

1 RESOLUTION NO. 2021-007

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3 SPONSOR Executive Shapiro

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5 DATE January 25, 2021 COMMITTEE Public Safety

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7 **An amended Resolution authorizing the Executive to execute, subject to the approval of the**
8 **Board of Control, a professional service contract between the Legal Defenders Office of**
9 **Summit County, Ohio, Inc. and the Summit County Public Defender Commission for legal**
10 **defender services for indigents for the Summit County Public Defender Commission, for**
11 **the period 1/1/21 to 12/31/21, in an amount not to exceed ~~\$1,035,400.00~~ \$1,305,390.00, for**
12 **the Executive and the Summit County Public Defender Commission, and declaring an**
13 **emergency.**

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

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

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23 WHEREAS, the Commission is authorized by Section 120.14 of the ORC to contract
24 with a nonprofit organization to provide legal services to indigent persons; and

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26 WHEREAS, the Commission wishes to contract with the Legal Defender’s Office of
27 Summit County, Ohio, Inc. (“Legal Defender”), a nonprofit corporation, to provide legal
28 representation to indigent persons on behalf of the Commission from 1/1/21 to 12/31/21, for an
29 amount not to exceed ~~\$1,035,400.00~~ \$1,305,390.00; and

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31 WHEREAS, the Executive is required to execute the aforementioned contract, the cost of
32 which will be paid out of funds appropriated by this Council, pursuant to Amended Resolution
33 No. 2020-375; and

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35 WHEREAS, it is necessary to authorize the Executive to execute, subject to the approval
36 of the Board of Control, said professional service contract with the Legal Defender and the
37 Commission for legal defender services for indigents for the Commission, for the period 1/1/21
38 to 12/31/21, in an amount not to exceed ~~\$1,035,400.00~~ \$1,305,390.00; and

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40 WHEREAS, this Council finds and determines, after reviewing all pertinent information,
41 that it is necessary and in the best interest of the County of Summit to authorize the Executive to
42 execute, subject to the approval of the Board of Control, the aforementioned professional service
43 contract with the Legal Defender;

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45 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the County of Summit, State
46 of Ohio, that:
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4 SECTION 1

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6 The Executive is hereby authorized to execute, subject to the approval of the Board of
7 Control, a professional service contract and any necessary related documents between the Legal
8 Defender's Office of Summit County, Ohio, Inc. and the Summit County Public Defender
9 Commission for legal defender services for indigents for the Commission, for the period 1/1/21
10 to 12/31/21, in an amount not to exceed ~~\$1,035,400.00~~ \$1,305,390.00.

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12 SECTION 2

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14 This Resolution is hereby declared an emergency in the interest of the health, safety and
15 welfare of the residents of the County of Summit, and for the further reason to immediately
16 provide necessary legal defender services for indigents in 2021.

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18 SECTION 3


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

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24 SECTION 4

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26 It is found and determined that all formal actions of this Council concerning and relating
27 to the adoption of this Resolution were adopted in an open meeting of this Council, and that all
28 deliberations of this Council and of any of its committees that resulted in such formal action,
29 were in meetings open to the public, in compliance with all legal requirements, including Section
30 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

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33 INTRODUCED January 4, 2021


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35 ADOPTED January 25, 2021

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39 CLERK OF COUNCIL



PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL

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41 APPROVED January 27, 2021

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45 EXECUTIVE

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47 ENACTED EFFECTIVE January 27, 2021

Roll Call Vote 9-2 YES: Dawrrow, Dickinson, Donofrio, Feeman,
Rodgers, Schmidt, Sims, Walters, Wilhite
NO: DeVitis, McKenney