

1 RESOLUTION NO. 2016-400

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3 SPONSOR Ms. Shapiro

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5 DATE October 31, 2016 COMMITTEE Public Safety

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7 **A Resolution appropriating funds for indigent attorneys fees, in the amount of \$750,000.00,**
8 **for the Court of Common Pleas General Division and the Court of Common Pleas-Juvenile**
9 **Division, and declaring an emergency.**

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11 WHEREAS, because of increases in the number of delinquency cases with multiple
12 defendants where the Legal Defenders Office of Summit County, Inc. is unable to represent all
13 the defendants and it is necessary to appoint private attorneys, the Court of Common Pleas-
14 Juvenile Division requires an additional \$250,000.00 for indigent attorney fees; and

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16 WHEREAS, because of a continued increase in the criminal case load and an unusual
17 number of capital cases along with an increase in the number of lower level felonies, the Court of
18 Common Pleas-General Division requires an additional \$500,000.00 for indigent attorney fees;
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21 WHEREAS, the total appropriations required are \$750,000.00, 50% of which will be
22 reimbursed by the Ohio Public Defender's Office; and

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24 WHEREAS, County Council has determined after reviewing all pertinent information
25 that the aforementioned appropriations are necessary and in the best interest of the County of
26 Summit;

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

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31 SECTION 1

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33 Funds are hereby appropriated as follows:

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<u>ACCOUNT NO.</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
General Fund Appropriation		
10003-2402-27105	Juvenile Court Attorney Fees	\$ 250,000.00
10003-2103-27105	Common Pleas Attorney Fees	<u>\$ 500,000.00</u>
Total Appropriations		\$ 750,000.00

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40 The County Fiscal Officer is hereby authorized and directed to effect the within
41 appropriations.
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4 SECTION 3

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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 purpose of immediately
8 appropriating necessary funds in the total amount of \$750,000.00, of which \$250,000.00 is for
9 indigent attorney fees for the Court of Common Pleas-Juvenile Division and \$500,000.00 is for
10 the Court of Common Pleas-General Division.

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12 SECTION 4

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

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18 SECTION 5

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20 It is found and determined that all formal actions of this Council concerning and relating
21 to the adoption of this Resolution were adopted in an open meeting of this Council, and that all
22 deliberations of this Council and of any of its committees that resulted in such formal action,
23 were in meetings open to the public, in compliance with all legal requirements, including Section
24 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

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27 INTRODUCED October 17, 2016

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29 ADOPTED October 31, 2016

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34 CLERK OF COUNCIL

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43 PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL

44 APPROVED November 1, 2016

45 EXECUTIVE

46 ENACTED EFFECTIVE November 1, 2016

Voice Vote: YES: 10-0 - Crawford, Dickinson, Donofrio, Feeman,
Kostandaras, Prentice, Rodgers, Schmidt, Walters, Wilhite
ABSENT: Lee