

COUNTY OF SUMMIT
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
June 1, 2026

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

Councilman Jeff Wilhite called to order A Bid Protest Hearing for S.E.T., Inc. Ms. Walters moved for time on the Bid Protest Hearing.

President Erin Dickinson and Councilman John Schmidt welcomed a delegation from Latvia, who attended Council with Global Ties Akron, through the Congressional Office for International Leadership (COIL) – on the topic of Business Development.

The following items were addressed before Council at the Caucus:

2026-153 Heidi Swindell from the Engineer's Office addressed Council on this first reading passage request.

2026-154 Joe Eckenrode from Administrative Services-Physical Plants addressed Council on this first reading passage request.

2026-155 Phil Montgomery from the Executive's Office addressed Council on this first reading passage request.

M-033-2026 Karen Talbott addressed Council on this motion.

The Council Regular Meeting was called to order at 04:58 PM in Council Chambers.

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

MINUTES FOR APPROVAL: Ms. Walters moved to approve the minutes of the regular Council meeting(s) held May 11, 2026.

Voice Vote on the motion.

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

The Minutes were approved 10-0.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF GENERAL INTEREST:

ANNOUNCEMENT FROM EXECUTIVE:

ANNOUNCEMENT OF OFFICEHOLDERS:

MOTIONS FOR COUNCIL

M-033-2026 A Motion of Council confirming the appointment of Karen Talbott (replacing Jeannine Marks) and the reappointment of Stephen Strayer to the Alcohol, Drug, and Mental Health Board (ADM Board).

Movant - Ms. Dickinson

Mr. Wilhite moved to recommend passage.

Voice Vote on the motion.

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

Absent: Ford

Motion passed - Voice Vote: 10-0

Motion M-033-2026 was adopted.

M-034-2026 A Motion of Council confirming the reappointment of Diane Miller-Dawson (designee to Executive Shapiro) to the Akron/Summit Convention and Visitors Bureau Board of Trustees.

Movant - Ms. Dickinson

Ms. Walters moved to recommend passage.

Voice Vote on the motion.

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

Absent: Ford

Motion passed - Voice Vote: 10-0

Motion M-034-2026 was adopted.

M-035-2026 A Motion of Council confirming the appointment of Deputy Chief Scott Pascu as second alternate to District Chief Chris Karakis to the Child Fatality Review Board.

Movant - Ms. Dickinson

Mrs. Darrow moved to recommend passage.

Voice Vote on the motion.

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

Absent: Ford

Motion passed - Voice Vote: 10-0

Motion M-035-2026 was adopted.

FIRST READINGS

2026-153 **A Resolution authorizing the Executive to advertise for bids for the Springside Drive Sidewalk Project, located in Bath Township, in Council District 5, for an estimated total cost not to exceed \$675,808.13, 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, Higham, Kacyon, Licate, McKenney, Schmidt, Walters, Wilhite

Absent: Ford

Motion passed - Voice Vote: 10-0

Mr. Wilhite moved to adopt.

Voice Vote on the motion.

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

Absent: Ford

Motion passed - Voice Vote: 10-0

Resolution 2026-153 was adopted.

- 2026-154 **A Resolution authorizing the Executive, subject to approval by the Board of Control, to execute a construction contract with Precision Environmental Co., as a Best Practical Source and an emergency pursuant to Section 177.07(a)(3) of the Codified Ordinances of the County of Summit, for lead abatement services for the Ohio Building Project, located in the City of Akron, in Council District 4, in an amount not to exceed \$218,135.00, 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, Higham, Kacyon, Licate, McKenney, Schmidt, Walters, Wilhite

Absent: Ford

Motion passed - Voice Vote: 10-0

Ms. Walters moved to adopt.

Voice Vote on the motion.

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

Absent: Ford

Motion passed - Voice Vote: 10-0

Resolution 2026-154 was adopted.

- 2026-155 **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, Higham, Kacyon, Licate, McKenney, Schmidt, Walters, Wilhite

Absent: Ford

Motion passed - Voice Vote: 10-0

Mr. Donofrio moved to adopt.

Voice Vote on the motion.

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

Absent: Ford

Motion passed - Voice Vote: 10-0

Resolution 2026-155 was adopted.

- 2026-156 **A Resolution confirming the award by the Board of Control of a construction contract with Wingfoot Rental and Development Co., Inc. for Project Q-456 Pump Station No. 29 Replacement and Force Main Replacement, located in the City of Stow and the Village of Silver Lake, in Council District 3, in an amount not to exceed \$1,119,981.00, funded by a loan with the Water Pollution Control Loan Fund, 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

- 2026-157 **An amended 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 Q-970-1 Lakemore Infrastructure Improvements project, in an amount not to exceed \$321,705.00, located in the Village of Lakemore, in Council District 8, 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

- 2026-158 **A Resolution confirming the award by the Board of Control of a construction contract with Rycon Construction, Inc. for the Department of Public Safety and Emergency Management Build Out Project, located in the City of Tallmadge, in Council District 6, in an amount not to exceed \$672,725.00, 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

- 2026-159 **A Resolution confirming the award of the Board of Control of a contract with SoundThinking, Inc., as a Sole Source, in an amount not to exceed \$850,200.00, and confirming the applicability of confidentiality provisions under Ohio Revised Code § 9.64 and 149.433, for the Executive's Department of Public Safety and 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

- 2026-160 **A Resolution confirming the award by the Board of Control of purchase contract with Aviat Networks, Inc., as a Sole Source Vendor, to provide equipment upgrades for the Summit County/Akron 800Mhz Regional Radio System, for a total cost not to exceed \$125,592.00, 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

- 2026-161 **A Resolution confirming the award by the Board of Control of professional service contracts with various providers of delinquent care and custody grant services, as listed in Exhibit A, for the period 7/1/26 through 6/30/27, in a total amount not to exceed \$469,984.00, for the Court of Common Pleas-Juvenile Division, and declaring an emergency.**
- Sponsor - Executive Shapiro
Staff Contact: Kent Starks, (330) 643-2074, kstarks@summitoh.net
- Committee First Readings
- 2026-162 **A Resolution confirming the award by the Board of Control of professional service contracts with various providers for behavioral health and juvenile justice services, for the period 7/1/26 through 6/30/27, in a total amount not to exceed \$253,048.00, for the Court of Common Pleas-Juvenile Division, and declaring an emergency.**
- Sponsor - Executive Shapiro
Staff Contact: Kent Starks, (330) 643-2074, kstarks@summitoh.net
- Committee First Readings
- 2026-163 **A Resolution confirming the award by the Board of Control of a renewal (first of two) of a purchase contract with Aramark Correctional Services, LLC for detention center youth food services, for a one-year term, from 7/1/26 through 6/30/27, in an amount not to exceed \$4.592 to \$9.132 per meal based on the number of youth served and \$0.986 per snack and \$0.320 per an added afternoon snack, for a total amount not to exceed \$300,000.00, for the Court of Common Pleas-Juvenile Division, and declaring an emergency.**
- Sponsor - Executive Shapiro
Staff Contact: Kent Starks, (330) 643-2074, kstarks@summitoh.net
- Committee First Readings
- 2026-164 **A Resolution confirming the award by the Board of Control of Change Order No. 1 to a professional service agreement with Harpst Becker LLC, in an amount not to exceed \$100,000.00 (for a cumulative increase of 133.33%), for a total amount not to exceed \$175,000.00, toward the cost of continued legal representation and services on behalf of the County, in the matter of Catts Construction, Inc. vs. County of Summit, Ohio, for the Executive, and declaring an emergency.**
- Sponsor - Executive Shapiro
Staff Contact: Mark Potter, (330) 643-2726, mpotter@summitoh.net
- Committee First Readings

- 2026-165 **A Resolution confirming the award by the Board of Control of a purchase contract with Nesco Resource, LLC, for payroll services for the period 10/1/26 through 9/30/27, for various youth and adult employment programs, including summer youth and year-round programs, with three options to renew for additional one-year terms, in an amount not to exceed \$2,999,958.52, 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

- 2026-166 **A Resolution declaring the month of June 2026 as Alzheimer's and Brain Awareness Month in Summit County, and to raise awareness about Alzheimer's disease and other brain diseases and dementias, for the Executive, and declaring an emergency.**

Sponsor - Executive Shapiro

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

Committee First Readings

- 2026-167 **A Resolution declaring Monday, June 15, 2026 as Elder Abuse Awareness Day in Summit County and encouraging residents to participate in any events and programs designed to raise awareness of and prevent the abuse of older adults, 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, Dickinson, Donofrio, Higham, Kacyon, Licate, McKenney, Schmidt, Walters, Wilhite

Absent: Ford

Motion passed

Mr. Schmidt moved to adopt.

Voice Vote on the motion.

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

Absent: Ford

Motion passed

The Routine Agenda was adopted 10-0.

ROUTINE LEGISLATION UNANIMOUSLY AGREED TO BY COMMITTEE

2026-144 **A Resolution approving a salary adjustment for classified non-bargaining employee, Elizabeth Kisner, for the Prosecutor, and declaring an emergency.**

Sponsor - Executive Shapiro

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

Resolution 2026-144 was adopted.

2026-145 **A Resolution confirming the award by the Board of Control of a construction contract with American Roadway Logistics, Inc. for the 2026 Summit County Regional Pavement Marking Program, in an amount not to exceed \$416,704.70, for the Engineer, and declaring an emergency.**

Sponsor - Executive Shapiro

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

Resolution 2026-145 was adopted.

2026-146 **A Resolution authorizing the Executive to execute a five-year sublease agreement with the Summit Soil and Water Conservation District for office space located at 1180 South Main Street, Akron, Ohio, 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 2026-146 was adopted.

- 2026-147 **A Resolution approving and authorizing the Executive to execute and submit the Community Development Block Grant and HOME Investment Partnership Program 2026 Action Plan to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development for program year 2026, authorizing the Executive to execute the 2026 Community Development Block Grant and HOME Investment Partnership Program contracts, and authorizing the Executive to execute any documents and submit any information necessary to meet the urban qualification period for 2027-2029, for the Executive's Department of Community and Economic Development, and declaring an emergency.**
- Sponsor - Executive Shapiro
Staff Contact: Mark Potter, (330) 643-2726, mpotter@summitoh.net
- Resolution 2026-147 was adopted.
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- 2026-148 **A Resolution authorizing the Court of Common Pleas – General Division to make additional expenditures, in the amount not to exceed \$20,000.00, for a total amount not to exceed \$40,000.00, for hospitality items for events to be held in 2026, 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
- Resolution 2026-148 was adopted.
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- 2026-149 **A Resolution authorizing the Executive, pursuant to Section 177.13 of the Codified Ordinances of the County of Summit, to increase the purchase aggregate total for calendar year 2026 with nine Non-Emergency Medical Transportation service providers operating under contract with the County of Summit, for the 2026 Federal Fiscal Year, from 10/1/25 through 9/30/26, in an amount not to exceed \$11,000,000.00, 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
- Resolution 2026-149 was adopted.
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- 2026-150 **A Resolution declaring Friday, June 5, 2026 as Gun Violence Awareness Day in Summit County to honor and remember the victims and survivors of gun violence and to join in calling for the prevention of gun violence by wearing orange, for the Executive, and declaring an emergency.**
- Sponsor - Executive Shapiro, Ms. Dickinson, Ms. Walters, Council as a Whole
Staff Contact: Kent Starks, (330) 643-2074, kstarks@summitoh.net
- Resolution 2026-150 was adopted.

- 2026-151 **A Resolution authorizing the Executive to execute a settlement agreement and release, for an amount not to exceed \$87,500.00, to settle any and all claims arising out of or concerning issues raised in the lawsuit, Gregory Taylor v. Kandy Fatheree, et al., for the Executive and the Sheriff, and declaring an emergency.**

Sponsor - Executive Shapiro

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

Resolution 2026-151 was adopted.

- 2026-152 **A Resolution confirming the award by the Board of Control of a purchase contract with R.R. Donnelley & Sons Company dba RR Donnelley, as a Best Practical Source, for printing and mailing services for the 2026 sexennial property valuation mailers, in an amount not to exceed \$207,531.00, for the Fiscal Officer, and declaring an emergency.**

Sponsor - Executive Shapiro

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

Resolution 2026-152 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 5:12 pm. The next regular meeting will be held June 15, 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 1st day of June, 2026.

Signed by:

Monique Willis

CLERK OF COUNCIL

Signed by:

Erin Dickinson

PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL