

1 RESOLUTION NO. 2021-085

First Reading Passage Requested
(P. Montgomery)

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3 SPONSORS Executive Shapiro, Mrs. Sims

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5 DATE March 29, 2021

COMMITTEE Human Services

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7 **A Resolution confirming the award by the Board of Control of a purchase contract with**
8 **CDW Government for 800 HP Chromebooks, at State Term pricing, in an amount not to**
9 **exceed \$208,000.00, for the Executive's Department of Job and Family Services, and**
10 **declaring an emergency.**

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12 WHEREAS, the COVID-19 pandemic has changed the environment that the County's
13 youth and families have to navigate while working towards employment and self-sufficiency;
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16 WHEREAS, the digital divide experienced by low income community has been
17 highlighted, and the County Executive's Department of Job and Family Services ("SCDJFS") is
18 seeking to purchase Chromebooks to supply our vulnerable population with tools they need to be
19 successful.

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21 WHEREAS, the Executive's Department of Jobs and Family Services wishes to purchase
22 Chromebooks to facilitate on-line youth summer employment, year-round work experience
23 programs and Temporary Assistance to Needy Families ("TANF") work required individuals to
24 serve the employment training needs of the County; and

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26 WHEREAS, the Summer Youth Education Program seeks to offer 350 youth aged 16-20
27 years old and who receive TANF and/or Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program ("SNAP")
28 assistance Chromebooks to assist in their participation in the educational curriculum of 20 hours
29 a week for 4-6 weeks with live virtual classes and outcomes of job readiness certificates and
30 credentials; and

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32 WHERAS, the Building Opportunities for Sustained Success ("BOSS") program
33 (Comprehensive Case Management Program ("CCMEP")), which is designed to help youth 14-
34 24 build the skills needed to obtain and retain employment, offers supportive services and case
35 management to help overcome barriers and achieve unique goals, observed during the pandemic
36 that youth who are not enrolled in public schools are attempting to complete GED, job searches
37 and other online classes on their phones or borrowed devices. This creates new barriers and
38 obstacles to the youth who are already experiencing difficulties. The intent is to provide the
39 Chromebooks to 250 BOSS youth; and

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41 WHEREAS, adults with minor children who are currently receiving OWF cash assistance
42 are required to complete a work requirement to continue to receive assistance with the intent to
43 work towards self-sufficiency. During the pandemic, the number of work-required individuals
44 receiving OWF assistance has increased by 304%. In order to assist these individuals with
45 developing a self-sufficiency plan and help them become work ready, SCDJFS is seeking to
46 provide Chromebooks to the participants that are actively engaged in SCDJFS work activity
47 programs to eliminate barriers and empower them to be able to take the necessary steps towards
48 sustained employment. The intent is to provide the Chromebooks to 200 TANF work-required
49 adults; and

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51 WHEREAS, both Federal CCMEP and Regular TANF funding will provide monies to
52 pay for said Chromebooks; and

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4 WHEREAS, the Board of Control, at its meeting held March 24, 2021, awarded a
5 purchase contract with CDW Government, at State Term Pricing, subject to approval by the IT
6 Board, for 800 HP Chromebooks, in an amount not to exceed \$208,000.00, subject to
7 confirmation by this Council; and

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9 WHEREAS, this Council finds and determines, after reviewing all pertinent information,
10 that the aforementioned purchase contract with CDW Government is necessary and in the best
11 interest of the County of Summit.

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

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16 SECTION 1

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18 The award of the Board of Control of a purchase contract with the CDW Government, at
19 State Term pricing, for 800 HP Chromebooks for use by participants of youth employment
20 programs, including year-round and summer youth program services, in an amount not to exceed
21 \$208,000.00, subject approval by the IT Board, is hereby confirmed, and the Executive is hereby
22 authorized to execute said purchase contract and any other necessary related documents.

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24 SECTION 2

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26 This Resolution is declared an emergency in the interest of the health, safety, and welfare
27 of the residents of the County of Summit, and for the further reason that it immediately
28 authorizes a necessary contract that will provide Chromebooks for youth employment programs.

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30 SECTION 3

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

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36 SECTION 4

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

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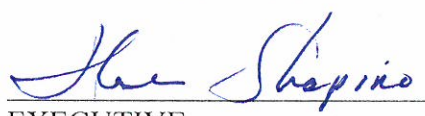
INTRODUCED March 29, 2021

ADOPTED March 29, 2021


CLERK OF COUNCIL


PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL

APPROVED March 30, 2021


EXECUTIVE

ENACTED EFFECTIVE March 30, 2021

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