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**SUMMIT COUNTY COUNCIL ELECTS NEW OFFICERS FOR 2010**  
**Councilmen Poda and Comunale to Serve as President and Vice President**

At their January 4, 2010 Organizational Meeting, Summit County Council elected Jon Poda, At Large, to serve as Council President and Frank C. Comunale (District 4) as Vice President for 2010. Poda succeeds Councilman Nick Kostandaras (District 1) who served from 2007 through 2009.

In his first term as an At-Large Member on Summit County Council, Poda has chaired the Health and Human Services Committee, Public Works Committee and served as Council Vice-President.

In 2008, Councilman Poda wrote and sponsored legislation forming the Methamphetamine Property Awareness Task Force which resulted in coordination between law enforcement agencies throughout the county to make information available to homeowners and renters concerning real estate affected by meth labs via the website link <http://www.co.summit.oh.us/SCMA.htm>. In 2009, he authored legislation that banned texting while driving, which resulted in Summit County being the first county in the state of Ohio to pass such a law making the roads safer for travelers.

Councilman Comunale is serving his second term on County Council representing District 4, which includes part of the City of Akron and part of Cuyahoga Falls. He has served as Vice Chair of the Planning and Economic Development Committee as well as on the Health and Human Services, Long-Term Planning, Public Works and Personnel Committees.

“I am honored to serve as President and I thank my colleagues for their support. I look forward to working together with our Council and Executive Pry to continue to provide effective leadership for the citizens of Summit County in these trying times,” said Poda.

Summit County Council is the eleven-member legislative authority, taxing authority and policy making body of Summit County government. Summit County is Ohio’s First Charter County Government, allowing the representatives of the people to govern with more flexibility and a greater degree of self-government than other counties. The Council meets on Monday evenings for committee and regular meetings each week, excluding holidays and summer recess.

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