

1 RESOLUTION NO. 2022-194

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3 SPONSOR Executive Shapiro

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5 DATE June 27, 2022 COMMITTEE Public Safety

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7 **A Resolution authorizing the Executive to execute a professional service contract with The**
8 **Thrasher Group for engineering services, and a subcontract with DLZ Corporation, in the**
9 **design and engineering of a fiber optic network as part of the Summit County Public Safety**
10 **Fiber and Communications Network Project, in amount not to exceed \$100,000.00, for the**
11 **Executive, and declaring an emergency.**

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13 WHEREAS, the safety and security of the residents of the County of Summit is of
14 paramount importance to elected officials throughout the County; and

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16 WHEREAS, the City of Fairlawn has previously established Fairlawn Gig, a high speed
17 fiber optic network providing service in various areas of the County; and

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19 WHEREAS, pursuant to cooperative agreement approved by this Council under
20 Resolution 2022-192 the County desires to invest a significant portion of the \$105 million it has
21 received in State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds from the American Rescue Plan Act, which
22 amended Title VI of the Social Security Act, 42 U.S.C. 801, et seq. to create Section 603
23 (“ARPA” and the funds received by the County being the “ARPA Funds”) to be used pursuant to
24 the ARPA and the Final Rule adopted by the Department of Treasury, for broadband
25 infrastructure investments to address challenges with broadband access, affordability, and
26 reliability and to address public safety needs with the County; and

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28 WHEREAS, the County and City desire to utilize the ARPA Funds, design, construct and
29 operate an approximately 125-130 mile high-speed fiber optic ring throughout the County
30 (“Fiber Ring”); and

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32 WHEREAS, ARPA recognizes the critical need to support first responders by providing
33 infrastructure to support public safety services and specifically authorizes the expenditure of
34 such funds on fiber optic networks; and

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36 WHEREAS, funding for the design and engineering of the fiber optic network will come
37 from ARPA funds received by the County; and

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39 WHEREAS, Requests for Proposals were sent to eight firms, with three firms
40 responding, and the proposal of The Thrasher Group was selected as the highest scoring
41 technical proposal; and

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43 WHEREAS, in order to expeditiously begin work on the project, the Executive desires to
44 enter into an initial contract with The Thrasher Group for \$100,000.00 to allow for the
45 commencement of design work while the full and final scope of the contract is negotiated; and

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47 WHEREAS, the Board of Control, at its meeting held on June 8, 2022, awarded a
48 professional service contract to The Thrasher Group for engineering services in the design for
49 aforementioned Fiber Ring; and

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4 WHEREAS, this Council finds and determines, after reviewing all pertinent information
5 that the aforementioned professional service contract with Thrasher Group is necessary and in
6 the best interest of the County of Summit;

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

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11 SECTION 1

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13 The Executive is hereby authorized to execute a professional service contract and any
14 other necessary related documents with The Thrasher Group for design and engineering services
15 for the design of the aforementioned Fiber Ring in Summit County in amount not to exceed
16 \$100,000.00.

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18 SECTION 2

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20 The subcontracts between MPG and DLZ Corporation for additional work on the project
21 are explicitly hereby authorized pursuant to Cod. Ord. section 177.07(d).

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23 SECTION 3

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25 This Resolution is hereby declared an emergency in the interest of the health, safety and
26 welfare of the residents of the County of Summit, and for the further reason to immediately
27 provide for necessary design and engineering work for the design of the aforementioned
28 SCPSFCN Fiber Ring.

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30 SECTION 4

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

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36 SECTION 5

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38 It is found and determined that all formal actions of this Council concerning and relating
39 to the adoption of this Resolution were adopted in an open meeting of this Council, and that all
40 deliberations of this Council and of any of its committees that resulted in such formal action,
41 were in meetings open to the public, in compliance with all legal requirements, including Section
42 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

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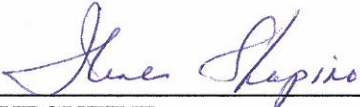
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13 CLERK OF COUNCIL


PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL

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15 APPROVED June 28, 2022

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20 ENACTED EFFECTIVE June 28, 2022

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Voice Vote - YES: 11-0: Darrow, DeVitis, Dickinson, Donofrio, McKenney, Rodgers, Schmidt, Sims, Walters, Wiedie Higham, Wilhite