

COUNTY OF SUMMIT
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
June 29, 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.

Courtney Brown, Director of the Winners and Leaders organization, updated Council on their Youth Development Initiative.

Danelle Stover, Site Administrator for McGregor PACE, provided Council with information on their role in working to expand access to healthcare in Summit County.

Greta Johnson from the Executive's Office, and Heidi Swindell from the Engineer's Office and County Engineer Al Brubaker discussed the Twinsburg gas leak incident and the county's role and responsibility.

Lisa Mansfield and Allie Goble from the Executive's Office delivered on the topic of Older Americans Month.

The following items were addressed before Council at the Caucus:

- 2026-190 John Galonski from the Prosecutor's Office addressed Council on this first reading passage request.
- 2026-191 Heidi Swindell from the Engineer's Office addressed Council on this first reading passage request.
- 2026-192 Mike Vinay from the Department of Sanitary Sewer Services addressed Council on this first reading passage request.
- 2026-193 David Messner from the Community and Economic Development Department addressed Council on this first reading passage request.
- 2026-194 Holly Miller from the Community and Economic Development Department addressed Council on this first reading passage request.
- 2026-195 Lori Pesci from Public Safety and Greta Johnson from the Executive's Office addressed Council on this first reading passage request.
- 2026-196 David Magura from the Court of Common Pleas addressed Council on this first reading passage request.
- 2026-197 Tim Wiley from the Executive's Office addressed Council on this first reading passage request.

The Council Regular Meeting was called to order at 05:43 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 June 15, 2026.

Voice Vote on the motion.

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

ANNOUNCEMENT OF GENERAL INTEREST:

ANNOUNCEMENT FROM EXECUTIVE:

ANNOUNCEMENT OF OFFICEHOLDERS:

FIRST READINGS

2026-190 A Resolution approving a salary adjustment for classified non-bargaining employee, Terri Valine, for the Prosecutor, 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 2026-190 was adopted.

2026-191 A Resolution confirming the award by the Board of Control of a construction contract with Ronyak Paving, Inc. for Phases 3 & 4 of the Boston Mills Road Resurfacing Project, located in Boston Township, in Council District 1, in an amount not to exceed \$998,260.00, 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 2026-191 was adopted.

2026-192 **A Resolution confirming the award by the Board of Control of a purchase contract with Montrose Ford, at CUE pricing, for two vehicles, in an amount not to exceed \$236,750.16, 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

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 2026-192 was adopted.

2026-193 **A Resolution accepting the recommendations of the Tax Incentive Review Council regarding two enterprise zone agreements located in Summit County, in Council Districts 1 and 3, 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

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 2026-193 was adopted.

- 2026-194 **A Resolution authorizing the Executive to apply for, and accept funds from the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency through the Water Pollution Control Loan Fund for the repair and replacement of home septic systems, in the amount of \$150,000.00, with an estimated \$80,000.00 client provided local cash match requirement, and authorizing the Executive to execute a Water Pollution Control Loan Fund Assistance Agreement with the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency for said purposes, 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

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 2026-194 was adopted.

- 2026-195 **A Resolution authorizing the Executive to execute a grant agreement with the Summit County Combined General Health District dba Summit County Public Health, to provide funding to support a dedicated full-time employee focused on trauma-informed care and recovery-friendly workplace efforts, for a two-year period, from 7/1/26 through 6/30/28, in an amount not to exceed \$206,700.00, to be paid from the Opiate Litigation settlement monies, for the Executive, 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 2026-195 was adopted.

2026-196 **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 7/1/26 through 6/30/27, in an amount not to exceed \$145,750.00, 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

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 2026-196 was adopted.

2026-197 **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 2026-197 was adopted.

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

2026-169 **A Resolution confirming the award by the Board of Control of a professional service contract with Wichert Insurance Services, Inc. dba Wichert Insurance, as a Best Practical Source, to provide brokerage services for the County's property, liability, boiler and machinery insurance program, and to provide Claim Reporting Services using Riskmaster, for a five-year term, from 7/1/26 through 6/30/31, in an amount not to exceed \$759,000.00, for the Executive's Department of Law and Risk Management, and declaring an emergency.**

Sponsor - Executive Shapiro

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

Resolution 2026-169 was adopted.

2026-170 **A Resolution approving the proposed public improvement known as Springfield Township's Springfield Lake Outlet (County Ditch No. 45) Petitioned Drainage Improvement Project pursuant to Section 6131.21 of the Ohio Revised Code, and approving the Engineer's schedule of compensation to be paid for easements pursuant to Section 6131.19 of the Ohio Revised Code and waiving assessments pursuant to Section 6131.22 of the Ohio Revised Code, declaring an emergency.**

Sponsor - Mr. Wilhite

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

Resolution 2026-170 was adopted.

- 2026-171 **A Resolution approving the proposed public improvement known as Copley Township's Copley Ditch (County Ditch No. 38) Petitioned Drainage Improvement Project pursuant to Section 6131.21 of the Ohio Revised Code and approving the Engineer's schedule of compensation to be paid for easements pursuant to Section 6131.19 of the Ohio Revised Code and waiving assessments pursuant to Section 6131.22 of the Ohio Revised Code, declaring an emergency.**
- Sponsor - Mr. Wilhite
Staff Contact: Mark Potter, (330) 643-2726, mpotter@summitoh.net
- Resolution 2026-171 was adopted.
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- 2026-172 **A Resolution confirming the award by the Board of Control of Change Order No. 2 to a professional service contract with Woolpert, Inc., for geographic information system mapping, surveying, engineering and adjunct services as part of the Countywide Stormwater Mapping Project, in an amount not to exceed \$170,000.00 (for a cumulative increase of 34.32%), for a total amount not to exceed \$1,175,000.00, for the Engineer, and declaring an emergency.**
- Sponsor - Executive Shapiro
Staff Contact: Mark Potter, (330) 643-2726, mpotter@summitoh.net
- Resolution 2026-172 was adopted.
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- 2026-173 **A Resolution authorizing the Executive to enter into an intergovernmental agreement with the City of Akron, providing a \$250,000.00 grant for the City's reconstruction of South Main Street between West Cedar Street and West Bartges Street in support of the expansion of GPD Group, relocation of the headquarters for Buckingham Doolittle and Burroughs, LLC, and retention of other businesses serviced by this segment of South Main Street, located in the City of Akron, in Council District 4, for the Executive and Engineer, and declaring an emergency.**
- Sponsor - Executive Shapiro
Staff Contact: Mark Potter, (330) 643-2726, mpotter@summitoh.net
- Resolution 2026-173 was adopted.
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- 2026-174 **A Resolution declaring the failure in the Pump Station #123 force main, on Valley View Road, located in the Cities of Macedonia and Hudson, in Council Districts 1 and 3, 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 \$425,941.74, 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 2026-174 was adopted.

- 2026-175 **A Resolution authorizing the Executive to execute an Agreement with the City of Barberton, 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 2024 Ohio Building Code, on behalf of and within the territorial jurisdiction of the City of Barberton, 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

Resolution 2026-175 was adopted.

- 2026-176 **A Resolution setting a date for this Council, pursuant to Section 709.03 of the Ohio Revised Code and Section 125.01(i) of the Codified Ordinances of the County of Summit, to conduct a public hearing to consider the annexation of 2.17 acres of land in Richfield Township to the Village of Richfield, for Council, and declaring an emergency.**

Sponsor - Ms. Walters

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

Resolution 2026-176 was adopted.

- 2026-177 **A Resolution authorizing the Executive to execute a Term Sheet with the City of Barberton, Ohio and the Summit County Developmental Disabilities Board for the sale of the real property located at 501 W. Hopocan Avenue, Barberton, Ohio 44203, identified in the Summit County Records as Parcel Nos. 0116601, 0106194, 0108714, and 0103272, in Council District 7, and the furniture, fixtures and equipment located therein, for the purchase price of \$3,100,000.00, further authorizing the Executive to execute all other necessary agreements and documents to undertake the sale as contemplated in the Term Sheet, including the option for the City to finance the same through the County, and the payment of the proceeds to the Summit County Developmental Disabilities Board, for the Executive, and declaring an emergency.**

Sponsor - Executive Shapiro

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

Resolution 2026-177 was adopted.

- 2026-178 **A Resolution confirming the award by the Board of Control of a design-build amendment to the design-build professional service contract with Welty Building Construction, LLC. for the construction 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 \$3,819,003.00, 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
- Resolution 2026-178 was adopted.
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- 2026-179 **A Resolution authorizing the Executive to advertise for bids for the Jail Door Controls Project, located in the City of Akron, in Council District 4, for an estimated total cost not to exceed \$1,900,000.00, 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
- Resolution 2026-179 was adopted.
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- 2026-180 **A Resolution authorizing various service rates to be charged by the Sheriff and authorizing the Executive to execute contracts for the Sheriff for said services, for calendar years 2027, 2028, and 2029, for the Executive and the Sheriff, and declaring an emergency.**
- Sponsor - Executive Shapiro
Staff Contact: Kent Starks, (330) 643-2074, kstarks@summitoh.net
- Resolution 2026-180 was adopted.
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- 2026-181 **A Resolution confirming the award by the Board of Control of a renewal (first of four) of a purchase contract with 460 Tech, LLC. dba BeInCourt, as a Best Practical Source, to provide annual maintenance with on-site support, for the Criminal Justice Virtual Courtroom Project, for a one-year term, from 7/1/26 through 6/30/27, for an amount not to exceed \$343,960.68, 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
- Resolution 2026-181 was adopted.

- 2026-182 **A Resolution confirming the award by the Board of Control of a master service agreement with Needl. Inc., dba Aurelian, to provide emergency call-talkers real time guidance for calls, for various Summit County public safety answering points, for implementation and nine months of service beginning 7/1/26, with three options to renew for an additional twelve-month term, in an amount not to exceed \$204,250.00, 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

Resolution 2026-182 was adopted.

- 2026-183 **A Resolution confirming the award by the Board of Control of a professional service contract with Michael Baker International, Inc. dba DATAMARK, for GIS data support for the 9-1-1 system and Computer Aided Dispatch (CAD), for an amount not to exceed \$180,493.23, 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

Resolution 2026-183 was adopted.

- 2026-184 **A Resolution confirming the award of the Board of Control of renewals (first of two) to professional service contracts and authorizing the Executive to disburse funds, including those that exceed an aggregate of \$75,000.00, to all Non-Emergency Medical Transportation providers operating under contract with the Executive's Department of Job and Family Services in Federal Fiscal Year 2027, for the period 10/1/26 through 9/30/27, in an estimated total 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 2026-184 was adopted.

- 2026-185 **A Resolution confirming the award by the Board of Control of a purchase contract with the Metro Regional Transit Authority, to provide Non-Emergency Medical Transportation Broker services for a one-year term, from 10/1/26 through 9/30/27, in an amount not to exceed \$500,000.00, 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 2026-185 was adopted.

- 2026-186 **A Resolution authorizing the Executive to execute an intergovernmental agreement with the Summit County Combined General Health District dba Summit County Public Health, to increase utilization of Healthchek Early, Periodic, Screening, Diagnostic and Testing services for young children, for a one-year term, from 10/1/26 to 9/30/27, in an amount not to exceed \$120,000.00, 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 2026-186 was adopted.
- 2026-187 **A Resolution confirming the award by the Board of Control of professional service contracts with various providers for Federal Fiscal Year 2027 utilizing Temporary Assistance to Needy Families, Benefit Bridge, State General Revenue Fund, and Food Assistance Employment and Training funds, from 10/1/26 through 9/30/27, in a total amount not to exceed \$5,095,050.00, 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 2026-187 was adopted.
- 2026-188 **A Resolution confirming the award by the Board of Control of a professional service contract with United Way of Summit and Medina, as a Best Practical Source, to provide 2-1-1 information and referral line services to assist low income families in accessing non-profit and government services to meet basic needs, for the period 10/1/26 through 9/30/27, in an amount not to exceed \$100,000.00, 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 2026-188 was adopted.
- 2026-189 **A Resolution confirming the award by the Board of Control to enter into a fifth renewal of a purchase contract with Brinks, Inc., as a Best Practical Source, to provide countywide armored car services, for a one-year term, for the period of 7/1/26 to 6/30/27, in an amount not to exceed \$110,000.00, 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 2026-189 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 5:50 pm. The next regular meeting will be held August 3, 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 29th day of June, 2026.

Signed by:

Monique Willis

CLERK OF COUNCIL

Signed by:

Erin Dickinson

PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL