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Russell M. Pry – Summit County Executive

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County of Summit and City of Akron
Seek to Combine Office Service Operations

On Monday, November 17, 2008, Summit County Executive Russell M. Pry will be asking members of the Summit County Council to approve a five-year, cooperative agreement between the City of Akron and the County of Summit. The agreement will allow the two municipalities to combine office service operations.

The City of Akron and the County of Summit, neighboring government administrations headquartered in downtown Akron, presently fund and operate separate office service facilities to perform large copying jobs and produce documents. If approved, the joint facility will be located in the Ohio Building, 175 South Main Street in Akron, and up-and-running by the end of the year.

“My administration is committed to forming community partnerships that save tax dollars and strengthen services,” said Summit County Executive Russell M. Pry. “By sharing these expenses the County of Summit will be saving a significant amount of tax dollars that can be used to fund more pressing initiatives, services and governmental functions.”

The County of Summit and the City of Akron are each projected to save \$40,000 - \$50,000 annually through the partnership.

In August 2007, Executive Pry and City of Akron Mayor Don Plusquellic reinvigorated the County of Summit & City of Akron Task Force, a working group that serves to identify areas in which the two jurisdictions can share services and resources in public safety and other areas of government.

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As a result of the Task Force, the two municipalities have partnered on the following projects: the purchase of emergency telephone equipment that allows local safety forces to depict the location of a wireless 9-1-1 caller by latitude and longitude coordinates, the Reverse Alert emergency telephone notification system, law enforcement issues and weights & measure efforts.

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