

**COUNTY OF SUMMIT
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
March 30, 2026**

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

Councilmembers Walters and Wilhite presented a joint commendation with the Executive’s Office to the Archbishop Hoban Girls Basketball Team for their state championship season.

Pamela Pinkney addressed Council with a public comment.

The following items were addressed before Council at the Caucus:

- 2026-079 Larry Moore from the Veterans Service Commission addressed Council on this second reading.
- 2026-083 Andrew Barry from the Law Department and Tom Bellish from Buckeye Energy Brokers, Inc., addressed Council on this first reading passage request.
- 2026-084 Alex Burt from the Department of Public Safety addressed Council on this first reading passage request.
- 2026-085 Stephen Byrne from the Office of Information Technology addressed Council on this first reading passage request.
- 2026-086 Phil Montgomery from the Executive’s Office addressed Council on this first reading passage request.

The Council Regular Meeting was called to order at 05:01 PM in Council Chambers.

ROLL CALL- Present: Mrs. Darrow, Mr. Donofrio, Ms. Higham, Mr. Kacyon, Mr. Licate, Mrs. McKenney, Mr. Schmidt, Ms. Walters, Mr. Wilhite; Absent: Ms. Dickinson, Mr. Ford

MINUTES FOR APPROVAL: Mrs. Darrow moved to approve the minutes of the regular Council meeting held March 16, 2026 and Special Council Meeting held March 23, 2026.

Voice Vote on the motion.

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

Absent: Dickinson, Ford

Minutes were approved 9-0.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF GENERAL INTEREST:

ANNOUNCEMENT FROM EXECUTIVE:

ANNOUNCEMENT OF OFFICEHOLDERS:

FIRST READINGS

2026-083 **A Resolution authorizing the Executive to execute a Master Services Agreement with Dynegy Energy Services (East), LLC d/b/a Dynegy Energy Services, LLC., to supply electricity for the County’s opt-out electricity aggregation program, for a twenty-four month term, from 6/1/26 through 5/31/28, at an estimated fixed price of .0995/kWh, for the Executive, 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, Donofrio, Higham, Kacyon, Licate, McKenney, Schmidt, Walters, Wilhite

Absent: Dickinson, Ford

Motion passed - Voice Vote: 9-0

Ms. Walters moved to adopt.

Voice Vote on the motion.

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

Absent: Dickinson, Ford

Motion passed - Voice Vote: 9-0

Resolution 2026-083 was adopted.

2026-084 **A Resolution authorizing the Executive, subject to the approval of the Board of Control and Information Technology Board, to execute a purchase contract with Sadler-Necamp Financial Services, Inc. dba Proware, as a Best Practical Source, for a data conversion and establishing an API for on-going data sharing, in an amount not to exceed \$104,500.00, 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

Mr. Licate 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, Donofrio, Higham, Kacyon, Licate, McKenney, Schmidt, Walters, Wilhite

Absent: Dickinson, Ford

Motion passed - Voice Vote: 9-0

Mr. Licate moved to adopt.

Voice Vote on the motion.

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

Absent: Dickinson, Ford

Motion passed - Voice Vote: 9-0

Resolution 2026-084 was adopted.

2026-085 **A Resolution, subject to approval by the Board of Control, of a blanket purchase order with MNJ Technologies Direct, Inc., at State Term Pricing, subject to ratification by the Information Technology Board, for information technology equipment, in an amount not to exceed \$343,000.00, 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, Donofrio, Higham, Kacyon, Licate, McKenney, Schmidt, Walters, Wilhite

Absent: Dickinson, Ford

Motion passed - Voice Vote: 9-0

Mr. Donofrio moved to adopt.

Voice Vote on the motion.

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

Abstain: Dickinson, Ford

Motion passed - Voice Vote: 9-0

Resolution 2026-085 was adopted.

2026-086 **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, Donofrio, Higham, Kacyon, Licate, McKenney, Schmidt, Walters, Wilhite

Absent: Dickinson, Ford

Motion passed - Voice Vote: 9-0

Mr. Donofrio moved to adopt.

Voice Vote on the motion.

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

Absent: Dickinson, Ford

Motion passed - Voice Vote: 9-0

Resolution 2026-086 was adopted.

2026-087 **A Resolution confirming the award by the Board of Control of a construction contract with Melway Paving Company, Inc., for the 2026 Summit County 405 Resurfacing Program, in an amount not to exceed \$1,354,193.80, for the Engineer, and declaring an emergency.**

Sponsor - Executive Shapiro

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

Committee First Readings

2026-088 **A Resolution confirming the award by the Board of Control of a construction contract with Melway Paving Company, Inc., for the 2026 Summit County 422 Resurfacing Program, in an amount not to exceed \$1,287,188.95, for the Engineer, and declaring an emergency.**

Sponsor - Executive Shapiro

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

Committee First Readings

2026-089 **A Resolution confirming the award by the Board of Control of a construction contract with Barbicas Construction Co., Inc. for the 2026 Summit County 441 Asphalt Concrete (449) Resurfacing Program-North, in an amount not to exceed \$4,442,203.94, for the Engineer, and declaring an emergency.**

Sponsor - Executive Shapiro

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

Committee First Readings

2026-090 **A Resolution confirming the award by the Board of Control of a construction contract with Barbicas Construction Company, Inc. for the 2026 Summit County 441 Asphalt Concrete (449) Resurfacing Program-South, in an amount not to exceed \$1,113,144.50, for the Engineer, and declaring an emergency.**

Sponsor - Executive Shapiro

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

Committee First Readings

2026-091 **A Resolution authorizing the Executive, on behalf of the Engineer, to participate in the Ohio Department of Transportation's annual road salt bid, for the Engineer, and declaring an emergency.**

Sponsor - Executive Shapiro

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

Committee First Readings

2026-092 **A Resolution confirming the award by the Board of Control of a professional service contract with GovWell Technologies, Inc., for the implementation of the GovWell software modules and services, for a three-year term, with five additional one-year renewal options, in an amount not to exceed \$487,000.00, for the Executive's Department of Sanitary Sewer Services–Division of Building Standards, and declaring an emergency.**

Sponsor - Executive Shapiro

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

Committee First Readings

2026-093 **A Resolution authorizing the Executive to execute any agreements, memorandums of understanding or other documents necessary to participate with the City of Munroe Falls in applying for Ohio Public Works Commission grant funding for Project Q-463-1 Trudy Avenue Infrastructure Improvement, located in the City of Munroe Falls, in Council District 3, at a cost to the County not to exceed \$110,100.00, 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

2026-094 **A Resolution authorizing the Executive to execute any agreements, memorandums of understanding or other documents necessary to participate with the Village of Mogadore in applying for Ohio Public Works Commission grant funding for Project Q-969-8 Curtis Street, Kavanaugh Drive and Kester Avenue Infrastructure Improvement, located in the Village of Mogadore, in Council District 8, at a cost to the County not to exceed \$75,000.00, 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

2026-095 **A Resolution confirming the award by the Board of Control of a construction contract with Technique Roofing Systems, LLC, at TIPS Pricing, for the Juvenile Courthouse and Detention Roof Replacement Project, located in the City of Akron, in Council District 6, for an estimated total cost not to exceed \$878,869.00, 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

2026-096 **A Resolution confirming the award by the Board of Control of a professional service contract with HZW Environmental Consultants, LLC for an asbestos and regulated hazardous materials survey at various County buildings, located in the City of Akron, in Council Districts 4 and 6, in an amount not to exceed \$168,000.00, 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

2026-097 **A Resolution confirming the award by the Board of Control of a construction contract with AmeriSeal and Restoration LLC, at Cooperative Purchase Pricing, for stairwell coating in the central and north stairwells of the Summit County Parking Deck, located in the City of Akron, in Council District 4, in an amount not to exceed \$167,546.00, for the Executive's Department of Physical Plants, and declaring an emergency.**

Sponsor - Executive Shapiro

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

Committee First Readings

2026-098 **A Resolution confirming the award by the Board of Control of a renewal of the master service agreement with Needl., Inc., dba Aurelian, to process non-emergency calls using an automated voice assistance for various Summit County public safety answering points, for implementation and a one-year term, for the period of 5/1/26 through 4/30/27, in an amount not to exceed \$234,000.00, 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

Committee First Readings

2026-099 **A Resolution confirming the award by the Board of Control of a Temporary Assistance to Needy Families agreement with Tri-County Jobs for Ohio's Graduates ("JOG") for the 2026 Summer Youth Employment Program outreach and eligibility services, for the period of 4/1/26 through 8/31/26, in an amount not to exceed \$150,000.00, 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

2026-100 **A Resolution declaring the month of April 2026 as Autism Acceptance Month in Summit County, recognizing all individuals in our community on the Autism spectrum and celebrating the numerous ways in which they contribute to our communities and our lives, for the Executive, and declaring an emergency.**

Sponsor - Executive Shapiro

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

Committee First Readings

2026-101 **A Resolution declaring the month of April 2026 as Minority Health Month in Summit County, recognizing the health inequalities facing minority communities, and encouraging all health organizations to conduct appropriate programs and activities to promote healthfulness in minority communities, for the Executive, and declaring an emergency.**

Sponsor - Executive Shapiro

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

Committee First Readings

2026-102 **A Resolution providing for the issuance and sale of not to exceed \$160,000,000 of bonds of the Akron-Summit County Public Library District 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, and declaring an emergency.**

Sponsor - Executive Shapiro

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

Committee First Readings

2026-103 **A Resolution authorizing various County offices to make expenditures, in a total combined amount not to exceed \$105,000.00, for hospitality items for events to be held in 2026, for the Executive, 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, Donofrio, Higham, Kacyon, Licate, McKenney, Schmidt, Walters, Wilhite

Absent: Dickinson, Ford

Motion passed

Mr. Schmidt moved to adopt.

Voice Vote on the motion.

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

Absent: Dickinson, Ford

Motion passed

The Routine Agenda was adopted 9-0.

ROUTINE LEGISLATION UNANIMOUSLY AGREED TO BY COMMITTEE

2026-067 **An Amended Resolution to extend the final design report due date to ~~December 31, 2026~~ March 1, 2027 for Northfield Center Township’s Dorwick ditch petition pursuant to Section 6131.12 of the Ohio Revised Code, and declaring an emergency.**

Sponsor - Mr. Wilhite, Ms. Darrow

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

Resolution 2026-067 was adopted.

2026-068 **A Resolution to extend the final design report due date to November 30, 2026 for Coventry Township’s Hinman (Penguin area) ditch petition pursuant to Section 6131.12 of the Ohio Revised Code, and declaring an emergency.**

Sponsor - Mr. Wilhite

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

Resolution 2026-068 was adopted.

2026-069 **A Resolution confirming the award by the Board of Control of a construction contract with JD Williamson Construction Co., Inc. for the Snyder Avenue Bridge Design/Build Project, located in the City of Barberton, in Council District 7, for a total amount not to exceed \$1,690,386.70, for the Engineer, and declaring an emergency.**

Sponsor - Executive Shapiro

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

Resolution 2026-069 was adopted.

2026-070 **A Resolution approving the time, place, and expense of the Engineer's annual meeting of county and township authorities on May 5, 2026, at Lala's in the Lakes, located in the City of New Franklin, in Council District 7, in an amount not to exceed \$6,000.00, for the Engineer, and declaring an emergency.**

Sponsor - Executive Shapiro

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

Resolution 2026-070 was adopted.

2026-071 **A Resolution, pursuant to Sections 709.14 to 709.16 of the Ohio Revised Code, and Section 125.01 of the Codified Ordinances of the County of Summit, granting the annexation of 11.47 acres of land in Springfield Township to the Village of Mogadore, in Council District 8, and declaring an emergency.**

Sponsor - Ms. Walters

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

Resolution 2026-071 was adopted.

2026-072 **A Resolution authorizing the Executive to execute a lease agreement amendment and renewal with Project: Learn of Summit County for a portion of the 1st floor at 175 South Main Street, located in the City of Akron, in Council District 4, for educational and/or charitable use for the Executive, and declaring an emergency.**

Sponsor - Executive Shapiro, Council as a Whole

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

Resolution 2026-072 was adopted.

2026-073 **A Resolution authorizing the Executive to execute a lease amendment and renewal with Service Corps of Retired Executives Association, Chapter 81 aka Akron Score for a portion of the 2nd floor at 175. South Main Street, located in the City of Akron, in Council District 4, for educational and/or charitable use for the Executive, and declaring an emergency.**

Sponsor - Executive Shapiro, Council as a Whole

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

Resolution 2026-073 was adopted.

2026-074 **A Resolution confirming the award by the Board of Control of a professional service contract with The Great Life Spay Neuter Wellness, LLC for veterinarian services at the Animal Control Facility, for a one-year term, for the period 4/1/26 to 3/31/27, in a total amount not to exceed \$114,400.00, for the Executive's Department of Public Safety, Division of Animal Control, and declaring an emergency.**

Sponsor - Executive Shapiro

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

Resolution 2026-074 was adopted.

2026-075 **A Resolution confirming the award by the Board of Control of a professional service contract with Pay it Forward for Pets, Inc., as a Best Practical Source, to provide Volunteer Coordinator Services at the Animal Control Facility, for a one-year term, for the period of 4/1/26 through 3/31/27, in an amount not to exceed \$95,000.00, for the Executive's Department of Public Safety, Division of Animal Control, and declaring an emergency.**

Sponsor - Executive Shapiro

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

Resolution 2026-075 was adopted.

2026-076 **A Resolution declaring the month of April 2026 as Child Abuse Prevention Month in the County of Summit and encouraging residents to join in this acknowledgement and Wear Blue Day on April 8, 2026, 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 2026-076 was adopted.

2026-077 **A Resolution declaring April 1, 2026, as Start by Believing Day throughout the County of Summit, supporting the Start by Believing campaign which raises awareness of survivors of sexual violence, and encouraging all businesses and residents alike to show their support by wearing teal on April 1, 2026, 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 2026-077 was adopted.

2026-078 **A Resolution authorizing the Executive to execute an intergovernmental agreement with the Ohio Auditor of State, for the 2025 financial audit for the County of Summit, in an amount not to exceed \$146,981.00, for the Internal Audit Department, and declaring an emergency.**

Sponsor - Executive Shapiro

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

Resolution 2026-078 was adopted.

2026-080 **A Resolution confirming the award of the Board of Control of the contract identified in Exhibit A, as a Best Practical Source, in an amount not to exceed \$200,000.00, and confirming the applicability of confidentiality provisions under Ohio Revised Code §§ 9.64 and 149.433, for the Office of Information Technology, and declaring an emergency.**

Sponsor - Executive Shapiro

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

Resolution 2026-080 was adopted.

SECOND READINGS

2026-079 **A Resolution confirming the award by the Board of Control of a marketing agreement with Alliance Media for the Veterans Service Commission 2026 Advertising Campaign, for a one-year term, from 2/15/26 through 2/14/27, with three options to renew for an additional one-year term, in an amount not to exceed \$250,000.00, for the Veterans Service Commission, 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, Donofrio, Higham, Kacyon, Licate, McKenney, Schmidt, Walters, Wilhite

Absent: Dickinson, Ford

Motion passed - Voice Vote: 9-0

Mr. Donofrio moved to adopt.

Voice Vote on the motion.

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

Absent: Dickinson, Ford

Motion passed - Voice Vote: 9-0

Resolution 2026-079 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 5:14 pm. The next regular meeting will be held April 13, 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 30th day of March, 2026.

Signed by:

Monique Willis

CLERK OF COUNCIL

Signed by:

Erin Dickinson

PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL