee.

Movant - Ms. Dickinson

Mr. Ford moved to recommend passage.

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-014-2026 was adopted.

M-015-2026 A Motion of Council confirming the appointments of David James, Chris Burnham, Robert B. Cooper, Bishop David Parker, Don Taylor and Lori Pesci to The Summit Health and Safety Innovation Fund.

Movant - Ms. Dickinson

Mr. Wilhite moved to recommend passage.

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-015-2026 was adopted.

M-016-2026 A Motion of Council confirming the reappointments of Keith Malick and Anne Connell-Freund to the Children Services Board.

Movant - Ms. Dickinson

Ms. Higham moved to recommend passage.

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-016-2026 was adopted.

M-017-2026 A Motion of Council confirming the appointment of David Messner as a second alternate for Executive Ilene Shapiro to the NEFCO Intergovernmental Review Committee.

Movant - Ms. Dickinson

Ms. Walters moved to recommend passage.

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-017-2026 was adopted.

M-018-2026 A Motion of Council confirming the reappointment of David Prentice to the Metro RTA Board of Trustees.

Movant - Ms. Dickinson

Mr. Schmidt moved to recommend passage.

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-018-2026 was adopted.

FIRST READINGS

2026-025 **A Resolution authorizing the Executive, subject to approval by the Board of Control, to execute a construction contract with Cardinal Environmental Services, Inc., as Best Practical Source and an emergency pursuant to Section 177.07(a)(3) of the Codified Ordinances of the County of Summit, for asbestos abatement services for the Ohio Building Project, located in the City of Akron, in Council District 4, in an amount not to exceed \$284,640.50, 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 2026-025 was adopted.

2026-026 **A Resolution authorizing the Executive, subject to approval by the Board of Control, to execute a design-build professional service contract with Welty Building Construction, LLC. for the design phase of the Jail Pre-Intake and Sallyport Addition Project, located in the City of Akron, in Council District 4, for an estimated total cost not to exceed \$263,700.00, 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 2026-026 was adopted.

2026-027 **A Resolution appropriating funds in order to meet projected expenditures for the balance of 2026 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 2026-027 was adopted.

2026-028 **A Resolution approving the salary adjustments for certain classified non-bargaining employees based upon job performance, increased responsibilities in their job duties and pay equity, for the Sheriff, and declaring an emergency.**

Sponsor - Executive Shapiro

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

Committee First Readings

2026-029 **A Resolution confirming the award by the Board of Control of a renewal (second of three) of a professional service contract with Arcadis US, Inc. for an engineering services task order, for a one-year term, from 1/1/26 to 12/31/26, 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

Committee First Readings

2026-030 **A Resolution authorizing the Executive to enter into agreements for the acquisition of standard highway easements over portions of Parcel Number 1908969 and Parcel Number 1910298, located in Coventry Township, in Council District 8, in a total amount not to exceed \$16,900.00, as part of the Portage Lakes Drive 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

2026-031 **A Resolution approving the general plan for Project Q-194 Chittenden Road and Boston Commons Sanitary Sewer Extension, determining that the Project is necessary for the preservation and promotion of the public health and welfare, determining that special assessments shall be levied and collected to pay the cost for the Project, and directing the Executive through her Department of Sanitary Sewer Services to prepare, or cause to be prepared, detailed plans, specifications, and an estimate of cost for the Project, together with a tentative assessment of the cost based on the estimate, located in the Village of Boston Heights, 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

Committee First Readings

2026-032 **A Resolution approving and accepting a resubdivision titled "Heartridge Subdivision Phase 1 - R," located in Sagamore Hills Township, in Council District 1, for the Executive's Planning Commission and the Engineer, and declaring an emergency.**

Sponsor - Executive Shapiro

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

Committee First Readings

2026-033 **A Resolution revising the assessments for the parcels of Heartridge Subdivision Phase 1, located in Sagamore Hills Township, in Council District 1, for drainage maintenance, for the Engineer, and declaring an emergency.**

Sponsor - Executive Shapiro

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

Committee First Readings

2026-034 **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 Juvenile Court HVAC Controls Upgrade Project, for the Juvenile Court Building, located in the City of Akron, in Council District 6, in an amount not to exceed \$251,660.86, 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

2026-035 **A Resolution authorizing the Executive to execute a Mutual Aid Agreement with the City of Norton, and other governmental entities within the County of Summit, for the provision of services by the Sheriff's Major Crime Scene Investigative Unit, for the Sheriff, and declaring an emergency.**

Sponsor - Executive Shapiro

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

Committee First Readings

2026-036 **A Resolution authorizing the Executive, on behalf of the Sheriff, to execute Special Weapons and Tactics ("SWAT") Team Mutual Aid Agreement with the Summa Health Police Department and the City of Akron, as authorized by section 5502.41 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

Committee First Readings

2026-037 **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

Committee First Readings

2026-038 **A Resolution authorizing the Executive to sign intergovernmental agreements with the cities of Akron, Cuyahoga Falls, New Franklin, Stow, Tallmadge, and Twinsburg as well as the Village of Norton and Copley Township for direct indictment services to be provided by the Prosecutor, for a two-year term, from 1/1/26 through 12/31/26, with four one-year renewals at the amounts set forth below, for the Prosecutor, and declaring an emergency.**

Sponsor - Executive Shapiro

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

Committee First Readings

2026-039 **A Resolution confirming the award by the Board of Control of Change Order No. 1 to a professional service contract with Isaac, Wiles, Burkholder, & Teeter, LLC., in an amount not to exceed \$40,000.00, for a total amount not to exceed \$90,000.00 (for a cumulative increase of 80%), towards the costs of continued legal representation and services on behalf of the County, in the matter of City of Barberton v. Summit County, Ohio, et al., for the Executive and Sheriff, and declaring an emergency.**

Sponsor - Executive Shapiro

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

Committee First Readings

2026-040 **A Resolution providing for the issuance and sale of an amount not to exceed \$12,500,000 of notes of the Akron-Summit County Public Library District, in anticipation of the issuance of bonds, for the purpose of constructing, adding to, renovating, remodeling, furnishing, equipping and otherwise improving library buildings and facilities, and acquiring, clearing and improving the sites thereof, for Council, and declaring an emergency.**

Sponsor - Executive Shapiro

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

Committee First Readings

2026-041 **A Resolution authorizing the Executive to execute any documents necessary to accept 2026 Northeast Ohio Public Energy Council (NOPEC) Energized Community Grants, in the amount of \$8,035.00, 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

2026-042 **A Resolution confirming the award by the Board of Control of a contract renewal with Tyler Technologies, as a Best Practical Source, for Enterprise Asset Management, for a one-year term, from 3/1/26 to 2/28/27, in an amount not to exceed \$338,596.00, 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

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 Agenda was adopted 11-0.

ROUTINE LEGISLATION UNANIMOUSLY AGREED TO BY COMMITTEE

2026-016 **A Resolution confirming the award by the Board of Control of a professional service contract with Raftelis Financial Consultants, Inc. to perform a cost-of-service study of the County’s sanitary sewer rates, for an amount not to exceed \$88,200.00, 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 2026-016 was adopted.

2026-017 **A Resolution authorizing the Executive to execute any documents necessary to accept the award of the Opioid Remediation Grant from the Ohio Attorney General, in the amount of \$134,240.00, with no local cash match, and awarding a professional service contract to Oriana House, Inc., as a Best Practical Source, for Opioid Remediation services, for a one-year term, in an amount not to exceed \$134,240.00, for the Executive and the Sheriff, and declaring an emergency.**

Sponsor - Executive Shapiro

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

Resolution 2026-017 was adopted.

2026-018 **A Resolution authorizing the Prosecutor, or his designee, to initiate, through the State of Ohio’s County Financial Information System, the acceptance by the Prosecutor’s Child Support Enforcement Agency of inter-county transfers of surplus funds from other Ohio counties, and to release surplus County of Summit funds to other Ohio counties in exchange for those accepted funds, for a two-year period, from 1/1/26 through 12/31/27, provided that the collective funds released in a given calendar year do not exceed the collective funds accepted in that calendar year, for the Prosecutor, and declaring an emergency.**

Sponsor - Executive Shapiro

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

Resolution 2026-018 was adopted.

2026-019 **An Ordinance amending Section 113.12 of the Codified Ordinances of the County of Summit, entitled “Engineer and Planning and GIS Division Map Fees,” to make certain updates and revisions to the fee schedule, for the Executive’s Departments of Law and Risk Management and Community and Economic Development – GIS Division, and declaring an emergency.**

Sponsor - Executive Shapiro

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

Ordinance 2026-019 was adopted.

2026-020 **A Resolution approving the award by the Board of Control of a purchase contract with The Computer Solution Company of Virginia, LLC, dba Forensic Advantage Systems, as a Sole Source, for maintenance of Forensic Advantage software, for a five-year term, for the period of 2/1/26 to 1/31/31, in an amount not to exceed \$124,702.22, for the Office of Information Technology, and declaring an emergency.**

Sponsor - Executive Shapiro

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

Resolution 2026-020 was adopted.

2026-021 **A Resolution authorizing the Executive to execute grant agreements with various Summit County nonprofit organizations and State mandated entities, for the year 2026, in a total amount not to exceed \$828,900.00, 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

Resolution 2026-021 was adopted.

2026-023 **A Resolution authorizing the Executive to enter into an agreement with the Ohio Department of Transportation and to appropriate funds for the construction costs for the relocation of the sanitary sewer line due to the bridge deck replacement on State Route 91, located in the City of Munroe Falls, 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

Resolution 2026-023 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 5:10 pm. The next regular meeting will be held March 2, 2026 at 4:30 pm

All deliberations concerning official business and formal actions by this County Council were conducted in an open public meeting this 9th day of February, 2026.

Signed by:

Monique Willis

CLERK OF COUNCIL

Signed by:

Erin Dickinson

PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL