

1 RESOLUTION NO. 2020-275

**Late Filing**  
**First Reading Passage Requested**  
**(B. Clark)**

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4 SPONSOR Ms. Shapiro

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6 DATE August 17, 2020

COMMITTEE Planning

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8 **A Resolution authorizing the Executive to advertise for bids for the Summit County Jail**  
9 **Video Arraignment Project at the Summit County Jail, located in the City of Akron, in**  
10 **Council District 4, for an estimated total cost not to exceed \$200,000.00, for the Executive's**  
11 **Department of Administrative Services–Physical Plants, and declaring an emergency.**

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13 WHEREAS, the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (the “CARES  
14 Act”) was passed by Congress and signed into law on March 27, 2020, to provide economic  
15 relief and to protect the American people from the public health and economic impacts of the  
16 Coronavirus Disease 2019 (“COVID-19”) pandemic and as part of this Act, the County received  
17 funds to expend to abate the pandemic within the community; and

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19 WHEREAS, on June 29, 2020, this Council adopted Resolution No. 2020-196, which  
20 confirmed a professional service contract with MCM Consulting Group, Inc. for consulting and  
21 project management services for jail management and virtual courtroom systems, due to the  
22 public health emergency with respect to the COVID-19 pandemic and as part of MCM’s analysis  
23 they have recommended that the County utilize broadband technology to connect courts, public  
24 safety and social services agencies in a closed network to ensure the secure and efficient  
25 continuation of criminal justice operations while maintaining the necessary safety protocols due  
26 to the pandemic; and

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28 WHEREAS, the COVID-19 pandemic is a health crisis that requires the different courts  
29 in the County and the Sheriff to change the method by which they conduct hearings for  
30 individuals held in the Summit County Jail, located in the City of Akron, in Council District 4, as  
31 well as those who have posted a bond; and

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33 WHEREAS, the Sheriff’s Office currently has to transport prisoners to and from the  
34 Summit County Courthouse for their in-person courtroom hearings; and

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36 WHEREAS, the Executive proposes that small rooms be built inside the existing housing  
37 units at the Summit County Jail to host virtual meetings and hearings; and

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39 WHEREAS, the proposed project, the Summit County Jail Video Arraignment Project  
40 (the “Project”), will realize a cost savings for the County in Sheriff’s deputies’ hours worked  
41 and also provide mandated social distancing at the Courthouse; and

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43 WHEREAS, currently pending before this Council is Resolution No. 2020-257, which  
44 authorizes the Executive to execute a grant agreement with the City of Fairlawn for  
45 \$6,500,000.00 for the design and construction of a fiber-optic network to connect the Summit  
46 County Jail, various courthouses, policing agencies and social services providers as a part of the  
47 Project; and

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49 WHEREAS, a portion of said monies will be used to fund the Project; and  
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4 WHEREAS, Section 177.05 of the Codified Ordinances of the County of Summit  
5 requires this Council's authorization for the Executive to advertise for bids; and

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7 WHEREAS, the Executive wishes to advertise for bids for the Project, for an estimated  
8 total cost not to exceed \$200,000.00; and

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10 WHEREAS, a copy of the bid specifications is on file in the Clerk of Council's Office;  
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13 WHEREAS, this Council finds and determines, after reviewing all pertinent information,  
14 that it is necessary and in the best interest of the County of Summit to authorize the Executive to  
15 advertise for bids for the Project, for an estimated total cost not to exceed \$200,000.00;

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

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20 SECTION 1

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22 The Executive is authorized to advertise for bids for the Summit County Jail Video  
23 Arraignment Project, located in the City of Akron, in Council District 4, for an estimated total  
24 cost not to exceed \$200,000.00.

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26 SECTION 2

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28 This Resolution is declared an emergency in the interest of the health, safety, and welfare  
29 of the residents of the County of Summit, and for the further reason that it immediately  
30 authorizes the advertisement for bids for a necessary video arraignment services at the Summit  
31 County Jail due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

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33 SECTION 3

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

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39 SECTION 4

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41 It is found and determined that all formal actions of this Council concerning and relating  
42 to the adoption of this Resolution were adopted in an open meeting of this Council, and that all  
43 deliberations of this Council and any of its committees that resulted in such formal action, were  
44 in meetings open to the public, in compliance with all legal requirements, including Section  
45 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.  
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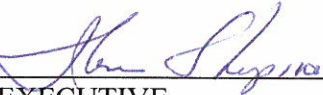
INTRODUCED August 17, 2020

ADOPTED August 17, 2020

  
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CLERK OF COUNCIL

  
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PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL

APPROVED August 19, 2020

  
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EXECUTIVE

ENACTED EFFECTIVE August 19, 2020

Voice Vote: YES: 10-0 - Dickinson, Donofrio, Feeman, Koehler,  
McKenney, Prentice, Rodgers, Schmidt, Sims, Wilhite  
ABSENT: Walters