

**COUNTY OF SUMMIT
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
April 27, 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.

A public hearing to consider the annexation of 1.01 acres of land in Coventry Township to the City of Barberton, took place at the conclusion of the Council Meeting.

The following items were addressed before Council at the Caucus:

- 2026-102 Michelle Alleman and John Frola from the Akron-Summit County Public Library addressed Council on this third reading.
- 2026-121 Heidi Swindell from the Engineer's Office addressed Council on this first reading passage request.
- 2026-122 David Magura from the Court of Common Pleas addressed Council on this first reading passage request.
- 2026-123 Phil Montgomery from the Executive's Office addressed Council on this first reading passage request.
- M-028-2026 Kayla Petranic addressed Council on this motion.

The Council Regular Meeting was called to order at 04:46 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 April 13, 2026.

Voice Vote on the motion.

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

The Minutes were approved 11-0.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF GENERAL INTEREST:

ANNOUNCEMENT FROM EXECUTIVE:

ANNOUNCEMENT OF OFFICEHOLDERS:

MOTIONS FOR COUNCIL

M-028-2026 A Motion of Council confirming the appointment of Kayla Petranic (replacing Rachel Flossie) to the Child Fatality Review 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-028-2026 was adopted.

FIRST READINGS

2026-121 **A Resolution authorizing the Executive to enter into a cooperative agreement with the city of Cuyahoga Falls concerning the Resurfacing of Sand Run Road, located in Bath Township, in Council District 5, at an estimated cost to the County of \$123,240.00, for the Engineer, and declaring an emergency.**

Sponsor - Executive Shapiro

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

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 2026-121 was adopted.

2026-122 **A Resolution authorizing the Executive to execute any documents necessary to apply for a public safety grant from the United States Department of Justice, Bureau of Justice Assistance, for the Turning Point Program, for the period of 10/1/26 through 9/30/30, for an estimated amount of \$749,078.83, with an estimated local cash match requirement of \$249,692.94, for an estimated total amount of \$998,771.77 for the Court of Common Pleas – General Division, 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, Dickinson, Donofrio, Ford, Higham, Kacyon, Licate, McKenney, Schmidt, Walters, Wilhite

Motion passed - Voice Vote: 11-0

Mr. Licate 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 2026-122 was adopted.

2026-123 **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 2026-123 was adopted.

2026-124 **A Resolution approving salary adjustments for various classified non-bargaining employees, for the Prosecutor, and declaring an emergency.**

Sponsor - Executive Shapiro

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

Committee First Readings

2026-125 **A Resolution authorizing the Executive to enter into a cooperative agreement with Cuyahoga County and the Northeast Ohio Regional Sewer District concerning the Vaugh Roadway - Highland Roadway and the Cuyahoga River Bridge Improvement Project, at an estimated cost to the County of \$2,300,000.00, located in Sagamore Hills Township, in Council District 1, for the Engineer and the Summit County Surface Water Management District, and declaring an emergency.**

Sponsor - Executive Shapiro

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

Committee First Readings

2026-126 **A Resolution confirming the award by the Board of Control of Change Order No. 3 to a professional design services agreement with Burgess & Niple for various engineering, storm water calculations, surveying, environmental and adjunct services for the study and preliminary design of the Northfield Center Twp Drainage Study and Improvements for the Dorwick and Marwyck Drive areas, located in Northfield Center Township, in Council District 1, in an amount not to exceed \$65,551.00 (for a cumulative increase of 52.82%) for a total amount not to exceed \$369,539.00, for the Engineer, and declaring an emergency.**

Sponsor - Executive Shapiro

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

Committee First Readings

2026-127 **A Resolution confirming the award by the Board of Control of Change Order No. 3 to a professional design services agreement with Verdantas LLC formerly CT Consultants, Inc., for the Springfield Lake Watershed Study, located in Springfield Township, in Council District 8, in an amount not to exceed \$19,760.00 (for a cumulative increase of 34.90%) for a total amount not to exceed \$271,685.12, for the Engineer, and declaring an emergency.**

Sponsor - Executive Shapiro

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

Committee First Readings

2026-128 **A Resolution confirming the award by the Board of Control of a construction contract with Cistones Excavating Services, LLC for the 2026 Summit County Culvert Replacement Program, in an amount not to exceed \$224,728.00, for the Engineer, and declaring an emergency.**

Sponsor - Executive Shapiro

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

Committee First Readings

2026-129 **A Resolution authorizing the Executive to enter into agreements for the acquisition of standard highway easements over portions of Parcel Numbers 4503095, 4500868, and 4504223 located in Sagamore Hills Township, in Council District 1, in a total amount not to exceed \$900.00, as part of the Chaffee Road 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

2026-130 **A Resolution confirming the award by the Board of Control of a construction contract with Pavement Technology, Inc. for the 2026 Summit County Regional Asphalt Rejuvenating Program, in an amount not to exceed \$183,288.84, for the Engineer, and declaring an emergency.**

Sponsor - Executive Shapiro

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

Committee First Readings

2026-131 **A Resolution authorizing the Executive to enter into a Cooperative Funding Intergovernmental Agreement with the City of New Franklin, for the County’s local share contribution payment in an amount not to exceed \$385,000.00, to fund the S.R. 93 Sewer Extension Project (“Project Q-834-2D”) located in the City of New Franklin, in Council District 7, 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

2026-132 **A Resolution authorizing the Executive to execute an Agreement with the City of Norton, setting forth the scope of duties, manner of performance, and all essential terms and conditions whereby the County shall enforce Part Thirteen of the Codified Ordinances of the County of Summit, entitled “Building Code,” which incorporates the 2019 Residential Code of Ohio and the 2014 Ohio Building Code, on behalf of and within the territorial jurisdiction of the City of Norton, located in Council District 7, 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

2026-133 **A Resolution authorizing the Executive to execute a five-year sublease agreement with the City of Akron, for office space located at 1180 South Main Street, Akron, Ohio, 44301, in Council District 4, for base rent and a portion of the operating expenses, for the Executive, and declaring an emergency.**

Sponsor - Executive Shapiro

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

Committee First Readings

2026-134 **A Resolution confirming the award by the Board of Control of a professional service agreement with Summit Psychological Associates, Inc., to provide transitional services for opiate involved individuals at the Jail, for the term of 4/1/26 through 12/31/26, in an amount not to exceed \$400,000.00, 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

2026-135 **A Resolution confirming the award by the Board of Control of Change Order No. 2 to a purchase contract with Avertest, LLC dba Averhealth for on-site drug screen testing services, from 12/15/24 through 12/14/25, with an amount not to exceed \$16,919.90, (for a cumulative increase of 37.84%), for a total amount not to exceed \$297,485.90, for the Court of Common Pleas-General Division, Adult Probation Department, and declaring an emergency.**

Sponsor - Executive Shapiro

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

Committee First Readings

2026-136 **A Resolution authorizing the Executive to sign an Intergovernmental Direct Indictment Program Agreement with the City of Barberton, from 5/1/2026 through 12/31/26, with four options to renew for an additional one-year term, 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

2026-137 **A Resolution declaring the month of May 2026 as Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis Awareness Month in Summit County and encouraging the residents of Summit County to join in this acknowledgement, for the Executive, and declaring an emergency.**

Sponsor - Executive Shapiro, Mr. Licate, Mrs. Darrow, Mrs. McKenney,
Mr. Ford

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

Committee First Readings

2026-138 **A Resolution declaring the month of May 2026 as Mental Health Awareness Month in Summit County and encouraging the residents of Summit County to join in this acknowledgement, for the Executive, and declaring an emergency.**

Sponsor - Executive Shapiro

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

Committee First Readings

2026-139 **A Resolution declaring the month of May 2026 as Foster Care Month in the County of Summit and encouraging residents to join in this acknowledgement and consider the importance of foster care in their community, for the Executive, and declaring an emergency.**

Sponsor - Executive Shapiro

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

Committee First Readings

2026-140 **A Resolution declaring the month of May 2026 as Older Americans Month in Summit County, recognizing the contributions of older adults in Summit County and encouraging residents and professionals to participate in the Age-Friendly Akron-Summit initiative and the 2026 Senior Summit Conference and Expo, for the Executive, and declaring an emergency.**

Sponsor - Executive Shapiro

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

Committee First Readings

2026-141 **A Resolution confirming the award by the Board of Control of a professional service contract with Ward & Associates for appraisal services for the valuation of commercial, industrial, and exempt buildings considered new or altered, and land splits of the same classification, for the 2026 real estate tax year, in an amount not to exceed \$171,300.00, for the Fiscal Officer, 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

11-0

FIRST READINGS LATE FILINGS

2026-142 **A Resolution approving the new classification, classification specification and salary schedule for the non-bargaining, classified position of Mental Health Coordinator, #40041, and revising the County's 2026 Staffing Report to include two staffing positions, for the Sheriff and the Executive's Department of Human Resources, 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

The Routine Agenda was adopted 11-0.

ROUTINE LEGISLATION UNANIMOUSLY AGREED TO BY COMMITTEE

2026-109 **A Resolution approving the new classification, classification specification and salary schedule for the non-bargaining, classified position of Medical Laboratory Technologist, #71021, and revising the County's 2026 Staffing Report to include said position, for the Medical Examiner and the Executive's Department of Human Resources, and declaring an emergency.**

Sponsor - Executive Shapiro

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

Resolution 2026-109 was adopted.

2026-110 **A Resolution approving the promotion and salary adjustment for classified non-bargaining employee Marla Gordon, for the Sheriff, and declaring an emergency.**

Sponsor - Executive Shapiro

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

Resolution 2026-110 was adopted.

2026-111 **A Resolution confirming the award by the Board of Control of a construction contract with Perrin Asphalt & Concrete for the 2026 Summit County Regional Concrete Pavement Repair Program, in an amount not to exceed \$593,719.00, for the Engineer, and declaring an emergency.**

Sponsor - Executive Shapiro

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

Resolution 2026-111 was adopted.

2026-112 **A Resolution confirming the award by the Board of Control of a construction contract with Protect-A-Cote Inc. for the 2026 Summit County Regional Crack Sealing Program, in an amount not to exceed \$162,031.14, for the Engineer, and declaring an emergency.**

Sponsor - Executive Shapiro

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

Resolution 2026-112 was adopted.

2026-113 **A Resolution confirming the award by the Board of Control of a professional design service agreement with Orchard, Hiltz & McCliment dba OHM Advisors, for the design of the Killian-Pickle Roundabout Project, located in Springfield Township, in Council District 8, in an amount not to exceed \$192,811.00, for the Engineer, and declaring an emergency.**

Sponsor - Executive Shapiro

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

Resolution 2026-113 was adopted.

2026-114 **A Resolution confirming the award by the Board of Control of a renewal (third and final) of a professional service contract with KE McCartney & Associates for design services related to the Surface Water Management District, for a one-year term, for the period 1/1/26 to 12/31/26, in amount not to exceed \$100,000.00, for the Engineer, and declaring an emergency.**

Sponsor - Executive Shapiro

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

Resolution 2026-114 was adopted.

2026-115 **A Resolution confirming the award by the Board of Control of a construction contract with Karvo Companies, Inc., for Project Q-165-1 Akron-Cleveland Road Sanitary Sewer Extension, located in Boston Township, in Council District 1, in an amount not to exceed \$2,325,000.00, 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 2026-115 was adopted.

2026-116 **A Resolution authorizing the Executive to enter into a Cooperative Funding Intergovernmental Agreement with the Village of Lakemore, for the rehabilitation of sanitary sewer lines as part of the Lakemore Infrastructure Improvements Project, located in the Village of Lakemore, in Council District 8, in an amount not to exceed \$321,705.00, 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 2026-116 was adopted.

2026-117 **A Resolution confirming the award by the Board of Control of a renewal (first of three) of professional service contracts between certain providers and the Executive's Department of Job and Family Services and the Summit and Medina Workforce Area Council of Governments, to provide in-school and out-of-school youth employment and educational services under the Comprehensive Case Management and Employment Program, for the period of 7/1/26 to 6/30/27, in a total amount not to exceed \$2,265,000.00, 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

Resolution 2026-117 was adopted.

2026-118 **A Resolution declaring May 3-9, 2026, as National Small Business Week in Summit County encouraging the residents of Summit County to support Summit County small businesses, for the Executive and Council, and declaring an emergency.**

Sponsor - Executive Shapiro, Council as a Whole

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

Resolution 2026-118 was adopted.

SECOND READINGS

2026-120 **A Resolution authorizing the Executive to execute a real estate purchase agreement with the Summit County Land Reutilization Corporation and any other necessary documents for the sale of a parcel of County real property Parcel No. 0209872, located at 2525 State Road, Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio, in Council District 2, for the amount of \$480,000.00 for the purpose of returning said parcel to productive use, 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, 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, Licate, McKenney, Schmidt, Walters, Wilhite

Abstain: Kacyon

Motion passed - Voice Vote: 10-0-1

Resolution 2026-120 was adopted.

THIRD 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

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 2026-102 was adopted.

THIRD 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

Mr. Licate 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 2026-098 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 May 11, 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 27th day of April, 2026.

Signed by:

Monique Willis

CLERK OF COUNCIL

Signed by:

Erin Dickinson

PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL