

1 RESOLUTION NO. 2017-013

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3 SPONSOR Ms. Shapiro

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5 DATE January 30, 2017

COMMITTEE Public Safety

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7 **A Resolution confirming the award by the Board of Control of a professional service**
8 **contract between the Legal Defenders Office of Summit County, Ohio, Inc. and the Summit**
9 **County Public Defender Commission for legal defender services for indigents for the**
10 **Commission, for the period 1/1/17 to 12/31/17, in an amount not to exceed \$559,400.00, for**
11 **the Executive and the Summit County Public Defender Commission, and declaring an**
12 **emergency.**

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14 WHEREAS, the County has formed the Summit County Public Defender Commission
15 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 Defenders Office of
26 Summit County, Ohio, Inc., a nonprofit corporation, to provide legal representation to indigent
27 persons on behalf of the Commission from 1/1/17 to 12/31/17, for an amount not to exceed
28 \$559,400.00; 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 Resolution No. 2016-435; and

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34 WHEREAS, the Board of Control, at its meeting held January 4, 2017, awarded a
35 professional service contract between the Legal Defenders Office of Summit County, Inc. and
36 the Summit County Public Defender Commission for legal defender services for indigents for the
37 Commission, for the period 1/1/17 to 12/31/17, in an amount not to exceed \$559,400.00; and

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39 WHEREAS, this County Council finds and determines, after reviewing all pertinent
40 information, that the aforementioned contract with the Legal Defenders Office of Summit
41 County, Ohio, Inc. is necessary and in the best interest of the County of Summit;

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

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46 SECTION 1

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48 The award by the Board of Control of a professional service contract between the Legal
49 Defenders Office of Summit County, Ohio, Inc. and the Summit County Public Defender
50 Commission for legal defender services for indigents for the Commission, for the period 1/1/17
51 to 12/31/17, in an amount not to exceed \$559,400.00, is hereby confirmed and the Executive is
52 hereby authorized to execute such professional service contract.
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4 SECTION 2

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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 reason to immediately
8 provide necessary legal defender services for indigents in 2017.

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10 SECTION 3

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

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16 SECTION 4

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

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25 INTRODUCED January 9, 2017

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27 ADOPTED January 30, 2017

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32 CLERK OF COUNCIL

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39 PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL

40 APPROVED January 31, 2017

41 EXECUTIVE

ENACTED EFFECTIVE January 31, 2017

Voice Vote: 10-0-1 YES: Crawford, Dickinson, Donofrio, Feeman,
Koehler, Prentice, Rodgers, Schmidt, Walters, Wilhite
ABSTAIN: Hamilton