

1 RESOLUTION NO. 2010-367

**First Reading Passage Requested**

I. Shapiro

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3 SPONSOR Mr. Pry and Ms. Shapiro

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5 DATE September 13, 2010

COMMITTEE: Personnel

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7 **A Resolution establishing the County of Summit Financial Sustainability Task Force,**  
8 **declaring its purpose and describing its members, for the Executive and County Council,**  
9 **and declaring an emergency.**

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11 Whereas, the County has seen its general fund revenue decrease from anticipated revenues of  
12 \$117.3 million in 2008 to budgeted revenues of \$101.1 million in 2010 as a result of the economic  
13 downturn, diminished consumer spending, unemployment and cuts from the State of Ohio; and

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15 Whereas, the County has taken several steps to reduce its operating costs, including  
16 employee buyouts, furlough days, a hiring freeze, a non-bargaining wage freeze and layoffs, as well  
17 as reductions in several non-profit grants; and

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19 Whereas, by taking the aforementioned actions, the County has reduced its general fund  
20 operating budget from \$121.9 million in 2008 to \$105.7 million in 2010; and

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22 Whereas, although some indicators show the economy is improving, the County does not  
23 anticipate full recovery for several years; and

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25 Whereas, based on the type of revenues that comprise the County's current revenue stream,  
26 we anticipate that the County's recovery may lag behind the recovery of the economy in general; and

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28 Whereas, as a result of the downturn in the economy and the decline in County revenues, the  
29 County Executive and this Council have determined that it is necessary and in the best interest of the  
30 County to create a Financial Sustainability Task Force that will focus on improving the County's  
31 revenues while at the same time focusing on ways to operate the County more efficiently and with  
32 improved service delivery; and

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

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37 SECTION 1

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39 Council hereby establishes Financial Sustainability Task Force with not less than ten (10)  
40 members. The membership shall be appointed by the Executive and confirmed by Council.

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42 SECTION 2

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44 The purpose of the Financial Sustainability Task Force shall be to accomplish the  
45 following objectives:

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47 1. Identify and investigate methods to improve County revenue and service delivery.  
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49 2. Identify improvements and efficiencies in County operations that could be realized to  
50 improve services to the public while maximizing current revenue received by the County.  
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52 3. Identify and investigate best-practices of other governmental entities that will improve  
53 service delivery, enhance revenues and/or reduce the cost of County operations.

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4 SECTION 2 (CONT.)

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6 Furthermore, the Financial Sustainability Task Force shall compile a comprehensive report of its  
7 findings and provide the same to the Executive, Council, other County officeholders and the  
8 public.

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10 SECTION 3

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12 The membership of the Financial Sustainability Task Force shall consist of not less than  
13 ten (10) members, and shall be comprised of the following:

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15 1. Summit County Executive  
16 2. Chair of the Summit County Council Finance Committee  
17 3. Chair of the Summit County Council Long-Term Planning Committee  
18 4. One other Summit County Council member  
19 5. Not less than six (6) other individuals who are either residents of Summit County or  
20 are employed in Summit County and have a background in finance, accounting,  
21 economics, business, public administration, non-profit administration or other similar  
22 field.

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24 SECTION 4

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26 The Task Force will deliberate for a period of one (1) year and provide the  
27 comprehensive report prescribed in Section 2 at the end of this period.

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29 SECTION 5

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31 This Resolution is hereby declared an emergency in the interest of the health, safety and  
32 welfare of the citizens of the County of Summit and for the further purpose to provide a task  
33 force to review the County's current economic situation.

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35 SECTION 6

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

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41 SECTION 7

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43 It is found and determined that all formal actions of this Council concerning and relating  
44 to the adoption of this Resolution were adopted in an open meeting of this Council, and that all  
45 deliberations of this Council and any of its committees that resulted in such formal action, were  
46 in meetings open to the public, in compliance with all legal requirements, including Section  
47 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

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12 CLERK OF COUNCIL

  
PRESIDENT

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15 APPROVED September 14, 2010

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18 EXECUTIVE

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ENACTED EFFECTIVE

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