



News Release

Russell M. Pry – Summit County Executive

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Names New Director of Finance and Budget, Brian Nelsen, CPA



County Executive Russell M. Pry recently named Certified Public Accountant Brian Nelsen to the position of Director of Finance and Budget; effective September 1, 2009.

Nelsen will be replacing his longtime mentor Linda Sowa Phelps; who is scheduled to retire on August 31st with thirty-two years of service.

The County of Summit Department of Finance and Budget oversees \$500 million in annual budget appropriations for every department, office and division in Summit County; while, assuring that County Council receives pertinent fiscal information. The Department of Finance and Budget is also responsible for operating the Divisions of Office Services and Purchasing.

Prior to joining Summit County government, Nelsen was employed by the City of Akron Department of Finance and served on the Board of Directors for the Akron Municipal Employees Credit Union. In 2004, Nelsen accepted the position of deputy director of the Summit County Department of Finance and Budget.

As deputy director, Nelsen played an integral role in retaining the Goodyear Tire & Rubber Company in Summit County; as well as Bridgestone Firestone North America Tire's Technical Center.

Nelsen holds a Bachelors degree from The University of Akron and is a distinguished member of the following organizations: Government Finance Officers Association of the United States and Canada,

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Ohio Society of Certified Public Accountants, Summit/Akron Solid Waste Authority, Summit County
Child Abuse and Neglect Advisory Board and the Summit Tax Incentive Review Council.

Brian Nelsen, CPA, currently resides in the City of Akron.

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