

1 RESOLUTION NO. 2021-043

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3 SPONSOR Executive Shapiro

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5 DATE March 1, 2021

COMMITTEE Public Safety

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7 **A Resolution authorizing the Executive to execute a grant agreement with the Legal**
8 **Defenders Office of Summit County, Ohio, Inc. for capital improvements to its office space**
9 **located at One Cascade Plaza, Akron, Ohio to accommodate additional staff members, in**
10 **an amount not to exceed \$77,000.00, for the Executive, and declaring an emergency.**

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

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

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

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23 WHEREAS, the Commission contracts with the Legal Defender’s Office of Summit
24 County, Ohio, Inc. (“Legal Defender”), a nonprofit corporation, to provide legal representation
25 to indigent persons on behalf of the Commission; and

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27 WHEREAS, this Council previously adopted Resolution 2020-037 adopting the Capital
28 Improvements Program for 2020-2025 for the County of Summit and appropriating funds,
29 including the funding of \$77,000.00 which was encumbered for said grant; and

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31 WHEREAS, this Council has previously adopted Amended Resolution No. 2021-007,
32 which authorized the Executive to execute, subject to the approval of the Board of Control, a
33 professional service contract with the Legal Defender and the Commission for legal defender
34 services for indigents for the Commission, for the period 1/1/21 to 12/31/21, in an amount not to
35 exceed \$1,305,390.00; and

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37 WHEREAS, the County wishes to enter into a grant agreement with the Legal Defender
38 for capital improvements to its office space to accommodate additional staff members, in an
39 amount not to exceed \$77,000.00; and

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41 WHEREAS, this Council finds and determines, after reviewing all pertinent information,
42 that it is necessary and in the best interest of the County of Summit to authorize the Executive to
43 execute the aforementioned grant agreement 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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48 SECTION 1

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50 The Executive is hereby authorized to execute a grant agreement with the Legal
51 Defenders Office of Summit County, Ohio, Inc. for capital improvements to its office space
52 located at One Cascade Plaza, Akron, Ohio to accommodate additional staff members, in an
53 amount not to exceed \$77,000.00.
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4 SECTION 2

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6 This Resolution is hereby declared an emergency in the interest of the health, safety and
7 welfare of the residents of the County of Summit, and for the further reason to immediately
8 provide necessary assistance to the Legal Defenders Office of Summit County, Ohio, Inc. for
9 capital improvements.

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11 SECTION 3

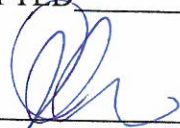
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13 Provided this Resolution receives the affirmative vote of eight members, it shall take
14 effect immediately upon its adoption and approval by the Executive; otherwise, it shall take
15 effect and be in force at the earliest time provided by law.

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17 SECTION 4

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19 It is found and determined that all formal actions of this Council concerning and relating
20 to the adoption of this Resolution were adopted in an open meeting of this Council, and that all
21 deliberations of this Council and of any of its committees that resulted in such formal action,
22 were in meetings open to the public, in compliance with all legal requirements, including Section
23 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

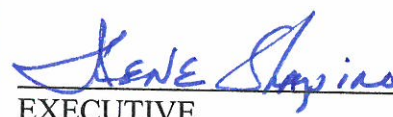
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26 INTRODUCED February 8, 2021

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28 ADOPTED March 1, 2021

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32 CLERK OF COUNCIL


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34 PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL

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36 APPROVED March 2, 2021

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40 EXECUTIVE

ENACTED EFFECTIVE March 2, 2021

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