

COUNTY OF SUMMIT, OHIO

2024

**ANNUAL INFORMATIONAL STATEMENT
IN CONNECTION WITH BONDS OF THE COUNTY**

This Annual Informational Statement has been prepared in connection with the County of Summit's continuing disclosure agreements under SEC Rule 15c2-12 for certain of its outstanding bond issues relating to the following CUSIP Numbers:

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Questions regarding information contained in this Annual Informational Statement should be directed to the County Executive, 8th Floor, Ohio Building, 175 South Main Street, Akron, Ohio 44308.

The date of this Annual Informational Statement is August 31, 2024.

INTRODUCTORY STATEMENT

This Annual Informational Statement in Connection with Bonds of the County (the “Annual Statement”) has been prepared by the County of Summit, Ohio (the “County”), to provide financial, operating, and other information relating to the County, as required by certain continuing disclosure agreements entered into by the County requiring provision and dissemination of annual financial and statistical information and of timely notification of material events.

All financial and other information in this Annual Statement has been provided by the County from its records, except for information expressly attributed to other sources. The presentation of information, including tables of receipts from taxes and other sources, is intended to show recent historical information and is not intended to indicate future or continuing trends in the financial position or other affairs of the County. No representation is made that past experience, as is shown by that financial and other information, will continue or be repeated in the future.

This Annual Statement should be considered in its entirety and no one subject considered less important than another by reason of location in the text. For more information about a law, report, or document referred to in this statement, please see the original source cited.

References to provisions of Ohio law or of the Ohio Constitution or the County Charter (the “Charter”) are references to those current provisions. Those provisions may be amended, repealed, or supplemented.

As used in this Annual Statement, “debt service” means principal of and interest on the obligations referred to, “City” means the City of Akron, and “State” or “Ohio” means the State of Ohio. “Fiscal Year” means the 12-month period ending on December 31, and reference to a particular Fiscal Year (such as “Fiscal Year 2024”) means the Fiscal Year ending on December 31 in that year. “Revised Code” means the Ohio Revised Code, as in effect as of the date of this Annual Statement.

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THE COUNTY

General Information

The County, formed in 1840, is located in northeastern Ohio and covers an area of 412.8 square miles. Twenty-two cities and villages as well as nine townships are located in the County. The largest city in the County, the City of Akron, is the county seat. According to the 2020 Census, the County has a population of 540,428, making it the fourth most populous of the 88 counties in Ohio.

The County is in the Akron Metropolitan Statistical Area (“AMSA”), comprised of Summit and Portage Counties, with a population of 702,219 according to the 2020 Census. It is also in the Cleveland-Akron-Canton Combined Statistical Area (“CACCSA”). According to 2020 Census data, the CACCSA was home to a population of 3,633,962, making it the 18th most populous Consolidated Metropolitan Statistical Area of 172 in the country. The following table shows the County’s population since 1960:

<u>Year</u>	<u>Population</u>		
	<u>City</u>	<u>County</u>	<u>AMSA</u>
1960	290,351	513,569	605,367
1970	275,425	553,371	679,239
1980	237,177	524,472	660,328
1990	223,019	514,990	657,575
2000	217,074	542,899	694,960
2010	199,110	541,781	703,200
2020	190,469	540,428	702,219

Source: U.S. Census Bureau.

Services to County residents are provided through the combined efforts of various governmental entities, including the County and the cities, villages, townships, and special districts located in the County. The County has significant responsibilities in the areas of administration of justice, public assistance and social services, economic development, road and bridge maintenance, sanitation, and general government.

Cities and villages in the County provide various services under statutory authorizations and the constitutional “home rule” grant of “all powers of local self-government.” Among the services provided and powers generally exercised by cities and villages are the following: public safety, including police and fire functions; construction, maintenance, and repair of streets and sidewalks; certain sanitation and health activities; recreation, including parks, playgrounds, and swimming pools; certain public service enterprises such as collection, recycling, and disposal of solid wastes and operation of sewer and water systems, airports, and hospitals; and certain planning and zoning functions. Some of these services and powers may also be provided and exercised by the County, other political subdivisions, and special districts.

Special districts and other governmental entities currently perform various functions in the County in addition to the services provided by the County, municipalities, townships and State agencies. Educational services are provided by school districts within the County. Summit Metro

Parks provides park and recreational facilities and programs. The METRO Regional Transit Authority is responsible for coordinating mass transit in the County. Public libraries are provided by several library districts within the County, and primarily by the Akron-Summit County Library District. The Summit-Akron Solid Waste Management Authority, which operates under the name Reworks, provides management of solid waste in the County. The Summit County Combined General Health District, which operates under the name Summit County Public Health, provides public health services to the entire County through both statutory and contractual authority.

General Organization and Major Offices

In 1979, the voters of the County adopted a Charter, establishing the first charter form of county government in Ohio. The Charter became effective January 1, 1981. It replaced a statutory form of county government, and provided the County much of the same home rule powers exercised by municipalities. The Charter currently provides for a County Executive and an 11-member County Council (the “Council”), comprised of three members elected at-large and eight members elected from the districts they represent. The general responsibilities of the County Executive are administrative, and the general responsibilities of the Council are legislative. The Executive and each Council member are elected to four-year terms.

The County’s Fiscal Officer, Clerk of Courts, Engineer, Sheriff, and Prosecutor are all separately elected officials that carry out certain specified administrative functions of the County, in addition to those carried out by the Executive. The elected Fiscal Officer performs the duties of the statutory offices of county recorder, county treasurer, and county auditor. The other offices perform the same functions under the Charter as their statutory equivalents. Each of these officers is elected on a county-wide basis to a four-year term of office, and each officer exercises independent authority within the limits of Ohio law and the County’s Charter. The statutory office of county coroner has been replaced with the appointed position of Medical Examiner, which is appointed by the County Executive.

Additionally, the County Charter has created three additional administrative offices, the Internal Audit Committee, which oversees the Internal Audit Department, the Human Resource Commission, and the Information Technology Board, which oversees the Office of Information Technology. The limited administrative responsibilities and roles of each are set forth below.

The judicial functions of the County are carried out by the Court of Common Pleas, which is divided into four divisions: General, Domestic, Juvenile and Probate. The Ninth District Court of Appeals, which covers Summit, Lorain, Medina and Wayne Counties, hears appeals from the four divisions of the Court of Common Pleas. All judges are elected county-wide to six-year terms.

Several quasi-independent agencies are part of the County structure, each of which perform a variety of functions, including the Veterans Service Commission, the Board of Developmental Disabilities, the Children Services Board, the Alcohol, Drug Addiction and Mental Health Services Board, and the Board of Elections.

Lastly, in recent years, the County has taken advantage of certain statutory authority to create the Summit County Land Reutilization Corporation, Summit County Transportation Improvement District, and the Summit and Medina Workforce Area Council of Governments, each

of which serve as component units of the County. In 2022, the County created a Council of Governments with the City of Cuyahoga Falls, the City of Fairlawn, the City of Stow, and the City of Tallmadge, for the purpose of operating a consolidated primary Public Safety Answering Point. It has not yet been determined whether this Council of Governments will present its financial reports as a component unit of the County. Also in 2022, the County created the Akron-Fairlawn Broadband Regional Council of Governments with the City of Fairlawn for the purpose of building and operating a fiber-ring and data center within the County to address public safety and public connectivity concerns.

The role of each of these offices, courts and agencies is further described in **THE COUNTY– County Services and Responsibilities**.

Table of Elected and Appointed Officials

Certain current elected and appointed County officials are shown below:

Elected and Appointed Officials	Name of Incumbent	Date of Assumption of Office	Expiration Date of Present Term
County Executive Council	Ilene Shapiro	August 11, 2016	December 31, 2024
	Christine Higham (a)	June 7, 2022	December 31, 2024
	Jeff Wilhite	February 18, 2016	December 31, 2024
	Bethany McKenney	December 3, 2018	December 31, 2024
	John Donofrio	January 1, 2015	December 31, 2026
	Gloria Rodgers	January 1, 2009	December 31, 2024
	Rita Darrow (b)	January 1, 2021	December 31, 2024
	Elizabeth Walters	February 3, 2016	December 31, 2026
	Anthony Devitis	January 1, 2021	December 31, 2024
	John N. Schmidt	May 17, 2007	December 31, 2024
	Erin Dickinson (c)	June 7, 2022	December 31, 2026
	Brandon Ford (d)	February 21, 2024	December 31, 2024
	Clerk of Council	Monique Willis (e)	January 8, 2024
County Fiscal Officer (f)	Kristen M. Scalise	May 16, 2011	January 5, 2025
Prosecuting Attorney	Elliot Kolkovich (g)	February 23, 2024	January 5, 2025
County Engineer	B. Alan Brubaker	January 1, 2009	January 5, 2025
Sheriff	Kandy Fatheree	January 4, 2021	January 5, 2025
Clerk of Courts of Common Pleas	Tavia Galonski (h)	January 10, 2024	January 5, 2025
Director, Internal Audit Department (i)	Lisa Skapura	June 20, 2011	Appointed
Chief Information Officer (j)	Stephen Byrne	August 8, 2019	Appointed

- (a) Appointed June 7, 2022 to serve until the next County-wide general election (November 1, 2022), at which time Councilwoman Higham was elected to fill the remainder of the unexpired term ending December 31, 2024.
- (b) President of Council through December 31, 2024.
- (c) Vice-President of Council through December 31, 2024.
- (d) Appointed February 21, 2024, following the resignation of Veronica Sims, to serve the balance of the unexpired term ending December 31, 2024.
- (e) Appointed following the resignation of Lauren Marsh.
- (f) See THE COUNTY–County Services and Responsibilities–Administrative Responsibility for a discussion of this position. In general, the County’s Charter has consolidated the statutory positions of Auditor, Treasurer and Recorder into this one position of Fiscal Officer.
- (g) Appointed February 23, 2024, following the retirement of Sherri Bevan Walsh, to serve the balance of the unexpired term ending December 31, 2024.
- (h) Appointed January 10, 2024, following the resignation of Sandra Kurt, to serve the balance of the unexpired term ending December 31, 2024.

- (i) The Director of the Internal Audit Department is appointed by, and serves at the discretion of, the Internal Audit Committee, which is established by the County’s Charter. See THE COUNTY-County Services and Responsibilities- Administrative Responsibility for a discussion of this position.
- (j) The Chief Information Officer is appointed by, and serves at the discretion of, the Information Technology Board, which was established by amendment of the County’s Charter by the voters in November 2014. See THE COUNTY-County Services and Responsibilities- Administrative Responsibility for a discussion of this position.

County Services and Responsibilities

Legislative Responsibility

The County Council exercises the legislative and policy-making power of the County. The Council meets on a weekly basis to consider and approve resolutions and ordinances that are proposed by either the Executive or one of the Council members.

The legislative powers enjoyed by the Council include, but are not limited to, appropriating funds; adoption and amendment of operating and capital improvement budgets; levying taxes; issuing bonds and notes; establishing procedures for and approving of contracts for services and public works; and establishing personnel procedures. Additionally, the Council adopts ordinances pertaining to the administration of the County, traffic and general criminal offenses, business regulations, sanitary services, subdivision regulations and building regulations.

In addition to the aforementioned legislative functions, the Council is responsible for the confirmation of each appointment to a board, agency or commission made by the Executive that would otherwise be made by the County Commissioners under the statutory form of county government.

Administrative Responsibility

County Executive and Executive Departments. The County Executive is the primary administrative and budgetary official for the County. Currently, the Executive’s Office is divided into nine departments, each of which has jurisdiction over a different portion of the administration. The senior administration consists of a Chief of Staff and Directors of each of these nine departments, as follows:

Executive Senior Staff

Chief of Staff
 Assistant Chief of Staff and Public Information Officer
 Director, Department of Law and Risk Management
 Director, Department of Finance and Budget
 Director, Department of Community and Economic Development
 Medical Examiner
 Director, Department of Sanitary Sewer Services
 Director, Department of Job and Family Services
 Director, Department of Administrative Services
 Director, Department of Human Resources
 Director, Department of Public Safety

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General Administration. The general internal administration of the County is primarily performed by the Executive’s Departments of Administration and Public Information, Administrative Services and Human Resources.

Department of Administration and Public Information. This Department oversees the operations of the other departments under the County Executive and is the central coordinating department for strategic planning, policy and legislative matters, and disseminating public information on behalf of the County.

Department of Administrative Services. This Department is responsible for the maintenance of all County facilities and grounds, administration of all capital projects including new construction and renovation of County facilities, and the operation of the County’s animal control facility.

Human Resources Department. This Department oversees employment matters for the Executive and other County officeholders, including employment opportunities, interviews and orientation, employee discipline, administration of the personnel manual and policies, labor relations, adherence to the federal Fair Labor Standards Act and Family Medical Leave Act and workers compensation administration. The Human Resource Department also includes the Division of Employee Benefits, which manages health, vision, dental, life, accidental death and disability, and other benefits for the employees of the County.

Department of Law and Risk Management. The Department of Law and Risk Management is responsible for advising the Executive on all legal matters and the creation and maintenance of legal documents such as contracts, leases, sales agreements, and legislation. The Department of Law and Risk Management also oversees the County’s property and casualty insurance program, and is also responsible for the management and settlement of all claims asserted against the County, as approved by the Executive and County Council.

In 2017, the County filed suit in the Summit County Court of Common Pleas against various manufacturers and distributors of opioid medications. This suit was moved by the Defendants to the United States District Court for the Northern District of Ohio, and became part of the Multi-District Litigation captioned In RE: National Prescription Opiate Litigation, MDL No. 2804, Case Number 17-md-2804 before Judge Dan Polster. This matter was originally set for trial on October 21, 2019 against some, but not all, of the Defendants. Prior to the trial date, the County entered into a number of settlements with the Defendants who were part of the initial trial, which provided for both cash payments and medications at no cost. The County is involved in ongoing discussions regarding settlement with other Defendants. The following table details the settlement amounts paid or to-be-paid to the County, to date:

OPIATE LITIGATION SETTLEMENTS

<u>Defendant</u>	<u>Settlement Date</u>	<u>Settlement Amount</u>	<u>Date Paid/Provided to County</u>
<u>Mallinckrodt</u>	9/27/2019		
Cash		\$9,120,000.00	12/6/2019
Product		\$2,280,000.00	

<u>Endo</u>	9/4/2019		
Cash		\$3,800,000.00	12/6/2019
Product		\$380,000.00	
<u>Allergan</u>	8/29/2019		
Cash		\$1,900,000.00	12/6/2019
<u>Johnson & Johnson</u>	10/2/2019		
Cash		\$3,852,000.00	12/6/2019
Centering donation		\$2,000,000.00	Paid direct to local hospitals
<u>Teva/Activis</u>	12/27/2019		
Cash		\$7,600,000.00	Multiple payment dates
Product		\$9,500,000.00	
<u>Amerisource Bergen</u>	12/26/2019		
Cash		\$25,327,000.00	3/31/2020
<u>Cardinal Health</u>	12/26/2019		
Cash		\$25,245,300.00	12/31/2019
<u>McKesson</u>	12/26/2019		
Cash		\$31,127,700.00	1/9/2020
<u>HD Schein donation</u>		\$1,000,000.00	Paid directly to Akron Community Foundation
HBC/Giant Eagle		\$550,000.00	June 27, 2022
Gross Settlement Value		\$120,682,000.00	
Cash Total		\$108,522,000.00	
Product Total		\$ 12,160,000.00	

Following the settlements, a key stakeholders group was convened by the County Executive to determine how best to use the settlement funds to benefit the County’s residents. That stakeholders group has appointed the County’s Opiate Abatement Advisory Council (“OAAC”), which issues requests for proposals for services that align with certain identified focus areas. The OAAC evaluates proposals and makes recommendations to the key stakeholders group, who then determine whether the proposals should go to the Summit County Council for approval. Any contracts are signed by the County Executive with the prior approval of Council. Performance under those contracts is monitored by the Summit County Combined General Health District under a contract with the County for project management services.

Under the terms of the settlement with the manufacturers and distributors, as a part of the Multi-District Litigation, the County was required to hold back amounts to place in an escrow fund to be used to satisfy Common Benefit fees and expenses. In 2021, the County satisfied this requirement by placing \$8,094,000 in escrow. The County paid the last of its attorney fees in 2021, bringing net total attorney fees paid from the above settlement funds to \$17,439,874. The County, has additionally provided \$4.5 million in grants to date from settlement dollars, and spent nearly \$600,000 on administrative and consulting fees. As of December 31, 2023, the County had \$77,335,867.25 on hand.

In US District Court for the Northern District of Ohio, in November of 2021, a jury determined that Walgreens, Walmart and CVS had all engaged in actions that contributed to the public health crisis created by the proliferation of opiates in Lake and Trumbull Counties. That verdict has been appealed. Prior to that trial going forward, HBC/Giant Eagle proposed a settlement to certain Ohio Plaintiffs, including the County of Summit and its participating subdivisions, which was accepted by those parties. The County's action against RiteAid, Walgreens, Walmart and CVS remains pending, and has been continued indefinitely.

Department of Public Safety. On November 22, 2021, the County adopted Section 115.01(k) of its Codified Ordinances, removing public safety as a division of the Department of Law and Risk Management and creating a new Department of Public Safety, which consists of the county's Emergency Management Agency (EMA), Office of Justice Affairs, and Public Safety Communications Division.

The Emergency Management Agency (EMA) operates under Chapter 5502 of the Ohio Revised Code, which requires each county to have an emergency management director or coordinator and an Emergency Operations Plan. This law also grants the County the legal authority and protection to act during disasters. EMA has agreements in place to provide emergency management services to every city, village, and township within the County. The Summit County Emergency Management Executive Committee sets the priorities and goals for EMA based on its core responsibility to "enhance preparedness capabilities to prevent, protect against, mitigate, respond to, and recover from threats and hazards, aiming to save lives, reduce injuries, and minimize economic loss." Additionally, EMA is committed to educating and informing the public during emergencies or disasters.

As part of its mandate, the Emergency Management Agency staff oversee the administration of various grants, including two primary assistance programs: the Emergency Management Performance Grant (EMPG) Program and the State Homeland Security Program (SHSP). The EMPG Program provides federal funds to states to help state, local, territorial, and tribal governments prepare for all hazards, as authorized by Section 662 of the Post Katrina Emergency Management Reform Act (6 U.S.C. § 762) and the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act (42 U.S.C. §§ 5121 et seq.). The SHSP is part of the Federal Homeland Security Grant Program (HSGP). These grants support the development of capabilities, and the implementation of the goals and objectives outlined in the *National Preparedness Goal* and State Homeland Security Strategies and Initiatives.

In 2020, Summit County EMA was able to use CARES funding to procure and provide all of the communities, including their safety forces, with personal protective equipment during the COVID-19 pandemic. This was done in addition to managing the stockpile items received by the state. EMA staff created a process to oversee the distribution of these items to ensure communities received needed supplies.

The Office of Justice Affairs staff conducts data collection, research and evaluation to support the overall efficient and just operation of the County's criminal justice system. This includes engaging stakeholders in strategic planning to enhance systemic performance, streamline resources, and improve services. Justice Affairs staff also coordinate and administer grants to support law enforcement operations, serving as the fiscal agent for a 13-county region, and

oversees state funding for the operation of the County's Community Based Correctional Facilities, alternative corrections programs, and probation operations.

More recently, the Office of Justice Affairs has taken the lead on heightening the use of technology as it pertains to the criminal justice system. As a result of the COVID-19 pandemic and the restrictions it placed on gatherings and face-to-face interactions, it was imperative to establish a virtual alternative to conduct hearings, assessments, and various other court-related proceedings. Following consultation with subject matter experts, the Criminal Justice Integrated Technology Project was developed, which included the need for a high-speed fiber network.

Through a partnership with City of Fairlawn and the City of Akron, the County CARES funding was used to expand FairlawnGig to facilities throughout Summit County that hold criminal justice proceedings and house inmates. Moreover, this project provided uniform technology infrastructure and Zoom licensing to justice system partners in order to ensure the County had mechanisms in place in order to support individuals' rights and access to the courts. The expansion also facilitated an increase in safety and security of law enforcement, court employees, inmates and the general public.

Moreover, the Department of Public Safety leveraged technology to support residents who are battling with substance use disorders as a result of the opiate epidemic. In June 2023, on the recommendation of the Opiate Abatement Advisory Council, the County authorized spending of \$5M in Opiate Abatement Funds, over a period of 10 years, for *Unite Us*, a closed-loop referral system in which participants can make electronic referrals for clients to access the thousands of resources across Summit County. This investment permits all community-based and government organizations, as well as hospitals, to use the platform at no cost, to help citizens address a myriad of issues related to the social determinates of health. From an agency perspective, it will help keep track of all outbound referrals to community partners in one place, using the HIPAA-compliant and HITRUST-certified platform. And, with *Unite Us*' closed-loop functionality, referring agencies will know the outcome of every referral; understanding if clients got connected to care or not, and why. In addition, the platform will increase program visibility across community partners who might not know what is available in the community. Finally, it will provide aggregate, real-time data to the County to glean invaluable insights about what residents need, where successes are, and what gaps may exist.

The Public Safety Communications Division oversees the operation of a joint City-County Regional Public Safety Radio System, which provides interoperable radio communication for county, municipal, township, and nearly all private public safety, school, and health organizations within the County. In 2016, the County invested \$18.4 million to upgrade the radio system infrastructure and purchase new radios for County and City agencies, replacing outdated equipment that Motorola no longer supported. Under a Cooperative Agreement, the City of Akron is responsible for repaying 57% of the debt service associated with this investment, representing its share of the radio system infrastructure and radios. Other municipalities and townships in the County have joined the system by purchasing compatible consoles and radios. The City and County jointly manage the system and collect user fees from all entities utilizing it to cover ongoing operation and maintenance costs.

Additionally, the Communications Division oversees the Tyler-New World consolidated Computer-Aided Dispatch (CAD) system used by several dispatching communities within the County. The County owns and operates the CAD system, with participating communities making payments to cover operational costs and debt service under an intergovernmental agreement. Dispatch centers using this system account for approximately 85% of the County.

In February 2022, Summit County and the Cities of Cuyahoga Falls, Fairlawn, Stow and Tallmadge executed an Intergovernmental Agreement and formed the Summit Area Regional Council of Governments (SARCOG), responsible for the ongoing operation, staffing, funding and governance of a consolidated Public Safety Answering Point (PSAP). The PSAP, now referred to as the Summit Emergency Communication Center (SECC), dispatches emergency calls to public safety forces, both within the SARCOG communities and for other political subdivisions which contract with the SARCOG for dispatch services. During the following year, the SARCOG Communities and City of Akron executed a Cooperative Agreement, under which the County undertook renovations and improvements of a building where the SECC and City of Akron PSAP would be co-located. These improvements included renovation of the facility, the acquisition and installation of furniture, fixtures and equipment, as well as the installation of a radio tower, all for the support of the SARCOG PSAP/SECC, the City of Akron PSAP, and the joint City-County Regional Public Safety Radio System.

Following the execution of the Intergovernmental Agreement the County issued bonds totaling \$14,295,000 to pay the costs of acquisition, construction, installation, renovation, and equipping the co-location facility, located in the City of Tallmadge. The County's repayment of these bonds is supported by lease agreements with SARCOG and the City of Akron for the use of the space occupied by their PSAPs. The dispatching operations of the SARCOG communities transitioned to the new facility on October 10, 2023, resulting in a cost savings, as well as operational efficiencies resulting in improved safety. In May 2024, Copley Township contracted with the SARCOG Board for dispatching services. The SARCOG Board continues to review interest from additional communities to provide dispatching services.

Department of Finance and Budget. The Executive serves as the chief budgetary officer of the County. To fulfill this function, the Executive relies on the work performed by the Department of Finance and Budget. The Department of Finance and Budget staff assists the County Executive in the budget process and monitors the operations and financial matters of all County offices, departments, independent boards, and agencies. Its responsibilities include financial analysis, revenue forecasting, budget development and review, capital budgeting, debt management, systems analysis, federal programs review, cost effectiveness studies, and financial consultation services. Additionally, the Division of Purchasing, which is organized under the Department of Finance and Budget, is responsible for purchasing all goods and services required by all offices, officers, agencies, departments, boards, commissions, or other public bodies of the County.

Department of Community and Economic Development. The Department of Community and Economic Development is responsible for coordinating economic development throughout the County. The Department coordinates the activities of the main economic development partners in the County, including the Development Finance Authority of Summit County (the "Development Finance Authority"), the Greater Akron Chamber, the Ohio

Department of Development, JobsOhio (the State’s non-profit economic development operation), TeamNEO (the Northeast Ohio regional JobsOhio partner), the Development Fund of the Western Reserve, the Western Reserve Community Fund, ConxusNEO (a private non-profit workforce development organization), the Downtown Akron Partnership, and the Joint Office of Economic Development (the “JOED”) - the grantee of Foreign Trade Zone 181. The Department also works with local municipalities and townships, including the City, to coordinate their development efforts. The Department coordinates various incentives and financial assistance that are offered to existing, new, and relocating businesses from these several entities. The Department also administers and/or scores several State-funded infrastructure and environmental remediation programs, including the State Capital Improvements Program, the Local Transportation Improvement Program, the Ohio Job Ready Sites, and the Clean Ohio Revitalization Fund. In 2019, the Department also began administering Foreign Trade Zone 181 on behalf of the JOED. See **COUNTY ECONOMIC AND DEMOGRAPHIC INFORMATION** for additional information relating to the economic development activities of the County.

The Department’s Division of Planning and GIS Services performs daily Geographic Information Services (“GIS”) application support and maintenance for multiple County offices, ESRI software support for internal users, direct mapping services for the public and County’s offices, management of the Spatial Database Engine (SDE) and assigning House Numbers in 21 communities (9 Townships, 5 Cities and 7 Villages). The Division of Planning and GIS Services is also responsible for land use planning and subdivision regulation in the county's unincorporated areas. In that capacity, the Division of Planning and GIS Services provides staff services to the Summit County Planning Commission, which is responsible for reviewing and approving major and minor subdivisions in accordance with the Summit County Subdivision Regulations within the unincorporated areas of Summit County, as well as reviewing proposed zoning text changes for townships. The Staff of the Division of Planning and GIS Services also provides backbone mapping, data, and analytic support for the Department’s economic development operations.

In addition to economic development, planning, and GIS, the Department oversees several community and infrastructure-based assistance programs, including Community Development Block Grants (“CDBG”), the HOME Investment Partnership Program (“HOME”), and the Home Weatherization Assistance Program.

CDBG funds are received from the US Department of Housing and Urban Development (“HUD”) to assist low- to moderate-income individuals and/or provide funding for qualified projects in a low to moderate-income census tract. Individual households must have a gross income of less than 80% of the area median income. Low to moderate-income census tracts are determined by HUD and the American Community Survey information. County CDBG funds cannot be spent in the Cities of Akron, Barberton, or Cuyahoga Falls due to the fact these communities are participating jurisdictions that receive a separate allocation from HUD. All projects funded by the Department with CDBG funds must meet a national objective and eligible activity as defined by HUD within the County service area. The County has received the following CDBG allocations in recent years:

2019: \$966,416
2020: \$964,905
2021: \$995,797

2022: \$988,989
2023: \$974,810
2024: \$980,634

In August 2020, the County received \$1,584,553 in Community Development Block Grant CARES (CDBG-CV) funds to assist income-qualified individuals, municipalities, and companies prepare, prevent, and respond to the COVID-19 Pandemic. Funds may not be used in the cities of Akron, Barberton, or Cuyahoga Falls as these communities are entitlement communities and receive their own CDBG-CV allocations.

HOME funds are received from HUD to create or retain housing opportunities for low-income individuals. Home funds may not be spent in the Cities of Barberton or Cuyahoga Falls as these communities are not recipients of HOME funds and the County is not a HOME Consortium. HOME funds may be used in the City of Akron for large-scale tax credit projects if the City of Akron invests 51% in HOME funds and the County invests 49% in HOME funds while staying within the certain funding limits set forth by HUD for the HOME program. All HOME recipients must be at or below 80% of the area median income. The County has received the following HOME allocations in recent years:

2019: \$421,236
2020: \$441,571
2021: \$424,134
2022: \$455,487
2023: \$442,718
2024 \$362,324

In 2021, the County received \$1,535,739 in HOME Investment Partnership, American Rescue Plan (HOME-ARP) funding, to be used to assist qualified individuals or households who are homeless, at risk of homelessness, or other vulnerable populations, by providing housing, rental assistance, supportive services, and non-congregate shelter, to reduce homelessness and increase housing stability. The County is not able to use HOME-ARP funding in the cities of Akron, Barberton, or Cuyahoga Falls.

The County receives Home Weatherization Assistance Program (“HWAP”) funds from the U.S. Department of Energy and Health and Human Services through the Ohio Department of Development. HWAP is designed to reduce the energy burden for income-qualified households by completing energy audits and replacing appliances that are non-energy-efficient. Measures include but are not limited to, energy-efficient furnaces, hot water tanks, insulation, air sealing, electrical upgrades, and refrigerator/freezer replacement. Qualified households must be at or below 200% of the Federal Poverty Guidelines. HWAP funds may be used countywide and do not have jurisdictional restrictions.

The County also receives Home Weatherization Assistance Program, Enhancement (“HWAP-E”) from the US Department of Health and Human Services through the Ohio Department of Development as additional funding from the Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program funds. HWAP-E targets households at or below 175% of the Federal Poverty Guidelines

whose homes have been deferred for weatherization services or have been previously weatherized. Previously weatherized homes are only eligible for furnace repair or replacement.

In 2023 the County received Home Weatherization Assistance funds as part of the Bi-partisan Infrastructure Act (HWAP-BIL). Income eligibility for this funding is households at or below 80% of the area median income.

The following table depicts HWAP and HWAP-E funds received by the County over the last several years:

Program	Year	Amount
HWAP	2019	\$1,358,055
HWAP – E	2019	\$284,40
HWAP	2020	\$1,431,225
HWAP – E	2020	\$287,763
HWAP	2021	\$1,417,478
HWAP – E	2021	\$2,642,684
HWAP	2022	\$1,408,486
HWAP- E	2022	\$580,873
HWAP	2023	\$1,927,898
HWAP- E	2023	\$935,023
HWAP	2024	\$1,374,232
HWAP – E	2024	\$606,000
HWAP BIL	2023-2026	\$4,871,039

Summit County Department of Development has partnered with the City of Akron and their Akron ARPA Home Rehabilitation Program. The County received \$3,300,000.00 in City ARPA funding to complete home repairs for qualified owner-occupied housing units. A total of 300 units will be completed. When possible, HWAP and Lead Safe funds will be leveraged.

Department of Job and Family Services. The Department of Job and Family Services (“DJFS”) administers certain public assistance and social service functions within the County. DJFS is one of the largest departments in the County government with 361 permanent full-time employees as of December 31, 2023. DJFS administers certain Federal-assisted and State-assisted programs for County residents, including the Medicaid, Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (“SNAP”), Ohio Works First (“OWF”), Child Care, Adult Protective Services (“APS”), and Prevention, Retention & Contingency (“PRC”) Programs and the Comprehensive Case Management and Employment Program (“CCMEP”) for youth. Most of the funding for programs administered by DJFS flows directly from the State and Federal governments and is used to provide direct assistance benefits to individuals, fund contracts with community agencies that provide social services to individuals, and finance the administration of these benefits and

contracts. However, the Ohio Department of Job & Family Services establishes a mandated share that must be contributed annually by the County from its General Fund toward administrative expenses of those programs. The County’s mandated share is approximately 12% of the total administrative expenditures and totaled \$3,512,491 from the County’s General Fund in state fiscal year 2023. In addition to the mandated share, the County is responsible for costs that cannot be reimbursed from Federal or State funds, including (a) expenditures for benefits in excess of certain standards established by the State and costs of optional public assistance programs (“ineligible program costs”); and (b) various public assistance expenditures that exceed administrative cost ceilings established by the State.

The largest source of funds under the control of DJFS are federally funded Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (“TANF”) allocations. Much of these funds are used to pay for costs incurred by DJFS to administer TANF eligible programs. DJFS places an emphasis in the use of TANF funds toward workforce participation, eliminating barriers to employment, youth employment and supportive services, kinship caregiver services, child protective services, homeless prevention, and information and referral.

The following table shows the total cost of the public assistance programs in the County, the County’s mandated share of those costs and other public assistance expense incurred by the County in recent years:

Public Assistance Costs 2019 through 2023 (a)

<u>Programs</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>2020</u>	<u>2021</u>	<u>2022</u>	<u>2023</u>
ADC/TANF/OWF/BB (b)	\$ 24,552,839	\$ 25,001,451	\$ 27,866,596	\$ 24,200,485	\$ 25,041,481
Disability Assistance	(13,048)	0	0	0	0
Medicaid	1,194,222,913	1,253,305,740	1,366,267,182	1,423,532,248	1,353,657,459
SNAP (c)	115,965,251	136,073,802	199,862,967	239,078,911	227,844,697
Title XX/APS/SSO (d)	<u>5,815,091</u>	<u>6,068,022</u>	<u>6,047,565</u>	<u>7,040,183</u>	<u>6,971,712</u>
Total Program	\$1,340,543,046	\$1,420,449,015	\$1,600,044,310	\$1,693,851,827	\$1,613,515,350
Mandated Share	\$ 3,545,104	\$ 3,457,308	\$ 3,541,143	\$ 3,591,237	\$ 3,512,491
Percent of Total	0.26%	0.24%	0.22%	0.21%	0.22%
Total County Expenses					
Mandated Share	\$ 3,545,104	\$ 3,457,308	\$ 3,541,143	\$ 3,591,237	\$ 3,512,491
Ineligible Program Costs	<u>545,953</u>	<u>132,119</u>	<u>110,324</u>	<u>112,871</u>	<u>134,615</u>
Total County	\$ 4,091,057	\$ 3,589,427	\$ 3,651,467	\$ 3,704,108	\$ 3,647,106

(a) Table is based on State fiscal year July 1 through June 30 of the year shown.

(b) ADC denotes Aid for Dependent Children; TANF denotes Temporary Assistance for Needy Families; and OWF denotes Ohio Works First.

(c) SNAP denotes Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), also known as Food Assistance.

(d) APS denotes Adult Protective Services; SSO denotes Social Services Operating.

The Summit and Medina Workforce Area Council of Governments (“SAMWA COG”) is a body politic and corporate, created in 2016, to administer the public workforce development system in Summit and Medina Counties (Ohio Local Workforce Area 2) as prescribed under the Federal Government’s Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA). The SAMWA COG has a two-member board of directors consisting of the chief elected official of Summit County (the

County Executive) and the chief elected official of Medina County (one Medina County Commissioner).

The SAMWA COG was responsible for administering approximately \$6.1 million in expenditures of federal and state funding in 2023 to provide adult and dislocated worker services, as well as comprehensive case management services for youth (“CCMEP”), and intensive reemployment assistance to individuals who are receiving unemployment benefits (“RESEA”). The SAMWA COG is a component unit of the County of Summit and is reported as such.

Department of Sanitary Sewer Services. The County operates and maintains the wastewater collection, transportation, and treatment system in the unincorporated areas of the County and in certain municipalities. Those areas comprise a district known as the Summit County Metropolitan Sewer District (the “Sewer District”). The sanitary sewer system in the Sewer District is managed by the Executive’s Department of Sanitary Sewer Services (“DSSS”). DSSS prepares sewer bills and collects the user fees and other charges for deposit into the County treasury. The funds managed by DSSS are enterprise funds and DSSS is not dependent upon the County’s general operating funds. The Summit County Council (“County Council”) has the authority and the duty to establish the rates and charges imposed on users of the sanitary sewer system. The County Executive, through DSSS, makes recommendations to County Council concerning those rates and charges based on analyses from independent consultants, and the policy that the system be self-supporting.

The Sewer District is responsible for five wastewater treatment facilities, 116 major wastewater pumping stations and approximately 1,029 miles of sanitary sewers. The district transports wastewater both to the County-owned treatment plants and to those of the cities of Akron, Barberton, Twinsburg, the Northeast Ohio Regional Sewer District, as well as the Counties of Stark and Portage. The County-owned wastewater treatment facilities include the Fishcreek and Springfield wastewater treatment plants, with operating capacities of 8.0 and 4.0 million gallons per day (“MGD”), respectively. During 2023, the Fishcreek plant processed an average daily flow of 4.2 MGD, while the Springfield plant processed an average daily flow of 2.3 MGD. At the close of 2023, the non-depreciated value of sewer system assets totaled approximately \$222 million.

In 2023, the County spent approximately \$4.2 million to design or construct various sanitary sewer system improvements as well as to replace aging equipment and vehicles. In addition to these projects, DSSS inspected and accepted ownership of privately developed sewer lines valued at approximately \$3.5 million. DSSS’ capital improvement plan for 2024 and 2025 anticipates expenditures of approximately \$21.5 million to design and build numerous sanitary sewer improvements which include the construction, replacement or upgrade of pump stations, rehabilitation of sanitary sewer collection systems, improvement of several sanitary sewer trunk lines, and improvements to numerous treatment plants. These expenditures will be funded from State of Ohio revolving loan fund programs, grants from the Ohio Public Works Commission, and local government/private developer participation agreements.

The County continues with a planned \$11 million project for sanitary sewers in the City of New Franklin. This multi-year project will bring additional user fee revenue, eliminate environmental issues, and open the City to economic development opportunities. The land

acquisition and detailed engineering design for Phase 1 of the City of New Franklin portion of the project, which consists of two of a total fifteen separate contract areas, has begun and are anticipated to be completed by 2026.

DSSS also completed a new operations management center (“OMC”) in 2023, at a cost to the County of \$12 million. The OMC centralized numerous department facilities from geographically unconnected locations. The consolidation will lower energy costs, reduce the agency’s carbon footprint, and provide efficiencies in resource management to support enhanced planning and dispatching of work activities to improve customer service.

DSSS assists in economic development in the County by funding sewer improvements aimed toward attracting and/or retaining business in the County. These strategic investments not only spur economic development in the County, but they also grow DSSS’ customer base and generate new revenue that will repay these investments. For example, the County continues to partner with private developers to further the commercial/industrial development of Season’s Road at the State Route 8 interchange in Stow. Additionally, the County has been and continues to work with the City of Hudson on their downtown re-development project that is slated to bring additional commercial vibrancy to its city center.

Numerous other projects aimed at providing sanitary sewer service to land for additional development, and progressive environmental sustainability, are being designed and will be constructed over the next couple years. Significant projects include collection/treatment systems and sanitary sewer extensions within Boston Township, Copley Township, and the Village of Peninsula.

See **COUNTY ECONOMIC AND DEMOGRAPHIC INFORMATION- Economic Development in the County** for additional information relating to these projects.

The following table shows the County’s Sewer Fund revenues, expenditures, and cash balances for operating purposes for each of the years from 2020 through 2023 and financial projections for 2024. The presentation differs from the Sewer Fund revenues, expenditures and balances shown in Appendices B-1 through B-5 and in the County’s Annual Comprehensive Financial Report (“ACFR”) in that the following table does not include revenues from borrowings, expenditures for capital assets from those revenues, and bond retirement fund balances.

	<u>2020</u>	<u>2021</u>	<u>2022</u>	<u>2023</u>	<i>Projected</i> <u>2024</u>
January 1 Balance	\$11,138,166	\$5,386,892	\$2,959,953	\$54,809	\$1,853,130
Revenues	46,131,714	48,174,607	50,115,263	54,919,713	58,503,606
Advances In		3,635,122	8,500,000	7,791,460	3,546,934
Expenditures					
Personnel	11,124,814	11,005,940	10,162,351	11,658,152	12,192,800
Other Operating (a)	32,473,088	33,130,092	39,186,372	36,582,203	39,009,870
Capital Replacement (b)	329,256	673,180	447,044	512,942	1,350,000
Net Transfers (c)	7,207,230	8,680,048	3,600,000	2,213,222	4,150,000
County General Fund (d)	748,600	747,408	1,233,180	1,446,334	1,700,000
Total Expenditures	51,882,988	\$54,236,668	\$54,628,947	\$52,412,853	\$58,402,670
Advances Out			6,891,460	8,500,000	4,500,000
Excess (Deficit) of Revenues over Expenditures	-5,751,274	-6,062,061	-4,513,684	2,506,946	100,936
December 31 Balance	\$5,386,892	\$2,959,953	\$54,809	\$1,853,130	\$1,001,000

- (a) Consistent with prior years' budgets; amount reflects the County's conservative approach in budgeting for operating expenditures for costs of disposal, utilities, supplies, materials, and contract repairs.
- (b) The County paid most capital replacement costs in 2019 through 2023 from the proceeds of borrowings and expects to pay most capital replacement costs in 2024 from proceeds of borrowing from various loan programs made available by the State.
- (c) Net transfers include annual debt service, which totaled \$3.69 million in 2023.
- (d) Payment to the General Fund for the Sewer Division's share of general administrative costs.

The County Executive is committed, as a policy matter, to having the sanitary sewer system be supported completely by the rates and charges generated from the users and is prepared to recommend to the Council, as and when necessary, rate adjustments to carry out that policy. Prior to 2022, the last increase in sewer user fees was in 2011. During 2021, DSSS completed a cost-of-service study and presented the results to County Council. As a result of the study, County Council established updated user rate fees, connection fees, and permit fees that took effect in 2022.

DSSS also oversees the County's Division of Building Standards (prior to 2018, the Division of Building Standards was overseen by the Department of Community and Economic Development). The Division is responsible for building permitting and inspection services in the unincorporated areas of the County by statute and several municipalities through contract. In total, the County performs building permitting and inspection services for over two-thirds of the territory in the County, representing 23 of the 31 townships and municipalities, with the balance being performed by municipal departments or private contract services. The Division of Building Standards has seen consistent revenue related to building permitting and inspection services as delineated in the following table:

<u>Year</u>	<u>Revenue</u>
2011	\$2.67 million
2012	\$3.20 million

2013	\$3.05 million
2014	\$2.80 million
2015	\$3.10 million
2016	\$2.93 million
2017	\$3.29 million
2018	\$3.82 million
2019	\$4.60 million
2020	\$3.41 million
2021	\$4.49 million
2022	\$3.97 million
2023	\$3.55 million

Medical Examiner. Effective January 1, 1997, the County’s Charter eliminated the elected position of Coroner and replaced it with the position of Medical Examiner, which is appointed by the Executive, with the approval of Council. The Medical Examiner performs all statutory duties of a Coroner, including the issuance of death certificates, investigation and determination of the cause of death, and assistance to law enforcement and the courts in criminal cases. With major advancements in forensic medicine and forensic pathology, the Medical Examiner’s Office has become an integral part in the process of investigating crime, and every investigation involving a fatality begins in the Medical Examiner’s Office. In addition to performing these responsibilities within the jurisdiction of the County, the Medical Examiner’s Office has authority to perform autopsies for nearby counties through contractual arrangement.

County Fiscal Officer. As a result of various amendments to the Charter since its original adoption by the County voters, the statutory offices of Treasurer, Auditor, and Recorder have been consolidated into the office of Fiscal Officer. The Fiscal Officer performs all the statutory duties of each of these offices.

The Fiscal Officer collects certain taxes and distributes them to various governmental units, prepares and mails tax bills to real property owners, disburses expenditures authorized by the Council, and invests County funds. See **FINANCIAL MATTERS—General, Investment of County Funds and Sources of County Revenue—Investment Earnings**. One of the most important functions of this office is assessing real property for ad valorem taxation purposes. Under State law, a complete reappraisal must be conducted every six years and updated after three years. Additionally, the Fiscal Officer must certify, prior to payment of any contract or obligation, that County funds are available or in the process of collection, and no account can be paid without the Fiscal Officer’s warrant. The Fiscal Officer is also responsible for preparing and disbursing the County payroll. The Fiscal Officer also serves as the fiscal agent of the Development Finance Authority, the Summit County Combined General Health District and the Summit Metro Parks.

In addition to these financial matters, the Fiscal Officer performs several responsibilities related to real property in the County, including the recording of all documents related to property, processing the transfer and conveyance of land, and the collection and maintenance of tax maps and subdivision records. The Fiscal Officer is also responsible for the issuance of several types of licenses, including cigarette, dog, firewood, fuel quality, manufactured homes, vendor and weights and measures licenses, as well as veteran identification cards.

The Fiscal Officer, the County Prosecuting Attorney and the County Executive comprise the members of the County Budget Commission. For a discussion of the role and function of the County Budget Commission, see **FINANCIAL MATTERS—Budgeting, Tax Levy, and Appropriations**.

County Engineer. The County Engineer is responsible for the design, construction, inspection and maintenance of County highways, dedicated ditches and bridges over water in the County. The Office is also responsible for the installation and maintenance of traffic control devices and snow removal for all county highways and ditches. The County Engineer also serves as the engineer for all the townships located within the County. The County Engineer's operations are funded primarily through license fees and state tax on gasoline, and funds are deposited into the County's Motor Vehicle Gas Tax fund. As a result, the County Engineer is able to perform these responsibilities without relying on, and independent of, the County's general operating fund. In January 2018, County Council adopted an additional annual license tax of five dollars on all motor vehicles in the County, pursuant to a change in State law allowing the additional permissive annual license tax. The new annual license tax commenced January 1, 2019, and proceeds are deposited in the County's Motor Vehicle Gas Tax fund.

The County Engineer is also the stormwater management engineer for the County, and a small amount of funding from the County's General Fund has been provided to perform this function in the past. In September of 2017, County Council enacted section 942 of the County Codified Ordinances for the purpose of establishing guidelines and standards for the operation of a countywide Surface Water Management District as provided by Chapter 6117 of the Ohio Revised Code in those incorporated and unincorporated political subdivisions of the County that adopt legislation authorizing participation. The Surface Water Management District has jurisdiction over the planning, programming, performance, construction and maintenance of all surface water facilities and/or improvements within a Service Area authorized by any township, village, or city by the filing of a duly authorized resolution of the legislative authority of the township, village, or city with the Clerk of County Council. In January of 2018, County Council approved the establishment of the first Service Area within the Summit County Surface Water Management District for the unincorporated area of Bath Township.

Internal Audit. On November 7, 2000, the voters of the County approved an amendment to the Charter which created a County Audit Committee and a Department of Internal Auditing for the purpose of providing internal auditing to County offices and to external public and private entities as directed by the County Audit Committee. The County Audit Committee consists of the County Fiscal Officer, the County Executive, the President of County Council, and two residents of the County appointed by the County Executive with the approval of Council. The Audit Committee, which meets at least quarterly, oversees internal and external audits, and submits recommendations for the appointment by the County Executive of a director of the Internal Auditing Department, who must be certified as a Certified Internal Auditor through the Institute of Internal Auditing. The Audit Committee also approves the hiring of internal auditing personnel. The Internal Audit Department, through the County Audit Committee, is commissioned to assist all County entities funded in whole or in part with County funds in providing efficient and effective services. Additionally, per its authority under the Charter, the Internal Audit Department has increased its efforts to perform external audits for such entities as the City, the Ohio State Highway Patrol, the City of Barberton, the City of Cuyahoga Falls, the Summit and Medina Workforce Area

Council of Governments, and the Summit County Land Reutilization Corporation, thereby increasing audit fee revenue to the County.

Human Resource Commission. The Human Resource Commission is a three-member commission included in the Charter by amendment approved by the voters in 1995. All three members of the Commission are appointed by the County Executive with the approval of Council. The role of the Commission is to ensure fairness in County employment and to prevent discrimination in employment matters. It oversees the County's classified employment system and hears appeals from disciplinary actions taken against classified employees.

Information Technology Board. In November 2014, County voters approved an amendment to the County's Charter to create an Information Technology Board ("IT Board") consisting of the County Executive, County Fiscal Officer, County Clerk of Courts, President of County Council, County Prosecutor, County Sheriff and County Engineer. The amendment further provided that the IT Board would oversee an Office of Information Technology ("OIT") under the direction of a Chief Information Officer. Under the amendment, all County purchases, employees, service contracts and other functions that pertain to information technology and telecommunications are now organized under the IT Board and OIT.

The purpose of the IT Board and OIT is to improve efficiencies and reduce spending on information technology and telecommunications in the long term, while improving the security of the County's systems and the quality of programs and services to the public that rely on the County's information technology infrastructure.

Since its creation, the IT Board and OIT have undertaken several large technology projects designed to improve efficiencies and leverage resources for a number of local jurisdictions. OIT is currently implementing a \$13.3 million Enterprise Resource Planning software replacement for the County, helping improve processes associated with business services that utilize the new system. OIT has continued to provide (i) improvements to the security environment of the County, including enhanced monitoring services, and improved redundancy and backup services; (ii) upgrades to the county-wide VoIP telecommunication system; (iii) upgrades to several of the County's enterprise systems, including human resources, recorder services, and enterprise asset management. On a yearly average, OIT successfully completes over 120 projects in addition to supporting approximately 19,000 incidents and requests.

Criminal Justice Administration

County Prosecutor. It is the responsibility of the Prosecuting Attorney to prosecute defendants charged with felony offenses and juvenile matters in the Court of Common Pleas. The Prosecutor's Office also oversees the Child Support Enforcement Agency and has aggressively enforced child support orders and pursued individuals who have not paid support. The Prosecutor represents all County officers, boards, and agencies and all townships and local school districts and is responsible for representing the County in all civil matters before a court of law. The Prosecutor is a member of the County Budget Commission.

County Clerk of Courts. The Clerk of Courts keeps all official records of the General and Domestic Relations Divisions of the Court of Common Pleas and the Court of Appeals. The

office of the Clerk of Courts operates on a system of fees charged for services. The Clerk of Courts is also responsible for the administration of titles to vehicles in the County, and the title administration function operates on fee revenue independent of the General Fund.

County Sheriff. The County Sheriff is the chief law enforcement officer of the County. The Sheriff also operates and maintains the County Jail and is responsible for its inmates, including persons detained for trial or transfer to other institutions. As an officer of the County courts, the Sheriff oversees the service of court documents and is also responsible for providing security to the Summit County Courthouse and Summit County Juvenile Court facility. The Sheriff provides certain specialized services, including a detective bureau, narcotics unit, training unit, patrol unit for supplemental patrol in unincorporated areas of the County, security at various County facilities, and policing services by contract for certain political subdivisions in the County.

Judicial Responsibility

Court of Common Pleas. The Court of Common Pleas is created by the Ohio Constitution. The General Division has exclusive jurisdiction in all criminal felony cases and all civil cases in which the amount in controversy exceeds \$15,000 and concurrent jurisdiction with the municipal courts for civil cases in which the amount in controversy is between \$500 and \$15,000. The General Division also has appellate jurisdiction over the decisions of some state administrative agencies.

The Court of Common Pleas also consists of the specialized divisions of Domestic Relations, Juvenile and Probate.

The Domestic Relations Division has jurisdiction over all proceedings involving divorce or dissolution of marriages, annulment, legal separation, spousal support and allocation of parental rights and responsibilities for the care of children.

The Juvenile Division oversees cases involving persons less than 18 years of age, and cases dealing with unruly, dependent and neglected children. The Juvenile Division also has jurisdiction in adult cases involving paternity, child abuse, nonsupport, contributing to the delinquency of minors, and the failure to send children to school. The Juvenile Division maintains the Juvenile Detention Center, and also maintains its own records independent of the Clerk of Courts.

The Probate Division has jurisdiction over the probate of wills, administration of estates and guardianships, issuance of marriage licenses, adoption proceedings, determination of sanity or mental competency and certain eminent domain proceedings. The Probate Division also maintains its own records independent of the Clerk of Courts.

Court of Appeals. The Court of Appeals is established by the Ohio Constitution. The County is the seat of the Ninth Appellate District covering Lorain, Medina, Summit, and Wayne counties. The primary function of the Court of Appeals is to hear appeals from the common pleas and municipal courts. Each case is heard and decided by a panel of three judges.

Common pleas and court of appeals judges are elected in even-numbered years to six-year terms on a nonpartisan ballot. A person must be an attorney with at least six years of experience in the practice of law to be elected or appointed as a common pleas or appellate judge. The

Governor makes appointments to fill vacancies in courts of common pleas and courts of appeals that occur between elections.

Quasi-Independent Agencies

The County has a number of independent boards and commissions that administer a wide variety of services within the County, including the Veterans Service Commission, the Board of Developmental Disabilities, the Alcohol, Drug Addiction and Mental Health Services Board, the Children’s Services Board, and the Board of Elections.

Veterans Service Commission. The County Veterans Service Commission assists veterans and their dependents by providing emergency assistance and securing the materials and information needed to apply for and receive assistance under the various programs administered by the United States Department of Veterans Affairs. The five members of the Commission are appointed by the Common Pleas Court and serve five-year terms. The activities of the Commission are financed from the County General Fund in an amount requested by the Commission. State law provides that the amount may not exceed the estimated proceeds of a property tax levy of one-half of one mill — approximately \$9,034,521 based on the County’s current assessed valuation. The County is not required to appropriate the entire amount unless requested by the Commission. However, State law further provides that any request exceeding one-quarter mill, or approximately \$4,517,261, would entitle the County Executive to appoint a new set of members to the Commission that would constitute a majority. That newly constituted majority can then submit a new budget request. This provision has had the practical effect of keeping the annual operating budget of the Commission at the one-quarter mill level. The Commission’s final appropriation from the General Fund in 2023 was \$3,325,300, with actual spending and commitments totaling \$2,663,872.10. The County’s 2023 operating budget includes a General Fund appropriation of \$3,620,243.

Board of Developmental Disabilities. The Board of Developmental Disabilities (the “BODD”) provides various services to mentally handicapped and developmentally disabled children and adults, including training classes, workshops, and home services. Of the seven members of the BODD, five are appointed by the County Executive, with the approval of Council, and two are appointed by the County Probate Judge. In addition to receiving State reimbursement and tuition reimbursement from school districts in the County, the BODD’s operations are funded by a six-year 4.50-mill voted property tax levy. That levy was originally approved by the voters on November 8, 2005 and was renewed by voters on November 8, 2011 and again on November 7, 2017, with effective collection years 2019 through 2024. On November 7, 2023, voters of the County approved a replacement levy of 4.50 mills for a six-year period, from collection year 2025 to collection year 2030. The County expects the levy to be sufficient, together with the existing cash balance of the BODD, to pay for the BODD’s operations through the year 2030. Neither the County’s 2023 budget nor the 2024 budget included a General Fund appropriation for the BODD.

Alcohol, Drug Addiction and Mental Health Services Board. The Alcohol, Drug Addiction and Mental Health Services Board (the “ADM”) plans and administers mental health and alcohol and drug rehabilitation programs in the County. The ADM Board consists of 14 members, eight of whom are appointed by the County Executive and confirmed by County Council and six of whom are appointed by the State Director of Mental Health and Addiction Services.

The operations of the ADM are funded by a 2.95-mill voted property tax levy. That levy was originally approved by the voters on November 6, 2007, and was renewed by voters on November 5, 2013, with effective collection years 2015 through 2020, and was renewed again by the voters on November 5, 2019, with effective collection years 2021 through 2026. The County expects the levy to be sufficient, together with the cash balance of the ADM, to fund the ADM's operations through the year 2026. Neither the County's 2023 budget nor the 2024 included a General Fund appropriation for the ADM.

Children's Services Board. The Children's Services Board (the "CSB") administers various programs designed to ensure the proper physical and emotional well-being of children in the County. The CSB investigates charges of child abuse and neglect, counsels troubled families, certifies and supervises foster homes, and provides adoption services. Of the eleven members of the CSB, ten are appointed by the County Executive, with the approval of Council, and one is appointed by a Citizens Advisory Committee. The CSB's operations are currently funded by a six-year 2.25-mill voted property tax levy. That levy was originally approved by the voters on November 6, 2007 and was renewed by voters on November 6, 2012, with effective collection years 2014 through 2019. On November 6, 2018, voters approved the renewal of the current 2.25-mill property tax levy and an increase of 1 mill to constitute a tax levy of 3.25 mills. This levy will have an effective collection period for years 2020 through 2025. The County expects the levy to be sufficient, together with the cash balance of the CSB, to fund the CSB's operations through the year 2025. Neither the County's 2023 budget nor the 2024 included a General Fund appropriation for the CSB.

Board of Elections. The County Board of Elections (the "BOE") oversees the administration and conduct of all elections held within the County, including federal, state, county, municipal, township and school board elections. The BOE consists of four members, two of which are Republicans and two of which are Democrats. The members of the BOE are appointed by their respective party central committees. The BOE is funded by the County's General Fund, and \$7,371,500 was budgeted for calendar year 2024 for the BOE.

Component Units. Component units are legally separate organizations for which the County is financially accountable. The County is financially accountable for an organization if the County appoints a majority of the organization's governing board and (1) the County is able to significantly influence the programs or services performed or provided by the organization; or (2) the County is legally entitled to or can otherwise access the organization's resources; or (3) the County is legally obligated or has otherwise assumed the responsibility to finance the deficits or, provide financial support to, the organization; or (4) the County is obligated for the debt of the organization. Component units may also include organizations for which the County approves the budget, the issuance of debt, or the levying of taxes or whose relationship with the County is such that to exclude their activity would be misleading. Based on the criteria described, the Summit County Land Reutilization Corporation ("SCLRC"), Summit County Transportation Improvement District ("SCTID") and the Summit Akron Medina Workforce Area Council of Governments ("SAMWA COG") are component units of the County. While component units, the SCLRC, SCTID and SAMWA COG are legally distinct from the County, and are, from an accounting perspective, immaterial to the County as a whole. As a result, none are presented as a discretely presented component unit. For further discussion of the SAMWA COG, see **THE COUNTY –**

County Services and Responsibilities – Administrative Responsibility, Department of Job and Family Services.

Summit County Land Reutilization Corporation. The Summit County Land Reutilization Corporation (“SCLRC”), or Summit County Land Bank, was incorporated on June 4, 2012, pursuant to Chapters 1724 and 1702 of the Ohio Revised Code and has been designated by the County of Summit as its agent for the reclamation, rehabilitation, and reutilization of vacant, abandoned, tax-foreclosed, and other real property in Summit County, Ohio. Principal operating revenues of the SCLRC include earned revenue from operations, grant funds, and contributions from Summit County’s Delinquent Tax and Assessment Collection (“DTAC”) Fund.

From 2012 to 2014, the Ohio Attorney General’s Office awarded the SCLRC more than \$7.4 million through the Moving Ohio Forward program (funding the state received during the mortgage crisis of 2008) for the demolition of vacant, abandoned, and blighted properties throughout Summit County. Local communities contributed additional matching funds of \$2.2 million, resulting in the removal of nearly 1,000 abandoned and blighted structures in 22 communities. The SCLRC also participated in the Neighborhood Initiative Program, utilizing more than \$10 million in grant funds from the Ohio Housing Finance Agency to demolish an additional 665 abandoned and blighted structures throughout the county.

The SCLRC also operates several programs available to the public, including a Side Lot program to acquire and dispose of abandoned, vacant lots, the Welcome Home (residential) and Building for Business (commercial) programs, aimed at returning abandoned residential and commercial property back to productive tax use, the Community Development Matching Grant Fund Program, through which the SCLRC has awarded more than \$7 million in grant funds to local communities and nonprofits for projects that further the mission of the SCLRC. The SCLRC also operates an Underground Storage Tank (UST) Removal Assistance Program to assist communities in addressing blighted properties that are the result of abandoned gas and service stations and other properties containing abandoned underground storage tanks with confirmed releases. In recent years, the SCLRC has shifted its focus to increasing efforts on new construction and rehabilitating blighted and abandoned properties over demolition. The State of Ohio has included more than \$1 billion in funding to support brownfield remediation, demolition, new residential construction, and residential renovation projects in the two most recent biennium budgets approved by the state legislature. To date, the SCLRC has been awarded \$2.2 million through the Brownfield Remediation Program and \$6.6 million through the Building Demolition & Site Revitalization Program, through the Ohio Department of Development. The SCLRC has also applied for \$510,000 in funding through the Welcome Home Ohio Program to support new construction and residential renovation projects. The SCLRC is also currently serving as developer, or co-developer, on three residential housing projects, in two different municipalities, with nearly 170 units planned for development across the three projects, including apartments, townhomes, and single-family homes.

The SCLRC is also involved in the County’s economic development efforts by identifying and acquiring commercial and industrial properties for productive use by businesses located in the County and through its contribution of funding toward the acquisition and cleanup of larger commercial and industrial sites in preparation for future development and/or redevelopment. Additionally, the SCLRC has partnered with the County of Summit Department of Community &

Economic Development and the Summit County Health District to coordinate residential lead abatement efforts.

The SCLRC’s Board is comprised of the County Executive, the County Fiscal Officer, a representative of the County Council, a representative of the largest municipality, a representative of a township with over 10,000 in population, and two other representatives selected by the County Executive, the County Fiscal Officer and County Council representative.

Summit County Transportation Improvement District. In 2014, the County created the Summit County Transportation Improvement District (“SCTID”) under Chapter 5540 of the Ohio Revised Code. The SCTID was created to foster intergovernmental and public-private cooperation to facilitate infrastructure improvements, which result in job creation or job retention. The SCTID can plan, construct, and improve highways, roads, bridges, interchanges, and accompanying capital improvements and developments throughout the county and across political subdivisions. The SCTID has an independent board of directors consisting of five voting members appointed by the County Executive and confirmed by the Council and two non-voting members appointed by the President of the Ohio Senate and Speaker of the Ohio House of Representatives. Pursuant to State statute, the County provided the SCTID a small appropriation in 2015 for minor operating costs. To date, the SCTID has received nearly \$4.1 million in project funding from the State of Ohio Department of Transportation (“ODOT”).

In 2024, the SCTID applied for and received \$175,000 in grant funding from the Ohio Department of Transportation’s Division of Jobs and Commerce. This money was dedicated to the Crossroads District Improvement Project in the Village of Richfield.

In 2023, the SCTID applied for and received \$350,000 in a grant from the Ohio Department of Transportation’s Division of Jobs and Commerce. This money was dedicated to the Newell Street Industrial Park Infrastructure Project in the City of Barberton to assist the City with the development of a new industrial park on 36+ acres. ODOT announced a supplemental funding round in late 2023, in which the SCTID applied for and received \$500,000 in grant funding to support the Wooster Road Redevelopment in the City of Barberton.

In 2021, the SCTID applied for and received \$400,000 in supplemental funding from the Ohio Department of Transportation’s Division of Jobs and Commerce. This money was dedicated to the Eastern Road Reconstruction Project in the City of Norton, paving the way for the expansion and development of the Norton Commerce Park.

From 2015 to 2020, the SCTID received the following awards:

<u>Year</u>	<u>Project</u>	<u>Amount</u>
2020	\$250,000	City of Akron – Main Street Phase 2 Improvements
2020	\$69,733	City of Macedonia – Empire Parkway Extension
2020	\$250,000	City of Norton – Barber Road Improvements
2019	\$134,000	City of Fairlawn – Fairlawn Corporate Park Roadway
2019	\$200,000	City of Norton – Newpark Drive Improvements
2018	\$250,000	City of Akron – Firestone Industrial Park
2018	\$250,000	City of Akron – Romig Road Improvements

2018	\$140,000	City of Twinsburg – Cornerstone Business Park Improvements
2018	\$202,500	Bath Township – Embassy Parkway Improvements
2017	\$250,000	City of Akron – Main Street Phase 1 Improvements
2017	\$150,000	City of Barberton – Wooster Rd. & Robinson Ave. Intersection
2016	\$250,000	City of New Franklin - SR 93 Widening
2015	\$250,000	City of Boston Heights – Arhaus HQ/Costoco Improvements

Employees

As of January 2024, the County had approximately 2,812 full-time and 71 permanent part-time employees in various job classifications employed by the several elected Charter offices, courts and County-funded boards and commissions. The County also employs a number of temporary part-time employees, ranging from seven to 87 due to seasonal requirements.

As of January 2024, 1,003 employees of County Charter offices were represented by bargaining units. While collective bargaining for the below employees falls under the County Executive pursuant to the Summit County Charter, statewide public employee collective bargaining law applies generally to public employee labor relations and collective bargaining. The following table lists the bargaining units representing these County employees and the expiration dates of the respective labor agreements:

Bargaining Unit Employees of County Charter Offices:

County Office/Dept.	Bargaining Unit	Number of Bargaining Unit Employees	Labor Agreement Expiration Date
County Engineer	AFSCME, Local 1032, Clerical and Technical Unit	10	March 31, 2027
	Operating Engineers, Local 18	3	March 31, 2027
	AFSCME, Local 1032, Service and Maintenance Unit	52	March 31, 2027
Fiscal Office	AFSCME, Local 1229	80	August 31, 2024
County Executive	AFSCME, Local 1229	170	March 31, 2026
Medical Examiner	American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees (AFSCME), Local 1229	13	March 31, 2026
Department of Job & Family Services	AFSCME, Local 2696	248	December 31, 2025
Prosecuting Attorney Child Support Enforcement Agency	AFSCME, Local 3885	77	September 30, 2024

County Office/Dept.	Bargaining Unit	Number of Bargaining Unit Employees	Labor Agreement Expiration Date
Sheriff	Summit County Sheriff's Supervisory Association	43	December 31, 2025
	Fraternal Order of Police, Lodge 139-Deputies	246	December 31, 2025
	AFSCME, Local 1229-Office and Clerical	38	March 31, 2026
Clerk of Courts	AFSCME, Local 1229-Clerk of Courts, Legal Division	23	March 31, 2024 (In negotiations)

There are 533 bargaining-unit employees of County-affiliated agencies (these bargaining agreements are not under the County Executive but under separate boards, commissions, and courts):

Affiliated Agency	Bargaining Unit	Number of Bargaining Unit Employees	Labor Agreement Expiration Date
Children's Services Board	CWA – Local 4546	234	December 31, 2026
Board of Developmental Disabilities	Ohio Education Association/Weaver Workshop and Support Association	43	December 31, 2025
Weaver/Transportation	Ohio Education Association/Weaver Education Association I	49	December 31, 2025
	Ohio Education Association/Weaver Education Association II	142	December 31, 2024
Juvenile Court	Teamsters Local 348	21	December 30, 2025
Common Pleas Court (Probation Officers)	AFSCME, Local 1229	44	September 30, 2024

The remaining County employees are not members of a bargaining unit.

For wage increases in 2023, all bargaining units will receive 3.5% general wage increases, and others have contract reopeners on wages that are still pending.

COUNTY ECONOMIC AND DEMOGRAPHIC INFORMATION

Business and Industry in the County

The County is home to a diversified economic base, which is not as concentrated on the rubber and tire industry that prevailed in the County until the 1970s. Industries that have been significant contributors to the growing economic diversity of the County include the fields of polymers and advanced materials, advanced manufacturing, health care and biomedicine, logistics and distribution, technology, and financial and professional services. The County is the home to a number of strong regional, national, and international companies.

Companies Headquartered in Summit County in 2023

In 2023, the following major publicly traded, privately held, or subsidiary companies were headquartered in the County:

<u>Company</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Industry</u>
ACRT, Inc.	Stow	Vegetation Management and Utility Consulting
Akron Children's Hospital	Akron	Medical Health Care Services
Americhem, Inc.	Cuyahoga Falls	Color & Additive Solutions
Arhaus Furniture	Boston Heights	Luxury Household Furniture
Associated Materials, Inc.	Cuyahoga Falls	Exterior Residential Products
Babcock & Wilcox	Akron	Engineering & Manufacturing of Boilers
Cleveland Clinic Akron General	Akron	Medical Health Care Services
ContiTech USA, Inc.	Fairlawn	Rubber and Plastics Manufacturer
Country Pure Foods, Inc.	Akron	Canned Fruits/Vegetables
Crystal Clinic	Fairlawn	Orthopedic Health Care
DRB Systems	Green	Car Wash Systems and IT
Edgepark Surgical Supplies	Twinsburg	Retail Surgical Supplies
Energy Harbor	Akron	Utility Retailer
Famous Enterprises	Akron	Plumbing, Heating, & Telecom Supplies
Ferriot, Inc.	Akron	Injection Molding
FirstEnergy Corp.	Akron	Electric Utility
Flexsys America LP	Hudson	Rubber Chemicals & Solutions
Fred W. Albrecht Grocery Co.	Akron	Retail Grocer (ACME)
GEMCORE	Hudson	Medical Supply Distributor
GOJO Industries	Akron	Hygiene and Skin Products
Goodyear Tire & Rubber Co.	Akron	Rubber Products
Group Management Services	Richfield	Professional Employer Organization
InfoCision Management Corp.	Akron	Direct Marketing Solutions
J.W. Didado Electric	Akron	Electric Services
Jo-Ann Stores, Inc.	Hudson	Fabric and Craft Retailer
Leaf Home, LLC	Hudson	Specialty Construction Trade Contractor
Little Tikes Co.	Hudson	Children's Toys
Myers Industries, Inc.	Akron	Polymer and Metal Products
National Interstate Corporation	Richfield	Insurance Holding Company
Physicians Weight Loss Centers	Akron	Food and Food Supplements
Saint-Gobain NorPro	Stow	Advanced Manufacturing
Signet Jewelers, Inc.	Akron	Jewelry Retailer

Summa Health	Akron	Medical Health Care Services
Summit Racing Equipment	Tallmadge	Specialty Automobile Parts
Western Reserve Hospital	Cuyahoga Falls	Medical Health Care Services
WMK, LLC	Richfield	Specialty Vehicle Dealer

Two of these companies were ranked among the 500 largest publicly traded industrial and non-industrial corporations in the United States by Fortune magazine in 2024:

<u>2024 Rank</u>	<u>Company</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Revenues (millions)</u>	<u>Nature of Business</u>
204	Goodyear Tire & Rubber Co.	Akron	\$20,066	Rubber products
331	FirstEnergy Corp.	Akron	\$12,450	Electric utility

Source: Fortune 500 Directory of the largest US Corporations, Ohio, 2024.

With the development of new business sectors in the County, the proportion of manufacturing activity has decreased. According to Lightcast, manufacturing jobs in the County represented 9.77% of total jobs employing 28,011 individuals. The County has seen an increase in employment throughout different sectors such as polymers and advanced materials, advanced manufacturing, health care and biomedicine, logistics and distribution, and the financial and professional service sectors. Additionally, the local economy is supported by many employees in hotel and hospitality, governmental, educational, technical services, and other industries.

Highlights of Key Industries

Polymer and Rubber Research and Development

Historically, the County’s economy has been associated with the rubber and plastics industry. Although the rubber industry’s contributions to the economy remain substantial, the focus of that industry in the region has changed from manufacturing to polymer and rubber research and development.

There are over 1,200 polymer and materials companies in Northeast Ohio, with Summit County sitting at its core. Within the next ten years, there will be a projected growth of \$26.8 billion in the polymer industry. Representing \$4 Billion in output and \$10 Bill in Gross Regional Product, the polymer and materials industry in the region is taking advantage of emerging opportunities in electric vehicles, renewables, the circular economy and robotics. More than 41,000 people are employed by polymer-related companies in the region, averaging \$55,000 in annual wages. To provide a deeper examination of the polymer industry, the Polymer Industry Cluster, a collaboration of private and public partners, was formed. The goal of this work is to elevate Northeast Ohio’s polymer industry into a dynamic enterprise that is better positioned for strong, sustainable growth in the global economy.

In October 2023, the Greater Akron region was designated as a Regional Technology and Innovation Hub (Tech Hub) through the U.S. Department of Commerce’s Economic Development Administration (EDA). The Sustainable Polymer Tech Hub, a consortium led by the Greater Akron Chamber, will tackle severe climate and environmental impacts caused using fossil fuel-derived polymers through accelerating sustainable polymer manufacturing. In July 2024, The Sustainable Polymer Tech Hub was awarded \$51MM in grant funding by the Economic Development

Administration. This \$51 million federal investment will focus on key projects such as commercializing recycling end-of-life tires, development of sustainable polymer composites via liquid phase mixing, manufacturing of sustainable bio-based butadiene to produce green, synthetic rubber, and advancing the formulation of carbon nanotube-based polymer composites. This award has already attracted new companies to the Greater Akron region; Huntsman Corporation in Texas and California-based BioVerde will both establish operations in Greater Akron to engage in the Sustainable Polymer Tech Hub.

The University of Akron's College of Polymer Science and Polymer Engineering, the nation's first, and largest, academic polymer science and polymer engineering program, is at the heart of the area's polymer research activity. In 20223, the University's program was recognized as the best polymer science and plastics engineering program in the United States and the third-best polymer science and plastics engineering program in the world by EduRank. A 146,000 square-foot Goodyear Polymer Center incorporates 8 large polymer synthesis groups with specialized labs for all categories of synthesis. It also contains supercomputer simulation and modeling capabilities, molecular and morphological characterization labs, surface analysis facilities, a microscopy suite, a clean room, and thermal analysis and mechanical properties testing equipment. The 32,000 square-foot Polymer Engineering Academic Center is an office and teaching facility, incorporating the Akron Global Polymer Academy's (AGPA) headquarters. The center is connected to the Sidney L. Olson Research Center, a 70,000 square-foot facility that includes advanced laboratories for coatings, compounding, blending, extrusion, film blowing, blow molding, biaxial stretching, filament winding, and fiber spinning as well as specialized processing equipment. Morphological and thermal characterization labs along with mechanical testing and excimer laser facilities are included. The University of Akron is also home to the first Corrosion Engineering program in the United States, which relies heavily on its polymer science expertise to develop corrosion solutions.

The Goodyear Tire & Rubber Company's ("Goodyear") Global and North American Headquarters, Goodyear's Innovation Center, and the Technical Center of Bridgestone Americas Tire Operations, LLC ("Bridgestone") are located in the County. While neither company manufactures commercial tires in the County any longer, each is critical to polymer research and development and supports hundreds of suppliers in the region. Additionally, these companies, and the suppliers they support, are responsible for employing thousands of individuals in the County and Northeast Ohio.

Goodyear's Global and North American Headquarters have been located in Akron for more than 100 years. In 2013, Goodyear opened a new \$160 million Global and North American Headquarters. In addition to the new headquarters, \$30 million in renovations were made to Goodyear's Innovation Center and a \$40 million parking deck was constructed to serve the Goodyear campus. Additionally, both public and private improvements have been made to the surrounding neighborhood, including the conversion of the former Goodyear facilities into commercial, retail, and residential space. The County contributed \$10.2 million to the construction of Goodyear's new Global and North American Headquarters and \$4.8 million to the renovation of the Innovation Center. The City, State, and Development Finance Authority also provided financial assistance to Goodyear for the project. In exchange for the assistance provided by the County, the City, and the State, Goodyear agreed to retain 2,900 jobs (including contracted parties) in the County.

Bridgestone opened a new state-of-the-art \$100 million Technical Center in the City in 2012. The County contributed \$7.3 million to the project, which funded the construction of a public parking deck and a portion of the skywalk between the deck and the new Technical Center. The City contributed \$3.1 million to the construction costs of the project and an additional \$10 million for the redevelopment of the surrounding neighborhood. In exchange for the assistance provided by the County, the City, the State, and the Development Finance Authority, Bridgestone agreed to retain 1,000 employees (including contracted parties) in the County for at least 20 years. This commitment ensures that Bridgestone and its suppliers will remain critical components of the County's economy. It also ensures that a significant amount of advanced polymer research will continue to be performed in the County.

In 2022, Bridgestone completed and opened its new race tire manufacturing facility in the City near its Technical Center. The facility replaces an existing race tire unit in the original Firestone Plant One building, also located in the City. This new facility marks the first major investment in tire manufacturing within the County and the City in several decades and highlights a deepened commitment to the region from Bridgestone.

The retention and growth of these Goodyear and Bridgestone facilities provide an anchor for the sustainability of the polymer industry in the County and the ongoing economic vitality of the County. However, the County is rich in several other polymer-related firms.

ContiTech USA, a division of Continental Corporation, is based in Fairlawn, Ohio. ContiTech provides polymer, rubber, metal, and textile-based solutions to machine and plant engineering, mining, agricultural and automotive customers. Kumho Tires and Hankook Tire, both South Korean companies, have built technical centers in the City of Fairlawn and the City of Green, respectively, for research and development.

Nexen Tire Corporation, a South Korean tire maker, opened a 35,540 square-foot technical center in Richfield in Summit County in 2018 highlighting the continued importance of Summit County as a hub for polymer innovation. In 2022, Nexen relocated its U.S. Headquarters to Richfield from California in order to realize synergies between its headquarters and technical center staff.

Medical Industry and Biomedical Innovation

The County, the City, and private partners have focused substantial economic development efforts on expanding the historically strong medical industry in the County by promoting biomedical research and innovation. Five acute care hospitals are located in the County: Akron City Hospital, Western Reserve Hospital, and Summa Barberton Citizens Hospital, which are all a part of the Summa Health system ("Summa"), Cleveland Clinic Akron General ("CCAG"), and Children's Hospital Medical Center of Akron ("Akron Children's"). Additionally, the three hospital systems operate several acute care, family health care, urgent care, and emergency care satellite operations throughout the County and Northeast Ohio.

Summa, a nonprofit system, is one of the largest healthcare delivery systems in the State. Summa has 1,023 beds, approximately 1,000 credentialed physicians at its facilities in the region, which total more than 3 million square feet, and employs around 8,400 employees, nurses, and

health care professionals. Encompassing a network of hospitals, community health centers, a health insurance plan with more than 60,000 members, research operations, and a foundation, Summa has more than \$1B in annual net patient revenue. In 2024, Summa's Akron and Barberton campuses were awarded Healthgrades 2024 America's 50 Best Hospitals Award.

The second largest hospital system in the County, Cleveland Clinic Akron General, was acquired by the Cleveland Clinic at the end of 2015. CCAG is a nonprofit system, which has grown to a 532-registered-bed, adult, tertiary care, not-for-profit, teaching hospital. Today it is staffed with nearly 5,700 employees, including over 1,150 physicians, and is also supported by more than 550 volunteers.

CCAG has placed a major emphasis on developing wellness programs for the population in the region. It has three state-of-the-art Health and Wellness Centers in the Cities of Stow and Green and Bath Township in the County. The facilities offer 24-hour emergency department services, sports medicine and physical therapy, diagnostic services, and extensive community wellness services. These facilities complement the main hospital campus and three other CCAG facilities in the County.

Akron Children's Hospital, a nonprofit system, is one of the largest free-standing pediatric care centers in the U.S. and is ranked among the best children's hospitals by U.S. News and World Report. Akron Children's houses a regional burn center for adults and children and a pediatric trauma center. It also offers more than 100 advocacy, education, outreach, and research programs and is a seven-time recipient of the NorthCoast 99 "Best Workplaces" award. The Burn Institute is certified by the American Burn Associations and the Committee on Trauma of the American College of Surgeons, which recognizes individual and institutional commitment to total burn care and a formal system for quality burn care delivery.

Akron Children's currently employs 7,000 employees and operates a 401-bed pediatric hospital in the County. Akron Children's recently completed a \$180 million "building on the Promise" expansion project that includes a new critical care tower, new emergency department, new neonatal intensive care unit, 1,200-space parking deck, and several other facilities and improvements. Akron Children's also completed a 230,000-square-foot addition to the Considine Professional Building. The new addition brings together all the outpatient clinics on the Akron campus and includes an auditorium and meeting spaces. Akron Children's Hospital's Ronald McDonald House opened a 48,000 square-foot expansion in the first quarter of 2018. The \$12.5 million expansion added 42 new guest rooms, larger family and volunteer kitchen areas, playrooms, a backyard, and larger living spaces for families. Funding was made possible through an Akron Children's campaign, donations, and new market tax credits. Akron Children's completed the construction of a 43,000 square-foot building in the Village of Boston Heights in late 2019 that has a pediatric center, an urgent care center, primary and specialty care offices, and a rehabilitation facility. In 2020, they opened the Portage Health Center and by expanding their affiliation with Mercy Health they brought new primary care offices in Lorain County and East Liverpool. Former Mercy Health locations in those areas are now Akron Children's Hospital Pediatrics locations.

Summa, Cleveland Clinic Akron General, and Akron Children's also form a part of the network of teaching hospitals providing medical residency programs affiliated with the Northeast Ohio Medical University ("NEOMED"), formerly known as the Northeast Ohio Universities.

Advanced and Additive Manufacturing

Summit County is an international leader in advanced manufacturing, thanks in large part to its manufacturing history and proximity to much of the American automobile assembly market. Within the region, the top manufacturing clusters include fabricated metals, plastics, rubber, chemicals, and machinery. There are approximately 400 metalworking and related firms in the Summit County area and 70% of North America light vehicle assembly occurs within 500 miles of Summit County. Ohio has the second-largest automotive manufacturing workforce in the nation.

Summit County's rich history in manufacturing is evidenced by its highly skilled workforce. Educational institutions such as Stark State College have developed customized training programs to keep pace with advances in manufacturing technology.

The automotive industry has a strong and lengthy history in Summit County. Ohio is a leader in the manufacturing and assembly of autos and trucks, with many components being manufactured in Summit County. Röchling Automotive, a global leader in the field of engineered plastics for the automotive industry, manufactures automotive components at its facility in Summit County. Honda, Ford, and GM all operate plants located within close proximity to the County.

Although the County's history in automotive manufacturing is strong, the County is also home to companies that produce a wide array of manufactured products, including aerospace and defense components, specialty metal products, paints, adhesives, and coatings.

NMG Aerospace was incorporated in 1967 to provide machining services to a growing Aerospace industry in Northeast Ohio. Today, NMG remains a privately owned company with headquarters in the County. NMG primarily focuses on Aerospace and Defense Manufacturing and Engineering. Their operations and customer base extend to sites worldwide with expertise in design, testing and qualification precision, machining, manufacturing assembly, and kitting.

GOJO Industries (best known as the inventor of Purell) was founded in 1946 on the promise of a safer way to clean hands. Since its founding in 1946, GOJO has gone from producing a single hand cleaner to delivering a broad portfolio of hygiene solutions throughout the world. Notably, the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on GOJO's business has been remarkable, with sales of its hand sanitizer jumping 600% during the pandemic. As a result of the rapid growth in sales, GOJO undertook several expansions in Northeast Ohio in 2020 and 2021, adding both factory production, as well as temporary and permanent warehouse space. While the company foresees some post-pandemic retraction in sales, leadership believes that the increased use of hand and other sanitizers will be long-lasting and will result in permanent additional revenue for the company.

Metalworking is important for the Summit County economy. Kyocera SGS Precision Tools, located in Cuyahoga Falls, is an ISO-certified manufacturer of industry-leading round solid carbide cutting tools. Kyocera SGS has also pioneered some of the world's most advanced cutting tool technologies resulting from rigorous product, coating, and material testing at its Global Innovation Center located in the County.

PPG has a manufacturing facility in the City of Barberton in Summit County PPG is a technology producer of specialty chemicals and their products include optical casting resins for eyewear applications; Teslin Synthetic Printing Sheets; and design silicas used in the manufacture of paints, tires, and reinforced rubber products. They also produce OLED (organic light emitting diode) for use in state-of-the-art electronic screens.

Logistics and Distribution

The County is located within an eight-hour drive of half the U.S. population, over half the U.S. buying power and manufacturing activity, and almost two-thirds of the Canadian economy. Several major interstate highways run through the County, connecting it easily to most major U.S. metropolitan markets. Rail access throughout the County and proximity to the Port of Cleveland allow for easy distribution of materials and products. The County is also served by both Cleveland Hopkins International Airport and the Akron Canton Airport.

The County boasts more than 420 trucking firms and distribution centers. Easy access to I-77, I-76, I-271, I-277, I-480, and the Ohio Turnpike make the County the ideal place for logistics companies and distribution centers. Major companies such as FedEx, FedEx Custom Critical, JRayl, and Schneider are located in and near Summit County. Amazon, JOANN Fabrics, Best Buy, O'Reilly Auto Parts, Signet Jewelers, and Summit Racing have significant distribution operations in the County.

Technology, Financial and Professional Services

FirstEnergy Corp. ("FirstEnergy"), headquartered in the City, and a major employer in the County, is one of the nation's largest investor-owned electric systems. FirstEnergy's operating companies include Ohio Edison, The Illuminating Company, Toledo Edison, Jersey Central Power and Light, Mon Power, Met-Ed Potomac Edison, and several others. FirstEnergy currently supplies power to over six million customers in six states: Ohio, Pennsylvania, New Jersey, Maryland, West Virginia, and Virginia. Through the Energize365 initiative, FirstEnergy has planned investments totaling \$26 billion across its distribution and transmission systems between 2024 and 2028, allowing for a smarter, more secure, and reliable grid that can accommodate electric vehicles and clean energy sources. Company-wide, FirstEnergy employs over 12,000 employees, holds \$48 billion in assets, and generates \$12.45 billion in annual revenue.

The County is home to regional offices for national banks including U.S. Bank, Key Bank, Chase, Fifth Third, and PNC. Local and regional banks with headquarters or significant regional office presence in the County include Citizens, Westfield Bank, Peoples, and CF Bank.

The County is also home to the headquarters of National Interstate Insurance. National Interstate, a provider of specialty property and casualty insurance with a focus on logistics and distribution, invested in a \$25 million expansion of their headquarters in Richfield in 2016 and committed to hiring an additional 200 employees over the next several years. They have added 100 employees to date and currently have nearly 500 in their workforce in Summit County.

The County's location makes it a perfect place for established and start-up technology companies working with the auto manufacturing industry. OEConnection, LLC is in the northern portion of the County. OEConnection provides technology solutions for the auto and heavy truck

industries. They work with automakers and dealers to facilitate the sale of original equipment (OE) replacement parts. In the southern portion of the County, DRB Systems has established a significant presence in the City of Green. DRB Systems is a national leader in the development of car wash systems and system IT and operates call center facilities that assist with the ongoing operation and maintenance of these systems.

Employment

The County has a strong employment base, situated across several diverse employers and industries, including medical and biomedical, polymer and rubber, manufacturing and utilities. Below is a list of the major employers in the County:

Major Summit County Employers

<u>Company</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Employees</u>	<u>Industry</u>
Summa Health System	Akron	8,400	Medical Health Care Services
Akron Children's Hospital	Akron	7,000	Medical Health Care Services
Cleveland Clinic Akron General	Akron	5,700	Medical Health Care Services
Akron Public Schools	Akron	4,961	Public Schools
Amazon.com, Inc.	Akron	4,500	Retailer
Goodyear Tire & Rubber Co.	Akron	3,000	Tire Manufacturer
Summit County	Akron	2,812	County Government
Signet Jewelers	Akron	1,980	Retail Jewelry
City of Akron	Akron	1,828	Government
University of Akron	Akron	1,670	Higher Education
Fred W. Albrecht Grocery Co.	Akron	1,500	Retail Food and Pharmacies
Enbridge (formerly Dominion Energy)	Akron	1,409	Natural gas distributor
State of Ohio	Akron	1,314	Government
FirstEnergy Corp.	Akron	1,175	Electric Utility
Barberton City Schools	Barberton	1,129	Public Schools
ACRT, Inc.	Stow	1,105	Vegetation Management and Utility Consulting
Cardinal Health/Edgepark	Twinsburg	1,038	Medical Supply Distributor
Hudson City School District	Hudson	1,007	Public Schools
United States Post Office	Akron	1,000	Government
Associated Materials, Inc.	Cuyahoga Falls	981	Manufacturer of Building Products
BWX Technologies, Inc.	Barberton	924	Pressure vessels
Western Reserve Hospital	Cuyahoga Falls	900	Medical Health Care Services
Oriana House	Akron	887	Community Corrections
US Government	Akron	759	Government
Jo-Ann Stores LLC	Hudson	723	Fabric and Craft Retailer
Bridgestone Americas Inc.	Akron	700	Tire Manufacturer
Crystal Clinic	Fairlawn	700	Medical Health Care Services
GoJo Industries	Akron	700	Hygiene and Skin Products
Stow-Munroe Falls City School District	Stow	678	Public Schools
Huntington National Bank	Akron	526	Banking and Financial Services
Babcock and Wilcox	Akron	515	Engineering boilers
Arhaus, LLC	Boston Heights	505	Home Furnishings Retail
National Interstate Insurance Co.	Richfield	485	Specialty Insurance Products
Great Day Improvements LLC	Macedonia	467	Home Improvement Products

Pepsi Beverages Co.	Twinsburg	450	Distributor of PepsiCo. beverages
Little Tikes	Hudson	410	Children's Toys
Akron-Summit County Public Library	Akron	400	Public Library
Rockwell Automation	Twinsburg	400	Industrial automation controls
Cleveland Steel Container Corp	Hudson	396	Steel Pail Manufacturer
Howard Hanna Real Estate Services	Various	322	Real estate
Myers Industries Inc.	Akron	300	Polymer and Metal products
Davey Resources Group Inc.	Richfield	300	Engineering Services
Malco Products Inc.	Barberton	288	Specialty Chemical Manufacturing
DRB Systems	Green	275	Car Wash Systems and IT
Group Management Services	Richfield	250	Employment Services
FedEx Custom Critical	Green	225	Transportation and Logistics
Americhem	Cuyahoga Falls	200	Polymer Manufacturing
Country Pure Foods	Akron	200	Food manufacturing

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The following employers are located outside of the County, but within the Akron PMSA. While these employers are located outside of the County, many of their employees reside in the County and within easy commuting distance to their employers:

Other Large Akron PMSA Employers

<u>Company</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Employees</u>	<u>Industry</u>
Kent State University	Kent	4,288	Colleges, Universities & Professional Schools
UH Portage Medical Center	Ravenna	1,390	Medical Health Care Services
Davey Tree Expert Company	Kent	1,209	Landscaping Services
Automated Packaging Systems	Streetsboro	1,100	Surgical & Medical Instrument Manufacturing
Hattie Larlham	Mantua	1,036	Residential Care
Portage County	Ravenna	967	County Government
Carter Lumber Company	Kent	665	Building Material Dealers
McMaster-Carr Supply Company	Aurora	621	Industrial Machinery & Equipment
Step 2 Company LLC	Streetsboro	544	Plastics Product Manufacturing
Kent City Schools	Kent	523	Elementary & Secondary School
Field Local School District	Mogadore	513	Public Schools
Hiram College	Hiram	512	Colleges, Universities & Professional Schools
Ravenna School District	Ravenna	467	Public Schools
East Manufacturing Corporation	Randolf	440	Truck and Trailer Manufacturing
Technical Consumer Products	Aurora	385	Lighting Products
Northeast Ohio Medical College	Rootstown	330	Colleges, Universities & Professional Schools
Parker Parflex Division	Ravenna	258	Industrial Supplies Merchant Wholesalers
Delta Systems Inc	Streetsboro	252	Relay & Industrial Control Manufacturing
GE Health Care	Aurora	240	Surgical & Medical Instrument Manufacturing
Paris Health Care Linen Services	Ravenna	215	Healthcare Uniforms
Parts Source	Aurora	200	Medical Replacement Parts
The RoviSys Company	Aurora	175	Building Process and Automation
Soft-Lite Windows	Streetsboro	161	Manufacturing Doors/Windows
OEM/Miller Co	Aurora	135	Rubber, Plastic Hoses, and Belt Manufacturing

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The following table provides the comparative annual employment and unemployment statistics in the County, compared to the Akron PMSA, Ohio and United States.

Year	Employment Numbers (in thousands)							
	Labor Force		Unemployed		Unemployment Rate (%)			
	County	AMSA	County	AMSA	County	AMSA	Ohio	U.S.
2014	268.4	354.3	20.1	27.6	7.7	7.8	6.6	6.6
2015	270.6	357.3	17.3	22.8	6.4	6.4	5.2	5.7
2016	269.7	356.1	15.8	20.9	5.9	5.9	5.0	4.8
2017	271.3	358.5	17.3	23.2	6.4	6.5	5.3	4.7
2018	268.1	354.3	14.7	19.5	5.5	5.5	4.6	4.0
2019	272.5	359.7	15.2	20.0	5.6	5.6	4.4	4.0
2020	274.2	362.5	14.6	19.5	5.3	5.4	4.5	3.5
2021	262.8	346.6	19.2	24.6	7.3	7.1	6.0	6.4
2022	263.2	347.7	10.8	14.1	4.1	4.0	4.0	3.5
2023	267.9	353.9	9.9	12.8	3.7	3.6	3.5	3.6

Source: Ohio Department of Job and Family Services (Bureau of Labor Market Information); As of January of each year.

Transportation

The County is served by diversified transportation facilities, including 13 State highways, two U.S. highways, and Interstate Routes 76, 77, 80 (the Ohio Turnpike), 271, and 277. The County is a major logistics center with approximately 160 freight carriers having offices or terminals in the County. CSX, Amtrak, and the Wheeling & Lake Erie Railway provide rail service to the region.

Public transportation services are provided throughout the County by METRO Regional Transit Authority (METRO), through METRO Direct and METRO Select services (METRO SCAT, Call-A-Bus, FlexRide). METRO is operated independently from the County, but partners with the County on programming, outreach, and customer satisfaction. In 2023, METRO's transit-loyal riders took more than four million trips to school, medical appointments, to shop, and attend community events. METRO's 2023 operating revenue from passenger fares and advertising was \$2,661,031 and its sales tax revenue was \$58,973,972. Its total revenue of \$80,293,059 included federal and state grants. The County is also served by the Greyhound buses at METRO's Robert K. Pfaff Transit Center in downtown Akron. The Transit Center is a Gold LEED certified center using geothermal energy for heating and cooling, electricity from a solar paneled roof, and recycled rainwater.

Three airports, Akron-Canton Regional Airport, Cleveland Hopkins International Airport, and Akron-Fulton International Airport, serve the air travel needs of the region.

Located within the county, the Akron-Canton Airport (the "Airport") has developed into a premier facility serving more than 686,661 commercial service passengers in 2023 in Northeast Ohio. In addition to commercial air service, the airport accommodates over 130 general aviation

and air taxi operations per day and is home to the Ohio National Guard's Army Aviation Support Facility No. 1. The Airport's development and growth have been primarily spurred by aggressive capital expansion, including investments exceeding \$120 million since 2008. These investments have funded additional runway extensions, expanded parking facilities, replacement of the main concourse and gates, safety improvements, and a new customs and border facility. A 2018 economic impact study indicated that the Airport generates over \$85 million in local, state, federal, sales, and excise tax revenue. The payroll generated by the Airport and its tenants totals \$212 million, directly and indirectly employing 4,486 individuals.

Within the boundaries of the Airport is the CAK International Business Park, which is the largest magnet site in Foreign-Trade Zone 181 (the "FTZ"). This 306-acre site provides customs and other benefits to companies within the FTZ importing to and exporting from the U.S. See **COUNTY ECONOMIC AND DEMOGRAPHIC INFORMATION—Economic Development in the County—Industrial Parks, and Foreign Trade Zone 181** for additional discussion on the FTZ.

Education and Universities

Primary Schools

The County has eighteen local public school districts with approximately 73,600 students enrolled per Public School Review. There are also several charter schools and private schools, which, along with the public schools, provide a competitive environment both academically and athletically.

The largest school system within the County is the Akron City School District ("Akron Public Schools"), with nearly 29% of the public school enrollment in the County. Akron Public Schools have developed and implemented its College and Career Academies program, which places students on a pathway to their post-secondary plan, leveraging their interests and capabilities. The Akron Public Schools have also partnered with the Lebron James Family Foundation to create the I Promise School, an elementary school for inner-city youth that provides them with the environment, tools, and wrap-around services needed to succeed in school and beyond. The I Promise School has received both attention and acknowledgment for being successful beyond expectations.

Currently, the Akron Public Schools are partnering with the local shelters to remove barriers to the education of homeless youth, called Project Rise. The Akron Public School District will provide school supplies, diapers, winter items, and laptops for teens entering college. Project Rise offers tutoring for students living in shelters and transportation assistance to help students get to school.

Universities

Eighty-five private and public colleges, universities and technical institutions are located within 50 miles of the County with an aggregate enrollment of over 174,000 students, per 2021 enrollment data from NCES. The County is home to The University of Akron and within commuting distance to Kent State University, Stark State College, Malone University, Walsh University, Hiram College, and Mount Union College.

Founded in 1870, The University of Akron (“The University”) is a prominent public research university in Northern Ohio, with a total enrollment of 13,940 students for the Spring 2024 semester. In 2022, the University was ranked #1 in world for polymer science and plastics engineering according to the global ranking site EDuRank. The ranking methodology factored in research performance, non-academic prominence, including backlinks to a university from other sites and an alumni score. It is predominantly a STEM-focused institution geared towards industries such as polymers, advanced materials and engineering, but also concentrates on areas such as business administration, sales and marketing, nursing and law. It offers approximately 200 undergraduate majors and 100 graduate majors and has branch campuses in three Ohio communities outside of the County. The University’s campus consists of 82 buildings on 222 acres near downtown Akron, which grew to those numbers as a result of a \$627 million expansion, renovation and modernization project titled the “Landscape for Learning” in the early 2000s.

The University launched the Akron Arts program in 2021. This initiative will create a special place for education, work and entrepreneurship combined with art. The University looks to redefine the campus by combining campus life, downtown work life and to uplift the community, while attracting new businesses and entertainment opportunities on campus, near campus and in Downtown Akron.

Stark State College is a technical college that has 220 associate degrees and certificates in business, education, engineering technologies, health and human services, information technologies, liberal arts, and mathematics. The college offers 23 fully online degrees and 14 fully online certificates. Nearly 14,000 students attend Stark State College, between its main campus in Stark County, Ohio, its Akron Campus, and other satellite facilities. Stark State College specializes in partnering with business and industry to ensure that programs the college offers meet the needs of the workforce and employers. Stark State College’s 68,414 square foot Akron Campus opened in May 2018, and is a compliment to workforce development initiatives currently being undertaken by the County, the City, the local school districts and several local for-profit and non-profit organizations. Stark State was named among America’s Best Online Learning Schools for 2023 by Newsweek.

Public Libraries

The County is home to the Akron-Summit County Public Library and six independent public libraries located in Barberton, Cuyahoga Falls, Hudson, Peninsula, Stow, and Twinsburg. The Akron-Summit County Library employs 356 people and consists of a 270,000 square-foot main library located in the City’s downtown and 18 branch locations in the City of Akron and in Fairlawn-Bath, Green, Lakemore, Mogadore, Northfield, Norton, Portage Lakes, Richfield, and Tallmadge. The Akron-Summit County Public Library is recognized locally as an essential community asset and nationally as one of the finest public libraries in the United States due to its excellent customer service, collaborative community involvement, and high level of customer and employee satisfaction.

A leader in innovation, the Akron-Summit County Public Library system was the first library in the country to be designated as a sensory-inclusive space for those on the autism spectrum and those with dementia, PTSD, and other related conditions, thanks to a collaboration with KultureCity. The Library is committed to providing Dementia-Inclusive resources such as

Memory Cafés for maintaining the connections, skills, and interests that make abundant life possible. Furthering its goal for inclusivity, the Library, working with community partners, built the Accessibility Library, a groundbreaking resource center dedicated to enhancing accessibility at festivals, performances, community gatherings, and cultural shows— at no cost to users. The Library Express Delivery Services (LEDS) offers homebound deliveries of books and materials to qualified residents. The Main Library and its branches offer a “library of things” that allows customers to borrow items that are needed for a specific task such as cake pans and tools, or items for enjoyment such as artworks, ukuleles, and board games.

In 2021, the Akron-Summit County Library was successful in passing a renewal of its 1.9 mill property tax operating levy. The Library celebrated its 150th anniversary of service to the community in 2024.

Recreational, Cultural and Natural Attractions

Summit County is the location of several recreational, cultural, and natural attractions that advance the quality of life of its residents. These attractions make the County a particularly unique and enticing location for businesses and their employees. Each of these facilities feeds the sense of community that has become the trademark of the County and the City. Several of the attractions located in the County are discussed below.

The John S. Knight Center, a 122,300 square-foot facility that includes an exhibit hall, a ballroom/exhibition space, a conference center, a full-service kitchen, and a large lobby area, is located in downtown Akron. This multi-purpose facility is owned by the City of Akron and leased to the Akron/Summit Convention and Visitors Bureau. The John S. Knight Center hosted 105 events in 2023.

The Summit Metro Parks (the “Metro Parks”), a separate political subdivision that includes most of the territory of the County, operates a park system of approximately 14,300 acres in the County and neighboring Medina County. This system consists of 16 parks, several conservation areas, and over 150 miles of trails. Annual attendance averages 5 million visitors. In addition, the City of Akron operates 139 parks covering 2,114 acres. With funding totaling \$4.6 million from the Federal Emergency Management Agency’s (FEMA’s) Hazard Mitigation Grant Program and Clean Ohio, Summit Metro Parks recently completed erosion control and habitat enhancement projects vital to the long-term sustainability of its oldest and most-visited park. As of July 2023, the project is complete.

The Cuyahoga Valley National Park, covering approximately 33,000 acres, is located primarily in the County and is the nation's tenth most visited national park. The Cuyahoga Valley encompasses interesting geological formations with the Cuyahoga River’s closely spaced ravines (dropping nearly 600 feet within a few miles), beautiful natural wildlife and scenery, and historic points of interest. The Cuyahoga River itself drops nearly 500 feet from Akron (the high point of the river) to Cleveland (at the river’s entry into Lake Erie). In 2023, Cuyahoga Valley National Park reported 2.86 million visits. The park preserves rural and natural land and open space along 22 miles of the Cuyahoga River.

Blossom Music Center, located within the Cuyahoga Valley National Park, is the summer home to the Cleveland Orchestra and hosts dozens of concerts each year. The pavilion, in an 800-acre woodland, has perfect acoustics and unobstructed views. It seats more than 6,000 people under cover and an additional 13,500 on the lawns. Performers range from symphony orchestras to rock groups. Concerts take place from May through September.

The Ohio and Erie Canal National Heritage Corridor, running north from Cuyahoga County, through Summit County, and south through Stark and Tuscarawas Counties, was established to preserve the region's heritage and provide for tourism and recreation as part of a regional revitalization project. The Ohio and Erie Canal was once a critical component to the economy and growth of the City, County, and region. Today, The Towpath Trail, which runs predominantly along the route of the former canal remains as a reminder of the region's past and as a recreational opportunity used by many residents and visitors to the area.

The Akron Zoological Park is located on 77 acres just west of downtown Akron and is one of the 238 accredited zoos by the Association of Zoos and Aquariums. The Akron Zoo has 3,014 animals from around the world representing 234 different species. The Zoo also has a beautiful garden area with over 7,000 plants and flowers. The Zoo's education department reached 103,205 participants in 2023. The total attendance for the year saw 412,251 visitors. The Zoo has net assets of almost \$90 million. In 2020, residents of the County approved a renewal of the .8 mill real property tax levy for Zoo operations, with an increase of .4 mills, over 10 years. The millage increase will generate an additional \$5 million annually for the Zoo. The Zoo has net assets of more the \$74.5 million. In May 2023, they became the first zoo in Ohio and the first organization in Summit County to receive the Age-Friendly Seal of Approval from the Better Business Bureau.

Long recognized among the community's cultural landmarks, the 2,700-seat Akron Civic Theatre has a rich and spectacular history. It has provided the community with a venue for quality entertainment and live performances for decades. The theater was built in 1929 by Marcus Loew and designed by famed theater architect, John Eberson. The interior structure was fashioned after a Moorish castle featuring Mediterranean decor, including medieval carvings, authentic European antiques, and Italian alabaster sculptures. Among facilities of its size, the Civic is one of only five remaining atmospheric theaters in the country where patrons experience a twinkling star-lit sky and intermittent clouds moving across the horizon, all while sitting inside the auditorium. In June 2001, the Akron Civic Theatre underwent a \$19 million renovation to update its stage and main theater area. Since 2016, the Civic Theater has been the recipient of two State of Ohio capital fund investments, and most currently, completed a \$9 million renovation as part of the Staging the Future campaign, which included a new box office with access from the entry arcade, renovation to the historic Whitelaw building to hold a new 200 + capacity venue known as The Knight Stage, and new administrative offices.

One of the region's most popular event destinations, Lock 3 Park, is currently undergoing an upgrade that began in 2023. The total projected cost of the project is \$10 million and includes funding from the County, the City, the John S. and James L. Knight Foundation, the Ohio & Erie Canalway Coalition, and individual donors. Groundbreaking for this project has occurred. The Lock 3 Vision Plan, which mapped out the improvements, is a key component of the Akron Civic Commons 2.0 project, an effort to create accessible, equitable, and welcoming public spaces for all residents and visitors. This Lock 3 Vision Plan intends to build on the success of Lock 3 Park

as a successful event, concert, and festival public space and develop a ‘365-day’ park that is a destination for residents, guests, hikers, and bicyclists along the Ohio & Erie Canal Towpath Trail. Currently, construction on the Lock 3 Backyard is on schedule and on budget to be completed in fall 2024.

Canal Park, located in downtown Akron, is home to the Akron RubberDucks, the AA affiliate of Major League Baseball’s Cleveland Guardians. The AA franchise moved into the 9,097-seat \$31 million facility complete with 25 loges in 1997 as the Akron Aeros and won Eastern League titles in 2003, 2005, 2009, 2012, 2016, and 2021 and five division titles within the last decade. In 2012, the Aeros were purchased by Ken Babby and in October of 2013, the name was changed to reflect the history of the region. Prior to the 2014 season, the stadium underwent a \$5.6 million renovation, and in 2021, the Akron City Council approved an additional \$2.95 million for improvements to Canal Park, including sealing and concrete repairs, HVAC improvements, and new seating. Canal Park has a capacity of 7,630 fans and attendance in 2023 was approximately 269,376.

The Firestone Country Club has hosted professional golf tournaments annually since 1954, including the Rubber City Open, the American Golf Classic, the World Series of Golf, the World Golf Championships – NEC Invitational, and the World Golf Championships – Bridgestone Invitational. In 2019, Firestone Country Club began hosting the Senior PGA Players Championship. The famed South Course of Firestone Country Club has also hosted three PGA Championships and a Senior PGA Championship. Starting in 2023, Firestone Country Club’s South Course has been host to the Kaulig Companies Championship.

Opened in 1922, The Akron Art Museum is dedicated to enriching lives through modern and contemporary art and showcases regional, national, and international art created since 1850. The museum’s collection is presented in a spectacular facility designed by Viennese architectural firm Coop Himmelblau and includes over 6,000 works of art, with a strong focus on contemporary painting, sculpture, and photography. Nearly a dozen exhibitions each year present prominent artists in various media including painting, sculpture, photography, video, design, and glass. The Akron Art Museum celebrated its 100th anniversary in 2022.

A few additional facilities with historic significance can be found in the County, including Stan Hywet Hall, a 65-room Tudor Revival manor house in Akron built by Goodyear Tire & Rubber Company founder Frank Seiberling. In addition to the manor house and grounds, Stan Hywet is furnished with antiques and works of art dating from the 14th century. The house is the 6th largest historic home open to the public and Akron’s first and largest national historic landmark. Stan Hywet Hall and Gardens hosted the hit PBS Series, Antiques Roadshow, in 2023 and draws in thousands of visitors each year.

In July of each year, young competitors from around the world converge on the County to participate in the All-American Soap Box Derby, which is held at Derby Downs in the City. The annual week-long event brings thousands of people to the County and represents a major source of tourism.

Utility and Energy Resources

The County's major electricity supplier is FirstEnergy, which is headquartered in the City. Electricity is provided to the County through FirstEnergy's utility company, Ohio Edison, and energy supplier Energy Harbor Corp., as well as a small number of municipal utilities. See **COUNTY ECONOMIC AND DEMOGRAPHIC INFORMATION—Highlights of Key Industries—Energy**.

Enbridge Gas Ohio, formerly known as Dominion East Ohio, is the major supplier of natural gas to the County. However, the deregulation of the natural gas industry in Ohio has provided several alternative supplier choices.

The County currently operates both natural gas and electric aggregation programs for residents in eight townships and one municipality. Additionally, several municipalities within the County have become electric and natural gas aggregators. Under these aggregation programs, customers receive service from the supplier selected by the governmental aggregator, unless they elect to opt out of the program. The deregulation of utility services and aggregation programs has resulted in small commercial and residential customers having more choices available to lower energy costs. The County contracts with the Northeast Ohio Public Energy Council to operate the County's natural gas aggregation program, and Energy Harbor, Corp. to operate the County's electric aggregation program.

Local telephone service is provided primarily by AT&T. Broadband access is provided primarily through AT&T and Spectrum. In addition to these primary suppliers, several local providers provide telephone and broadband services. Several providers, including, but not limited to, Verizon, AT&T, and T-Mobile provide cellular service throughout the County. In addition to for-profit commercial providers, the County has two municipalities – Hudson and Fairlawn – that provide municipal broadband in their communities. Fairlawn, in particular, has successfully deployed FairlawnGig, a municipal broadband access that provides 1 Gigabyte of service to every residence and business in the City of Fairlawn.

The FairlawnGig also provides limited service to the City's downtown, including, for example, the Bounce Innovation Hub and other properties and buildings owned and operated by the City and County. In 2020, the County partnered with Fairlawn to extend FairlawnGig fiber and service to the County's main administrative facilities, as well as all of its criminal justice facilities using \$5.6 million of CARES Act funds. As a result, the County is able to realize long-term reductions in its internet and broadband network costs, and also streamline many of its criminal justice functions, such as conducting video arraignments and hearings, rather than daily transports of prisoners between the Summit County Jail and Summit County Courthouse. Additionally, in 2022, the County and City of Fairlawn announced the *Summit Connects* project, which will leverage the City of Fairlawn's expertise to build a 125-130 fiber optic ring throughout Summit County using approximately \$35 million in American Rescue Plan Act Funds, as well as a 20,000 square foot data center using County General Capital funds.

Water service in the County is provided primarily by various municipalities and public and private water districts and suppliers from various sources, including the City's Lake Rockwell, Lake Erie, and wells and reservoirs owned by other providers.

Wastewater collection and treatment service in the County is provided primarily by the County, City, various other municipalities in the County, and the Northeast Ohio Regional Sewer District.

Solid waste management planning for the County is the responsibility of the Summit-Akron Solid Waste Management Authority, now known as ReWorks. Collection, recycling, and disposal of solid waste in the County is currently handled by municipalities and private haulers.

Land Usage

The County’s area is 419.4 square miles, broken down by land usage as follows:

	Tax Year 2023/2024 Collection Year Valuation	Percent of Assessed Valuation
Residential	\$14,119,709,330	65.52%
Commercial/Industrial	3,481,400,950	16.15%
Minerals	1,067,590	0.01%
Public Utility	715,730,690	3.32%
Governmental (including parks) And Other Tax-Exempt	3,117,258,770	14.47%
Agricultural	<u>114,892,390</u>	<u>0.53%</u>
Total	\$21,550,059,720	100.00%

Housing

The following compares census information concerning housing in the County, with City and State statistics:

	2010 Median Value of Owner- Occupied Homes	2020 Median Value of Owner- Occupied Homes	% Change	Units in 2000	Units in 2010	Units in 2020	% Change 2010 to 2020	% Constructed Prior to 1940
County	\$141,700	\$151,300	6.77	230,880	245,109	246,163	0.43	20.0
Akron	\$88,500	\$83,500	-5.65	111,184	96,288	95,900	-0.40	33.5
State	\$134,400	\$151,400	12.62	4,783,051	5,127,508	5,217,090	1.752	20.0

Personal Income

According to the U.S. Census Bureau, the 2022 median income for County families was \$67,763 compared to State and national medians of \$67,720 and \$74,580, respectively.

Economic Development in the County

Summit County Department of Community and Economic Development

The County's Department of Development is responsible for the coordination of economic development activities throughout the County. In this capacity, the Department coordinates several federal, state, and local incentive and financing assistance programs that are offered to businesses planning to expand, locate, or relocate in the County. The Department of Development coordinates and collaborates with various economic development public and private partners to provide the most attractive environment for businesses.

In 2018, the County, in collaboration with the City of Akron, the Greater Akron Chamber, and the GAR Foundation implemented "Elevate Greater Akron", a collaborative economic development strategy for Greater Akron. The plan is intended to increase the competitiveness of targeted scale-up and middle-market companies through a new approach to business retention and expansion efforts, provide an opportunity to include underserved populations in regional growth and prosperity, focus on innovation and startups, focus on development and growth in identified Job Hubs, and to create a unified, forward-looking culture of economic development. The overall goal of the strategy is to expand opportunities for all residents and position the Akron region on a new trajectory in an era of rapid global change. Much of 2019 focused on the implementation of Elevate Greater Akron, which has seen unprecedented coordination and the County's local and regional economic development partners. Since 2020, this coordinated economic development ecosystem has enabled the County and its partners to respond quickly and nimbly to the ever-changing needs of businesses within the County that were severely impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic and to be positioned to assist businesses in a post-COVID environment. For more information, please see the **COVID-19 Pandemic Economic Development Response**.

The Department of Development has played a large role in major economic development projects within the County, including the aforementioned Bridgestone Technical Center Project, Goodyear Global and North American Headquarters and Innovation Center, and major Amazon Distribution Facility. In addition to large businesses, the Department of Development assists with the attraction, retention, and expansion of numerous large, small, and medium businesses throughout Summit County. The Department of Development brings with it expertise in economic development, planning and zoning, and GIS data, as well as local and regional partners such as the Greater Akron Chamber and Team NEO/JobsOhio when responding to business inquiries regarding retention, expansion, or attraction opportunities.

Through the development of GIS tools, the County helps businesses make decisions for site selection and expansion based on information regarding available workforce, transportation, logistics, and business-to-business information. The County, as part of the Elevate Greater Akron strategy, has created a comprehensive working group of government and economic development organizations to provide coordinated services to businesses. Services include workforce development solutions, infrastructure solutions (including sewer and roadway), financial services, site selection, land acquisition, and assistance with government rules and regulations.

Bounce Innovation Hub

Bounce Innovation Hub is the region's first open innovation hub serving northeast Ohio's entrepreneurial and innovation community. Bounce encourages open collaboration among diverse groups through unique opportunities, programs, and events that engage anyone and everyone with a mind for innovation. This includes startup founders, small businesses, large corporations,

investors, makers, individual innovators, artists, and universities. Bounce aims to create meaningful connections, where new ideas are born through collaboration and relationships with like-minded innovators. Bounce provides direct assistance to startup companies and small businesses through its technology incubator program, software accelerator, comprehensive small business program GROW – which includes MORTAR at Bounce - and the Iterator Program (a partnership with MAGNET). In addition to Bounce programming, companies also receive services through the Small Business Development Center, Minority Business Assistance Center, University of Akron Research Foundation, and Crafty Mart. The Innovation Hub has 200,000 square feet of improved office, light manufacturing, wet labs, and conferencing facilities. In 2018, Bounce began construction on the renovated 27,000 square foot first floor, dubbed the Generator, which includes rentable offices, a coworking space, a 300-person event space, rentable conference rooms, The Workshop: A Creative Co-op and the Stray Dog Café and Coffee shop. Bounce assisted in creating 107 new jobs in 2023 and generated \$59 million in revenue.

Development Finance Authority of Summit County and its Affiliated Entities

One of the County’s most important economic development partners, the Development Finance Authority of Summit County (DFA) specializes in community and economic development finance, primarily focused on Northeast Ohio. DFA assists others in obtaining capital that otherwise might not be available through the issuance of taxable and tax-exempt revenue bonds, tax credits, and other flexible financing for projects. To achieve its purposes, DFA is affiliated with several private non-profit entities, including the Akron-Summit County Energy Special Improvement District (ESID), the Development Fund of the Western Reserve (DFWR), and the Western Reserve Community Fund (WRCF). To date, the DFA, and the community-based non-profits it manages, have provided direct financing of more than \$888 million, financing 361 projects in 47 different communities located in 18 counties. In Summit County alone, these entities have provided direct financing in excess of \$661 million. Additionally, DFA has assisted businesses resulting in \$1.5 billion in private investment.

The DFA is a statutory port authority created in 1993. In 2000, the County provided the DFA with a \$3,000,000 grant to fund a debt service reserve fund permitting the establishment of the DFA’s bond fund financing program, named the Jobs & Investment Fund (the Jobs Fund). That grant was supplemented by a \$2,000,000 grant from the State’s Department of Development and a \$5 million letter of credit obtained from a commercial bank. The Jobs Fund has also been supplemented with a \$2.4 million grant from the Ohio Manufacturer’s Association and FirstEnergy Corporation. The Jobs Fund now has primary reserves from borrowers of more than \$12.6 million, and, to date, the DFA has issued over \$174.5 million from the Jobs Fund for development, and recently, energy efficiency improvement projects. The Jobs Fund has allowed the DFA to provide incentive financing to creditworthy borrowers seeking to expand the employment base in and around the County and the State of Ohio. In 2022, S&P revised the outlook for the Jobs Fund from “Stable” to “Positive.” The report cited a “recent strengthening of the Bond Fund’s overall reserves” as justification for the increase. In 2023, S&P has continued rating the Jobs Fund as A- with a “positive outlook”, which shows the continued strength of the Fund while adding more to the portfolio and navigating headwinds from a commercial real estate standpoint.

In 2017, the County deposited \$2 million of its \$300 million investment portfolio into the DFA’s Jobs Fund reserves. The additional \$2 million deposit provides \$14 million in new lending

capacity from the Jobs Fund. While the deposited funds are used as part of the Jobs Fund reserves, the funds remain part of the County's investment portfolio, are invested at the direction of the County's Fiscal Officer and the interest earned on the same inures to the benefit of the County. Also in 2017, the Ohio Department Services Agency provided an additional \$2 million to support the Bond Fund. This funding was provided through a 40-year interest-free loan, with 100% of the principal due in 2057. In 2021, JobsOhio pledged a \$10 million additional reserve to the Bond Fund. Total reserves in the Jobs & Investment fund now total over \$42 million.

In 2023, DFA financed 2 projects through the Jobs Fund for \$7.76 million, 1 project through the Energy Efficiency Loan Fund for \$373,434, provided conduit bond financing for 2 projects for \$92.09 million and provided capital lease financing for 1 project. The total private investment for these 6 projects totals \$209.416 million.

The Development Fund of the Western Reserve (DFWR) is a private non-profit managed by the DFA. As a certified Community Development Entity (CDE), DFWR's purpose is to enable catalytic investments through the use of the New Markets Tax Credits (NMTC), a federal and state program that gives incentives for private sector investment in development projects and businesses located in severely economically distressed communities. DFWR initially served 18 counties in Northeast Ohio, but in 2023, increased its service area to 34 counties covering most of Northern Ohio (excluding Cuyahoga County). Through the NMTC program, DFWR is able to attract private capital where it otherwise would not be available, as well as provide more flexibility in lending terms. DFWR has funded numerous projects that have proven to have positive economic effects within Akron, Youngstown, Canton, Lorain, and many other communities. As the only CDE exclusively focused on Northern Ohio, DFWR uses its allocations to address a broad spectrum of needs throughout the region. This includes special-purpose real estate projects affiliated with owner-occupied operating companies, developer-owned projects, non-profit facilities, and machinery/ equipment/working capital financing, resulting in the retention and creation of thousands of jobs as well as providing critical services for residents of distressed communities.

DFWR was awarded its initial federal NMTC allocation of \$20 million in March 2012, and has received three subsequent allocations—\$45 million in 2015, \$30 million in 2019, and \$50 million in 2021. DFWR is one of a few locally based organizations in the country to receive a federal NMTC allocation and has also received four Ohio New Markets Tax Credits allocations since 2012.

In 2023, DFWR allocated \$7M to a steel manufacturing project located in Warren, OH creating quality and accessible jobs within a region that has been hard hit by a decrease of manufacturing jobs.

The DFA also manages the Western Reserve Community Fund (WRCF), a private nonprofit created to expand access to capital and provide support to small businesses, affordable housing projects, and non-profit organizations within Northeast Ohio. As a certified Community Development Financial Institution (CDFI), WRCF fills lending gaps in its target market; offers non-traditional financial products; attracts outside investment; and provides development services to borrowers. In 2019, DFA, DFWR, and the County initially capitalized WRCF with grants totaling \$1,070,000, and since the end of 2023, its lending capacity has ballooned with total cash balances increasing over 700%. In 2023 alone, WRCF made loans to 55 businesses/non-profits;

76% of these businesses are minority-owned/led, 49% are women-owned/led, and 45% are businesses without prior experience with commercial credit. Cumulatively, WRCF has made nearly 200 loans totaling over \$10.5M within Summit County. These projects directly resulted in the creation of quality jobs, support of local entrepreneurship, and increased services within neighborhoods sorely in need of investment. WRCF continues to function as a CDFI in good standing with the U.S. Treasury.

WRCF has implemented and managed several initiatives since the beginning of 2020 in collaboration with the County and other community partners:

- Minority Contractor Capital Access Program, which provides financial and technical assistance to contracting businesses that are located in the County and are owned by minorities, women, LGBTQ individuals, Veterans, and persons with disabilities.
- Akron Resiliency Fund, a partnership with the City to provide low-cost loans between \$10,000 and \$70,000 to Akron's small businesses, with favorable terms that are unique in the market. The program is specifically designed to help businesses through current market difficulties and encourage innovation and growth.
- Summit County Affordable Housing Trust Fund, spearheaded by the County, is a grant and loan fund to assist in the creation, development, rehabilitation, programming, and preservation of affordable housing in the County, and in particularly underserved areas of the County, for the benefit of low-income households.
- Small Business Initiative, a collaboration with the City, Bounce Innovation Hub, and Akron Urban League to support entrepreneurs within the City of Akron with technical assistance, access to professional services, and deployment of capital.

Key funding by the WRCF in 2023 include:

- \$226,000 to non-profits – Let's Grow Akron, Akron AIDS Collaborative, Always Climbing Project.
- \$1,669,302 to 35 small businesses, two of which were in Cuyahoga Falls, one was in Norton, and the rest were in Akron.
- \$710,500 in Lines of Credit were made through the Minority Contractor Capital Access Program
- \$500,000 made through the Summit County Affordable Housing Trust Fund

Key investment totaling over \$4.1M WRCF received in 2023 includes the following sources:

- City of Akron
- GAR Foundation
- CDFI Fund
- Burton D. Morgan Foundation
- Council of Development Finance Agencies
- Robert Wood Johnson Foundation
- Private Anonymous Donor
- Development Fund of the Western Reserve
- Third Federal Savings & Loan

- Premier Bank

The Development Finance Authority, the County, and several local communities created the Akron Summit Energy Special Improvement District (“District”). The expansion of the District throughout the County enables commercial property owners to use Property Assessed Clean Energy (“PACE”) financing to make energy efficiency improvements and repay the financing through voluntary special assessments and energy savings. The District has expanded to include the Cities of Akron, Barberton, Cuyahoga Falls, Fairlawn, Green, Hudson, Macedonia, New Franklin, Norton, Stow, Tallmadge, and Twinsburg; the Townships of Bath, Copley, Coventry, Northfield Center, and Springfield; and the Villages of Boston Heights, Lakemore, Mogadore, Northfield, and Richfield. The expansion of the District has resulted in millions of dollars in private improvements to private properties located in Akron, Bath Township, and Springfield Township, as well as an estimated annual energy savings of more than \$563 thousand. In 2023, the District approved a \$373 thousand PACE project financed through DFA’s Energy Efficiency Direct Loan program for Correctional Health Services to implement various energy improvements for their approximately 17,340 SF, multi-tenant building.

TeamNEO and JobsOhio

Team NEO is an economic development organization focused on creating jobs for Northeast Ohio residents. In collaboration with its partners, the Greater Akron Chamber, Greater Cleveland Partnership, Stark Economic Development Board, and Youngstown/Warren Regional Chamber, it leads the region’s business attraction efforts and supports business retention and expansion work throughout Northeast Ohio. Team NEO works to accelerate the impact of innovation in the region and align strategies and resources within the economic development network to maximize its impact. In addition, Team NEO provides tools to assist employers in attracting talent to the region.

Team NEO is the Regional Network Partner for JobsOhio, a private, non-profit corporation, created by the Ohio Legislature in 2011, to drive job creation and new capital investment in Ohio through business attraction, retention, and expansion efforts. As part of this statewide effort, Team NEO works closely with JobsOhio and five other regional economic development partners, known collectively as the JobsOhio Network, to provide JobsOhio with the connectivity needed to spur business development in Ohio. JobsOhio provides state incentives to businesses that want to locate and expand in Ohio. Through a variety of grants and loans, JobsOhio entices investment in select targeted industries important for the state and each region specifically.

ConxusNEO

ConxusNEO is a non-profit organization created by Summit County, the GAR Foundation, Stark State College, and private sector partners, to identify the skills businesses need to fill positions and build a talent pipeline for the County’s companies. By bringing together business partners, educators, workforce programs, economic development organizations, and government agencies, ConxusNEO identifies where there is the greatest unmet demand for a skilled workforce within targeted industry sectors, then mobilizes key stakeholders to respond to that demand and, finally, tracks the results to determine whether the resulting interventions are making a difference. By collecting labor force data, ConxusNEO is helping businesses make informed decisions about

hiring and providing the information service providers need to identify programs for business workforce solutions.

Greater Akron Chamber

The Greater Akron Chamber (the “Chamber”) is a chamber of commerce that serves the region of Summit, Medina, and Portage Counties. The membership of the Chamber is primarily businesses, but it also has nonprofit and government members. In addition to acting as an advocate for its members on issues important to the growth of business, the Chamber has taken an active role in assisting both the County of Summit and the City of Akron in attracting and retaining business in the County. It also functions as an economic development resource for the region by coordinating available public-sector development assistance.

Industrial Parks and Foreign Trade Zone 181

The County is also home to several industrial parks. Most notably, the City of Akron currently has 5 City-owned industrial/office parks and spent much of 2019 developing a 6th industrial park in partnership with the County. Ascot Industrial Park is the largest with 200 acres of land. Massillon Road Industrial Park is a 98-acre park zoned for light industry and is home to Roechling Automotive, a maker of engineered plastics for the auto industry. Amazon and Hillendale Farms have both announced plans to construct new facilities in this industrial park. The City of Akron’s North Turkeyfoot Industrial Park has 34.2 acres of zoned industrial land and several existing users. In 2020, the City of Akron entered into a development agreement with ICP, LLC to construct a speculative industrial building at the Munroe Rd Industrial Park.

The newest developed industrial park in the City is the Firestone Business Park, which opened in 2020, and is already home to a commercial spec building built by a private developer and is also the site of the County’s Department of Sanitary Sewer Services new maintenance facility. In 2022, the City of Akron and Coventry Township purchased a 60-acre greenfield site along Killian Road in the Township to serve as a new industrial park. The City and County are working closely to identify commercial and industrial end-users for the industrial park.

CAK International Business Park is located in the City of Green, adjacent to the Akron-Canton Airport. This park was a public-private partnership and a true example of collaboration. CAK International Business Park Phases I, II, and III in the City of Green, are home to leading-edge companies across many industries including manufacturing, service, logistics, and sales. Port Green at CAK International Business Park, currently in its third phase of development, has approximately 200 acres of developable land available for commercial and industrial use. Phase III alone has approximately 140 acres of developable land. All sites are also included within the City's CRA and Enterprise Zone Program boundaries. Many sites are shovel-ready with full utilities available on the street, and the entire park is equipped with sanitary sewer and potable water. Electric, gas, and fiber can be extended once the capacity requirements of the users are known.

Additionally, several other suburban communities, including Barberton, Fairlawn, Green, Hudson, Richfield, Stow, and Twinsburg have constructed business and industrial parks that have available land for future development.

The County is located within the service area of Foreign-Trade Zone 181 (the “FTZ”), and several companies utilize the FTZ throughout the County. Summit County assumed administration of Foreign-Trade Zone 181 which covers all of Summit County along with nine surrounding counties. The FTZ program offers special customs procedures and other foreign trade benefits to companies importing and exporting goods into the FTZ, including the reduction, deferment, or elimination of duties.

Jobs Preservation and Revenue Sharing Agreement

In an effort to prevent one subdivision in the County from luring business from another, the County has developed a Jobs Preservation and Revenue Sharing Agreement between communities within the County. This agreement, which began in 2008, discourages business poaching and provides for revenue sharing in the event a business relocates within the County. The County has recognized that some communities might be competing against a neighboring community to relocate a business across community borders. Such a relocation could have a devastating impact on a community’s local economy. In order to reduce this negative impact, the County is promoting subdivisions within the County to agree to the Jobs Preservation and Revenue Sharing Agreement. Under the Agreement, if a business relocates from one subdivision to another, the subdivisions agree to negotiate a fair and reasonable schedule for tax revenue sharing. If an agreement cannot be reached, an independent committee establishes the revenue-sharing schedule. Currently, 29 of the 31 communities in the County are signatories to the agreement, and several communities have used the revenue-sharing agreement after the relocation of businesses between signatory communities.

Recent Activity in the County

In addition to those projects outlined and detailed above, significant contributions and activity have contributed to the County’s recent continued economic development. Below, several additional commercial, retail, and residential projects are discussed that are driving the County’s continued economic improvement.

The City of Akron recently completed a \$26.7 million reconstruction of its Main Street corridor in the City’s downtown, including new sidewalks, streets, bike paths, and pedestrian areas. The City completed Phase I of this project in 2020, completed Phase II of the project in 2021, and completed Phase III of the project in early 2023.

Additionally, several efforts are currently underway to bring additional private investment into the City’s downtown. The Bowery, located on Main Street in the City, is a \$38 million project that features the renovation of several historic buildings along Main Street in Akron for residential, commercial, office, and retail use. The project has received State Historic Tax Credits, New Market Tax Credits, and funding from the Knight Foundation. Portions of the residential sections of the Bowery project were opened for rental in late 2019. The balance of the residential sections, as well as all commercial sections, opened in 2020. The residential portion of the project is completely leased, and the first major commercial tenant, the restaurant Crave, opened in the Summer of 2022.

The Law Building project, across Main Street from The Bowery, received \$2.4 million in Historic Tax Credits to build 112 apartments along with retail amenities. The County has also assisted the Law Building project through discounted parking in the Summit County Parking Deck and by contributing to the renovation of a skywalk between the Law Building and the deck. Construction on the Law Building project was completed in late 2021.

In 2022, Osborn Capital Group completed construction on a \$40 million, 139-unit apartment complex at Canal Place in two former B.F. Goodrich tire manufacturing buildings in the Southern part of the City's Downtown. The project was financed in part using \$6.1 million in Property Assessed Clean Energy bonds issued by the Development Finance Authority of Summit County to fund energy-efficient improvements in the buildings. Additional residential development is expected in the future for the former B.F. Goodrich facility.

In the center of the City's Downtown, the City is undertaking a complete reconstruction of the City's central park – Lock 3. The \$10 million investment will transform the outdoor concert space into a tree-filled park, suitable for continuing those outdoor concerts, but also increasing the recreational opportunities in the park. Across the street from Lock 3, the University of Akron announced in 2022 that it will invest \$31 million, including a \$20 million grant from the Knight Foundation, to convert the Polsky Building into a \$20 million arts, cultural, and civic engagement center.

Also in 2022, the City partnered with the Development Finance Authority of Summit County and the State of Ohio to acquire and begin renovations on the Oliver Ocasek Building into the new Akron Municipal Courthouse. The \$41.5 million investment, completed at the end of 2023, renovated an aging State office building with modern, 21st-century technology, and complements the significant private investment in the City's downtown.

South of the City, in a Joint Economic Development District between the City and Coventry Township, Gardner Pie completed a \$10,000,000 expansion of its manufacturing operations in 2022. To facilitate the expansion, the company purchased 19 acres from the City within the Turkeyfoot Road Industrial Park, adjacent to its current facility.

Nearby, the City of Akron and Coventry Township announced in 2022 their joint acquisition of a 61-acre piece of highway-proximate greenfield property for the construction of a new industrial park within the Akron-Coventry Joint Economic Development District. The City is expected in the coming years to make infrastructure investments to develop the site.

In another of the City's industrial parks – the Massillon Road Industrial Park – announcements were made in 2023 that Amazon will be constructing a new 100,000+ sf \$30 million distribution center where it will employ 150 new workers. In 2024, Hillendale Farms announced plans to build a 75,000+ sf distribution facility in the Massillon Road Industrial Park where it would retain 54 employees and hire an additional 20 employees.

In the City of Barberton, the Barberton Community Foundation recently completed the purchase of 36 acres of land for the construction of the new Newell Street Industrial Park. The Foundation and the City of Barberton have partnered to identify funding for necessary

infrastructure improvements to serve the site, including State funding and American Recovery Plan Act funds.

In 2021, Industrial Commercial Properties of Solon, one of the larger owners of real estate in the Akron region, purchased the former Chapel Hill Mall and began renovating the facility into a commercial and light manufacturing industrial park. Since its purchase, the 829,000 square foot facility has been renovated and currently houses Craft33, a building products company, Drivege Vehicle Innovations, the country's leading custom mobility vehicle manufacturer, OnQ Solutions, which produces display products for large household brands, and Quantix, a supply chain solutions provider.

The City of Twinsburg has filled the Cornerstone Business Park after the closing of the Chrysler Stamping Plant on 167 acres of industrial land. Current tenants at the Cornerstone Business Park include Vistar (137,000 sf), Fed-Ex (400,000 sf), an Amazon fulfillment center (248,000 sf), and a Dunkin' Donuts Distribution Center (86,000 sf). By 2017, 750 total employees were employed at the park, with additional expansion and job growth possible. In 2019, O'Reilly Auto Parts opened a distribution center on the last remaining site and plans to increase its employment to 450 people at the site.

In 2022, Arhaus Furniture completed a 230,000 expansion to its 743,000 square foot warehouse/distribution facility and corporate headquarters in the Village of Boston Heights. That facility, together with an adjacent Costco, has been facilitated by an investment of over \$750,000 by the County to provide adequate sanitary sewer capacity to the development and the surrounding areas of the Village.

The redevelopment of the former sites of the Goodyear Global and North American Headquarters and Bridgestone Technical Center has also continued. On the former Goodyear property, now known as the "East End," a \$37 million investment has been made to transform the former Goodyear Hall into high-end residential apartments and small and medium-sized retail facilities. Additionally, an \$18 million Hilton Garden Inn was constructed to serve the needs of business and pleasure visitors to downtown Akron, the new Goodyear Headquarters and Innovation Center, and the redeveloped former Goodyear properties. In 2018, SummaCare, a regional health insurance provider, relocated its corporate headquarters and 300 employees to the former Goodyear Headquarters building. Between 2019 and 2021, several retail tenants have opened at the East End to support the residential and commercial developments at the site.

The former site of the Bridgestone Technical Center has been transformed on the southern end of downtown Akron. One of the buildings making up the former facility was renovated for use by several County operations, thereby providing an anchor for the redevelopment of the site. Amerimar Realty Company, which has holdings in several major metropolitan areas in the United States, renovated over 160,000 square feet of the Russell M. Pry Building at a cost of \$24 million to be used by the County. This investment is a continuation of the rejuvenation of the Firestone Park area in the City that initially began with the construction of the new Bridgestone Technical Center just blocks away.

Capitalizing on the County's investment in the Russell M. Pry building, the County, City, and APV Coatings, a local private firm, collaborated to construct a nearby 18-acre industrial park

on former Firestone land in the core of Firestone Business Park. Construction of the utilities and roadway began in 2018 and was completed early in 2020. Additionally, Pleasant Valley Corporation of Medina has completed the construction of a 116,150 square-foot high-bay SPEC commercial/industrial facility in the industrial park.

In 2022, Bridgestone completed and opened its new race tire manufacturing facility across the street from the Bridgestone Technical Center. The facility – known as the Advanced Tire Production Facility – replaces an existing race tire unit in the original Firestone Plant One building. This new facility marks the first major investment in tire manufacturing within the County and the City in several decades and highlights a deepened commitment to the region from Bridgestone.

In 2022, Nexen Tire relocated its U.S. Headquarters to Richfield from California in order to realize synergies between its headquarters staff and the staff of its 34,000 technical centers. In its press release announcing the move, Brian YoonSeok Han, CEO of Nexen Tire America, said, “Nexen Tire’s road to growth is running straight through the middle of the country into Richfield, Ohio, and we’re ecstatic to be reuniting with an already incredible and established team at our North American technical center.”

Over the last few years, through a partnership between Fogg Corporate Properties (“Fogg”) and Brennan Property Management, almost a million square feet of high-bay SPEC industrial space has been constructed at the intersection of Seasons Road and State Route 8 in the City of Stow. The first three buildings, built east of State Route 8, brought nearly 400 jobs. West of State Route 8, buildings have been constructed to house Veritiv, which provides companies in a variety of industries with custom packaging solutions, facility cleaning programs, print and publishing products, is relocating operations from Independence and Haydon Corporation, which announced its plans to open a new distribution facility and lease 254,000 square feet in this business park. The leading construction material manufacturer will create 105 new jobs and make \$7.1MM in capital investment. In 2024, Fogg broke ground on its seventh building, a 119,000-square-foot, high-bay distribution center that is scheduled to reach completion in early 2025. The City of Stow, County, and JobsOhio have collaborated with Fogg to provide assistance with extending public infrastructure and providing property tax abatements to encourage the development of the approximately 150-acre site into 1.2 million square feet of modern industrial space.

In 2018, the City of Barberton, County of Summit, Development Finance Authority of Summit County, and TeamNEO/Jobs Ohio partnered with BWXT Technologies (BWXT) to assist with an \$80 million investment and creation of 110 jobs at the Company’s facility in Barberton. The County’s *Ohio Means Jobs Center* routinely partners with BWXT to assist in the identification and hiring of talent for the facility, which demands the highest quality of welding talent. Following the expansion, the company has continued to invest and grow its Barberton facility, and more than 900 workers now work at that location. In 2024, the City of Barberton, with the assistance of State of Ohio Transportation Improvement District funds, began an \$8.9 million reconstruction of Wooster Road West, the main artery that supports trucking of heavy equipment and products to and from BWXT’s campus.

In July 2019, the County and its local economic development partners announced a new 2.7 million square foot, \$150 million Amazon distribution facility in the City that will employ at least 2,500 people with a payroll of at least \$46 million. The facility was constructed on the site

of the former Rolling Acres Mall in an underserved area of the County. The City, County, and State of Ohio all contributed to the costs of demolition of the old mall, acquisition of the property, construction of the facility, and reconstruction of infrastructure serving the site. The location of this facility is of particular importance to the County because it is located in the center of several underserved areas of the County. The facility opened in the third quarter of 2020 and immediately began providing employment opportunities to local residents. Additionally, given that all workers at the facility are paid at least \$15/hour, several other local employers have increased base wages for their employees.

In December of 2020, Summit County Council approved a Tax Increment Financing Agreement to fund the extension of Columbia Rd in Richfield Township for an estimated construction cost of \$4.5 million. This project was completed in 2021, along with a 740,000 square-foot distribution center that is occupied by Best Buy and employs over 100 individuals. That project was completed and opened in 2022.

In 2022, LTA, a company with Google-roots, purchased the Akron Airdock from the Development Finance Authority of Summit County. The company which employs about 75 people in the City, intends to construct lighter-than-air airships that will have military, civilian, and humanitarian purposes. The Airdock currently serves as a production facility for its prototypes.

In 2020, Integra Mission Critical was listed as one of Inc. Magazine's 5,000 fastest-growing private companies. Integra Mission Critical offers innovative solutions that serve the data center industry. In late 2023, Integra Mission Critical announced an expansion of its Akron facility. This expansion will create approximately 150 new jobs and add an additional \$10,500,000 in payroll.

Pepprl + Fuchs, a global leader in sensor technology, intrinsic safety, and explosion protection, announced an expansion of its North American headquarters in Twinsburg, Ohio. This expansion includes the construction of a new headquarters and distribution center in the City of Twinsburg. This project will allow for Pepprl + Fuchs to construct a 50,000 square foot facility with an estimated investment of \$12 million.

Commercial Metals Company, headquartered in Irving Texas, announced expansion to the City in late 2023. Commercial Metals Company will be opening a new facility focused on the manufacturing and fabrication of rebar. This facility will create at least 50 new jobs in a five-year period.

With forty years of history in the Summit County region, Castle Aviation continues to expand. Castle Aviation employs around 70 individuals, including pilots, mechanics, support, and administrative positions. In 2023, to accommodate the company's growth, Castle Aviation began construction on a new, 80,000 square-foot aircraft hangar with an additional 20,000 square feet of office and storage space. This expansion will generate around 25 additional employees and allow Castle Aviation to operate at a higher level.

Kraftpack, headquartered in China, will be opening its first U.S. facility in the City of Twinsburg. This facility will manufacture paper and plastic-based food-service packaging materials. Kraftpack has committed to creating approximately 90 new jobs in a three-year period, with 20 of those jobs being created immediately.

As discussed above, in October 2023, the Greater Akron region was named the Sustainable Polymers Tech Hub, one of the inaugural 31 Tech Hubs designated across the United States by the U.S. Department of Commerce’s Economic Development Administration (EDA). This designation was part of the first phase of the Tech Hubs program, authorized by the CHIPS and Science Act, and will invest directly in high-potential U.S. regions. The designation recognized Greater Akron’s central role in the world’s polymer industry and efforts to drive global innovation and shape the local economy. As the Sustainable Polymers Tech Hub, the Greater Akron region will aim to tackle the severe climate and environmental impacts resulting from the use of fossil-fuel-derived polymers. In July 2024, the Sustainable Polymers Tech Hub was recently awarded \$51MM in grant funding by the EDA to implement seven core projects that will contribute to research and workforce efforts of sustainable polymer advancements.

Broadband and Digital Equity

Between 2022 and 2024, the County has been developing a partnership with the City of Fairlawn and the Development Finance Authority of Summit County to construct a 129-mile middle-mile fiber network ring to connect all 31 cities, villages and townships within the County. To fund the construction of the fiber ring, the County anticipates utilizing approximately \$47.8 million of its American Rescue Plan Act State and Local Fiscal Recovery Act Funds. The fiber ring will be constructed and owned by the Development Finance Authority, who will be granted those funds by the County, and the fiber ring will then be leased from the Development Finance Authority to the County. The County will then sublease the fiber ring to the Summit County-Fairlawn Broadband Council of Governments, which will oversee the operation of the fiber ring. While the fiber ring is primarily intended to provide connectivity to all 31 local governments in the County, in particular to provide a public safety benefit to those communities, the County and its partners intend to also identify and contract with a private Internet Service Provider (ISP) that will construct a final mile fiber network throughout the County to deliver affordable reliable internet to Summit County residents.

In addition to the larger fiber ring project, the County, in partnership with the City of Fairlawn and FairlawnGIG, has already installed approximately 29 miles of conduit and fiber for the following projects, which are designed to provide network connectivity through the FairlawnGig, the City of Fairlawn’s internet service, to public facilities, low-to-moderate income areas or facilities serving low-to-moderate income populations:

- Criminal Justice Ring 17 Miles
- Consolidated PSAP 4.8 Miles
- University of Akron Camera Project 3 Miles
- Grace House 1,600 ft
- Axxess Health Clinic 1.1 Miles
- Board of Elections 1.2 Miles
- Copley Township 2.5 Miles

As the larger fiber ring project is constructed, these existing fiber assets will be connected to that new network. Construction of the fiber ring project is expected to be in 2024 and be completed before the end of 2026.

In addition to installing fiber and conduit, the County is committed to Digital Equity and Inclusion. A Digital Equity and Inclusion steering committee and coalition have been established.

COVID-19 PANDEMIC RESPONSE

CARES Act

The federal government adopted the Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security Act (“CARES Act”) March 2020, making funds available to local governments through state allocations. The County received \$94,402,596.50, which accumulated \$175,016.12 in interest, for a total amount received through the CARES Act of \$94,577,612.62. All of which the County fully expended by December 31, 2021. The County used the majority of its CARES Act funds to assist small businesses, individuals and local governments weather the economic impacts of the pandemic, while using the remaining funds for offsetting the County’s costs in navigating the pandemic. In general, CARES Act funds were spent by the County as follows:

Program Name	CARES Act	TANF Funds	General Fund	Total
Small Business Grants – Greater Akron Chamber	\$11,700,000.00		\$1,000,000.00	\$12,700,000.00
Community Covid Testing – SC Public Health	\$1,400,000.00			\$1,400,000.00
Rental and Foreclosure Assistance – United Way	\$7,459,837.90	\$4,500,000.00		\$11,959,837.90
Utility Assistance - Community Action Akron Summit	\$2,826,936.13		\$2,000,000.00	\$4,826,936.13
Virtual Courtroom –Equip & Software/FairlawnGig	\$8,712,782.91		\$452,202.46	\$9,164,985.37
Non-Profit / Arts & Culture Grants	\$3,734,000.00		\$1,000,000.00	\$4,734,000.00
Public Safety Payroll Support Grants	\$43,451,909.87			\$43,198,143.63
Summit County Covid-19 Response (Internal)	\$6,896,549.31			\$6,896,549.31
Public School Re-Opening Grants	\$7,382,894.00			\$7,382,894.00
Jail Case Management	\$134,032.50		\$431,708.50	\$565,741.00
Akron Summit Convention & Visitors Bureau Grant	\$250,000.00			\$250,000.00
Direction Home – Senior Assistance	\$628,670.00			\$628,670.00

Emergency Rental Assistance Program

In 2021, the County received funding from the US Treasury for the Emergency Rental Assistance Program (“ERA”) to provide rental and utility assistance for income qualified individuals.

ERA funds can be used to assist tenants with delinquent rent and/or utility payments from April, 2020 through current. A maximum of 15 months of assistance can be provided without creating a duplication of benefits. Each applicant must have been impacted or currently impacted by COVID. Assistance is not provided on a first come first serve basis, rather assistance is provided using a priority system. Priority is given to applications that meet one or more of the following criteria: the applicant is 30% below the area median income, the home has an occupant that is 62 or older, the home has an occupant that is pregnant, the applicant is facing a current court eviction date, or the applicant has received a utility shut off notice.

The County has received the following ERA funds, of which \$25,498,183.76 has been spent to provide assistance to 5,660 unique households:

<u>Program</u>	<u>Funding Amount</u>
ERA I	\$16,149,837.80
ERA II	\$ 5,111,444.32
<u>ERA 1 Re-Allocated Funds</u>	<u>\$17,431,732.88</u>
Total	\$38,693,015.00

The County has partnered with United Way of Summit and Medina Counties, 2-1-1 and community non-profit agencies to administer the ERA program.

American Rescue Plan Act State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds

In 2021, Congress passed the American Rescue Plan Act (“ARPA”), which created the State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds program, which provides funding to state, local and tribal governments across the country to be used for the following activities:

- (i) Replace lost public sector revenue, using this funding to provide government services up to the amount of revenue lost due to the pandemic.
- (ii) Respond to the far-reaching public health and negative economic impacts of the pandemic, by supporting the health of communities, and helping households, small businesses, impacted industries, nonprofits, and the public sector recover from economic impacts.
- (iii) Provide premium pay for essential workers, offering additional support to those who have and will bear the greatest health risks because of their service in critical sectors.

- (iv) Invest in water, sewer, and broadband infrastructure, making necessary investments to improve access to clean drinking water, to support vital wastewater and stormwater infrastructure, and to expand affordable access to broadband internet

The State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds provide substantial flexibility for each jurisdiction to meet local needs within these four separate eligible use categories. Recipients of State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds received one-half of their allocations in 2021 and the other one-half in 2022. The County’s allocation of State and Local Fiscal recovery Funds is \$105,085,433.

The County County’s Recovery Plan uses the full allocation of State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds for the purpose of revenue replacement. Once used as revenue replacement, the County anticipates using the funds for the following projects:

Program	Budget	Description
Fiber Ring Expansion	\$47,800,000.00	Construction of 125-130 mile middle-mile fiber ring throughout Summit County.
County Facilities	\$18,600,000.00	Buildout of a facility to relocate the Summit County Board of Elections to allow for expanded access of early voting and accommodate safe distancing.
Stormwater/Capital Program	\$19,500,000.00	Funding of several stormwater programs throughout the County to reduce and mitigate flooding.
Sewer and Water	\$8,800,000.00	Funding of sanitary sewer collection lines and a wastewater treatment plant to serve the Village of Peninsula in the Cuyahoga Valley National Park.
Public Health and Safety	\$10,400,000.00	Expansion and upgrade to drive thru testing at Summit County Public Health, funding for additional services to seniors to assist with aging in place, reimbursement of covid related insurance claims for County employees and investment in a public safety neighborhood safety project with the University of Akron.
Total	\$105,100,000.00	Please note that the project total exceeds the amount of ARPA funds used as revenue replacement and the County intends to use other funds for the difference.

FINANCIAL MATTERS

General

The County’s fiscal year corresponds with the calendar year.

The main sources of County revenue have been property taxes, sales and use taxes, motor vehicle license taxes, real property transfer taxes and fees, federal and state distributions, charges

for services, and investment earnings, as described under **SOURCES OF COUNTY REVENUE** and in **Appendices A and B**.

The responsibility for the major financial functions of the County is divided among the County Fiscal Officer, the County Executive, and the Council.

The Fiscal Officer is the County's fiscal and chief accounting officer. Most financial functions of the County are performed by or under the supervision of the Fiscal Officer, including the keeping and supervision of all the accounts of the County. The Fiscal Officer maintains a separate computerized system of accounts for County receipts and expenditures from which the County Data Processing Center prepares monthly, quarterly, and annual financial reports of County operations, including an annual report filed with the Ohio Auditor of State (the "State Auditor"). The Fiscal Officer must not allow the amount set aside for any appropriation to be overdrawn, or the amount appropriated for any one item of expense to be drawn upon for any other purpose.

The Fiscal Officer acts as the custodian and disbursing agent for County funds. The Fiscal Officer must not allow a voucher to be paid unless sufficient funds are in the County treasury to the credit of the fund upon which the voucher is drawn. The Fiscal Officer is also responsible for the management and investment of County funds. An Investment Advisory Committee consisting of the County Executive, the President of Council and the Fiscal Officer, or their designees, meets at least every quarter to review the investments in the County's portfolio and advise the Fiscal Officer. See also the discussions under **FINANCIAL MATTERS—Investment of County Funds and Sources of County Revenue—Investment Earnings**.

The County Executive is responsible for establishing County-wide policy and is part of the County's legislative process. The County Executive is also responsible for the County's general financial recommendations and planning. Through the Department of Finance and Budget, the County Executive prepares the general operating budgets, coordinates all service agency budgets, and coordinates and administers debt management activities for all County departments and agencies. Through that Department, the County Executive also monitors all budgets during the course of the year and, together with the Fiscal Officer, recommends to Council necessary transfers and additional appropriations. The County Executive is required by the Charter to update and submit annually to the Council a five-year financial plan for general operating funds, capital improvements, and debt management.

The Council is responsible for approving the budget for each year and authorizing all appropriations of money for most County activities.

For property taxation purposes, assessment of real property is performed by the Fiscal Officer, subject to supervision by the State Tax Commissioner. Assessment of public utility property and tangible personal property is performed by the State Tax Commissioner. Property taxes and assessments are billed and collected by the Fiscal Officer.

Budgeting, Tax Levy, and Appropriations

Detailed provisions for county budgeting, tax levies and appropriations are made in the Revised Code, including a requirement that the County levy a property tax in an amount that,

together with any other moneys available for the purpose, is sufficient to pay the debt service on its general obligation securities. The procedures involve collective review by County officials at several steps.

The law generally requires that the County (and other subdivisions) prepare, and then adopt after a public hearing, a tax budget approximately six months before the start of its next fiscal year. However, the County Budget Commission may either waive the requirement for a tax budget or permit an alternative form of tax budget with more limited information. The County Budget Commission has not waived the requirement or permitted an alternative form of a tax budget from the County or any other subdivision.

The County Budget Commission then determines and approves levies outside and inside the ten-mill limitation. The Revised Code requires the County Budget Commission to include any debt charge that was omitted from the tax budget.

Upon its approval of the tax budget, the County Budget Commission certifies its action to the Council together with the estimate by the Fiscal Officer of the tax rates outside and inside the ten-mill limitation. Thereafter, and before the end of the then current Fiscal Year, the Council approves the tax levies and certifies them to the proper County officials. The approved and certified tax rates are then reflected in the tax bills sent to property owners. Real property taxes are payable in two installments, the first usually in January and the second in July. Tangible personal property taxes for taxpayers owning property in more than one county are payable in September and for taxpayers owning property in one county are payable in two installments, in April and September.

Under State law, the Council must adopt a permanent appropriation measure for a Fiscal Year by April 1, and may adopt a temporary appropriation measure for the Fiscal Year to provide for expenditures from January 1 until the permanent appropriation measure is adopted. The Council adopted a permanent appropriation measure for Fiscal Year 2024 in December 2023. Although called “permanent,” the annual appropriations may be, and occasionally are, amended during the Fiscal Year. An additional appropriations measure for capital improvements in Fiscal Years 2024 was submitted to Council and has been approved. The County Budget Commission provides an official estimate of resources. Annual appropriations may not exceed the County Budget Commission’s official estimate of resources, and the County Auditor must certify that the County’s appropriation measures do not appropriate moneys in excess of the amounts set forth in those estimates.

Under Ohio law, a court of general jurisdiction, through an action in mandamus, may compel the appropriation of money that the court, in its discretion, deems appropriate for the orderly and efficient exercise of the court’s jurisdiction. The Ohio Supreme Court has held that laws that empower any other branch of government to determine the level of funding necessary to administer the courts constitute an impermissible legislative encroachment upon the inherent powers of the judiciary and are, therefore, unconstitutional. Over the last five years, the County Courts have not compelled appropriations in excess of the administration’s budgeted amounts.

The County maintains its accounts, appropriations, and other fiscal records in accordance with the procedures established and prescribed by the State Auditor. The State Auditor is charged

by law with inspecting and supervising the accounts and records of each taxing subdivision (including the County) and most public agencies and institutions.

County receipts and expenditures are compiled on a cash basis, in accordance with accounting procedures prescribed by the State Auditor. Those accounting procedures are generally applicable to all Ohio political subdivisions. The records of the County's cash receipts and expenditures are converted annually for audit purposes to a modified accrual basis of accounting to conform to generally accepted accounting principles as recommended by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board ("GASB") and the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants. Those recommendations, among other criteria, provide for a modified accrual basis of accounting for the general fund, all special revenue funds, all debt service (bond retirement) funds and all capital projects funds, for a full accrual basis of accounting for all other funds, and for the preparation for each fund of a balance sheet and a statement of revenues, expenditures, and changes in fund balances, and for the proprietary funds a statement of cash flows.

For Fiscal Year 2023, the State of Ohio's Auditor's Office is conducting the annual audit of the County's financial statements, with the report of that audit expected to be received by the County later in 2024. No material findings, citations, or items for adjustment are expected. The report is expected to note no material instances of non-compliance and no matters considered to be material weaknesses.

The County has issued an Annual Comprehensive Financial Report for each of the Fiscal Years from 1986 through 2023, and each of those Comprehensive Annual Financial Reports through 2022 has been awarded a Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting by the Government Finance Officers Association ("GFOA") for compliance with GFOA reporting standards. The Fiscal Office will submit the 2023 Annual Comprehensive Financial Report ("ACFR") to the GFOA to determine its eligibility for the Certificate. The County will prepare an ACFR for Fiscal Year 2024 at the end of 2024.

See **Appendix A** for an unaudited comparative cash basis summary of general operating fund receipts and expenditures for the last five Fiscal Years. **Appendices B-1 through B-5** set forth unaudited summaries of receipts, expenditures, and encumbrances for all funds on a cash basis for each of the last five Fiscal Years.

Investment of County Funds

Investments and deposits of County money are governed by the State of Ohio Uniform Depository Act ("UDA"), which is applicable to all counties. The Fiscal Officer is responsible for making investments and deposits of County moneys. The UDA requires the Fiscal Officer to comply with continuing education requirements established by the State Treasurer. The Fiscal Officer has completed all of those requirements. Under the UDA, the County has created an Investment Advisory Committee composed of the County Executive, the President of Council and the Fiscal Officer. The Investment Advisory Committee has adopted an investment policy and has filed a copy of that investment policy with the State Auditor, as required by the UDA. The Investment Advisory Committee meets quarterly to review or revise its policies and to advise the Fiscal Officer on the investment of County money.

County money is deposited with public depositories as active and inactive money. Active money is that needed to satisfy current demands on the County Treasury and is deposited in demand deposit accounts or money market deposit accounts. Inactive money is that in excess of active money and is deposited or invested in accordance with the UDA and the County's investment policy. The following institutions are eligible to be designated as public depositories ("Eligible Financial Institutions"): national banks located in Ohio, banks subject to supervision by the Ohio Superintendent of the Division of Financial Institutions, federal savings & loan associations with their home offices in Ohio, Ohio savings & loan associations, and Ohio savings banks. Depositories are designated every four years. On May 15, 2023 County Council passed an Ordinance approving the new Summit County Investment Policy with an effective date of February 21, 2023.

The County's investment policy establishes the following investment objectives:

- Compliance with all federal and State laws.
- Safety of principal. The investment policy describes safety of principal as the primary objective of the County. The investment policy establishes guidelines to preserve capital by minimizing credit risk and market risk.
- Liquidity. The portfolio is to remain sufficiently liquid to meet all current obligations.
- Yield. The portfolio is to be managed to consistently attain a market rate of return throughout budgetary and economic cycles.

The investment policy permits the investment of inactive money of the County in any instrument or security authorized in Chapter 135.35 of the Ohio Revised Code, as amended.

The County's "total average portfolio" shall be calculated from time to time in a manner reasonably determined by the Fiscal Officer. The Fiscal Officer determines the method of calculating the average portfolio when percentage limitations must be determined for the investment in certain eligible investments.

Any investment must mature within five years, unless it is matched to a specific obligation or debt of the County and specifically approved by the Investment Advisory Board.

The County may not invest in or do any of the following:

- Final maturities in excess of five years, except as provided under 135.35 (C) ORC.
- Derivative securities, as defined in 135.35 (B) ORC.
- The use of leverage.
- The issuance of taxable notes for the purpose of arbitrage.
- Other prohibited investments or transactions as defined in Section 135.35 ORC.

The County's investment policy requires the Fiscal Officer to maintain an inventory of all investments including type, cost, par value, maturity date, settlement date, and any coupon rate. The Fiscal Officer must maintain a monthly portfolio report and issue a quarterly portfolio report to the Investment Advisory Board, describing the current inventory of securities, all monthly transactions, any income received, and any expenses paid.

The investment policy has been approved by the Investing Authority and filed with the Auditor of State, pursuant to 135.35 (K)(1) ORC. The County Investment Advisory Board has additionally approved the investment policy. All brokers, dealers, and financial institutions executing transactions initiated by the Investing Authority have signed the approved investment policy. Investment policies [signed by such brokers, dealers, and financial institutions] are filed with the Investing Authority. The County's investment advisor is registered with the Securities and Exchange Commission and possesses public funds investment management experience, specifically in the area of state and local government investment portfolios. The investment advisor has additionally signed the approved investment policy and the signed policy is filed with the Investing Authority.

Under recent and current practices, the Fiscal Officer invests inactive money in governments, agencies, commercial paper, certificates of deposit, and money market funds. As of December 31, 2023, the weighted average maturity of the County's portfolio was 2.31 years. The County's portfolio had a market value of \$322,413,635 and had a weighted average yield to maturity of 2.17%.

See **FINANCIAL MATTERS—General and Sources of County Revenue—Investment Earnings** for further information concerning investments of County funds and County investment policies.

Financial Outlook

The County had an aggregate unencumbered cash balance of approximately \$35.08 million in its general operating funds at the end of 2023. See Appendix A. Of that \$35.08 million balance, \$25.3 million was in its Budget Stabilization Fund. The Budget Stabilization Fund is used only in the event of a fiscal emergency.

In December 2023, the Council adopted the 2024 general operating budget proposed by the County Executive. That \$151.99 million budget reflects the County's continuing conservative approach to budgeting.

The County anticipates that \$12,999,737 in capital improvements to be acquired or constructed by the County in 2024 pursuant to its Capital Improvement Plan will be paid for from the unencumbered cash balance of \$16,218,321 in its General Capital Improvement Fund, along with transfers into that Fund. The remainder of the capital improvements to be acquired or constructed by the County in 2024 will be paid for in cash from other County funds, or from the proceeds of loans from the State of Ohio Water Development Authority Fund for sanitary sewer system improvements, proceeds from the sale of General Obligation Bonds or from other state, federal or local funds. See **THE COUNTY—County Services and Responsibilities—**

Administrative Responsibility—Department of Sanitary Sewer Services and COUNTY DEBT AND OTHER OBLIGATIONS—Future Financings.

Based on current projections of revenues and expenditures, the County now estimates that its general operating funds will have an unencumbered cash balance, including the Budget Stabilization Fund balance, of \$34.2 million at December 31, 2023, assuming the encumbrances at year-end 2024 are consistent with those at year-end 2023.

SOURCES OF COUNTY REVENUE

Property Taxes

The County derives a portion of its General Fund revenues from taxes levied on real property and also from tangible personal property used in business and from special assessments. See Assessed Valuation below. Further, Bond Retirement Fund reserves used to pay general obligation bonds and notes of the County are provided by those property taxes and special assessments, to the extent the bonds and notes are not paid from other sources.

Assessed Valuation

Assessed Valuation Table

The assessment of property within the County in accordance with Ohio statutory procedures provides the basis for determining the amount of property taxes that the County may levy. The following table shows the recent assessed valuations of property subject to ad valorem taxes levied by the County.

Tax Collection			Total Assessed
Year	Real (a)	Public Utility (b)	Valuation
2017	11,174,943,070	459,158,960	11,634,102,030
2018(c)	11,907,095,560	483,320,190	12,390,415,750
2019	12,043,112,470	491,101,130	12,534,213,600
2020	12,317,678,720	598,954,690	12,916,633,410
2021 (d)	13,875,867,410	641,652,060	14,517,519,470
2022	13,863,212,560	652,808,600	14,516,021,160
2023	14,002,180,740	691,308,740	14,693,489,480
2024(c)	17,717,070,260	715,730,690	18,432,800,950

- (a) The real property tax base is the taxable (assessed) value of land and improvements.
- (b) The property tax base of all public utilities, except railroads and water transportation companies, consists of all tangible personal property owned and located in Ohio.
- (c) Reflects sexennial reappraisal.
- (d) Reflects triennial update.

Taxes collected on “Real” property in one calendar year are levied in the preceding calendar year on assessed values as of January 1 of that preceding year. Taxes collected on “Tangible Personal” in one calendar year are levied in the current calendar year on assessed values

during and at the close of the most recent fiscal year of the taxpayer that ended on or before December 31 of the preceding calendar year, and at the tax rates determined in the preceding year. “Public Utility” (real and tangible personal) taxes collected in one calendar year are levied in the preceding calendar year on assessed values determined as of December 31 of the second year preceding the tax collection year.

Largest Taxpayer Tables

Based on Fiscal Officer records of assessed valuations for the 2022 tax year (2023 tax collection year), the largest County ad valorem property taxpayers are:

<u>Name of Taxpayer</u>	<u>Assessed Valuation</u>
<u>Real Property</u>	
Akron Romig Road LLC	65,946,740
Children's Hospital Medical Center	49,791,080
Albrecht Incorporated	36,047,240
City of Akron, Ohio	35,035,040
Akron General Medical Center/Akron General Hospital	27,239,780
Chapel Hill Associates LLC	15,987,400
Mall at Summit LLC	14,943,200
Fairlawn Station LLC	14,421,060
Laurel Lake Retirement Community Inc.	14,239,430
Timber Top Apartment Holding Company, LLC	13,726,020

<u>Name of Taxpayer</u>	<u>Assessed Valuation</u>
<u>Tangible Personal</u> (Public Utility)	
Ohio Edison Co/First Energy	240,038,360
American Transmission	218,331,060
East Ohio Gas Co/Dominion East Ohio	132,408,930
Nexus Gas	83,035,230
Cleveland Electric Illuminating	9,111,460
Aqua Ohio, Inc.	6,631,930

According to statutory requirements for sexennial adjustments, in 2023 the County Fiscal Officer adjusted the true value of taxable real property to reflect current fair market values. These adjustments were reflected in the 2023 duplicate (collection year 2024) and in the ad valorem taxes to be distributed to the County beginning in 2024.

The assessed valuation of real property is fixed at 35% of true value and the value is determined pursuant to rules of the State Tax Commissioner. An exception is that real property devoted exclusively to agricultural use is to be assessed at not more than 35% of its current agricultural use value. Real property devoted exclusively to forestry or timber growing is taxed at 50% of the local tax rate upon its assessed value.

Public utility tangible personal property is assessed at varying measures from 25% to 88% depending on the nature of the property as transmission, distribution, production, or other property; the type of public utility; when the property was first used subject to taxation in Ohio; and, for electric generation equipment, whether or not electricity generated by the company is used by the generator.

The General Assembly has from time to time exercised its power to revise the laws governing assessed valuation of taxable property and the amount of receipts to be produced by ad valorem taxes levied on that property, and may continue to make similar revisions.

Ohio law grants tax credits to offset increases in taxes resulting from increases in the true value of real property. Legislation classifies real property as between “residential and agricultural” and “all other” real property, and provides for tax reduction factors to be separately computed for and applied to each class to implement the credits.

These tax credits apply only to certain voted levies on real property, and do not apply to unvoted levies or to voted levies to pay debt service on general obligation debt. These credits are discussed further below.

Tax Rates

All references to tax rates under this caption are in terms of stated rates in mills per \$1.00 of assessed valuation.

Property taxes are levied by Ohio political subdivisions on all non-exempt property within the subdivision. Certain political subdivisions, including the County, may levy those taxes without a vote of the people, subject to the ten-mill limitation described below. Those political subdivisions, and other political subdivisions, may also levy property taxes in accordance with a vote of the people.

Voted taxes are levied at the millage rate stated on the ballot or, in certain ballot issues, at the millage rate required to produce the dollar amount stated on the ballot or annual debt service on that dollar amount. Voted taxes levied at a millage rate stated on the ballot are subject to the reduction factors described under **Reduction Factors** below.

Voted taxes must be used for the purpose stated on the ballot, and they are limited to the time period authorized by the voters. Some voted taxes are authorized for a continuing period of time and so do not expire. Taxes voted for a limited period of time may be renewed or replaced by the voters when they expire. If renewed, the taxes continue to be subject to the reduction factors. If replaced, they are treated as a new levy for purposes of the reduction factors. See **Reduction Factors**.

Unvoted taxes are subject to the ten-mill limitation. This provides that the aggregate unvoted taxes for all purposes that may be levied on any single piece of property by all overlapping taxing subdivisions may not exceed ten mills. The taxes levied without a vote within the ten-mill

limitation are sometimes referred to as inside millage and voted taxes outside the ten-mill limitation are sometimes referred to as outside millage.

The unvoted ten mills are allocated according to a statutory formula among certain overlapping subdivisions – including the County. The current allocation of the inside millage in the City of Tallmadge, the largest municipality in the County without a charter tax limitation¹, is as follows: 2.20 mills for the County, 2.40 mills for the City of Tallmadge, and 5.40 mills for the area of the City of Tallmadge within the Tallmadge City School District, and 5.40 mills for the area of the City of Tallmadge within the Stow-Munroe Falls City School District. That allocation has remained constant for at least the last eight years.

Attached is **Tax Table A** that sets out the rates at which the County and the overlapping taxing subdivisions levy ad valorem property taxes for tax year 2023 (collection year 2024).

The following are the rates at which property taxes were levied County-wide in recent years, both inside and outside the ten-mill limitation.

**TAX TABLE B
COUNTY WIDE PROPERTY TAX LEVIES VOTED AND UNVOTED**

The following table presents certain information concerning the County’s voted ad valorem property tax levies:

<u>Collection Year</u>	<u>Unvoted Levies Within 10-Mill Limitation</u>		<u>Voted Levies Outside 10-Mill Limitation</u>				<u>Voted and Unvoted Total</u>
	<u>General Fund</u>	<u>Unvoted Bond Retirement</u>	<u>Children’s Services</u>	<u>Alcohol, Drug & Mental Health</u>	<u>BODD</u>	<u>Zoo</u>	
2019	1.46	0.74	2.25	2.95	4.50	0.80	12.70
2020	1.54	0.66	3.25	2.95	4.50	0.80	13.70
2021	1.54	0.66	3.25	2.95	4.50	0.80	13.70
2022	1.63	0.57	3.25	2.95	4.50	1.20	14.10
2023	1.57	0.63	3.25	2.95	4.50	1.20	14.10
2024	1.63	0.57	3.25	2.95	4.50	1.20	14.10

**TAX TABLE C
VOTED AD VALOREM PROPERTY TAXES**

<u>Voter Authorized</u>	<u>Millage Rate Levied for Current Collection Year (a)</u>		<u>Purpose</u>	<u>Last Collection Year (b)</u>
	<u>Res/Avg</u>	<u>All Other</u>		
2.95	1.8691970	2.4232390	Mental Health-Operating	2026
4.50	2.8513170	3.6964670	Board of Developmental Disabilities-Operating	2024
1.00	0.6806670	0.8302720	Children’s Services	2025
2.25	1.4256590	1.8482330	Children’s Services	2025

¹ Although the City of Tallmadge is a charter municipality, its charter does not contain a charter tax limitation.

0.80	0.4683500	0.6550060	Zoo-Operating & Capital	2031
0.40	0.3045580	0.3639240	Zoo-Operating & Capital	2031

- (a) Rates listed are effective tax rates reflecting reductions based on tax credits; the County levies the entire millage authorized by the voters.
- (b) The levies have been renewed or replaced at varying intervals since the first collection year.

Reduction Factors

Statutory procedures limit, by the application of tax credits, the amount realized by each taxing subdivision from real property taxation to the amount realized from those taxes in the preceding year plus both:

- The proceeds of any new taxes (other than renewals) approved by the voters, calculated to produce an amount equal to the amount that would have been realized if those taxes had been levied in the preceding year.
- Amounts realized from new and existing taxes on the assessed valuation of real property added to the tax duplicate since the preceding year.

The tax credit provisions do not apply to amounts realized from taxes levied at a rate required to produce a specified amount or an amount to pay debt service on voted general obligations, or from taxes levied inside the ten-mill limitation or any applicable charter tax rate limitation. To calculate the limited amount to be realized, a reduction factor is applied to the stated rates of the levies subject to these tax credits. A resulting “effective tax rate” reflects the aggregate of those reductions, and is the rate based on which real property taxes are in fact collected. As an example, the total overlapping tax rate for the 2024 tax collection year of 114.72 mills for Coventry Township within the Coventry Local School District and the Portage Lakes Joint Vocational School District is reduced by a reduction factor of .398728 for residential and agricultural property (which results in an “effective tax rate” of 61.750587 mills for that property) and by a reduction factor of 0.331958 for all other property (which results in an “effective tax rate” of 68.607934 mills for such property). See **Tax Table A**.

Individual levy millage for qualified levies for residential real property tax amounts are further reduced by an additional 10% (12.5% in the case of certain owner-occupied residential property). See **SOURCES OF COUNTY REVENUE—Collections** for a discussion of reimbursement by the State for this reduction.

Since 1971, Ohio landowners have enjoyed a 10 percent reduction in real property tax on non-business property (with the exception of farming, which is considered non-business use for this reduction) and a two and one half percent reduction in tax due on the value of an owner occupied home. These rollbacks were passed to lessen the opposition of Ohio voters to the adoption of a state income tax. The state has been reimbursing local governments for the lost revenue.

In 2013, biennial budget House Bill 59 was passed and signed by the Governor on July 1st. The new law says that the ten percent and two and one-half percent rollbacks will no longer apply

to new levies that are enacted after August 31, 2013. These non-qualifying levies include additional levies, the increase portion of renewal with increase levies, and the full effective millage of replacement levies. Levies that will continue to qualify for the application of the rollbacks are levies approved at or before the August 2013 election, inside millage and charter millage as they appear on the 2013 tax list, renewals of qualified levies (i.e. those without an increase) and the substitute of qualified school district emergency levies under Revised Code Section 5705.199.

In order to avoid confusion by the taxpayer, the nomenclature will be changed on the tax bills. The ten percent rollback will now be called the “Non Business Credit” and the two and one-half percent rollback will be referred to as the “Owner Occupied Credit.” This change is necessary because the implementation of these changes will reduce the ten percent and two and one-half percent rollbacks over time so that the landowner will not be receiving a full ten percent and two and one-half percent reduction. The new terms have been taken directly from H.B. 59.

See **SOURCES OF COUNTY REVENUE-Collections** for a discussion of reimbursement by the State for this reduction.

Tax Abatements and Exemptions

Community Reinvestment Areas

Ohio cities and counties are permitted to create community reinvestment areas (“CRAs”) in which exemptions can be granted for real property taxes. The exemptions are for increased property values that result from new construction or remodeling of existing structures. Residential, commercial, or industrial facilities in CRAs are eligible for exemptions, which can be structured in various ways. This program is designed to be controlled at the local level by the local legislative body – including control over types of eligible projects, performance agreements, exemption levels, and number of years of tax exemption – within statutory limits.

The County has established CRAs for 17 residential properties and zero commercial properties in Twinsburg Township, an unincorporated area. The value of the improvements to existing structures and the new construction in those CRAs are exempt from real property taxes. The exemptions apply for five years for residential property and three to five years for commercial property.

The total amount of exempt property value under the County CRA program was \$488,835,397 for tax year 2023, and the annual property tax foregone as a result of the CRA exemptions for 2024 was approximately \$14,411,441. There are 18 active CRA regions administered by cities and villages in the County.

Tax Increment Financing

Ohio counties may use tax increment financing (“TIF”) in unincorporated areas as a means of paying for certain public infrastructure improvements that facilitate private projects that provide an economic benefit to the County. The County can exempt a percentage of the increased value from real property tax for a period of years. The maximum exemption percentage is 100% and the maximum exemption term is 30 years, subject to school district approval as described below. When a parcel is subject to a TIF exemption, the owner of the private property makes payments in

lieu of taxes (“PILOT”) equal to the real property taxes that would have been paid absent the exemption. The County could use those PILOTs to pay the cost of the infrastructure improvements, either directly or by paying debt service on securities issued to pay those costs. The effect is to divert real property taxes from overlapping taxing authorities to the County. The County seeks to be judicious in its use of TIFs, weighing the benefits of the economic development facilitated by the TIF against the diversion of tax revenue from the overlapping taxing authorities.

The County currently has one TIF project that it administers in Richfield Township. A 10-year, 50% exemption was granted to support public infrastructure improvements related to a new Best Buy distribution center in Richfield Township. The \$40MM investment is expected to retain 90 jobs and create 50 new jobs.

According to the State of Ohio’s Department of Development, there are presently 267 other existing TIFs within the County established by townships, cities and villages.

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Collections

The following are the amounts billed and collected for County ad valorem property taxes and special assessments for recent collection years.

<u>Collection Year</u>	<u>Current Billed</u>	<u>Current Collected</u> <u>Real Property and Public Utility</u>	<u>% Collected</u>	<u>Current Delinquent</u>	<u>Accumulated Delinquent</u>
2018	166,057,334	160,545,513	96.68	5,511,821	15,113,709
2019	167,984,461	162,340,803	96.86	5,643,658	12,858,981
2020	186,106,504	174,702,708	93.87	11,403,797	19,745,498
2021	191,907,764	179,020,709	93.28	12,887,056	25,787,868
2022	206,620,314	197,161,469	95.42	9,458,845	22,195,303
2023	208,805,330	199,980,355	95.77	8,824,975	21,998,946

Special Assessments

2018	7,345,920	7,277,498	99.07	68,421	766,292
2019	7,118,993	7,103,867	99.79	15,127	709,486
2020	7,189,786	6,981,862	97.11	207,924	806,957
2021	6,959,731	6,912,388	99.32	47,343	781,979
2022	7,210,171	6,925,861	96.06	284,310	1,041,149
2023	9,819,129	9,352,043	95.24	467,086	973,449

NOTE: In June 2005, the Ohio General Assembly passed a bill that began a phase-out of personal property taxes on tangible personal property used in business. The bill reduced the assessment percentage incrementally over a four-year period, with the assessment percentage being 0% for 2010 and after.

Current and delinquent property taxes and special assessments are billed and collected by County officials for all taxing subdivisions in the County.

Included in the “Current Billed,” “Current Collected” and the “% Collected” figures above are payments made from State revenue sources under two state-wide real property tax relief programs (which do not apply to special assessments). Homestead exemptions are available for persons over 65 and the handicapped. Rollback payments to taxing subdivisions are made in amounts equal to approximately 10% (12.5% with respect to owner-occupied residential property when applicable) of all ad valorem real property taxes levied, thereby reducing the tax obligations of residential real property owners in any given year by the applicable 10% or 12.5%. This State assistance reflected in the County’s tax collections for 2023 was \$3,677,813 for the elderly/handicapped homestead payment and \$15,679,160 for the owner occupancy credit and the non-business credit payments.

The Homestead Exemption is available to homeowners who are 65 years or older, or those under the age of 65 who are totally and permanently disabled. The Homestead Exemption is also available to military veterans who have either 1) received a total (100%) disability rating for service-connected disabilities, 2) received a total (100%) disability rating for compensation for service-connected disabilities based on a determination of individual un-employability, or (3) are the surviving spouse of a fallen first responder who passed away. With the Homestead Exemption,

property is taxed at \$26,200 less than its appraised value, however, for the surviving spouse of a fallen first responder, the property is taxed at \$52,300 less than its appraised value.

To qualify, you must be the owner of the home or manufactured home, and it must be your primary residence on January 1 for the tax year you apply. Applicants may apply for Homestead Exemption in the year they turn 65 or in the year in which they are permanently and totally disabled as long as they own and occupy the house as of January 1 of the year they file. Ohio House Bill 17 recently expanded eligibility to the surviving spouses of fallen first responders who passed away beginning in 2021. Under Ohio House Bill 59, applicants are subject to a means test. Eligible applicants must not have a total household income over \$38,600 per year for those applying in 2024, which includes the Ohio adjusted gross income of the owner and the owner's spouse.

Delinquency Procedures

Of the 251,883 non-exempt parcels in the County for tax year 2023, the number of delinquent parcels was 12,001 against 268 of which tax lien foreclosure proceedings have been commenced by the Summit County Prosecutor's Office or private attorneys.

Real estate taxes and special assessments not paid in the year due are to be certified by the Fiscal Officer's office as delinquent. A list of delinquent properties is then published. If the delinquent taxes and special assessments are not paid within one year after such certification, the properties are to be certified as delinquent to the County Prosecuting Attorney. As described below, the property owner may arrange a payment plan (over a maximum of five years) with the Fiscal Officer. If a default occurs under a payment plan or no plan is arranged, foreclosure proceedings may be initiated by the County. Mass foreclosure proceedings and sales are permitted after three years' delinquency. The Fiscal Officer employs a notification procedure and judicial proceedings to collect delinquent tangible personal property taxes. Proceeds from delinquent property foreclosure sales become part of current collections and are distributed to the taxing subdivisions.

The County has adopted an extended delinquent real estate tax payment plan under which a taxpayer may undertake to pay delinquent taxes in equal monthly amounts over a period usually less than five years. If payments are made when due under the plan, no further penalty or interest charges are assessed against delinquent balances covered by the plan. However, a default in any payment under the plan or in the payment of current taxes invalidates the taxpayer's participation in the plan.

Pursuant to Ohio law, the County deposits 5% of all certified delinquent taxes and assessments collected by the Fiscal Officer on any tax bid in the delinquent real estate tax and assessment collection fund. These moneys, which are divided equally between the Fiscal Officer and the County Prosecuting Attorney, are used solely in connection with the collection of delinquent real property taxes and assessments.

Resolution 2012-255 was passed on June 18, 2012 by Summit County Council authorizing and designating an additional 5% of all collections of delinquent real property, personal property and manufactured and mobile home taxes and assessments to be deposited in the delinquent tax and assessment collection fund for the use of and appropriating such amount to the use of the

Summit County Land Reutilization Corporation (SCLRC). Pursuant to, and in accordance with, Section 321.261 (B) of the Ohio Revised Code, solely for the use of the SCLRC for so long as the SCLRC serves as the agent of the County for the purpose of exercising the rights of the County under Chapter 5722 of the Ohio Revised Code.

Ohio law permits all counties in the State (which includes the County) to sell certificates evidencing the right to collect overdue property taxes. Certificates are sold at 100% of the tax owed, plus costs. The price includes the back taxes on all the properties, penalties accrued, and a per parcel surcharge to cover the cost of the sale. The purchaser will charge the property owners interest and may foreclose on the delinquent parcels. If the taxes haven't been paid and the lien holder hasn't foreclosed within three years, the lien expires. The money received from the sale is distributed to the taxing subdivisions in the County in the same manner as the regular collection of taxes.

The Fiscal Officer conducted a bulk lien tax certificate auction and subsequent tax sale in 2023 for \$4,816,687. The County's share of the distribution of proceeds of the sales was \$809,246. The Fiscal Officer expects to conduct another tax lien auction and subsequent tax sale in 2024.

Permissive Taxes

State law authorizes counties to levy certain permissive taxes (sales and use, real property transfer, motor vehicle license, and utilities services) without a vote of the people, subject to repeal by referendum (if the resolution levying the tax is not enacted as an emergency measure) or subject to repeal by initiative (if the resolution is adopted as an emergency measure). Any referendum or initiative requires a petition signed by a specified percentage of voters to be filed in appropriate form. These taxes may also be submitted by the County to a vote of the people and, if approved at an election, are not subject to repeal by voter-initiated action.

The County's sales and use tax, and real property transfer tax and fee provide revenues for the County's general operating funds. The County also has in effect a motor vehicle license tax, the proceeds of which must be used for construction, maintenance, and repair of streets and highways, including bridges. The County has not exercised its authority to levy a utility service tax.

Sales and Use Tax

The County currently levies a 0.5% sales and use tax (the "sales tax"). County Council is expected to continue to appropriate the receipts from this 0.5% sales tax annually for current operating expenditures.

The sales tax is collected by the State and distributed monthly to the County. The following table shows the County's sales tax receipts for the past five years and budgeted receipts for 2024.

<u>Year</u>	<u>Amount (in dollars)</u>
2019	\$46,635,024
2020	\$49,256,825
2021	\$53,798,662

2022	\$56,648,358
2023	\$58,562,699
2024	\$58,874,465

Under State law, the Council has authority, which it has not exercised, to adopt resolutions increasing the County sales tax to an aggregate maximum of 1.5% to provide additional revenue for the County’s general operating funds. However, under County Charter provisions, Council cannot increase the sales tax above 0.5% unless the increase is approved by a majority of the voters of the County at a primary or general election.

Unless adopted as an emergency measure or with voter approval, any Council resolution levying a sales tax is subject to referendum by the voters. If adopted as an emergency measure, a Council resolution levying the sales tax is subject to repeal at a voter-initiated election. The County’s 0.5% sales tax was adopted as an emergency measure. If repealed by electors, the sales tax could not be re-imposed as an emergency measure for one year from the date of the election. No attempts have been made in the past to repeal the County’s sales tax.

In 2007, County voters approved an additional 0.25% sales and use tax -- for a total of 0.5% -- for the METRO Regional Transit Authority for a continuing period of time. The proceeds of that tax are distributed by the State to METRO, a separate political subdivision. That tax does not affect the County’s authority to levy or increase its sales tax.

Real Property Transfer Tax

The County currently levies a 3.0 mill unvoted real property transfer tax. That tax is in addition to the 1.0 mill real property transfer fee imposed by the Revised Code. The following table shows real property transfer tax and fee receipts for the past five years and budgeted receipts for 2024.

<u>Year</u>	<u>Amount (in dollars)</u>
2019	\$9,610,302
2020	\$10,047,896
2021	\$11,861,968
2022	\$11,985,257
2023	\$9,421,533
2024	\$8,641,112

Local Government Assistance Funds

Statutory State-level local government assistance funds are comprised of designated State revenues which are distributed to each county and then allocated among the county and cities, villages, townships, and, in some cases, park districts in the county. The allocation of these revenues among the County subdivisions is in accordance with an agreed formula.

The following table shows County receipts from these funds for the past five years and budgeted receipts for 2024.

<u>Year</u>	<u>Amount (in dollars)</u>
2019	\$6,385,545
2020	\$6,374,665
2021	\$7,202,047
2022	\$7,447,816
2023	\$7,930,859
2024	\$7,715,670

There can be no assurance as to the future levels of State local government assistance funding to counties. In 2007, the State budget provisions enacted by House Bill 119 provided for a change in the funding formula using a broader tax base. However, this change actually resulted in decreased revenues from 2008 through 2010. In 2011, the State again modified the local government funding formula under House Bill 153, for the two-year biennium from July 1, 2011 through June 30, 2013. Under the revised formula, local governments saw a 25% decrease in distributions for the period July 1, 2011 through June 30, 2012 based on actual distributions for the period July 1, 2010 through June 30, 2011. Additionally, local governments saw a second 25% reduction in funding for the period July 1, 2012 through June 30, 2013. On June 30, 2023 the 135th General Assembly of the State of Ohio passed House Bill 33 establishing the state budget for the two-year biennium from July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2025. This budget appropriated local government distributions which increased 2.35% for SFY 2024. The 2024 budgeted receipts reflect the most recent estimates provided by the Ohio Department of Taxation.

Fees, Licenses, and Permits

The County receives operating revenues for its General Fund from charges and fees for various services provided to the public and to other political subdivisions and for various services provided to County departments and agencies that are paid from moneys in restricted funds of the County. Such charges include, among others, fees for recordings and filings, Fiscal Officer's fees for tax collection services, Clerk of Court's fees, election fees, and fees for the board and care of prisoners. The following table shows receipts from charges for services for the past five years and budgeted receipts for 2024.

<u>Year</u>	<u>Amount (in dollars)</u>
2019	\$14,545,118
2020	\$18,579,991
2021	\$16,126,193
2022	\$14,888,305
2023	\$15,629,973
2024	\$15,086,628

Investment Earnings

The following table shows the investment earnings credited to the County’s General Fund for the past five years and budgeted receipts for 2024.

<u>Year</u>	<u>Amount (in dollars)</u>	<u>Average Yield (%)</u>
2019	\$5,851,335	1.62
2020	\$6,119,671	1.27
2021	\$3,084,134	.61
2022	\$4,411,103	1.09
2023	\$14,981,017	3.38
2024	\$11,542,628	

COUNTY NONTAX REVENUES

The County’s General Fund receives significant revenues from nontax revenue sources (the “Nontax Revenues,” such as licenses and permits, fines and interest earnings). (See also, **COUNTY DEBT AND OTHER OBLIGATIONS—Nontax Revenue Obligations**). The County’s Nontax Revenues include, but are not limited to, the following sources of revenue: (a) grants from the United States of America and the State; (b) payments in lieu of taxes now or hereafter authorized by State statute; (c) fines and forfeitures that are deposited in the County’s General Fund; (d) fees deposited in the County’s General Fund from properly imposed licenses and permits; (e) investment earnings on the County’s General Fund that are credited or transferred to the County’s General Fund; (f) investment earnings of other funds of the County that are credited to the County’s General Fund; (g) proceeds from the sale of assets that are deposited in the County’s General Fund; (h) rental income that is deposited in the County’s General Fund; (i) gifts and donations that are received and deposited in the County’s General Fund; and (j) charges for services and payments received in reimbursement for services that are deposited in the County’s General Fund.

The following chart on the following page shows the sources and uses of Nontax Revenues for 2014 through 2023 and the projected sources of Nontax Revenues for 2024 through 2028:

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County Nontax Revenues ⁽¹⁾						
<u>Year</u>	<u>Charges for Services</u>	<u>License & Permits</u>	<u>Fines & Forfeitures</u>	<u>Interest</u>	<u>Other Revenue</u> ⁽²⁾	<u>Total Nontax Revenues</u>
2014	14,904,797	31,575	818,556	2,189,995	9,813,458	27,758,381
2015	15,805,953	34,056	706,105	2,563,939	9,010,698	28,120,751
2016	15,630,458	33,636	615,908	3,014,203	11,822,398	31,116,603
2017	15,593,782	34,974	571,024	3,434,729	8,701,684	28,336,193
2018	14,722,385	33,648	547,100	4,245,507	12,528,325	32,076,965
2019	14,545,118	33,297	516,551	5,851,335	10,337,031	31,283,331
2020	18,579,991	32,686	481,551	6,119,671	9,995,232	35,209,131
2021	16,126,193	44,707	539,759	3,084,134	11,789,325	31,584,118
2022	14,908,409	39,025	358,869	3,973,547	15,435,534	34,715,384
2023	15,629,973	38,273	382,715	14,981,017	13,005,272	44,037,250
2024	16,095,810	39,942	489,540	16,882,608	14,071,520	47,579,419
2025	16,442,163	38,000	504,226	16,967,021	13,943,313	47,894,722
2026	16,796,054	38,000	519,353	12,725,265	14,473,562	44,552,234
2027	17,157,650	38,000	534,934	12,788,892	14,359,068	44,878,544
2028	17,527,120	38,000	550,982	12,852,836	14,899,274	45,868,212

(1) Years 2014-2023 contain historic information; years beginning in 2024 are based on forecast estimates.

(2) Includes miscellaneous revenues for indirect costs, parking, unclaimed funds, election expenses, intergovernmental receipts less local government tax and other state tax, and other refunds and reimbursements.

The most significant amounts of Nontax Revenues in the County’s General Fund that are pledged for these purposes are derived from Charges for Services, Interest Earnings, Fines and Forfeitures, and Other Revenue.

Charges for Services. From 2014 through 2023, approximately 48% of the County’s Nontax Revenues identified above was derived from charges for services. The revenue derived from charges for services comes primarily from the following:

- (a) Fees charged by the County Fiscal Officer for the collection of taxes for all the political subdivisions within the County, as authorized by Sections 321.26, 321.27, and 5721.04 of the Ohio Revised Code;
- (b) County Fiscal Officer property transfer fees on the conveyance of real property charged pursuant to Sections 319.202 and 319.54(F)(3) of the Ohio Revised Code;
- (c) County Fiscal Officer filing, garnishment, photocopying and other administrative fees authorized by Sections 319.54, 325.27, and 325.31 of the Ohio Revised Code;
- (d) Fees charged by the County Recorder for recording, certifying, and indexing instruments, deeds, and mortgages authorized by Sections 317.32 and 1309.40 to 1309.43 of the Ohio Revised Code;
- (e) Fees charged by the Clerk of Courts and various courts for arbitrations, child support administration, and child and school placements, and various filing fees

charged under Sections 1548.10, 2303.20, 2151.357, and 2151.36 of the Ohio Revised Code;

- (f) County Sheriff fees permitted by Section 311.17 of the Ohio Revised Code;
- (g) Coroner fees for reports and records permitted by Section 313.10 of the Ohio Revised Code;
- (h) Fees for housing federal and state prisoners in the County jail pursuant to agreement with the City of Akron, Ohio;
- (i) Fees charged by the Probate Court under Section 2101.16 of the Ohio Revised Code;
- (j) Other charges for services.

Investment Earnings. From 2014 through 2023, the amount of investment income transferred by the County to its General Fund constituted 15% of the County's Nontax Revenue identified above. The County Fiscal Officer invests County funds under Chapter 135 of the Ohio Revised Code, and the County then transfers funds from its Investment Earnings Trust and Agency Account and other interest earning accounts to its General Fund in such amounts as the County deems appropriate. No assurances can be given that rates of return on future investments of the County's funds will be as high as those experienced during prior periods.

Fines & Forfeitures. Fines and Forfeitures constituted approximately 2% of the County's Nontax Revenues from 2014 through 2023. These moneys are derived primarily from fines, fees, and costs for the operation of the various courts pursuant to Chapters 4513 and 4511 of the Ohio Revised Code and Sections 2711.21, 2335.11, and 2335.21 of the Ohio Revised Code.

Other Nontax Revenue. From 2014 through 2023, other revenues constituted approximately 35% of the County's Nontax Revenues. The revenue derived from charges for services comes primarily from the following:

- (k) State reimbursements for costs associated with operating the Public Defender's Commission and providing indigent legal services or assigned counsel under Sections 120.18, 120.33, and 2941.51 of the Ohio Revised Code;
- (l) Fees charged by the Board of Elections of candidates running for offices and charges to political subdivisions for election services provided at polling places authorized by Sections 3501.17, 3513.10, and 3513.261 of the Ohio Revised Code;
- (m) Chargebacks to federal agencies, County departments, and local agencies for providing General Fund services authorized by Federal Office of Management and Budget Circular A-87 and United States Department of Health and Human Services Circular OASC-10 and Chapter 1000 of the Ohio Department of Human Services Administrative Procedures Manual (APMTL — 182);

Other Nontax Revenue includes miscellaneous revenues for parking, unclaimed funds, leases, and reimbursements from other counties for support of the Court of Appeals of Ohio, Ninth Appellate District.

COUNTY DEBT AND OTHER OBLIGATIONS

The following describes the security for general obligation debt, applicable debt and ad valorem property tax limitations, outstanding and projected bond and note indebtedness, and certain other long-term financial obligations of the County.

The County has, from time to time, issued Industrial Development Revenue Bonds (IDRB) to provide financial assistance to private sector entities for the acquisition and construction of industrial and commercial facilities deemed to be in the public interest. The bonds are secured by the property financed and are payable solely from payments received on the underlying mortgage loans. Upon repayment of the bonds, ownership of the acquired facilities transfers to the private-sector entity served by the bond issuance. The County did not issue Industrial Development Revenue Bonds in 2023. Industrial Development Revenue Bonds are not obligations of the County and, therefore, are not reported as liabilities in the accompanying financial statements.

In 2002, the Akron, Bath and Copley Joint Township Hospital District, Ohio and the County entered into a Public Hospital Agencies Agreement dated as of April 1, 2002 (the "Agreement"), authorized by Ordinance No. 2002-245, which contemplates, among other things, the issuance of bonds by the Issuer to finance hospital facilities in Summit County. The County has, from time to time, approved the issuance of Health Care Facility Revenue Bonds (HCFRB) to provide financial assistance to private sector entities for the acquisition, construction and improvements of health care facilities deemed to be in the public interest. The bonds are secured by the property financed and are payable solely from payments received on the underlying mortgage loans. Upon repayment of the bonds, ownership of the acquired facilities transfers to the private-sector entity served by the bond issuance. The County did not issue Health Care Facility Revenue Bonds in 2023.

Health Care Facility Revenue Bonds are not obligations of the County and, therefore, are not reported as liabilities in the accompanying financial statements.

Security for Debt

Unvoted Debt

The basic security for unvoted general obligation County debt is the County's ability to levy an unvoted ad valorem property tax within the ten-mill limitation. The tax is levied on all real and tangible personal property subject to taxation by the County. That unvoted tax must be sufficient to pay the debt charges on that debt as they come due to the extent they are not paid from other sources. The law provides that the levy necessary for debt charges has priority over any levy for other purposes within the ten-mill limitation; however, that priority may be subject to the provisions of bankruptcy laws and other laws affecting creditors' rights and to the exercise of judicial discretion. See the discussion below, under Indirect Debt Limit, of the ten-mill limitation,

and the priority of claim on it for debt charges on unvoted general obligation debt of the County and all overlapping taxing subdivisions.

Voted Debt

The basic security for voted County general obligation debt is the authorization by the voters for the County to levy ad valorem property taxes to pay debt charges on that debt without limit as to the amount or rate. The tax is outside of the ten-mill limitation and is levied on all real and tangible personal property subject to taxation by the County. The tax must be sufficient to pay the voted bond debt charges as they come due to the extent they are not paid from other sources. The levy of the tax, however, is subject to bankruptcy laws and other laws affecting creditors' rights and to the exercise of judicial discretion.

Special Assessment Debt

Under Ohio law, debt issued in anticipation of the collection of special assessments is to be paid from the anticipated special assessment. However, they are also general obligations of the County, payable from ad valorem property taxes to the extent not paid from those special assessments or from other sources, as described in the preceding paragraphs.

Bond Anticipation Notes

While bond anticipation notes ("BANs") are outstanding, Ohio law requires the levy of an ad valorem property tax in an amount not less than what would have been levied if bonds had been issued without the prior issuance of the BANs. That levy need not actually be collected if payment in fact is to be provided from other sources, such as the proceeds of the bonds anticipated or of renewal BANs. BANs, including renewal BANs, may be issued and outstanding from time to time, up to a maximum period of 240 months from the date of issuance of the original BANs. Any period in excess of five years must be deducted from the permitted maximum maturity of the bonds anticipated. Portions of the principal amount of BANs outstanding for more than five years must be retired in amounts at least equal to, and payable not later than, those principal maturities that would have been required if the bonds had been issued at the expiration of the initial five-year period.

As of December 31, 2023 the County has no outstanding BANs.

Debt Limits

Direct Debt Limit

The Revised Code establishes direct limitations on the principal amount of outstanding County general obligation debt, measured by percentages of assessed valuation of property in the County subject to taxation. These direct debt limits do not apply to exempt debt, which is discussed below. The direct debt limits may be amended from time to time by the General Assembly. The limits are as follows:

- The net principal amount of both voted and unvoted debt of the County, excluding "exempt debt" (discussed below), may not exceed a sum of \$6 million plus 2.5%

of the tax valuation of all property in the County—as listed and assessed for taxation—in excess of \$300 million.

- The net principal amount of the unvoted general obligation debt of the County, excluding exempt debt may not exceed 1% of that tax valuation.

Further, the County’s unvoted general obligation debt for the County’s share of State highway improvements may not exceed 0.5% of the tax valuation.

The County’s ability to incur unvoted debt, whether or not exempt from the direct debt limitations—also is restricted by the indirect debt limitation discussed below under **Indirect Debt Limit**.

Certain debt a county may issue is exempt from the direct debt limitations (“exempt debt”). Exempt debt now includes, but is not limited to:

- Revenue debt
- General obligation debt
 - For county, multi-county, or multi-county/municipal jail, workhouse, juvenile detention, or correctional facilities; or county or joint county solid or hazardous waste collection, transfer, or disposal facilities or resource recovery or recycling facilities
 - That is “self-supporting”, non-tax revenues from this category of facilities are sufficient to pay operating and maintenance expenses and related debt service and other requirements issued for county utility systems or facilities; parking facilities; health care facilities; recreation, sports, convention, museum, and other public attraction facilities; facilities for natural resource exploration, development, recovery, use, or sale; and correctional and other related rehabilitation facilities
 - For buildings to house county or municipal agencies, departments, boards, and commissions, to the extent that revenues other than revenues from unvoted county property taxes derived from leases or other agreements between the county and the agencies, departments, boards, commissions, or municipal corporations are sufficient to cover all operating expenses paid by the county and debt service
 - For highway improvements, if the county has covenanted to pay debt service and financing costs from motor vehicle fuel and license taxes
 - Issued in anticipation of the levy or collection of special assessments
 - For certain permanent improvements, if the county has covenanted to pay debt service from certain dedicated voted sales tax revenues

- For water or sanitary, surface, or storm water sewerage facilities to the extent that another subdivision has agreed to pay amounts equal to debt service to the county
- Voted for water or sanitary sewerage facilities, to the extent that the outstanding debt for that purpose does not exceed 2% of the county's tax valuation
- To pay final judgments or court-approved settlements
- Debt issued in anticipation of the receipt of federal or state grants for permanent improvements
- Debt issued to evidence loans from the State capital improvements fund
- Delinquent tax bonds
- Voted debt for subways not in excess of 1% of the county's assessed valuation
- Notes issued in anticipation of the collection of current revenues or in anticipation of the proceeds of a specific tax levy
- Notes issued to acquire voting machines and vote tabulation equipment for certain emergency purposes
- Debt issued for a port authority educational and cultural facility
- Debt issued for county energy conservation measures
- Debt payable from payments in lieu of taxes under certain tax abatement programs
- Debt in an amount not in excess of the amount of payments made under the program to replace property tax revenue losses from the change in assessed valuation methods for electric public utilities (See **SOURCES OF COUNTY REVENUE—Assessed Valuation**)

BANs issued in anticipation of exempt bonds also are exempt debt.

In the calculation of debt subject to the direct debt limitations, the amount of money in a county's bond retirement fund allocable to the principal amount of non-exempt debt is deducted from gross non-exempt debt.

Based on outstanding debt as of December 31, 2023 and current total assessed valuation, the County's voted and unvoted non-exempt debt capacities are:

Limitation	Non-Exempt Debt	Additional Borrowing Capacity Within Limitation
\$6,000,000 + 2.5% = \$365,837,237	\$47,960,029	\$317,877,208
1% = \$146,934,895	\$47,960,029	\$98,974,866

Further details are provided in **Debt Table A**.

Indirect Debt Limit

Voted general obligation debt may be issued by the County if authorized by a vote of the people, but subject to the limitations described above.

The indirect debt limitation provides that unvoted bonds may not be issued unless the ad valorem property tax for the payment of debt service on:

- those bonds (or the bonds in anticipation of which BANs are issued), and
- all outstanding unvoted general obligation bonds, including bonds in anticipation of which BANs are issued, of the combination of overlapping taxing subdivisions, including the County, resulting in the highest tax required for such debt charges, in any year is ten mills or less per \$1.00 of assessed valuation.

Present Ohio law requires the inside millage allocated to a taxing subdivision to be used first for the payment of debt service on its unvoted general obligation debt, unless provision has been made for that payment from other sources, with the balance usable for other purposes. To the extent this inside millage is required for debt charges of a taxing subdivision (which may exceed the formula allocation to that subdivision), the amount that would otherwise be available to that subdivision for general fund purposes is reduced. Since the inside millage that may be actually required to pay debt charges on a subdivision's unvoted general obligation debt may exceed the formula allocation of that millage to the subdivision, the excess reduces the amount of inside millage available to overlapping subdivisions. In the case of municipalities, however, a law applicable to all Ohio cities and villages requires that any lawfully-available receipts from a municipal income tax or from voted property tax levies be allocated to pay debt charges on the municipality's unvoted debt before the formula allocations of the inside millage to overlapping subdivisions can be invaded for that purpose.

In the case of BANs, the highest annual debt charges estimated for the anticipated bonds are used to calculate the millage required.

Revenue bonds and current revenue and tax anticipation notes are not included in debt subject to the indirect debt limitation since they are not general obligations of the issuing subdivision and the full faith and credit of the issuer is not pledged for their payment.

The indirect limitation applies to all unvoted general obligation debt even if debt service on some of it is actually expected to be paid from other sources, such as special assessments or utility earnings.

The highest debt service requirement in any year for all County debt subject to the ten-mill limitation is estimated to be \$9,976,054 in the year 2028. The payment of that annual debt service would require a levy of 0.55 mills based on current assessed valuation. The County expects to pay approximately \$1,874,504 of this maximum annual debt service requirement from sources other than ad valorem taxes, such as special assessments, State reimbursements, payments under agreements with other local governments and nonprofit corporations, utility revenues, and other sources. If those other sources for any reason are not available, the debt service could be met from the amounts produced by the millage (2.20 mills) currently allocated to the County within the ten-mill limitation.

In calculating whether or not unvoted debt to be issued by the County is within the ten-mill limitation, it is necessary to determine which combination of overlapping political subdivisions, including the County, has the highest outstanding debt service requirements within the ten-mill limitation.

There are all or portions of 22 municipal corporations, nine townships and 21 school districts in the County. Thus, to determine the highest overlapping debt service requirements for unvoted debt, it is necessary to examine the requirements for combinations of such overlapping subdivisions, including municipal corporations, townships and school districts.

The Village of Lakemore is the taxing subdivision in the County that, with its combination of overlapping subdivisions, has the highest potential millage requirements within the ten-mill limitation for debt service on unvoted general obligation debt. As of January 1, 2024, the total millage theoretically required for that Village (6.01393 mills), the Portage Lakes Career Center Joint Vocational School District (0.04072 mills) and the County (0.41142 mills) for their unvoted general obligation debt is estimated to be 6.46607 mills for 2024, the year of the highest potential debt service. Therefore 3.53393 mills remain within the ten-mill limitation which has yet to be allocated to debt service and which is available to any of the County, the Village of Lakemore, the Springfield Local School District, the Portage Lakes Career Center Joint Vocational School District, the Akron-Summit County Library District, the Muskingham Watershed Conservancy District, the Summit Metro Parks, or the METRO Regional Transit Authority in connection with the issuance of additional unvoted general obligation debt. For illustrative purposes, these 3.53393 mills would support the issuance of approximately \$822,000,000 of additional 20-year bonds of the County with substantially equal annual principal payments and at an estimated interest rate of 5.0% but only \$3,800,000 of additional 20-year bonds of the Village of Lakemore with substantially equal annual principal payments and at an estimated interest rate of 5.0%, assuming the bonds could be issued within the direct debt limitations described above. The ten-mill limitation is such that a relatively small issue by some other overlapping taxing subdivision with a small assessed valuation can encumber a significant amount of millage, greatly reducing the amount of unvoted general obligation debt that the County could issue.

Outstanding Debt

The attached **Debt Tables A** through **C** list the County's outstanding debt represented by bonds and notes, information with respect to County and overlapping general obligation debt allocations, and debt service information.

The following shows the principal amount of County general obligation debt outstanding as of January 1 in the years indicated, all of which is unvoted debt:

<u>Year</u>	<u>Exempt</u>	<u>Total</u>
2019	\$37,502,647	\$80,162,893
2020	\$43,040,246	\$75,120,955
2021	\$36,110,246	\$62,897,497
2022	\$29,523,884	\$53,460,461
2023	\$38,880,607	\$105,721,627
2024	\$30,939,125	\$97,649,827

To the knowledge of County officials, the County is not and has not been in default in the payment of debt service on any of its general obligation bonds or notes for at least the last 60 years.

Nontax Revenue Obligations

Summit Workforce Solutions - In November 2005, the Development Finance Authority (formerly the Summit County Port Authority) issued its Summit County Port Authority Bond Fund Program Development Revenue Bonds, Series 2005E and F (Summit County Workforce Policy Board Project) in the original principal amount of \$4,830,000, the proceeds of which were loaned by the Development Finance Authority to Summit Workforce Solutions, fka Summit County Workforce Policy Board (“Summit Workforce Solutions”), an Ohio nonprofit corporation, to pay the costs the acquisition and renovation of a commercial building located in the City of Akron (the “City”). The County entered into a guaranty agreement with the Development Finance Authority and the bond trustee agreeing to pay, from its Nontax Revenues, the bond service charges on the bonds if Summit Workforce Solutions failed to make loan payments at times and in amounts sufficient to pay such bond service charges.

In July 2016, the Development Finance Authority issued its Jobs & Investment Fund Program Development Revenue Refinancing Bonds Series 2016C-1 (Summit Workforce Solutions Project) in the principal amount of \$3,065,000 to refund the outstanding balance of the Series 2005 bonds and additionally issued its Jobs & Investment Fund Program Development Revenue Refinancing Bonds, Summit Workforce Solutions, Series 2016C-2 and Series 2016C-3 Bonds in an aggregate total of \$1,435,000 to finance the costs of the acquisition, construction and improvement of a new roof structure and other unit improvements of the commercial building. As with the Series 2005 bonds, the County entered into a guaranty agreement with the Development Finance Authority and the bond trustee agreeing to pay, from its Nontax Revenues, the bond service charges on the Series 2016C-1, Series 2016C-2 and Series 2016C-3 Bonds if Summit Workforce Solutions failed to make loan payments at times and in amounts sufficient to pay such bond service charges. The obligation of the County to make such payments was secured by a pledge of the County’s Nontax Revenues. The final maturity of these bonds is May 15, 2036, and the maximum remaining annual bond service charge on the bonds is \$765,739 in the year 2025.

Akron Urban League - In March 2019, The Akron Community Service Center and Urban League, Inc. (the “Borrower”) requested the assistance of the Development Finance Authority to refinance credit facilities (“2017 Credit Facilities”) provided by Fifth Third Bank, NA. To assist

the Borrower, the Authority issued approximately \$2,750,000 of revenue bonds (the “Bonds”) and loaned the proceeds of the revenue bonds to the Borrower to refinance the 2017 Credit Facilities. The Bonds were issued under a Trust Agreement with The Huntington National Bank acting as bond trustee and were purchased by the County in a direct purchase. The proceeds of the Bonds were loaned to the Borrower under a Loan Agreement (the “Loan Agreement”) between the Authority and the Borrower. In the Loan Agreement, the Borrower agreed to make loan payments in the amount and at the times sufficient to pay debt service on the Bonds when due. At closing, the City of Akron (the “City”) and the County executed a guaranty agreement whereby the City and the County each provided a 50% guarantee in the event a loan payment was not made when due. The final maturity of these bonds is March 1, 2029, and the maximum annual bond service charge on the bonds is \$1,674,208.22, due in the year 2029. Annual bond service charges for 2024 through 2029 are \$180,000.00 per year.

Bridgestone Americas Tire Operations - In December 2010, the Development Finance Authority issued its Summit County Port Authority, Ohio Federally Taxable Recovery Zone Economic Development Revenue Bonds, Series 2010 (County of Summit Nontax Revenues) and its Federally Taxable Revenue Bonds Series 2010B (County of Summit Nontax Revenues), in the aggregate principal amount of \$7,550,000 (collectively, the “Series 2010 Bonds”), the proceeds of which are being used by the Development Finance Authority to pay a portion of the costs of constructing a 475-vehicle parking deck and a portion of a pedestrian connector to service a new international technical center and research and development headquarters for Bridgestone Americas Tire Operations, LLC (“BATO”) in the City.

In November 2021, the Development Finance Authority issued its Development Finance Authority of Summit County Development Revenue Refunding Bonds, Series 2021A (County of Summit Nontax Revenues) (Tax-Exempt) in the original principal amount of \$4,540,000. The proceeds of those bonds were used to pay off the remaining balance of the Summit County Port Authority, Ohio Federally Taxable Recovery Zone Economic Development Revenue Bonds, Series 2010 (County of Summit Nontax Revenues) which totaled \$4,900,000. Debt service on those bonds will be paid solely by the County from its Nontax Revenues. The final maturity of those bonds is December 1, 2030, and the maximum annual debt service on those bonds is \$541,658.76 in the year 2024.

Austen BioInnovation Institute In Akron - In March 2011, the Development Finance Authority issued its Summit County Port Authority, Ohio Development Revenue Bonds, Series 2012 (Austen BioInnovation Institute In Akron Project) in the aggregate principal amount of \$7,000,000 (the “ABIA Bonds”) and entered into a Research and Development loan agreement with the State of Ohio in the aggregate principal amount of \$2,500,000 (“ABIA Loan”). The proceeds of the ABIA Bonds and the ABIA Loan are being used by the Development Finance Authority to fund the renovation of an existing building into a new headquarters, training, and simulation center for the Austen BioInnovation Institute in Akron (“ABIA”) within the City. ABIA is a nonprofit corporation collaboratively formed by the University of Akron, the Northeast Ohio Medical University, John S. and James L. Knight Foundation, Akron Children’s Hospital, Akron General Medical Center and Summa Health Systems that is focused on improving medical and biomedical innovation and commercialization. The ABIA Bonds and ABIA Loan will be repaid by ABIA. The County has pledged to pay, from its Nontax Revenues, the debt service charges on the ABIA Bonds and the ABIA Loan in the event ABIA fails to pay the same. The

County's pledge is secured by a mortgage on the renovated facility, which allows the County to foreclose in the event it actually pays any unreimbursed debt service charges on the ABIA Bonds and the ABIA Loan.

In November 2019, the Development Finance Authority issued its Development Finance Authority of Summit County, Taxable Development Revenue and Refunding Bonds, Series 2019 (County of Summit Nontax Revenues) in the original principal amount of \$6,700,000. The proceeds of those bonds were used to pay off the remaining balance of the ABIA Loan, which totaled \$1,145,546.11 and to deposit \$5,043,767.71 with the Bank of New York Mellon for the defeasance of the ABIA Bonds. Debt service on those bonds will be paid solely by the County from its Nontax Revenues. The final maturity of those bonds is December 1, 2034, and the maximum annual debt service on those bonds is \$ 568,656.70 in the year 2033.

Goodyear Tire & Rubber Company - In March 2012, the Development Finance Authority issued its Development Revenue Bonds, Series 2012 (County of Summit Non-Tax Revenues) in the original principal amount of \$15,815,000. The proceeds of those bonds were used to pay the County's share of the project costs associated with the construction, equipping, and improvements to a new corporate headquarters and the renovation of an existing technical center for The Goodyear Tire & Rubber Company.

In November 2021, the Development Finance Authority issued its Development Finance Authority of Summit County Development Revenue Refunding Bonds, Series 2021B (County of Summit Nontax Revenues) in the original principal amount of \$ \$10,455,000. The proceeds of the Series 2021 bonds along with a County deposit of cash totaling \$1,077,125.00 were used to pay off the remaining balance of the Development Finance Authority's Development Revenue Bonds, Series 2012. Debt service on those bonds will be paid solely by the County from its Nontax Revenues. The final maturity of those bonds is December 1, 2031, and the maximum annual debt service on those bonds is \$1,248,757.50 in the year 2031.

Limitation on Additional Nontax Revenue Obligations by the County

The County may use County Nontax Revenues for any lawful purposes authorized by its Council. But, the County may only incur parity Nontax Revenue obligations if the aggregate amount of County Nontax Revenues for the fiscal year immediately preceding the incurrence of the proposed parity obligations is at least 300% of the highest aggregate amount due in any succeeding calendar year for all required payments on the outstanding parity Nontax Revenue obligations and the proposed parity Nontax Revenue obligations.

The County may incur subordinate Nontax Revenue obligations without limitation.

The following table sets forth information on Nontax Revenues and debt service on bonds and obligations necessary to determine the applicable coverage requirements related to Nontax Revenue Obligations for 2019 through 2023 and the projected coverage requirements for 2024 through 2028:

Nontax Revenue Debt Service Coverage

<u>Year</u>	<u>Total Nontax Revenues</u>	<u>Existing Nontax Revenue Obligations</u>	<u>Debt Service Coverage</u>
2019	31,283,331	2,684,453	11.65
2020	35,209,131	3,265,498	10.78
2021	31,584,118	3,268,311	9.66
2022	34,715,384	2,914,500	11.91
2023	44,037,250	2,898,892	15.19
2024	47,579,419	2,887,192	16.48
2025	47,894,722	2,882,142	16.62
2026	44,552,234	2,542,532	17.52
2027	44,878,544	2,527,534	17.76
2028	45,868,212	2,521,651	18.19

Other Long-Term Obligations

As of December 31, 2023, the County has 18 outstanding loan agreements with the Ohio Water Development Finance Authority (“OWDA”) under which the OWDA has provided funds to the County to pay costs of constructing certain improvements to sewer systems. The aggregate amount of principal for the County’s loan obligations under these loan agreements is \$6,849,585 as of December 31, 2023, with interest rates ranging from .20% to 5.25%, requiring combined annual payments of \$495,418 in 2024. The final payment on the loans occurs in 2042. OWDA loans are not subject to prepayment by the County before the final due date.

The County has one outstanding loan from the Ohio Public Works Commission (“OPWC”). The aggregate amount of principal for the County’s loan obligations under this loan agreements is \$273,513 as of December 31, 2023.

In addition to the above loans presented in the foregoing schedule, the County has entered into an agreement with OWDA for a loan from the Water Pollution Control Loan Fund (WPCLF) for a project within the County. In 2009, the County entered into an agreement with OWDA for a loan from the Fresh Water Contribution Capital (FWCC) program and OPWC. These projects are still under construction and funds received thus far are for reimbursement of expenses incurred. Therefore, the County’s liability for these loans, as of December 31, 2023, are the amounts forwarded to the County as of this date. These payments are made on a “temporary” amortization schedule provided by the WPCLF, FWCC and OPWC. These liabilities are not reflected within the accompanying summary of the County’s future annual debt service requirements for long-term debt. These “temporary” amortization schedules are based on the estimated total amount of funds to be borrowed by the County even though only a portion may have been received at December 31, 2023. The County also pays interest on these temporary loans. Upon completion WPCLF, FWCC and OPWC will present the County with a one-time adjustment for any amounts on the temporary amortization schedule that will be applied to the County’s next payment. Permanent amortization schedules are then compiled and all future debt payments by the County will be based on that schedule. At December 31, 2023, the loan liability for WPCLF amounted to \$34,801,154

with scheduled payments of \$350,292 due in 2024, and the loan liability for FWCC amounted to \$884,993 with scheduled payments of \$0 due in 2024.

Payments on the OWDA, OPWC, WPCLF and FWCC loans must be made from County sanitary sewer system revenues after payment of operation, maintenance and treatment expenses. Those payments have been made from the collection of special assessments and revenues from various user fees. The loan agreements grant no security or property interest to OWDA or OPWC in any property of the County, and do not pledge the general credit of the County, create a debt subject to the direct or indirect debt limitations, or require the application of the general resources of the County for repayment.

Capital Lease Obligations

During 2017 the County entered into a lease/purchase agreement with Key Government Finance, Inc. in the amount of \$1,464,361 for the upgrade of the County's Voice Over Internet Protocol Phone System. The lease was issued with a 2.15 percent interest rate with final payment due on July 19, 2024.

Other Short-Term Obligations

The County issues BANs to finance capital improvements. The County does not foresee any need to issue other short-term obligations, such as revenue anticipation notes or tax anticipation notes, to finance its operations or for other purposes.

Pension Obligations

Current and retired employees of the County, other than the teachers for the BODD, are covered under the Ohio Public Employees Retirement System ("OPERS"), a statewide public retirement (including disability retirement) system.

For 2023, employees covered by OPERS contribute at a statutory rate of 10.0% of earnable salary or compensation, and the County contributes 14.0% (actuarially established for PERS) of the same base, except for public safety officers and the uniformed employees of the Sheriff's Department who contribute 10.1% and for whom the County contributes at a rate of 18.1% (actuarially established for PERS) of the same base. OPERS reported that, based on actuarial data as of the year ending December 31, 2023, its total unfunded accrued liability was \$20.3 billion. OPERS's December 31, 2023 actuarial report indicates that if future activity proceeded according to assumptions, OPERS would accumulate sufficient assets to pay all pension liabilities for active members and retirees within 15 years on a funding basis, down from 27 years as of December 31, 2018.

Teachers for the BODD are covered under the State Teachers Retirement System ("STRS"), a statewide public retirement system (including disability retirement). STRS covers all teachers, principals, supervisors, and administrators who are required to hold a certificate issued by the State Department of Education.

For 2023, employees covered by STRS contribute at a statutory rate of 10.0% of earned compensation, and the County contributes 14% (the current statutory maximum) of the same base.

STRS reports that as of July 1, 2023, the unfunded actuarial accrued liability for STRS Ohio pension benefits was \$20.20 billion, up from \$20.12 billion at July 1, 2022. The actuarially accrued assets, which are currently being funded by a portion of the contributions, were approximately \$87.58 billion compared to the total actuarially accrued liabilities of \$107.78 billion.

Federal law requires County employees hired after March 31, 1986 to participate in the federal Medicare program, which requires matching employer and employee contributions, each being 1.45% of the wage base. Otherwise, County employees are not covered under the federal Social Security Act.

The County's current employer contributions to PERS and STRS have been treated as current expenses and included in the County's operating expenditures.

PERS and STRS are not subject to the funding and vesting requirements of the federal Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974.

PERS and STRS are created and operate under Ohio law. The State legislature could determine to amend the format of the systems and could revise rates of contributions to be made by the County into the systems and revise benefits or benefit levels.

During 2015, the County adopted GASB Statement 68, Accounting and Financial Reporting for Pensions—an Amendment of GASB Statement 27 and GASB Statement 71, Pension Transition for Contributions Made Subsequent to the Measurement Date—an Amendment of GASB Statement No. 68, which significantly revised accounting for pension costs and liabilities. A complete discussion of the impact of GASB Statement 68 and 71 on the County's financial reporting is included in the audited general purpose financial statements from the County's ACFR for Fiscal Year 2021.

Other Employment Benefits

The County offers its employees a form of health insurance coverage, for which the County is self-insured. Claims in excess of \$500,000 individually and \$2,000,000 annual maximum per covered person are covered under an excess insurance policy with a commercial insurance company. Claims under those amounts are paid from monthly self-insurance "premiums" which are determined based upon actuarial recommendations of the commercial insurance carrier. Those premiums and the insurance policy premium are funded generally as follows: (a) 32% from the General Fund, (b) 58% from other County funds for employees whose wages and benefits are paid from those funds, and (c) 10% from employee contributions. Claim expenditures and liabilities are recognized when it is probable that a loss has occurred and the amount of that loss can be reasonably estimated and include an estimate of claims that have been incurred but not paid or not reported. The Statement of Actuarial Opinion regarding the December 31, 2022 loss reserves for the County of Summit as required by Section 9.833 of the Ohio Revised Code indicated a liability on an accrual basis of \$5,648,215 consisting of both medical and prescription claims incurred but not reported to the County. \$2,725,052.80 was on deposit in the County's Hospitalization Benefits Self-Insurance Fund for this purpose as of December 31, 2023.

In 2017 the Ohio Bureau of Workers Compensation implemented a transition for all public employers in the State of Ohio, changing them from a retrospective billing cycle to a prospective billing cycle. The prospective billing model now requires the County to pay estimated premiums each year and submit a payroll true-up reconciliation at the end of the year. As of December 31, 2023, the County's average actual claims costs for the preceding four years totaled \$734,266. \$7,459,383.57, was on deposit, as of December 31, 2023, in the County's Workers' Compensation Self-Insurance Fund to cover future claims, premiums and administrative costs.

Future Financings

Based on the County's 2024 to 2029 Capital Improvement Program, the County does not currently anticipate issuing additional bonds for capital improvements.

INSURANCE

Under current Ohio law, County money, accounts, and investments are not subject to attachment to satisfy tort judgments in State courts against the County. The County maintains a variety of insurance coverages with varying deductibles. Among these coverages are general liability and public officials' liability with a \$1,000,000 limit per occurrence and a \$5,000,000 umbrella limit per occurrence, with a secondary excess level of coverage of \$5,000,000, and a tertiary excess level of coverage of \$5,000,000. The County's general liability insurance has a self-insured retention of \$250,000 (\$100,000 for property) and law enforcement liability insurance has a self-insured retention of \$500,000 per occurrence. The County also has statutory authority to issue, without voter approval, general or special obligation securities that mature over a period of not more than 25 years to pay final judgments and court-approved settlements. General obligation securities issued for that purpose would be exempt from the direct debt limitations, but subject to the indirect debt limitation. See **County Debt and Other Obligations – Debt Limits**.

LEGAL MATTERS

The County is a party to various legal proceedings seeking damages or injunctive or other relief and generally incidental to its operations. These proceedings are unrelated to any outstanding County debt or the security for that debt. The ultimate disposition of these proceedings is not now determinable, but will not, in the opinion of the Law Director or the County Prosecuting Attorney, have a material adverse effect on any outstanding County debt or the security for that debt, including the operating revenues of the County.

RATINGS

The County's outstanding general obligation bonds are currently rated "AA+" by Standard & Poor's Ratings Services and "Aa1" by Moody's Investors Service.

The ratings reflect only the views of the respective rating services, and any explanation of the meaning or significance of a rating may be obtained from the respective rating service. The County furnishes to each rating service certain information and materials relating to the County and its outstanding obligations, some of which may not have been included in this Annual Statement. Generally, rating services base their ratings on such information and materials and on their own investigation, studies, and assumptions. There can be no assurance that a rating when

assigned will continue for any given period of time or that it will not be lowered or withdrawn entirely by a rating service if, in its judgment, circumstances warrant. Any lowering or withdrawal of a rating may have an adverse effect on the marketability or market price of the outstanding obligations.

The County expects to furnish the rating services with information and materials that they request. However, the County assumes no obligation to furnish requested information and materials, and may issue debt for which a rating is not requested. Failure to furnish requested information and materials, or the issuance of debt for which a rating is not requested, may result in the suspension or withdrawal of a rating on outstanding obligations.

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CONCLUDING STATEMENT

To the extent that any statements made in this Annual Statement involve matters of opinion or estimates, whether or not expressly stated, they are made as opinions or estimates and not as representations of fact or certainty and no representation is made that any of those statements have been or will be realized. Information in this Annual Statement has been derived by the County from official and other sources and is believed by the County to be accurate and reliable.

Information other than that obtained from official records of the County has not been independently confirmed or verified by the County and its accuracy is not guaranteed.

This Annual Statement has been prepared and delivered by the County and signed for and on behalf of the County by its officials identified below.

COUNTY OF SUMMIT, OHIO

/s/ Ilene Shapiro _____
By: Ilene Shapiro
County Executive

/s/ Kristen M. Scalise _____
By: Kristen M. Scalise CPA, CFE
County Fiscal Officer

Debt Table A

COUNTY OF SUMMIT, OHIO

**COMPUTATION OF LEGAL DEBT MARGIN
AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2023**

	2023
Assessed Valuation of County	\$ 14,693,489,480
Gross County Debt Outstanding	\$ 131,139,386
Less Exempted Debt:	
OWDA Loans	(6,849,585)
OPWC Loans	(273,513)
ODD Loans	-
WPCLF Loans	(34,801,154)
FWCC	(890,134)
State Infrastructure Bank Loan	
Unvoted General Obligation Bonds/Notes	
Job and Family Services Facilities	-
Water System Improvements	-
Sewer System Improvements	-
Road and Bridge Improvements	-
Mental Health Facilities	-
Fairground Improvements	-
County Jail Facilities (Pod)	-
Series 2004 Bonds AR	-
Akron Zoological Park	-
Series 2010 Bonds - Bridgestone	-
Series 2012 Bonds - Goodyear	-
Series 2016 Bonds	(6,310,000)
Series 2019 Bonds - DFA	(5,205,000)
Series 2021 Bonds - Goodyear	(9,240,000)
Series 2021 Bonds - Bridgestone	(3,575,000)
Series 2022 Bonds - Various Purpose	(6,609,125)
Amount Available in Debt Service Fund	(9,425,846)
Total Subject to Direct Debt Limitation	47,960,029
Debt Limitation	
Direct Debt Limitation	365,837,237
Less: Net Indebtedness	(47,960,029)
Direct Debt Margin	\$ 317,877,208
Debt Margin as a Percentage of Debt Limit	86.89%
Unvoted Debt Limitation	
(1% of County Assessed Valuation)	146,934,895
Less: Net Indebtedness	(47,960,029)
Unvoted Debt Margin	\$ 98,974,866
Unvoted Debt Margin as a Percentage of the Unvoted Debt Limit	67.36%

I, as Fiscal Officer of the County of Summit, Ohio, certify that the above statements are true and correct:

/s/ Kristen M. Scalise
Kristen M. Scalise CPA, CFE
 County Fiscal Officer

Debt Table B

COUNTY OF SUMMIT, OHIO

**COMPUTATION OF DIRECT AND OVERLAPPING DEBT
ATTRIBUTABLE TO GOVERNMENTAL ACTIVITIES
AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2023**

	Debt Outstanding	Percentage Applicable To County ⁽¹⁾	Portion of Direct and Overlapping Debt Within County
Direct:			
County of Summit	\$ 97,649,826	100.00%	\$ 97,649,826
Overlapping:			
Cities Wholly Within County	183,938,251	100.00%	183,938,251
Villages Wholly Within County	14,718,900	100.00%	14,718,900
Townships Wholly Within County	20,075,000	100.00%	20,075,000
School Districts Wholly Within County	445,611,344	100.00%	445,611,344
Akron Metro Regional Transit Authority	-	100.00%	-
Miscellaneous Disticts Wholly Within County	6,065,000	100.00%	6,065,000
Norton City	2,497,975	99.94%	2,496,476
Akron-Summit County Library District	-	99.50%	-
Stow-Munroe Falls City School District	1,835,000	99.15%	1,819,403
Tallmadge City School District	46,556,613	98.73%	45,965,344
Springfield L School District	24,310,000	98.09%	23,845,679
Tallmadge City	1,620,000	96.75%	1,567,350
Mogadore Village	480,000	71.42%	342,816
Portage Lakes Career Center Jt. Voc. School Dist	715,000	99.58%	711,997
Northwest L School District	7,572,093	23.43%	1,774,141
Aurora City School District	10,200,000	5.11%	521,220
Wayne Public Library District	850,000	1.99%	16,915
Highland L School District	64,215,000	0.96%	616,464
Jackson L School District	24,235,000	0.81%	196,304
Total Overlapping	<u>855,495,176</u>		<u>750,282,604</u>
Total Direct and Overlapping Debt	<u><u>\$ 953,145,002</u></u>		<u><u>\$ 847,932,430</u></u>

(1) Percentages determined by dividing the amount of assessed valuation of the political subdivision located within the boundaries of the County by the total assessed valuation of the subdivisions.

Sources: Debt outstanding for overlapping governments, taken from Ohio Municipal Advisory Council (OMAC), as of January 1, 2024
County of Summit Fiscal Office

DEBT TABLE C

PROJECTED DEBT SERVICE REQUIREMENTS ON GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS 2024 TO 2043

	Projected Debt Service:			Portion of Total Debt Service Anticipated To Be Paid From:			
	Bonds (a)	Bonds in Anticipation of Which Notes are Outstanding	Total Debt Service	Limited Ad Valorem Taxes	Special Assessments	Sewer Receipts	Other (b)
2024	9,730,468	-	9,730,468	8,019,709	-	-	1,710,759
2025	9,965,638	-	9,965,638	8,089,932	-	-	1,875,706
2026	9,970,157	-	9,970,157	8,094,698	-	-	1,875,458
2027	9,963,549	-	9,963,549	8,093,779	-	-	1,869,770
2028	9,976,054	-	9,976,054	8,101,550	-	-	1,874,504
2029	9,967,232	-	9,967,232	8,090,973	-	-	1,876,259
2030	9,018,277	-	9,018,277	7,141,887	-	-	1,876,390
2031	7,541,225	-	7,541,225	5,664,999	-	-	1,876,226
2032	4,412,157	-	4,412,157	3,460,296	-	-	951,861
2033	4,423,257	-	4,423,257	3,468,057	-	-	955,200
2034	4,418,211	-	4,418,211	3,465,307	-	-	952,904
2035	3,852,200	-	3,852,200	2,898,670	-	-	953,530
2036	3,856,193	-	3,856,193	2,903,497	-	-	952,696
2037	3,651,288	-	3,651,288	2,696,714	-	-	954,574
2038	3,650,294	-	3,650,294	2,695,512	-	-	954,783
2039	3,642,350	-	3,642,350	2,689,028	-	-	953,322
2040	3,637,454	-	3,637,454	2,683,089	-	-	954,365
2041	3,635,083	-	3,635,083	2,681,552	-	-	953,531
2042	3,624,735	-	3,624,735	2,669,744	-	-	954,991
2043	1,656,387	-	1,656,387	280,549	-	-	1,375,838

(a) Lease payments from City of Akron on radio system equipment acquired with Series 2016 Bonds and lease payments from City of Akron and Summit Area Council of Governments for lease of County owned Public Safety Answer Point Facility and Equipment acquired with Series 2022 Bonds.

COUNTY OF SUMMIT, OHIO
TAX TABLE A
TAX YEAR 2023/COLLECTION YEAR 2024

	TOTAL	COUNTY	METRO PARKS	LIBRARY	SCHOOL	JVSD	TWP	VLLY FIRE N.H.W.D. RICHFIELD JRD	CORP	RES/AG C.R.F.	OTHER C.R.F.	RES/AG EFFECTIVE	OTHER EFFECTIVE
AKRON CITY													
AKRON CSD	108.060	14.100	2.000	1.900	79.560				10.500	0.461586	0.232277	58.180985	82.960165
COPLY-FAIRLAWN CSD	94.870	14.100	2.000	1.900	66.370				10.500	0.452727	0.318816	51.919778	64.623916
COVENTRY LSD/PORTAGE LKS JVSD	104.170	14.100	2.000	1.900	71.320	4.350			10.500	0.428718	0.358532	59.510419	66.821679
REVERE LSD/CUYA VLLY JVSD	91.270	14.100	2.000	1.900	60.770	2.000			10.500	0.391512	0.328471	55.536721	61.290495
SPRINGFIELD LSD/PORTAGE LKS JVSD	84.550	14.100	2.000	1.900	51.700	4.350			10.500	0.308737	0.249593	58.446253	63.446899
WOODRIDGE LSD	87.620	14.100	2.000	1.900	59.120				10.500	0.257975	0.224059	65.016196	67.987973
BARBERTON CITY													
BARBERTON CSD/BARBERTON PUBLIC LIBRARY	85.700	14.100	2.000	1.950	63.400				4.250	0.343429	0.249310	56.268175	64.334131
COVENTRY LSD	97.920	14.100	2.000	1.900	71.320	4.350			4.250	0.459017	0.383479	52.973015	60.369747
NORTHWEST LSD/STARK AREA JVSD/CANAL FULTON LIBRARY	75.450	14.100	2.000	2.000	51.100	2.000			4.250	0.382439	0.338128	46.595008	49.938252
NORTON CSD	84.520	14.100	2.000	1.900	62.270				4.250	0.517125	0.354448	40.812566	54.562095
BATH TWP													
COPLY-FAIRLAWN CSD	102.620	14.100	2.000	1.900	66.370		18.250			0.470037	0.338396	54.384806	67.893771
REVERE LSD/CUYA VLLY JVSD	99.020	14.100	2.000	1.900	60.770	2.000	18.250			0.414242	0.348007	58.001749	64.560350
BOSTON HEIGHTS VILLAGE													
HUDSON CSD	119.080	14.100	2.000		96.880				6.100	0.529853	0.341991	55.985090	78.355767
NORDONIA HILLS CSD/CUYA VLLY JVSD	100.690	14.100	2.000	1.900	74.590	2.000			6.100	0.500312	0.390381	50.313586	61.382519
NORDONIA HILLS CSD/CUYA VLLY JVSD/NHWD	101.190	14.100	2.000	1.900	74.590	2.000		0.500	6.100	0.499633	0.389388	50.632170	61.787832
WOODRIDGE LSD	83.220	14.100	2.000	1.900	59.120				6.100	0.284908	0.262739	59.509968	61.354837
BOSTON TWP													
HUDSON CSD	130.760	14.100	2.000		96.880		8.980	8.800		0.514284	0.315593	63.512184	89.493105
REVERE LSD/CUYA VLLY JVSD	98.550	14.100	2.000	1.900	60.770	2.000	8.980	8.800		0.415955	0.332372	57.557587	65.794697
WOODRIDGE LSD	94.900	14.100	2.000	1.900	59.120		8.980	8.800		0.293603	0.236120	67.037062	72.492175
CLINTON VILLAGE													
NORTHWEST LSD/STARK AREA JVSD/CANAL FULTON LIBRARY	92.040	14.100	2.000	2.000	51.100	2.000			20.840	0.403607	0.307979	54.892031	63.693622

COPLEY TWP

AKRON CSD	119.490	14.100	2.000	1.900	79.560		21.930	0.461086	0.244476	64.394851	90.277604
COPLEY-FAIRLAWN CSD	106.300	14.100	2.000	1.900	66.370		21.930	0.453117	0.323223	58.133644	71.941355
HIGHLAND LSD/MEDINA JVSD	116.280	14.100	2.000	1.900	73.300	3.050	21.930	0.493893	0.458819	58.850068	62.928522
REVERE LSD/CUYA VLLY JVSD	102.700	14.100	2.000	1.900	60.770	2.000	21.930	0.398728	0.331958	61.750587	68.607934

COVENTRY TWP

BARBERTON CSD/BARBERTON PUBLIC LIBRARY	102.500	14.100	2.000	1.950	63.400		21.050	0.345820	0.230781	67.053409	78.844967
COVENTRY LSD/PORTAGE LKS JVSD	114.720	14.100	2.000	1.900	71.320	4.350	21.050	0.444227	0.347275	63.758249	74.880583
GREEN LSD/PORTAGE LKS JVSD	85.280	14.100	2.000	1.900	41.880	4.350	21.050	0.237200	0.155631	65.051593	72.007818
SPRINGFIELD LSD/PORTAGE LKS JVSD	95.100	14.100	2.000	1.900	51.700	4.350	21.050	0.340756	0.248099	62.694083	71.505803

CUYAHOGA FALLS CITY

CUYAHOGA FALLS CSD/CUYAHOGA FALLS LIBRARY	109.010	14.100	2.000	1.900	80.010			11.000	0.448258	0.306948	60.145344	75.549620
HUDSON CSD	123.980	14.100	2.000		96.880			11.000	0.499989	0.310462	61.991318	85.488903
REVERE LSD/CUYA VALLY JVSD	91.770	14.100	2.000	1.900	60.770	2.000		11.000	0.389379	0.326681	56.036721	61.790495
STOW MUNROE FALLS CSD/STOW-MUNROE FALLS LIBRARY	82.630	14.100	2.000	2.000	53.530			11.000	0.225932	0.190387	63.961226	66.898311
WOODRIDGE LSD	88.120	14.100	2.000	1.900	59.120			11.000	0.256512	0.222787	65.516196	68.487973

FAIRLAWN CITY

AKRON CSD	100.260	14.100	2.000	1.900	79.560			2.700	0.497497	0.250347	50.380985	75.160165
COPLEY-FAIRLAWN CSD	87.070	14.100	2.000	1.900	66.370			2.700	0.493284	0.347377	44.119778	56.823916
REVERE LSD/CUYA VLLY JVSD	82.870	14.100	2.000	1.900	60.770	2.000		2.100	0.431197	0.361765	47.136721	52.890495

GREEN CITY

GREEN LSD-PORTAGE LKS JVSD	66.630	14.100	2.000	1.900	41.880	4.350		2.400	0.209009	0.161805	52.703763	55.848914
JACKSON LSD/STARK COUNTY DISTRICT LIBRARY	66.500	14.100	2.000	2.000	46.000			2.400	0.312768	0.267632	45.700921	48.702439

HUDSON CITY

HUDSON CSD	119.450	14.100	2.000		96.880			6.470	0.528077	0.325905	56.371182	80.520662
STOW MUNROE FALLS CSD/STOW-MUNROE FALLS LIBRARY	76.930	14.100	2.000	2.000	53.530			5.300	0.256843	0.210190	57.171090	60.760070

LAKEMORE VILLAGE

SPRINGFIELD LSD/PORTAGE LKS JVSD	83.600	14.100	2.000	1.900	51.700	4.350		9.550	0.341378	0.274801	55.060805	60.626658
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MACEDONIA CITY

NORDONIA HILLS CSD-CUYA VLLY JVSD	102.490	14.100	2.000	1.900	74.590	2.000			7.900	0.522651	0.399665	48.923547	61.528385
NORDONIA HILLS CSD/CUYA VLLY JVSD/NHWD	102.990	14.100	2.000	1.900	74.590	2.000	0.500		7.900	0.521875	0.398644	49.242131	61.933698
TWINSBURG CSD/CUYA VLLY JVSD/TWINSBURG LIBRARY	100.360	14.100	2.000	2.000	72.360	2.000			7.900	0.457985	0.342561	54.396601	65.980550

MOGADORE VILLAGE

MOGADORE LSD-MAPLEWOOD JVSD	114.490	14.100	2.000	1.900	86.840	4.000			5.650	0.518778	0.295145	55.095127	80.698838
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MUNROE FALLS CITY

STOW MUNROE FALLS CSD/STOW-MUNROE FALLS LIBRARY	81.430	14.100	2.000	2.000	53.530				9.800	0.255526	0.208427	60.622539	64.457808
TALLMADGE CSD	105.720	14.100	2.000	1.900	77.920				9.800	0.446532	0.279875	58.512660	76.131616

NEW FRANKLIN CITY

COVENTRY LSD/PORTAGE LKS JVSD	105.820	14.100	2.000	1.900	71.320	4.350			12.150	0.470884	0.395524	55.991094	63.965701
MANCHESTER LSD/PORTAGE LKS JVSD	108.510	14.100	2.000	1.900	74.010	4.350			12.150	0.492540	0.428386	55.064462	62.025782
NORTON CSD	92.420	14.100	2.000	1.900	62.270				12.150	0.525745	0.370720	43.830645	58.158049
NORTHWEST LSD/STARK AREA JVSD/CANAL FULTON LIBRARY	83.350	14.100	2.000	2.000	51.100	2.000			12.150	0.404762	0.357718	49.613087	53.534206

NORTHFIELD CENTER TWP

NORDONIA HILLS CSD/CUYA VLLY JVSD	114.100	14.100	2.000	1.900	74.590	2.000	19.510			0.509892	0.393796	55.921334	69.167822
NORDONIA HILLS CSD/CUYA VLLY JVSD/NHWD	114.600	14.100	2.000	1.900	74.590	2.000	19.510	0.500		0.509250	0.392905	56.239918	69.573135

NORTHFIELD VILLAGE

NORDONIA HILLS CSD/CUYA VLLY JVSD	102.070	14.100	2.000	1.900	74.590	2.000			7.480	0.500393	0.370109	50.994913	64.293013
NORDONIA HILLS CSD/CUYA VLLY JVSD/NHWD	102.570	14.100	2.000	1.900	74.590	2.000		0.500	7.480	0.499722	0.369228	51.313497	64.698326

NORTON CITY

BARBERTON CSD/BARBERTON PUBLIC LIBRARY	91.950	14.100	2.000	1.950	63.400				10.500	0.342697	0.246790	60.439008	69.257692
NORTON CSD	90.770	14.100	2.000	1.900	62.270				10.500	0.504424	0.344655	44.983399	59.485656

PENINSULA VILLAGE

WOODRIDGE LSD	94.520	14.100	2.000	1.900	59.120		1.480	8.800	7.120	0.293914	0.241971	66.739222	71.648896
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REMINDEVILLE CITY

AURORA CSD/PORTAGE COUNTY DISTRICT LIBRARY	112.420	14.100	2.000	1.000	90.120				5.200	0.437071	0.314027	63.284521	77.117093
TWINSBURG CSD/CUYA VLLY JVSD/TWINSBURG LIBRARY	97.660	14.100	2.000	2.000	72.360	2.000			5.200	0.433472	0.312228	55.327147	67.167820

RICHFIELD TWP

REVERE LSD/CUYA VLLY JVSD/RICHFIELD JRD	95.830	14.100	2.000	1.900	60.770	2.000	13.750	1.310		0.408627	0.343005	56.671320	62.959840
WOODRIDGE LSD/RICHFIELD JRD	92.180	14.100	2.000	1.900	59.120		13.750	1.310		0.282374	0.244334	66.150795	69.657318
RICHFIELD VIL&TWP/REVERE LSD/CUYA VLLY JVSD/RICHFIELD JRD*	95.830	14.100	2.000	1.900	60.770	2.000	12.700	1.310	1.050	0.408627	0.343005	56.671320	62.959840
RICHFIELD VILLAGE													
REVERE LSD/CUYA VLLY JVSD/RICHFIELD JRD	84.180	14.100	2.000	1.900	60.770	2.000		1.310	2.100	0.426409	0.357053	48.284860	54.123264
RICHFIELD VIL&TWP/REVERE LSD/CUYA VLLY JVSD/RICHFIELD JRD*	95.830	14.100	2.000	1.900	60.770	2.000	12.700	1.310	1.050	0.408627	0.343005	56.671320	62.959840
SAGAMORE HILLS TWP													
NORDONIA HILLS CSD/CUYA VLLY JVSD	109.020	14.100	2.000	1.900	74.590	2.000	14.430			0.493225	0.360243	55.248658	69.746263
NORDONIA HILLS CSD/CUYA VLLY JVSD/NHWD	109.520	14.100	2.000	1.900	74.590	2.000	14.430	0.500		0.492629	0.359463	55.567242	70.151576
WOODRIDGE LSD/NHWD	92.050	14.100	2.000	1.900	59.120		14.430	0.500		0.296430	0.238198	64.763624	70.123894
SILVER LAKE VILLAGE													
CUYAHOGA FALLS CSD/CUYAHOGA FALLS LIBRARY	111.760	14.100	2.000	1.900	80.010				13.750	0.437228	0.299395	62.895344	78.299620
SPRINGFIELD TWP													
GREEN LSD/PORTAGE LKS JVSD	84.780	14.100	2.000	1.900	41.880	4.350	20.550			0.244640	0.156258	64.039419	71.532413
SPRINGFIELD LSD/PORTAGE LKS JVSD	94.600	14.100	2.000	1.900	51.700	4.350	20.550			0.347971	0.249150	61.681909	71.030398
STOW CITY													
STOW MUNROE FALLS CSD/STOW-MUNROE FALLS PUBLIC LIBRARY	81.130	14.100	2.000	2.000	53.530				9.500	0.230109	0.193907	62.461226	65.398311
TALLMADGE CITY													
STOW MUNROE FALLS CSD/STOW-MUNROE FALLS PUBLIC LIBRARY	77.780	14.100	2.000	2.000	53.530				6.150	0.258639	0.212528	57.663044	61.249539
TALLMADGE CSD	102.070	14.100	2.000	1.900	77.920				6.150	0.455735	0.285556	55.553165	72.923347
TWINSBURG CITY													
TWINSBURG CSD/CUYA VLLY JVSD/TWINSBURG LIBRARY	95.460	14.100	2.000	2.000	72.360	2.000			3.000	0.442459	0.323809	53.222880	64.549181
TWINSBURG TWP													
TWINSBURG CSD/CUYA VLLY JVSD/TWINSBURG LIBRARY	112.630	14.100	2.000	2.000	72.360	2.000	20.170			0.450516	0.329610	61.888403	75.505990

*A portion of Richfield Township was annexed into Richfield Village. The township borders were not redrawn to conform to the village borders. Therefore the portion of the township that was annexed is included in both the township and the village.

APPENDIX A

**COMPARATIVE CASH BASIS SUMMARY OF GENERAL OPERATING FUNDS,
RECEIPTS, AND EXPENDITURES (COMBINED FUNDS) 2019 THROUGH 2023 (UNAUDITED) AND BUDGETED 2024**

	<u>2019</u>	<u>2020</u>	<u>2021</u>	<u>2022</u>	<u>2023</u>	<u>Budgeted 2024</u>
Cash Balance January 1 (a)(b)	\$34,427,083	\$36,072,335	\$44,195,231	\$41,131,950	\$39,639,125	\$40,393,925
Receipts						
Sales Tax	46,635,024	49,256,826	53,798,662	56,648,358	58,562,699	58,874,465
Real Estate and Public Utility Tax	18,776,329	19,308,938	22,882,513	23,655,745	23,600,423	29,882,740
Property Transfer Tax	9,610,302	10,047,896	11,861,968	11,985,257	9,421,533	8,602,626
Local Government Fund	6,385,545	6,374,665	7,202,047	7,745,241	7,930,859	7,001,432
Fees of County Offices	14,545,118	18,579,991	16,126,193	14,871,634	15,629,973	15,086,628
Depository and Investment Income	5,851,335	6,119,851	3,084,134	4,411,104	14,981,017	13,837,458
Refunds and Reimbursements	1,629,472	1,807,940	2,756,568	2,239,763	1,735,690	103,611
Casino	3,308,659	2,578,181	3,655,827	3,859,400	3,856,980	3,678,384
Miscellaneous	9,267,202	8,712,239	9,628,237	14,746,012	26,665,924	20,327,941
Total Receipts (d)(e)	116,008,985	122,786,527	130,996,148	140,162,514	162,385,099	157,395,285
General Government Expenditures						
Legislative and Executive	18,030,768	20,100,367	19,285,853	20,239,385	16,432,506	24,410,144
Judicial	28,734,565	27,922,634	31,649,520	35,927,815	14,376,457	43,926,141
Public Safety	50,065,139	35,432,538	47,142,626	30,679,722	5,157,093	60,804,100
Human Services	6,018,610	6,699,346	6,629,972	6,695,781	6,187,286	9,384,043
Rents, Leases, Utilities	3,935,512	3,428,294	4,079,914	3,828,911	3,607,787	3,903,400
General Insurance & Taxes	837,496	888,453	1,060,271	1,036,580	1,237,944	1,305,300
Transfers	5,730,000	11,790,000	21,514,727	40,633,546	111,632,971	6,933,000
Other	1,011,643	8,402,000	2,696,546	2,613,599	1,887,787	1,328,000
Total Expenditures (c)(d)(e)	\$114,363,733	\$114,663,631	\$134,059,428	\$141,655,339	\$161,630,299	\$151,994,128
Cash Balance at December 31 (b)	\$36,072,335	\$44,195,231	\$41,131,950	\$39,639,125	\$40,393,925	\$45,795,082
Outstanding Encumbrances at December 31	\$3,566,892	\$10,610,393	\$6,682,949	\$0	\$5,313,334	\$5,313,334
Unencumbered Balance at December 31 (b)	\$32,505,443	\$33,584,838	\$20,815,538	\$39,639,125	\$35,080,591	\$40,481,749

(a) Amount shown does not reflect encumbrances. For unencumbered balance, see the foot of the prior column.

(b) Includes funds set aside in the County's Budget Stabilization Fund.

(c) Expenditures for each year include outstanding encumbrances from the prior year carried forward for payment and exclude current year encumbrances.

(d) Receipts and expenditures do not include transfers between the General Fund and other funds and may not reflect the same totals for these funds in Appendix C and Appendices B-1 through B-5 which include these transfers.

APPENDIX B-1
SUMMARY OF CASH BALANCES, RECEIPTS, EXPENDITURES AND ENCUMBRANCES
(ALL-FUND SUMMARY) 2019 (UNAUDITED)

Funds	Cash Balance January 1	Total Receipts	Total Receipts and Balances	Expenditures	Cash Balance December 31	Outstanding Encumbrances December 31	Unencumbered Cash Balance December 31
General Fund	\$42,431,380	\$137,116,541	\$179,547,921	\$133,673,820	\$45,874,101	\$4,812,722	\$41,061,379
Special Revenue Funds							
Dog and Kennel Fund	0	1,050,601	1,050,601	1,052,254	(1,653) (d)	2,254 (a)	(3,907)
Concealed Weapons Administration	92,159	117,188	209,347	209,347	0	5,000 (a)	(5,000)
Human Services Fund	721,919	47,358,845	48,080,765	47,216,917	863,848	1,078,140 (a)	(214,293)
Motor Vehicle and Gas Tax Fund	7,423,893	20,685,146	28,109,039	20,591,729	7,517,309	2,620,931	4,896,378
Real Estate Assessment Fund	3,435,382	6,735,244	10,170,626	6,924,950	3,245,676	644,174	2,601,502
Delinquent Tax Assessment Collection Fund	5,510,164	4,660,476	10,170,641	4,915,044	5,255,596	93,908	5,161,688
Children Services Fund	21,274,839	50,016,787	71,291,627	52,575,022	18,716,605	5,268,936	13,447,668
Alcohol, Drug Addiction & Mental Health Services Fund	45,851,345	44,880,807	90,732,151	42,530,418	48,201,733	8,652,090	39,549,643
Board of Developmental Disabilities	50,853,795	66,325,276	117,179,072	63,517,334	53,661,738	8,503,390	45,158,348
Juvenile Court Grant Fund	1,068,651	7,130,547	8,199,198	6,530,899	1,668,299	381,258	1,287,041
Community Development Block Grant Fund	160,225	3,152,844	3,313,069	3,114,512	198,558	92,286	106,272
Other Grants Fund	2,044,159	16,217,180	18,261,340	16,249,551	2,011,789	12,453,751 (a)	(10,441,962)
Marriage License Fund	54,545	94,537	149,082	96,654	52,428	0	52,428
Child Support Enforcement Agency Fund	174,775	8,515,717	8,690,492	8,530,877	159,615	321,705 (a)	(162,090)
Computer Acquisition Fund	94,250	726,136	820,386	779,174	41,211	5,420	35,791
Enterprise Zone Fund	0	30,704	30,704	2,500	28,204	0	28,204
Coroner's Lab Fund	332,098	332,859	664,958	329,321	335,637	27,982	307,655
Opiate Lawsuit Settlements	0	20,572,000	20,572,000	0	20,572,000	0	20,572,000
Other Special Revenue	2,200,819	11,630,018	13,830,837	11,119,377	2,711,461	55,773	2,655,688
911 Wireless Service	81,213	104,050	185,263	16,190	169,073	7,817	161,257
Clerk of Courts	1,839	2,455	4,294	0	4,294	0	4,294
Law Library	271,218	352,344	623,563	362,886	260,677	246	260,431
Debt Service Funds							
General Obligation Debt Service Fund	3,878,895	10,486,763	14,365,658	9,840,366	4,525,292	93,320	4,431,972
Capital Projects Funds							
Permanent Improvement Fund	5,311,695	5,284,871	10,596,566	425,684	10,170,882	385,174	9,785,708
Building Projects Fund	6,499,479	4,592,552	11,092,032	4,950,303	6,141,728	4,252,903	1,888,825
Enterprise Funds							
Sewer Fund	18,497,064	48,135,299	66,632,362	55,597,996	11,034,366	31,097,210 (a)	(20,062,844)
Internal Service Funds							
Office Services Fund	(62,586)	939,515	876,930	940,237	(63,307) (g)	125,946 (a)	(189,253)
Workers Compensation Fund	8,166,686	1,215,885	9,382,571	2,164,457	7,218,113	22,725	7,195,388
Hospitalization Benefits Fund	14,626,268	60,527,712	75,153,981	59,034,716	16,119,265	145,928	15,973,338
Property & Casualty Insurance Fund	0	1,783,513	1,783,513	1,404,125	379,388	24,995	354,392
Telephone Services Fund	(267,502)	1,401,999	1,134,497	1,333,401	(198,904) (g)	471,981 (a)	(670,886)
Internal Auditing	(75,734)	619,616	543,882	609,054	(65,172) (g)	511 (a)	(65,683)
Geographic Information Systems	0	549,497	549,497	549,496	1	0	1
Information Technology	75,282	4,579,157	4,654,439	4,524,193	130,247	286,118 (a)	(155,872)
Totals - Excluding Agency Funds	240,728,217	587,924,685	828,652,902	561,712,804	266,940,097	81,934,596	185,005,501
Agency Funds - (c)	79,871,256	1,037,665,178	1,117,536,434	1,035,135,577	82,400,857	5,258,372	77,142,485
Totals	<u>\$320,599,473</u>	<u>\$1,625,589,863</u>	<u>\$1,946,189,335</u>	<u>\$1,596,848,382</u>	<u>\$349,340,954</u>	<u>\$87,192,968</u>	<u>\$262,147,986</u>

(a) Includes primarily encumbrances for 2020 expenditures under contracts signed in 2019.

(c) These funds include property and other taxes, as well as other intergovernmental resources, which have been collected and which will be distributed to other subdivisions in the County.

(d) Expenditures exceeded reimbursements.

(e) Reimbursements due from the Ohio Dept. of Job and Family Services

(g) 2019 billings to be reimbursed in 2020 by various County Departments/Agencies.

APPENDIX B-2
SUMMARY OF CASH BALANCES, RECEIPTS, EXPENDITURES AND ENCUMBRANCES
(ALL-FUND SUMMARY) 2020 (UNAUDITED)

Funds	Cash Balance January 1	Total Receipts	Total Receipts and Balances	Expenditures	Cash Balance December 31	Outstanding Encumbrances December 31	Unencumbered Cash Balance December 31
General Fund	\$45,874,101	\$146,752,379	\$192,626,480	\$135,034,071	\$57,592,409	\$13,262,689	\$44,329,720
Special Revenue Funds							
Dog and Kennel Fund	(1,653)	1,008,868	1,007,216	984,587	22,629	12,319 (a)	10,310
Concealed Weapons Administration	0	120,310	120,310	120,310	0	0 (a)	0
Human Services Fund	863,848	45,194,928	46,058,776	45,210,408	848,367	2,866,940 (a)	(2,018,573)
Motor Vehicle and Gas Tax Fund	7,517,309	20,601,648	28,118,958	18,454,779	9,664,179	3,088,068	6,576,111
Real Estate Assessment Fund	3,245,676	7,007,650	10,253,326	6,330,561	3,922,765	263,452	3,659,313
Delinquent Tax Assessment Collection Fund	5,255,596	4,100,472	9,356,068	4,577,321	4,778,747	428,795	4,349,951
Children Services Fund	18,716,605	65,646,986	84,363,590	55,968,605	28,394,985	4,249,929	24,145,057
Alcohol, Drug Addiction & Mental Health Services Fund	48,201,733	46,803,167	95,004,901	40,983,140	54,021,761	5,000,314	49,021,448
Board of Developmental Disabilities	53,661,738	63,153,595	116,815,333	56,070,890	60,744,443	16,258,325	44,486,117
Juvenile Court Grant Fund	1,668,299	6,900,145	8,568,444	6,082,881	2,485,564	115,262	2,370,301
Community Development Block Grant Fund	198,558	912,393	1,110,950	1,046,846	64,104	852,419	(788,315)
Other Grants Fund	2,011,789	37,757,577	39,769,366	38,175,343	1,594,023	4,871,448 (a)	(3,277,426)
Marriage License Fund	52,428	86,780	139,208	84,369	54,839	0	54,839
Child Support Enforcement Agency Fund	159,615	8,496,336	8,655,951	8,539,303	116,648	438,214 (a)	(321,566)
Computer Acquisition Fund	41,211	732,455	773,666	642,821	130,845	0	130,845
Enterprise Zone Fund	28,204	31,451	59,656	7,335	52,321	5,000	47,321
Coroner's Lab Fund	335,637	348,335	683,971	345,405	338,566	31,597	306,969
Opiate Lawsuit Settlements	20,572,000	85,500,000	106,072,000	5,403,368	100,668,632	19,087,032	81,581,600
COVID-19 Relief	0	87,383,617	87,383,617	87,356,458	27,159	25,000	2,159
Other Special Revenue	2,711,461	11,076,096	13,787,556	10,437,066	3,350,490	96,719	3,253,771
911 Wireless Service	169,073	95,772	264,845	9,497	255,349	0	255,349
Clerk of Courts	4,294	3,369	7,663	0	7,663	0	7,663
Law Library	260,677	248,908	509,585	285,487	224,098	246	223,852
Debt Service Funds							
General Obligation Debt Service Fund	4,525,292	9,818,813	14,344,105	10,075,985	4,268,120	3,912	4,264,208
Capital Projects Funds							
Permanent Improvement Fund	10,170,882	352,739	10,523,621	296,964	10,226,657	1,081,425	9,145,232
Building Projects Fund	6,141,728	11,147,202	17,288,930	7,956,973	9,331,957	6,063,947	3,268,010
Enterprise Funds							
Sewer Fund	11,034,366	48,322,525	59,356,891	56,845,524	2,511,367	17,288,772 (a)	(14,777,405)
Internal Service Funds							
Office Services Fund	(63,307)	778,393	715,086	709,349	5,736	163,697 (a)	(157,960)
Workers Compensation Fund	7,218,113	1,799,040	9,017,153	1,148,520	7,868,633	24,558	7,844,075
Hospitalization Benefits Fund	16,119,265	63,456,159	79,575,424	60,355,098	19,220,326	313,131	18,907,195
Property & Casualty Insurance Fund	379,388	1,564,497	1,943,885	1,520,200	423,685	99,424	324,261
Telephone Services Fund	(198,904)	1,383,368	1,184,464	1,182,593	1,871	295,486 (a)	(293,615)
Internal Auditing	(65,172)	694,701	629,529	614,664	14,865	0 (a)	14,865
Geographic Information Systems	1	543,506	543,507	537,908	5,599	150	5,449
Information Technology	130,247	5,283,551	5,413,798	5,351,693	62,105	233,417 (a)	(171,313)
Totals - Excluding Custodial Funds	266,940,097	785,107,730	1,052,047,828	668,746,321	383,301,506	96,521,689	286,779,818
Custodial Funds - (c)	82,400,857	1,126,496,180	1,208,897,036	1,123,592,809	85,304,227	4,155,197	81,149,030
Totals	\$349,340,954	\$1,911,603,910	\$2,260,944,864	\$1,792,339,131	\$468,605,733	\$100,676,885	\$367,928,848

(a) Includes primarily encumbrances for 2021 expenditures under contracts signed in 2020.

(c) These funds include property and other taxes, as well as other intergovernmental resources, which have been collected and which will be distributed to other subdivisions in the County.

(d) Expenditures exceeded reimbursements.

(e) Reimbursements due from the Ohio Dept. of Job and Family Services

(g) 2020 billings to be reimbursed in 2021 by various County Departments/Agencies.

APPENDIX B-3
SUMMARY OF CASH BALANCES, RECEIPTS, EXPENDITURES AND ENCUMBRANCES
(ALL-FUND SUMMARY) 2021 (UNAUDITED)

Funds	Cash Balance January 1	Total Receipts	Total Receipts and Balances	Expenditures	Cash Balance December 31	Outstanding Encumbrances December 31	Unencumbered Cash Balance December 31
General Fund	\$57,592,409	\$152,289,839	\$209,882,248	\$152,855,971	\$57,026,277	\$8,181,400	\$48,844,876
Special Revenue Funds							
Dog and Kennel Fund	22,629	1,054,375	1,077,004	1,077,004	0	64,977 (a)	(64,977)
Concealed Weapons Administration	0	131,019	131,019	90,520	40,499	0	40,499
Human Services Fund	848,367	45,126,788	45,975,156	44,401,429	1,573,727	3,486,934 (a)	(1,913,207)
Motor Vehicle and Gas Tax Fund	9,664,179	21,662,979	31,327,158	20,724,595	10,602,563	2,638,929	7,963,634
Real Estate Assessment Fund	3,922,765	7,261,326	11,184,090	5,998,982	5,185,108	83,358	5,101,750
Delinquent Tax Assessment Collection Fund	4,778,747	5,275,034	10,053,781	4,867,933	5,185,848	302,951	4,882,896
Children Services Fund	28,394,985	67,414,473	95,809,459	57,273,820	38,535,639	3,348,014	35,187,625
Alcohol, Drug Addiction & Mental Health Services Fund	54,021,761	46,511,473	100,533,234	40,399,775	60,133,459	4,632,141	55,501,317
Board of Developmental Disabilities	60,744,443	67,404,723	128,149,165	61,453,615	66,695,550	16,306,464	50,389,086
Juvenile Court Grant Fund	2,485,564	6,801,907	9,287,471	6,748,316	2,539,155	0	2,539,155
Community Development Block Grant Fund	64,104	1,825,038	1,889,142	1,572,726	316,416	2,112,728 (b)	(1,796,312)
Other Grants Fund	1,594,023	18,055,149	19,649,172	17,156,335	2,492,837	13,217,112 (b)	(10,724,275)
Marriage License Fund	54,839	94,004	148,843	97,490	51,353	0	51,353
Child Support Enforcement Agency Fund	116,648	8,732,809	8,849,457	8,733,448	116,008	294,516 (a)	(178,507)
Computer Acquisition Fund	130,845	643,499	774,344	643,552	130,792	2,552	128,240
Enterprise Zone Fund	52,321	2,000	54,321	2,565	51,756	5,000	46,756
Coroner's Lab Fund	338,566	410,718	749,284	412,167	337,117	79,766	257,351
Opiate Lawsuit Settlements	100,668,632	3,800,000	104,468,632	23,407,601	81,061,032	6,498,432	74,562,600
COVID-19 Relief	27,159	5,614,104	5,641,263	5,641,263	0	0	0
Emergency Rental Assistance	0	21,266,997	21,266,997	16,408,974	4,858,023	374,345	4,483,678
American Rescue Plan Act	0	46,485,060	46,485,060	0	46,485,060	31,300	46,453,760
Other Special Revenue	3,350,490	11,441,051	14,791,541	10,279,358	4,512,183	96,631	4,415,552
911 Wireless Service	255,349	87,561	342,909	0	342,909	0	342,909
Clerk of Courts	7,663	2,799	10,462	0	10,462	0	10,462
Law Library	224,098	331,938	556,036	292,462	263,573	5,030	258,543
Debt Service Funds							
General Obligation Debt Service Fund	4,268,120	9,759,412	14,027,532	9,659,423	4,368,108	5,000	4,363,108
Capital Projects Funds							
Permanent Improvement Fund	10,226,657	3,211,779	13,438,436	7,894,855	5,543,582	2,413,018	3,130,564
Building Projects Fund	8,661,957	15,355,937	24,017,894	8,722,722	15,295,172	14,296,159	999,014
Enterprise Funds							
Sewer Fund	2,511,367	55,843,282	58,354,649	58,348,235	6,414	15,867,156 (a)	(15,860,742)
Internal Service Funds							
Office Services Fund	5,736	987,019	992,755	991,344	1,411	161,429 (a)	(160,018)
Workers Compensation Fund	8,203,633	4,165,013	12,368,647	2,089,899	10,278,748	21,333	10,257,415
Hospitalization Benefits Fund	19,555,326	62,690,317	82,245,643	67,637,069	14,608,574	490,284	14,118,289
Property & Casualty Insurance Fund	423,685	1,820,054	2,243,739	1,619,423	624,316	71,058	553,258
Telephone Services Fund	1,871	1,161,189	1,163,061	1,099,978	63,082	170,992 (a)	(107,910)
Internal Auditing	14,865	656,963	671,827	655,272	16,555	0	16,555
Geographic Information Systems	5,599	704,068	709,667	703,338	6,330	0	6,330
Information Technology	62,105	6,234,236	6,296,341	6,059,049	237,292	397,449 (a)	(160,157)
Totals - Excluding Custodial Funds	383,301,506	702,315,930	1,085,617,436	646,020,507	439,596,929	95,656,458	343,940,472
Custodial Funds - (c)	85,304,227	1,134,914,671	1,220,218,898	1,120,407,584	99,811,314	7,755,444	92,055,869
Totals	<u>\$468,605,733</u>	<u>\$1,837,230,601</u>	<u>\$2,305,836,334</u>	<u>\$1,766,428,091</u>	<u>\$539,408,243</u>	<u>\$103,411,902</u>	<u>\$435,996,341</u>

(a) Includes primarily encumbrances for 2022 expenditures under contracts signed in 2021.

(b) Various grant funds are reimbursement type grants where the County expends moneys first and then is reimbursed by the granting agency.

(c) These funds include property and other taxes, as well as other intergovernmental resources, which have been collected and which will be distributed to other subdivisions in the County.

(d) Expenditures exceeded reimbursements.

(e) Reimbursements due from the Ohio Dept. of Job and Family Services

(g) 2021 billings to be reimbursed in 2022 by various County Departments/Agencies.

APPENDIX B-4
SUMMARY OF CASH BALANCES, RECEIPTS, EXPENDITURES AND ENCUMBRANCES
(ALL-FUND SUMMARY) 2022 (UNAUDITED)

Funds	Cash Balance January 1	Total Receipts	Total Receipts and Balances	Expenditures	Cash Balance December 31	Outstanding Encumbrances December 31	Unencumbered Cash Balance December 31
General Fund	\$57,026,277	\$158,040,919	\$215,067,195	\$157,308,938	\$57,758,257	\$5,695,617	\$52,062,640
Special Revenue Funds							
Dog and Kennel Fund	0	1,201,531	1,201,531	1,190,254	11,277	5,214	6,063
Concealed Weapons Administration	40,499	93,894	134,393	88,973	45,420	0	45,420
Human Services Fund	1,573,727	46,589,852	48,163,579	46,306,284	1,857,295	2,026,190 (a)	(168,895)
Motor Vehicle and Gas Tax Fund	10,602,563	22,872,910	33,475,472	22,562,684	10,912,788	3,396,120	7,516,668
Real Estate Assessment Fund	5,185,108	7,541,229	12,726,338	6,463,190	6,263,148	137,955	6,125,193
Delinquent Tax Assessment Collection Fund	5,185,848	5,181,259	10,367,107	4,762,513	5,604,594	224,549	5,380,045
Children Services Fund	38,535,639	67,127,749	105,663,387	59,243,299	46,420,089	3,995,769	42,424,320
Alcohol, Drug Addiction & Mental Health Services Fund	60,133,459	46,921,621	107,055,080	39,395,342	67,659,738	9,792,668	57,867,070
Board of Developmental Disabilities	66,695,550	65,546,316	132,241,867	64,517,018	67,724,848	16,282,003	51,442,845
Juvenile Court Grant Fund	2,539,155	7,847,234	10,386,389	7,393,023	2,993,366	203,295	2,790,071
Community Development Block Grant Fund	316,416	2,598,736	2,915,152	2,316,252	598,900	1,176,209 (b)	(577,309)
Other Grants Fund	2,492,837	17,805,205	20,298,042	16,948,684	3,349,358	5,696,146 (b)	(2,346,788)
Marriage License Fund	51,353	94,049	145,402	92,954	52,448	0	52,448
Child Support Enforcement Agency Fund	116,008	8,600,253	8,716,262	8,836,806	(120,545) (e)	59,618 (a)	(180,163)
Computer Acquisition Fund	130,792	937,607	1,068,399	883,263	185,136	0	185,136
Enterprise Zone Fund	51,756	28,000	79,756	16,593	63,163	2,625	60,538
Coroner's Lab Fund	337,117	447,863	784,980	455,003	329,976	19,602	310,374
Opiate Lawsuit Settlements	81,061,032	412,630	81,473,662	2,529,140	78,944,521	131,643	78,812,878
COVID-19 Relief	0	20,000,000	20,000,000	20,000,000	0	0	0
Emergency Rental Assistance	4,858,023	17,680,372	22,538,395	8,541,967	13,996,428	8,324,345	5,672,083
American Rescue Plan Act	46,485,060	33,963,702	80,448,762	23,048	80,425,714	38,252	80,387,462
Other Special Revenue	4,512,183	18,197,730	22,709,912	17,514,357	5,195,556	166,113	5,029,442
911 Wireless Service	342,909	93,209	436,118	356,386	79,733	0	79,733
Clerk of Courts	10,462	2,562	13,025	0	13,025	0	13,025
Law Library	263,573	294,315	557,888	295,597	262,291	2,315	259,976
Debt Service Funds							
General Obligation Debt Service Fund	4,368,108	15,155,099	19,523,207	9,400,162	10,123,045	1,900	10,121,145
Capital Projects Funds							
Permanent Improvement Fund	5,543,582	5,910,251	11,453,833	3,010,411	8,443,421	368,551	8,074,870
Building Projects Fund	15,295,172	80,766,110	96,061,283	23,381,764	72,679,518	40,923,570	31,755,949
Enterprise Funds							
Sewer Fund	6,414	80,288,233	80,294,647	74,832,698	5,461,949	4,602,688	859,260
Internal Service Funds							
Office Services Fund	1,411	948,701	950,112	945,937	4,175	48,743 (a)	(44,568)
Workers Compensation Fund	10,278,748	80,883	10,359,631	2,023,316	8,336,315	18,667	8,317,648
Hospitalization Benefits Fund	14,608,574	65,963,728	80,572,302	72,480,204	8,092,097	476,769	7,615,328
Property & Casualty Insurance Fund	624,316	1,772,473	2,396,789	1,837,647	559,142	89,513	469,629
Telephone Services Fund	63,082	1,112,455	1,175,537	1,169,923	5,614	286,641 (a)	(281,026)
Internal Auditing	16,555	716,775	733,330	677,265	56,065	4,500	51,565
Geographic Information Systems	6,330	788,924	795,254	789,032	6,222	6,690 (a)	(468)
Information Technology	237,292	7,702,294	7,939,586	7,826,893	112,693	237,053 (a)	(124,360)
Totals - Excluding Custodial Funds	439,596,929	811,326,674	1,250,923,604	686,416,823	564,506,781	104,441,533	460,065,248
Custodial Funds - (c)	99,811,314	1,177,450,721	1,277,262,035	1,166,475,117	110,786,917	6,915,435	103,871,482
Totals	<u>\$539,408,243</u>	<u>\$1,988,777,395</u>	<u>\$2,528,185,638</u>	<u>\$1,852,891,940</u>	<u>\$675,293,698</u>	<u>\$111,356,968</u>	<u>\$563,936,730</u>

(a) Includes primarily encumbrances for 2023 expenditures under contracts signed in 2022.

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(c) These funds include property and other taxes, as well as other intergovernmental resources, which have been collected and which will be distributed to other subdivisions in the County.

(d) Expenditures exceeded reimbursements.

(e) Reimbursements due from the Ohio Dept. of Job and Family Services

(g) 2022 billings to be reimbursed in 2023 by various County Departments/Agencies.

APPENDIX B-5
SUMMARY OF CASH BALANCES, RECEIPTS, EXPENDITURES AND ENCUMBRANCES
(ALL-FUND SUMMARY) 2023 (UNAUDITED)

Funds	Cash Balance January 1	Total Receipts	Total Receipts and Balances	Expenditures	Cash Balance December 31	Outstanding Encumbrances December 31	Unencumbered Cash Balance December 31
General Fund	\$57,758,257	\$169,216,975	\$226,975,231	\$171,410,027	\$55,565,204	\$6,165,289	\$49,399,916
Special Revenue Funds							
Dog and Kennel Fund	11,277	1,274,442	1,285,718	1,275,575	10,144	66,940	(56,797)
Concealed Weapons Administration	45,420	51,732	97,152	65,856	31,296	0	31,296
Job & Family Services	1,301,418	52,230,484	53,531,902	52,426,726	1,105,176	299,739 (a)	805,437
Motor Vehicle and Gas Tax Fund	10,912,788	21,112,682	32,025,471	18,490,460	13,535,011	3,072,912	10,462,098
Real Estate Assessment Fund	6,263,148	7,734,568	13,997,716	6,518,794	7,478,921	180,797	7,298,124
Delinquent Tax Assessment Collection Fund	5,079,386	4,505,911	9,585,297	3,981,702	5,603,595	233,305	5,370,290
Children Services Fund	46,386,109	67,056,399	113,442,508	62,647,766	50,794,741	3,158,962	47,635,779
Alcohol, Drug Addiction & Mental Health Services Fund	67,659,738	46,831,497	114,491,235	44,420,770	70,070,466	7,786,270	62,284,196
Board of Developmental Disabilities	64,743,301	68,512,893	133,256,194	71,051,064	62,205,130	12,602,689	49,602,441
Grant Funds	7,184,673	38,108,591	45,293,264	30,056,231	15,237,034	13,326,048	1,910,985
Community Development Block Grant Fund	631,617	2,210,935	2,842,552	2,317,373	525,179	883,198 (b)	(358,019)
Domestic Violence Trust Fund	52,448	48,736	101,184	52,448	48,736	0	48,736
Child Support Enforcement Agency Fund	(120,545)	10,119,875	9,999,330	9,877,476	121,854 (e)	197,088 (a)	(75,234)
Medical Examiner's Lab	329,976	370,626	700,602	358,530	342,072	45,182	296,890
Opiate Lawsuit Settlements	78,944,521	0	78,944,521	1,608,654	77,335,867	6,386,995	70,948,872
COVID-19 Relief	94,422,142	3,934,324	98,356,467	83,995,401	14,361,066	29,550	14,331,516
Other Special Revenue	8,680,428	17,392,733	26,073,160	11,721,568	14,351,592	190,400	14,161,192
911 Wireless Service	79,733	75,789	155,522	0	155,522	0	155,522
Law Library	262,291	282,455	544,746	236,909	307,837	754	307,084
Debt Service Funds							
General Obligation Debt Service Fund	10,123,045	9,976,905	20,099,950	11,040,573	9,059,377	10,900	9,048,477
Capital Projects Funds							
Permanent Improvement Fund	8,443,421	260,664	8,704,085	197,952	8,506,133	443,368	8,062,765
Building Projects Fund	72,679,518	94,619,902	167,299,420	47,382,238	119,917,182	20,960,911	98,956,270
Enterprise Funds							
Sewer Fund	5,678,777	62,131,990	67,810,767	60,154,746	7,656,021	5,069,301	2,586,720
Internal Service Funds							
Office Services Fund	4,175	800,389	804,564	800,621	3,943	84,103 (a)	(80,161)
Workers Compensation Fund	8,336,315	936,960	9,273,275	1,813,892	7,459,384	125	7,459,259
Employee Benefits and Stop Loss	8,092,097	70,730,760	78,822,857	75,425,095	3,397,762	838,221	2,559,541
Property & Casualty Insurance Fund	559,142	2,296,296	2,855,438	2,180,208	675,230	37,771	637,459
Telephone Services Fund	5,614	1,021,997	1,027,611	1,022,828	4,783	389,461 (a)	(384,679)
Internal Auditing	56,065	758,320	814,385	678,481	135,904	0	135,904
Geographic Information Systems	6,222	916,605	922,827	916,605	6,222	20,145 (a)	(13,923)
Information Technology	112,693	9,023,418	9,136,111	9,122,404	13,707	516,042 (a)	(502,334)
Internal Leases	0	2,001,196	2,001,196	164,293	1,836,903	0	1,836,903
Totals - Excluding Custodial Funds	564,725,212	766,547,047	1,331,272,258	783,413,265	547,858,994	82,996,467	464,862,526
Custodial Funds - (c)	110,568,486	1,205,565,786	1,316,134,272	1,213,276,334	102,857,939	3,865,792	98,992,147
Totals	\$675,293,698	\$1,972,112,832	\$2,647,406,531	\$1,996,689,598	\$650,716,932	\$86,862,259	\$563,854,673

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Note: In 2023 Summit County moved to a new accounting software which necessitated an update to the Chart of Accounts. Fund names and groupings will vary from prior years.