

1 RESOLUTION NO. 2020-009

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3 SPONSOR Ms. Shapiro

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5 DATE January 27, 2020

COMMITTEE Public Safety

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7 **A Resolution authorizing the County Executive to execute, subject to the approval of the**
8 **Board of Control, a professional service contract between the Legal Defenders Office of**
9 **Summit County, Ohio, Inc. and the Summit County Public Defender Commission for legal**
10 **defender services for indigents for the Summit County Public Defender Commission, for**
11 **the period 1/1/20 to 12/31/20, in an amount not to exceed \$869,500.00, for the Executive and**
12 **the Summit County Public Defender Commission, and declaring an emergency.**

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14 WHEREAS, the County has formed the Summit County Public Defender Commission
15 (“Commission”) pursuant to Chapter 120 the Ohio Revised Code; 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 Ohio Revised Code
23 to contract with a nonprofit organization to provide legal services to indigent persons; and

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25 WHEREAS, the Commission wishes to contract with the Legal Defender’s Office of
26 Summit County, Ohio, Inc. (“Legal Defender”), a nonprofit corporation, to provide legal
27 representation to indigent persons on behalf of the Commission from 1/1/20 to 12/31/20, for an
28 amount not to exceed \$869,500.00; 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 Amended Resolution No. 2019-439; and

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34 WHEREAS, it is necessary to authorize the County Executive to execute, subject to the
35 approval of the Board of Control, said professional service contract with the Legal Defender and
36 the Commission for legal defender services for indigents for the Commission, for the period
37 1/1/20 to 12/31/20, in an amount not to exceed \$869,500.00; and

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39 WHEREAS, this Council finds and determines, after reviewing all pertinent information,
40 that it is necessary and in the best interest of the County of Summit to authorize the County
41 Executive to execute, subject to the approval of the Board of Control, the aforementioned
42 professional service contract with the Legal Defender;

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

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4 SECTION 1

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6 The County Executive is hereby authorized to execute, subject to the approval of the
7 Board of Control, a professional service contract between the Legal Defender's Office of
8 Summit County, Ohio, Inc. and the Summit County Public Defender Commission for legal
9 defender services for indigents for the Commission, for the period 1/1/20 to 12/31/20, in an
10 amount not to exceed \$869,500.00.

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12 SECTION 2

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14 This Resolution is hereby declared an emergency in the interest of the health, safety and
15 welfare of the residents of the County of Summit, and for the further reason to immediately
16 provide necessary legal defender services for indigents in 2020.

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18 SECTION 3

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

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24 SECTION 4

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26 It is found and determined that all formal actions of this Council concerning and relating
27 to the adoption of this Resolution were adopted in an open meeting of this Council, and that all
28 deliberations of this Council and of any of its committees that resulted in such formal action,
29 were in meetings open to the public, in compliance with all legal requirements, including Section
30 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

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33 INTRODUCED January 6, 2020

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35 ADOPTED January 27, 2020

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CLERK OF COUNCIL

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PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL

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49 APPROVED January 28, 2020

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