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**Summit County Councilman Tim Crawford Promotes
Sale and Positive Use of Edwin Shaw Property**

As Summit County attempts to sell the former Edwin Shaw property in Lakemore, District 7 Council Member Tim Crawford is pushing for a positive use for the facility. Recently used as a rehabilitation hospital, Crawford said he hopes that he can garner support for the property to be purchased by a philanthropic agency.

“Since its inception Edwin Shaw has been used for benevolent purposes – starting as a tuberculosis hospital and later for rehabilitation. I would like to possibly see a national agency come in and revive the property for another honorable purpose,” Crawford said.

The county-owned property, which has been appraised for around \$14 million, includes the main hospital that is approximately 310,000 square-feet in size. An additional 46,000 square-foot building and a few smaller cottages also sit on the 118 acres up for sale.

Currently, the county is exploring handing over the property to the Summit County Port Authority, which would allow the county to become eligible for federal money, as well as other benefits. Additionally, a portion of the property could potentially be used for a library branch location.

“It is important that we reach out to any organization with good missions that may want to invest in this magnificent property and its unique history that is important to the residents of Summit County,” Crawford said. “I urge any such agency to contact the county if they are interested in exploring the potential of this site.”

Councilman Crawford said it is important to try and get an agency in place that will bring some job opportunities along with it. After the rehabilitation center relocated, the Village of Lakemore has been without its largest employer.

As District 7 Council Member, Tim Crawford represents Barberton, Norton, and New Franklin, the Village of Clinton, part of Coventry Township and part of Akron. For more information, please contact the Summit County Council Office at (330) 643-2725.

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