

1 RESOLUTION NO. 2024-029

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3 SPONSOR Executive Shapiro

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5 DATE January 29, 2024

COMMITTEE Finance

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7 **A Resolution authorizing various County offices to make expenditures, in a total combined**  
8 **amount not to exceed \$105,000.00, for hospitality items for events to be held in 2024, for the**  
9 **Executive, and declaring an emergency.**

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11 WHEREAS, throughout 2024, the Court of Common Pleas-General Division will  
12 conduct training sessions, planning sessions, and meetings including, but not limited to, Judges’  
13 meetings, Summit County Criminal Justice Advisory Board meetings, Judicial Advisory Board  
14 meetings, Facility Governing Board meetings, Turning Point Program and grant program  
15 ceremonies and other staff training and/or meetings as deemed necessary by the Court, to be paid  
16 from General Division funds, Special Project funds and Probation Fee general funds; and

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18 WHEREAS, the Court of Common Pleas-General Division wishes to make hospitality  
19 expenditures, in an amount not to exceed \$20,000.00, in 2024 related to the aforementioned  
20 training sessions, planning sessions, and meetings; and

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22 WHEREAS, the Court of Common Pleas-Juvenile Division conducts various training and  
23 planning sessions, volunteer recognitions and youth incentives throughout 2024 including, but  
24 not limited to, the Behavioral Health Juvenile Justice quarterly meetings, the Summit County  
25 Cluster for Youth meetings, Juvenile Detention Alternative Initiative and required Juvenile Court  
26 training, a volunteer recognition hosted for the many court volunteers in Court Appointed  
27 Special Advocates, detention, Women’s Board and Citizens Review Board and the Court of  
28 Common Pleas-Juvenile Division is also authorized to spend funds on hospitality and incentive  
29 items on youths and their families throughout the year which are reimbursed by various grants;  
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32 WHEREAS, the Court of Common Pleas-Juvenile Division wishes to make hospitality  
33 expenditures, in an amount not to exceed \$10,000.00, in 2024 related to the aforementioned  
34 training sessions, planning sessions, and meetings; and

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36 WHEREAS, the Executive’s Department of Job and Family Services (“DJFS”) conducts  
37 training, including worksite conferences, for the County of Summit and such training sessions  
38 are attended by County employees, outside organizations, and elected officials and DJFS also  
39 provides meals for the participants of the Summer Youth Employment Program (“SYEP”); and

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41 WHEREAS, DJFS wishes to pay hospitality expenses in an amount not to exceed  
42 \$15,000.00 in 2024 related to the aforementioned training sessions and SYEP participant meals;  
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45 WHEREAS, the Executive’s Department of Public Safety-Emergency Management  
46 Agency conducts various training and planning sessions, including domestic preparedness  
47 steering committee workshops and law enforcement, fire, dispatch and emergency medical  
48 services personnel training, for the County of Summit and Ohio Homeland Security Region 5  
49 law enforcement personnel and such training sessions are attended by County employees, public  
50 safety personnel, outside organizations and elected officials; and

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4 WHEREAS, the Executive’s Department of Public Safety-Emergency Management  
5 Agency wishes to make hospitality expenses, in an amount not to exceed \$25,000.00 for 2024  
6 related to the aforementioned training sessions, all of which are paid for through various grant  
7 funds; and

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9 WHEREAS, the Executive’s Department of Human Resources, Division of Employee  
10 Benefits conducts training, including health fairs and worksite wellness conferences, for the  
11 County of Summit and such training sessions are attended by County employees, outside  
12 organizations, and elected officials; and

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14 WHEREAS, the Executive’s Department of Human Resources, Division of Employee  
15 Benefits wishes to pay hospitality expenses, in an amount not to exceed \$5,000.00, in 2024  
16 related to the aforementioned training sessions, some of which will be reimbursed from Medical  
17 Mutual of Ohio wellness dollars and some of which is paid by conference attendees, sponsors  
18 and vendors; and

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20 WHEREAS, the Prosecutor’s Office conducts training and planning sessions, including  
21 hosting their annual Responding to the Needs of Victims conference which offers continuing  
22 legal education credits and is open to any law enforcement agencies in the region. Last year, the  
23 Prosecutor’s Office hosted over 220 registrants from Northeast Ohio and two guest speakers; and

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25 WHEREAS; the Prosecutor wishes to make hospitality expenses, in an amount not to  
26 exceed \$30,000.00 for 2024 related to the aforementioned training sessions and conference,  
27 which includes food and beverages for breakfast and lunch, technology rentals such as a  
28 projector, microphones, and audio board, and rooms for guest speakers; and

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30 WHEREAS, the Ohio Attorney General issued Opinion No. 82-006, which authorizes the  
31 expenditure of funds by a local political subdivision for its employees as long as those  
32 expenditures are necessary to further a public purpose and if the political subdivision’s  
33 determination to make such expenditures is not manifestly arbitrary or unreasonable; and

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35 WHEREAS, Sections 177.24(b) and (c) of the Codified Ordinances of the County of  
36 Summit require the approval of this Council for hospitality expenditures exceeding \$5,000.00 per  
37 year and for hospitality expenditures for purposes other than employee training, meetings and  
38 organization strategic planning meetings; 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  
42 aforementioned various County offices to make expenditures, in a total combined amount not to  
43 exceed \$105,000.00, for hospitality items for events to be held in 2024, and that such  
44 expenditures are for a valid public purpose;

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

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4 SECTION 1

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6 The following County offices are hereby authorized to make expenditures, in the  
7 following not to exceed amounts for hospitality items for events to be held in 2024:

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9	Common Pleas Court-General Division	\$20,000.00
10	Common Pleas Court-Juvenile Division	\$10,000.00
11	Executive-Department of Job and Family Services	\$15,000.00
12	Executive-Department of Public Safety and EMA	\$25,000.00
13	Human Resource Department-Division of Employee Benefits	\$ 5,000.00
14	Prosecutor	<u>\$30,000.00</u>
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16	Total:	\$105,000.00

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18 This Council hereby finds and determines that such expenditures are for a valid public purpose.

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20 SECTION 2

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22 This Resolution is hereby declared an emergency in the interest of the health, safety and  
23 welfare of the residents of the County of Summit and for the further reason to immediately  
24 authorize the aforementioned County offices to make expenditures for hospitality items incurred  
25 in events to be held in 2024.

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27 SECTION 3

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

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33 SECTION 4

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

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5 INTRODUCED January 29, 2024

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7 ADOPTED February 12, 2024

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*Monique Willis*

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CLERK OF COUNCIL

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12 APPROVED February 12, 2024

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*Gene Shapiro*

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EXECUTIVE

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17 ENACTED EFFECTIVE February 13, 2024

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*Rita S. Darrow*

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PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL

Voice Vote – YES: 9 – 0: Darrow,  
Dickinson, Donofrio, McKenney,  
Rodgers, Schmidt, Walters, Wiedie  
Higham, Wilhite  
Absent: DeVitis