

1 RESOLUTION NO. 2020-409

First Reading Passage Requested
(B. Nelsen)

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3 SPONSOR Executive Shapiro

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5 DATE December 7, 2020

COMMITTEE Planning

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7 **A Resolution authorizing the Executive to execute any documents necessary to apply for**
8 **and accept an award from the U.S. Department of Commerce, Economic Development**
9 **Administration of a Public Works and Federal Economic Adjustment Assistance Program,**
10 **planning grant, in the amount of \$125,000.00 with a local in-kind match requirement of**
11 **\$143,200.00, and designating Holly Miller as the authorized representative to act on behalf**
12 **of the County for purposes of the proposed award, for the Executive’s Department of**
13 **Community and Economic Development, and declaring an emergency.**

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15 WHEREAS, the Executive in collaboration with the City of Fairlawn, City of Akron and
16 Greater Akron Chamber, has applied for a Public Works and Federal Economic Adjustment
17 Assistance Program, planning grant from the U.S. Department of Commerce, Economic
18 Development Administration (the “EDA”) and has been notified that the County’s application
19 has been reviewed for merit and selected for further consideration; and

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21 WHEREAS, the planning grant will be used to fund a feasibility study of the potential
22 expansion of a high-speed fiber network to 14 Job Hubs, which are concentrated areas of traded-
23 sector economic activity that are focal points of economic development strategy, and 16
24 Opportunity Zones – economically distressed census tracts that carry incentives for investment
25 within the County; and

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27 WHEREAS, the notice letter provided by the EDA requests a governing board resolution
28 that identifies an authorized representative to act on behalf of the county for purposes of the
29 proposed award; and

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31 WHEREAS, the Executive would like to designate Holly Miller, a Senior Administrator
32 in the Executive’s Department of Community and Economic Development as the authorized
33 representative to act on behalf of the County for purposes of the proposed award; and

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35 WHEREAS, this Council finds and determines, after reviewing all pertinent information,
36 that it is necessary and in the best interest of the County of Summit to authorize the Executive to
37 execute any documents necessary to apply for and accept an award from the U.S. Department of
38 Commerce, Economic Development Administration of a Public Works and Federal Economic
39 Adjustment Assistance Program planning grant and to designate Holly Miller as the authorized
40 representative to act on behalf of the County for purposes of the proposed award;

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

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45 SECTION 1

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47 The Executive is hereby authorized to execute any documents necessary to apply for and
48 accept an award from the U.S. Department of Commerce, Economic Development
49 Administration of a Public Works and Federal Economic Adjustment Assistance Program
50 planning grant in the amount of \$125,000.00 with a local in-kind match requirement of
51 \$143,200.00.
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4 SECTION 2

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6 The Executive and this Council hereby designate Holly Miller, a Senior Administrator in
7 the Executive's Department of Community and Economic Development as the authorized
8 representative to act on behalf of the County for purposes of the proposed award.

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10 SECTION 3

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12 This Resolution is hereby declared an emergency in the interest of the health, safety and
13 welfare of the residents of the County of Summit and for the further reason to immediately
14 authorize the Executive complete the grant application process with the U.S. Department of
15 Commerce.

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17 SECTION 4


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

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23 SECTION 5

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25 It is found and determined that all formal actions of this Council concerning and relating
26 to the adoption of this Resolution were adopted in an open meeting of this Council, and that all
27 deliberations of this Council and of any of its committees that resulted in such formal action,
28 were in meetings open to the public, in compliance with all legal requirements, including Section
29 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

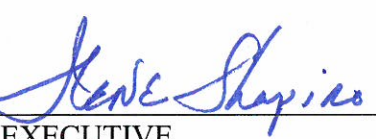
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32 INTRODUCED December 7, 2020

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34 ADOPTED December 7, 2020

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39 CLERK OF COUNCIL

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43 PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL

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45 APPROVED December 8, 2020

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EXECUTIVE

ENACTED EFFECTIVE December 8, 2020

Voice Vote: YES: 11-0 Dickinson, Donofrio, Feeman, Koehler,
McKenney, Prentice, Rodgers, Schmidt, Sims, Walters, Wilhite