

Ohio's First Charter County

The Council Ledger

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Upcoming Community Events

- Tuesday, November 8 is ELECTION DAY. Remember to Get Out and Vote!
- Monday, December 12 is the final Council Meeting of 2016 before Winter Break. 4:30 p.m. @ Council Chambers, 175 S. Main St. Akron 7th Floor.

Ilene Shapiro Becomes County Executive Following Death Of Russ Pry; New Council Officers Appointed



Following the unexpected passing of Summit County Executive Russ Pry on July 31, after complications from colon cancer surgery, former Summit County Council President Ilene Shapiro was sworn in as interim Summit County Executive. Shapiro became the first female County Executive in the history of the Summit County and was selected by the Democratic Party to serve as full-time Executive, as well as to seek the position in the formal election in November.

Summit County Council Vice President, **Nick Kostandaras (District 1)** was appointed by Council as President for the remainder of 2016 and **Tim Crawford (District 7)** was selected to serve as Vice President for the remainder of the year.

"We are all saddened by the sudden loss of Russ Pry. He was an outstanding leader, friend and public servant to all," said Kostandaras. "It is imperative that we continue his work moving forward in Summit County and Ilene is prepared to do that job.

Former Summit County Council President, Ilene Shapiro (left) is now Summit County Executive. Nick Kostandaras (center) is now Council President, and Tim Crawford (right) is now Vice President.

We wish her the best in her new role and look forward to working with the next Executive after the November election."

In addition to the Executive seat, each of the Council's 8 district seats will be up for election as well as two of the three At-Large positions.

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Former Judge, Council Member, Clair Dickinson Returns to Summit County Council



In the aftermath of Ilene Shapiro succeeding the late Russ Pry as Summit County Executive, former Summit County Council Member Clair Dickinson was appointed by the Summit County Democratic Party to fill the vacant At-Large seat on Summit County Council for the remainder of the year. The seat will be up for election in November and Dickinson is seeking the position to serve the remaining two years of Ms. Shapiro's term.

Dickinson, a former Ohio 9th District Court of Appeals judge who currently serves as a partner with the Brouse and McDowell law firm in Akron was formerly on Summit County Council from 1989 to 1993 and from 2003 to 2006.

Councilwoman Prentice Hosts Community Meeting to Address Gas Pipeline Concerns



On July 14th at the Cleveland Clinic Akron General Wellness Center in Green, Summit County Councilwoman Paula Prentice hosted a community meeting to update residents on the status of the Nexus natural gas pipeline project, which would effect residents in Green and New Franklin in Summit County. The City of Green, City of New Franklin, City of Oberlin, townships in Medina County and the Coalition to Reroute Nexus (CoRN), a nonprofit organization, are actively engaged with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) to move or reroute the pipeline to a more responsible southerly location away from the populated areas of Stark, Summit, Wayne, Medina and Lorain Counties.

The purpose of the meeting was to answer questions regarding this project and share information on efforts to safely reroute the Nexus pipeline.



Councilwoman Paula Prentice (District 8) speaks during her Community Meeting (left) and is joined by Council Members Liz Walters (At-Large) and Tim Crawford (District 7) following the meeting.

Presently, Nexus is not allowed to survey private property without consent, in Summit, Medina or Erie Counties. Interested parties can stay informed about these and other issues involving Nexus by checking Facebook/ MedinaNOexus or emailing plgierosky@gmail.com to receive the CoRN newsletter.

Route maps of the Nexus pipeline are available on the internet at www.nopipelines.org or on the City of Green, Ohio webpage under Nexus.

For specific legal questions about Nexus, please email Atty. David Mucklow at mucklow1000@att.net.

Summit County Sheriff's Office Honored for Work During 2016 Republican National Convention

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Summit County Councilman John Schmidt (District 2) presents a Commendation to the Summit County Sheriff's Office for their outstanding service during the 2016 Republican National Convention in Cleveland .

Prior to their August 8th County Council Meeting, Summit County Council honored the Summit County Sheriff's Office with a Commendation for their outstanding work during the 2016 Republican National Convention in Cleveland during the week of July 18-21.

During that time, more than 50,000 visitors came to Northeast Ohio for approximately 1,200 convention related events throughout the week. In light of incidents throughout the nation involving police officers and civilians and anticipated protests from special interest groups surrounding the Convention, more than 3,000 law enforcement officers from state, local and federal jurisdictions were called upon to support the Cleveland Police Department in providing security for all events.

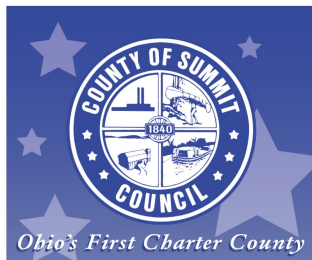
The Summit County Sheriff's Office provided 30 personnel to assist during the Convention, including: **Bomb Squad** – Sgt. Chris Place and Deputy Jess Danner; **SWAT Team** – Lt. Rick Armsey and Deputies Richard Wright, Todd Hart, Robert Bosnyak, Nate Buckhor, Mike Shaffer, Brian Abel and Jeffrey Kugler; **Mounted Unit** – Sgt. Robert Vaughan and Deputy Elisha Menefee; **Mobile Field Force** – Inspector Bill Holland, Lt. Doug Smith, Sgt. Edward Ahwajee and Deputies David Belt, Michael Casper, Thomas Fickes, Jacob Hall, Amanda Haught, James Hipp, Marvin Hoover, Stephanie Hoover, Shawntell Kennedy, Andrew Kish, Chase Rose, Corey Thompson, Reuben Woodruff and Wes Dobbins; and **Summit County EOC Communications Monitor** Sharon McMurray.

Due to the outstanding efforts of those officers and staff who joined forces with law enforcement personnel from throughout the country, the Republican National Convention was able to proceed with no major incidents, attendees felt safe and respected and the police received praise for their poise and professionalism during the festivities.

Staff Notes



Kent Starks, Senior Research Analyst with the Summit County Council Office (standing back row, far right in photo) was honored in September by Goodwill Industries with an Employee of Distinction Award for his work with the County of Summit Bridges out of Poverty Training program. Starks, a Certified Bridges trainer since 2014, has conducted several training sessions with County of Summit employees along with the Bridges team (seated in photo at left) of HR Director, Leonard Foster, Deniela Williams, Ebony Williams, Jason Hass, (standing from left) Ingrid Abraham-Turner, LaToya Harris and Charmaine Thurman, all employees of the County of Summit Department of Jobs and Family Services. Also honored but not pictured, are Anna Morelli and Andrea Kidder.



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2016 Council Meeting Calendar

DATE	EVENT	LOCATION	TIME
October 24	Council Committee Mtg.	Council Chambers	4:30 p.m.
October 31	Council Meeting	Council Chambers	4:30 p.m.
November 7	Council Committee Mtg.	Council Chambers	4:30 p.m.
November 11	Council Offices Closed for Veterans Day Holiday		
November 14	Council Meeting	Council Chambers	4:30 p.m.
November 24-25	Council Offices Closed for Thanksgiving Holidays		
November 21	Council Committee Mtg.	Council Chambers	4:30 p.m.
November 28	Council Meeting	Council Chambers	4:30 p.m.
December 5	Council Committee Mtg.	Council Chambers	4:30 p.m.
December 12	Council Meeting	Council Chambers	4:30 p.m.
Last Meeting Before Winter Break			
December 23&26	Council Offices Closed for Christmas Holidays		
January 2, 2017	Council Offices Closed for New Year's Holiday		
January 9, 2017	Council Organizational Meeting	Council Chambers	4:30 p.m.

2016 County Council Members

Nick Kostandaras

President

District 1

Tim Crawford

Vice President

District 7

John Schmidt

District 2

Gloria Rodgers

District 3

Jeff Wilhite

District 4

Tamela Lee

District 5

Jerry Feeman

District 6

Paula Prentice

District 8

Elizabeth Walters

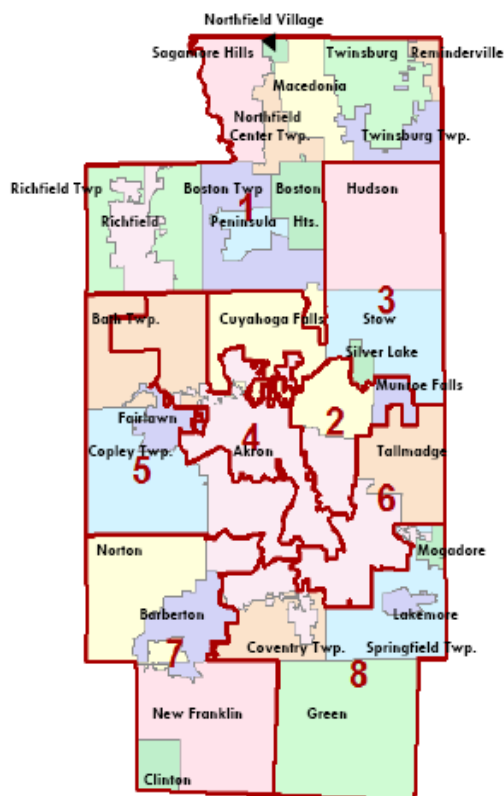
At -Large

John Donofrio

At -Large

Clair Dickinson

At-Large



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