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50 51 RESOLUTION NO.

SPONSOR_	Executive Shapiro			
DATE	March 29, 2021	COMMITTEE	Personnel	

2021-067

A Resolution approving and enacting a COVID-19 lump sum program, for current non-bargaining, classified and unclassified employees of the County Council, Executive, Fiscal Officer, Prosecutor, Sheriff, Clerk of Courts, Engineer, Internal Audit Department, Office of Information Technology, and Human Resource Commission, for the Executive's Department of Human Resources, and declaring an emergency.

WHEREAS, pursuant to Article III, Section 3.03(10) of the Charter of the County of Summit, this Council has the authority to establish personnel procedures, job descriptions, rankings, and uniform pay ranges of all employees of the County Council, Executive, Fiscal Officer, Prosecutor, Sheriff, Clerk of Courts and Engineer, Internal Audit Department Office of Information Technology and Human Resource Commission (hereafter "Charter Offices"); and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 169.08(d) of the Codified Ordinances of the County of Summit, this Council has the authority to determine the amount and frequency of general salary increases for the employees of the Charter Offices; and

WHEREAS, this Council previously approved Resolutions 2020-377 and 2020-378, authorizing Hazard Pay (Covid-19 lump sum payments) for Sheriff Deputies and Supervisors to compensate those employees for the additional risks associated with COVID-19 for on-site work, and to further provide the County with long term financial flexibility to allow for the continued delivery of County services; and

WHEREAS, this Council recognizes that many employees of the County performed their jobs admirably during 2020, while dealing with risks posed by COVID-19 and the increased responsibility of delivering services to the residents of Summit County, including the creation and delivery of new services and support necessitated by COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, in an effort to balance the potential for future negative economic impact created by COVID-19, with the County's current financial condition, the Executive wishes to further establish a COVID-19 lump sum program full-time current non-bargaining classified and unclassified employees of the Charter Offices; and

WHEREAS, this plan will provide greater benefit to the lowest paid County employees, and those who were not able to work remotely in 2020, and will also aid in ensuring long-term financial stability for the County by keeping wage rates at 2020 levels; and

WHEREAS, under the Executive's plan, all full-time current non-bargaining classified and unclassified employees of the Charter Offices on April 1, 2021, who were paid for at least 1,000 hours of "Regular" pay by the County in 2020, will receive a one-time lump sum base payment of \$1,350.00; and

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WHEREAS, full-time current non-bargaining classified and unclassified employees of the Charter Offices on April 1, 2021, who's hourly salary is less than \$28.85, may additionally be eligible for a lump sum on-site work payment of \$750.00, provided at least 1,000 hours of their County "Regular" pay in 2020 was performed on-site, at their regular place of County employment and they did not receive any other unusual employment rewards or benefits during 2020; and

WHEREAS, under the Executive's plan, all part-time current non-bargaining classified and unclassified employees of the Charter Officers on April 1, 2021, who were paid for at least 750 hours of "Regular" pay by the County in 2020, will receive a one-time lump sum base payment of \$675.00; and

WHEREAS, part-time current non-bargaining classified and unclassified employees of the Charter Offices on April 1, 2021, who's hourly salary is less than \$28.85, may additionally be eligible for a lump sum on-site work payment of \$375.00, provided at least 750 hours of their County "Regular" pay in 2020 was performed on-site, at their regular place of County employment and they did not receive any other unusual employment rewards or benefits during 2020; and

WHEREAS, for purposes of determining eligibility for lump sum on-site work payments of \$375.00 for part-time workers and \$750.00 for full-time workers, unusual employment rewards or benefits shall be inclusive of, but not limited to, bonuses or stipends of any value, paid time off of more than 20 hours provided either in addition to normal accrued time off or paid to non-essential employees for time not worked, or any other employee benefit exceeding \$375.00 of value; and

WHEREAS, the certification of eligibility by Charter Office appointing authorities, shall be deemed sufficient proof of eligibility for employee lump sum on-site work payments of \$375.00 for part-time workers and \$750.00 for full-time workers; and

WHEREAS, this Council finds and determines, after reviewing all pertinent information, that it is necessary and in the best interest of the County to approve the Executive's COVID-19 lump sum program.

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

SECTION 1

All full-time current non-bargaining classified and unclassified employees of the County Council, Executive, Fiscal Officer, Prosecutor, Sheriff, Clerk of Courts, Engineer, Internal Audit Department, Office of Information Technology, and Human Resource Commission ("Charter Offices") on April 1, 2021, who were paid for at least 1,000 hours of "Regular" pay by the County in 2020, will receive a one-time lump sum base payment of \$1,350.00.

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SECTION 2

All full-time current non-bargaining classified and unclassified employees of the Charter Offices on April 1, 2021, who's hourly salary is less than \$28.85, are additionally eligible for a lump sum on-site work payment of \$750.00, provided at least 1,000 hours of their County "Regular" pay in 2020 was performed on-site, at their regular place of County employment and they did not receive any other unusual employment rewards or benefits during 2020.

SECTION 3

All part-time current non-bargaining classified and unclassified employees of the Charter Offices on April 1, 2021, who were paid for at least 750 hours of "Regular" pay by the County in 2020, will receive a one-time lump sum base payment of \$675.00.

SECTION 4

All part-time current non-bargaining classified and unclassified employees of the Charter Offices on April 1, 2021, who's hourly salary is less than \$28.85, are additionally eligible for a lump sum on-site work payment of \$375.00, provided at least 750 hours of their County "Regular" pay in 2020 was performed on-site, at their regular place of County employment and they did not receive any other unusual employment rewards or benefits during 2020.

SECTION 5

For purposes of determining eligibility for lump sum on-site work payments of \$375.00 for part-time workers and \$750.00 for full-time workers, unusual employment rewards or benefits shall be inclusive of, but not limited to, bonuses or stipends of any value, paid time off of more than 20 hours provided either in addition to normal accrued time off or paid to non-essential employees for time not worked, or any other employee benefit exceeding \$375.00 of value.

SECTION 6

The President of County Council, Executive, Fiscal Officer, Prosecutor, Sheriff, Clerk of Courts, Engineer, Chair of the County Audit Committee, Chair of the County Information Technology Board, and Chair of the Human Resource Commission are authorized to certify the eligibility of their employees to receive lump sum on-site work payments of \$375.00 for part-time workers and \$750.00 for full-time workers and such certification shall constitute sufficient proof of eligibility.

SECTION 7

 All lump sum payments approved pursuant to this resolution shall be paid not later than April 30, 2021.

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4	SECTION 8
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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 of immediately
8	authorizing the aforementioned COVID-19 lump sum program.
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10	SECTION 9
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12	Provided this Resolution receives the affirmative vote of eight members, it shall take
13	effect immediately upon its adoption and approval by the Executive; otherwise, it shall take
14	effect and be in force at the earliest time provided by law.
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16	SECTION 10
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18	It is found and determined that all formal actions of this Council concerning and relating
19	to the adoption of this Resolution were adopted in an open meeting of this Council, and that all
20	deliberations of this Council and of any of its committees that resulted in such formal action,
21	were in meetings open to the public, in compliance with all legal requirements, including Section
22	121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.
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Voice Vote - YES: 10-0: Darrow, DeVitis, Dickinson, Donofrio, McKenney, Rodgers, Schmidt, Sims, Walters, Wilhite ABSENT: Feeman