RESOLUTION NO. 2012-044		
SPONSOR Mr. Pry		
DATEFebruary 13, 2012	COMMITTEE_	Public Safety

A Resolution authorizing the County Executive to execute a professional service contract with the Legal Defenders Office of Summit County, Inc., subject to the approval of the Board of Control, for legal defender services for indigents, for the Summit County Public Defender Commission, for the period 1/1/12 to 12/31/12, in an amount not to exceed \$472,900.00, for the Executive's Department of Law, Insurance and Risk Management and declaring an emergency.

WHEREAS, the County has formed the Summit County Public Defender Commission pursuant to Chapter 120 the Ohio Revised Code ("ORC"); and

WHEREAS, the Commission is responsible for providing legal defense services to certain indigent persons charged with the commission of crimes under the ORC, the Codified Ordinances of the County of Summit and various municipal ordinances within the boundaries of the County; and

WHEREAS, the Commission is authorized by Section 120.14 of the Ohio Revised Code to contract with a non-profit organization to provide legal services to indigent persons; and

WHEREAS, the Commission wishes to contract with the Legal Defenders Office of Summit County, Ohio, Inc., a not-for-profit corporation, to provide legal representation to indigent persons on behalf of the Commission from 1/1/12 to 12/31/12, for an amount not to exceed \$472,900.00; and

WHEREAS, the County Executive is required to execute the aforementioned contract, the cost of which will be paid out of funds appropriated by Council in Account No. 10003-2711-45501 pursuant to Resolution No. 2011-483; and

WHEREAS, this County Council finds and determines, after reviewing all pertinent information, that the Executive should be authorized to execute the aforementioned contract with the Legal Defenders Office of Summit County, Ohio, Inc., subject to the approval of the Board of Control;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the County of Summit, State of Ohio, that:

SECTION 1

The County Executive is hereby authorized to execute a professional service contract with the Legal Defenders Office of Summit County, Inc., subject to the approval of the Board of Control, for legal defender services for indigents, for the Summit County Public Defender Commission, for the period 1/1/12 to 12/31/12, for an amount not to exceed \$472,900.00.

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SECTION 2

This Resolution is hereby declared an emergency in the interest of the health, safety and welfare of the citizens of the County of Summit, and for the further reason to immediately provide necessary legal defender services for indigents in 2012.

SECTION 3

Provided this Resolution receives the affirmative vote of eight members, it shall take effect immediately upon its adoption and approval by the Executive; otherwise, it shall take effect and be in force at the earliest time provided by law.

SECTION 4

It is found and determined that all formal actions of this Council concerning and relating to the adoption of this Resolution were adopted in an open meeting of this Council, and that all deliberations of this Council and of any of its committees that resulted in such formal action, were in meetings open to the public, in compliance with all legal requirements, including Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

INTRODUCED January 30, 2012	A
ADOPTEDFebruary 13, 2012	
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CLERK OF COUNCIL	PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL
APPROVEDFebruary 14, 2012	

ENACTED EFFECTIVE February 14, 2012

Voice Vote: 9-0 Yes:Comunale, Crawford, Feeman, Kostandaras Kurt, Lee, Rodgers, Roemer, Schmidt. Absent: Prentice, Shapiro