

1 RESOLUTION NO. 2017-050

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3 SPONSOR Ms. Shapiro

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5 DATE February 13, 2017

COMMITTEE Public Safety

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7 **A Resolution adjusting existing appropriations, in the amount of \$77,000.00, within the**
8 **Medical Examiner's General Fund for the fiscal year ending 12/31/17, for the Medical**
9 **Examiner, and declaring an emergency.**

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11 WHEREAS, this Council previously adopted Resolution No. 2016-435, which approved
12 and appropriated the 2017 operating budget for the County of Summit, which included salary
13 and benefits appropriations for the County Medical Examiner's General Fund for the fiscal year
14 ending 12/31/17; and

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16 WHEREAS, on November 27, 2015, Dr. Dorothy Dean resigned from the Medical
17 Examiner's Office, leaving one of the three Medical Examiner positions vacant; and

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19 WHEREAS, the County has sought a replacement for the vacant Deputy Medical
20 Examiner position since Dr. Dean's resignation, and included the salary and benefits for that
21 position in the Medical Examiner's Office 2017 operating budget; and

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23 WHEREAS, the County has hired Dr. Todd Barr for the vacant Deputy Medical
24 Examiner position, but Dr. Barr is currently in his fellowship for forensic pathology and unable
25 to start the position until July 2017; and

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27 WHEREAS, the County has contracted with other area Forensic Pathologists to provide
28 locum tenens services to perform autopsies as an individual contractor, not to exceed \$1,000.00
29 per autopsy, for the Medical Examiner's Office; and

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31 WHEREAS, the extended vacancy of the Deputy Medical Examiner position, along with
32 the current opiate epidemic within the County, has created an increased case load and backlog of
33 cases, necessitating the aforementioned contracts; and

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35 WHEREAS, the Medical Examiner's Office has \$77,000.00 in available salary and
36 benefits appropriations as a result of the previously mentioned vacancy and desires to move these
37 appropriations to contract services to fund the aforementioned contracts; and

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39 WHEREAS, this Council finds and determines, after reviewing all pertinent information,
40 that the aforementioned adjustment of said existing appropriations is necessary and in the best
41 interest of the County of Summit;

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

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4 SECTION 1

5 Appropriations are hereby adjusted as follows:

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	<u>ACCOUNT NO.</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>DECREASE</u>	<u>INCREASE</u>
11	10003-3107-20501	Salaries – Pool Budget	\$67,000.00	
12	10003-3107-25501	Employee Benefits – Pool Budget	<u>\$10,000.00</u>	
13	10003-3107-45501	Contract Services – Pool Budget		<u>\$77,000.00</u>
14		Total Adjustments	\$77,000.00	\$77,000.00

15 SECTION 2

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17 The County Fiscal Officer is hereby authorized and directed to effect the within
18 appropriations adjustment.

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20 SECTION 3

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22 This Resolution is hereby declared an emergency in the interest of the health, safety and
23 welfare of the citizens of the County of Summit and for the further reason that the adjustment to
24 the appropriations for the Medical Examiner's Office General Fund is immediately needed.

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26 SECTION 4

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

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32 SECTION 5

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

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40 INTRODUCED January 30, 2017

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42 ADOPTED February 13, 2017

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45 CLERK OF COUNCIL

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48 PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL

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50 APPROVED February 15, 2017

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52 EXECUTIVE

ENACTED EFFECTIVE February 15, 2017

Voice Vote: 11-0 YES: Crawford, Dickinson, Donofrio, Feeman,
Hamilton, Koehler, Prentice, Rodgers, Schmidt, Walters, Wilhite