

RESOLUTION NO. 2009-084

SPONSOR Mr. Pry

DATE March 16, 2009

COMMITTEE Public Safety

A Resolution confirming an award by the Board of Control of a professional services contract to the Legal Defenders Office of Summit County, Ohio, Inc., a not-for-profit corporation, to provide legal representation to indigent persons on behalf of the Summit County Public Defender Commission from January 1, 2009, through December 31, 2009, in an amount not to exceed \$472,900.00, authorizing the Commission to execute a contract with the Legal Defender Office and authorizing the County Executive to sign on behalf of the County approving the contract, for the Executive's Law Department, and declaring an emergency.

WHEREAS, the County has formed a Summit County Public Defender Commission under the Ohio Revised Code; and

WHEREAS, the Commission is responsible for providing legal defense services to certain indigenous persons charged with the commission of crimes under the Ohio Revised Code, the Codified Ordinances of the County of Summit and various municipal ordinances within the boundaries of the County; and

WHEREAS, the Summit County Public Defender Commission is authorized to contract with a non-profit organization to provide legal services to indigent persons; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Control, at its meeting held February 11, 2009, has awarded a professional services contract to Legal Defenders Office of Summit County, Ohio, Inc., a not-for-profit corporation, to provide legal representation to indigent persons on behalf of the Summit County Public Defender Commission from January 1, 2009, through December 31, 2009, in an amount not to exceed \$472,900.00; and

WHEREAS, after reviewing all pertinent information, this Council has determined that the aforementioned contract is necessary and in the best interest of the County of Summit;

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

SECTION 1

The award by the Board of Control of a professional services contract to Legal Defenders Office of Summit County, Ohio, Inc., a not-for-profit corporation, to provide legal representation to indigent persons on behalf of the Summit County Public Defender Commission from January 1, 2009, through December 31, 2009, in an amount not to exceed \$472,900.00. The Commission is hereby authorized to enter into such a contract. The County Executive is authorized on behalf of the County to approve the contract.

SECTION 2

This Resolution is hereby declared an emergency in the interest of the health, safety and welfare of the citizens of the County of Summit and for the further reason that it is necessary to provide legal representation to indigent persons in the County.

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SECTION 3

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


SECTION 4

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

INTRODUCED March 2, 2009

ADOPTED March 16, 2009


CLERK OF COUNCIL


PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL

APPROVED March 16, 2009


EXECUTIVE

ENACTED EFFECTIVE March 16, 2009

Voice Vote: 11-0 YES: Crossland, Schmidt, Comunale, Poda, Prentice
Smith, Crawford, Feeman, Rodgers, Shapiro, Kostandaras