

1 RESOLUTION NO. 2015-021

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3 SPONSOR Mr. Pry

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5 DATE January 26, 2015 COMMITTEE Public Safety

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7 **A Resolution authorizing the County Executive to execute a professional service contract**
8 **between the Legal Defenders Office of Summit County, Inc. and the Summit County Public**
9 **Defender Commission, subject to the approval of the Board of Control, for legal defender**
10 **services for indigents for the Commission, for the period 1/1/15 to 12/31/15, in an amount**
11 **not to exceed \$535,100.00, for the Executive and the Summit County Public Defender**
12 **Commission, and declaring an emergency.**

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

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

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

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25 WHEREAS, the Commission wishes to contract with the Legal Defenders Office of
26 Summit County, Ohio, Inc., a not-for-profit corporation, to provide legal representation to
27 indigent persons on behalf of the Commission from 1/1/15 to 12/31/15, for an amount not to
28 exceed \$535,100.00; and

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30 WHEREAS, the County Executive is required to execute the aforementioned contract,
31 the cost of which will be paid out of funds appropriated by Council in Account No. 10003-2711-
32 45501 pursuant to Resolution No. 2014-515; and

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34 WHEREAS, said professional service contract with the Legal Defenders Office of
35 Summit County, Inc., is subject to the approval of the Board of Control; and

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37 WHEREAS, this County Council finds and determines, after reviewing all pertinent
38 information, that it is necessary and in the interest of the County of Summit to authorize the
39 Executive to execute the aforementioned contract with the Legal Defenders Office of Summit
40 County, Ohio, Inc., subject to the approval of the Board of Control;

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

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45 SECTION 1

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47 The County Executive is hereby authorized to execute a professional service contract
48 with the Legal Defenders Office of Summit County, Inc., subject to the approval of the Board of
49 Control, for legal defender services for indigents, for the Summit County Public Defender
50 Commission, for the period 1/1/15 to 12/31/15, for an amount not to exceed \$535,100.00.
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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 citizens of the County of Summit, and for the further reason to immediately
8 provide necessary legal defender services for indigents in 2015.

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10 SECTION 3

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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 4

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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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25 INTRODUCED January 5, 2015

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27 ADOPTED January 26, 2015

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31 CLERK OF COUNCIL

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PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL

APPROVED January 27, 2015

EXECUTIVE

ENACTED EFFECTIVE January 27, 2015

Voice Vote: 11-0: YES: Comunale, Crawford, Donofrio, Feeman, Kostandaras,
Kurt, Lee, Prentice, Rodgers, Schmidt, Shapiro