

1 RESOLUTION NO. 2022-326

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3 SPONSOR Executive Shapiro

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5 DATE _____ COMMITTEE Public Safety

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7 **A Resolution authorizing the Executive to execute a professional service contract with the**
8 **Thrasher Group, Inc. for engineering services, and a subcontract with DLZ Corporation,**
9 **in the design and engineering of a fiber optic network as part of the Summit County Public**
10 **Safety Fiber and Communications Network Project, in an amount not to exceed**
11 **\$2,499,999.00, for the 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 (City) has previously established Fairlawn Gig, a high
17 speed fiber optic network providing service in various areas of the County; and

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19 WHEREAS, pursuant to a 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, this council previously approved Resolution 2022-194 authorizing the
29 Executive to execute a professional service contract with The Thrasher Group for engineering
30 services, and a subcontract with DLZ Corporation, in the design and engineering of a fiber optic
31 network as part of the Summit County Public Safety Fiber and Communications Network
32 Project, in amount not to exceed \$100,000.00; and

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34 WHEREAS, Board of Control, at its Meeting on September 14, 2022, adopted Board of
35 Control Directive No. 272-22, which awarded a professional service contract in the design and
36 engineering of a 150 mile fiber optic network as part of the Summit County Public Safety Fiber
37 and Communications Network Project (the “Project”) as the most qualified firm. At its meeting
38 on October 19, 2022, the Board of Control amended this directive to include the subcontract with
39 DLZ Corporation for \$1,136,020.00; and

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

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45 WHEREAS, the County recognizes the critical need to support first responders by
46 providing infrastructure to support public safety services and specifically authorizes the
47 expenditure of such funds on fiber optic networks; and

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49 WHEREAS, funding for the design and engineering of the fiber optic network will come
50 from ARPA Funds received by the County; and

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4 WHEREAS, Requests for Proposals were sent to eight firms, with three firms
5 responding, and the proposal of the Thrasher Group, Inc. was selected as the highest scoring
6 technical proposal; and

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8 WHEREAS, in order to continue work on the project, the Executive desires to enter into
9 a supplemental contract with the Thrasher Group, Inc. for engineering services. Thereafter,
10 Thrasher Group, Inc. will subcontract with DLZ Corporation, in the design and engineering of a
11 fiber optic network in a total amount not to exceed \$2,499,999.00, which includes
12 \$1,136,020.00, the amount Thrasher Group, Inc. is going to pay to DLZ Corporation, and the
13 initial approved amount of \$100,000.00; and

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15 WHEREAS, this Council finds and determines, after reviewing all pertinent information
16 that the aforementioned professional service contract with the Thrasher Group, Inc. is necessary
17 and in the best interest of the County of Summit;

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

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22 SECTION 1

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24 The Executive is hereby authorized to execute a professional service contract in
25 substantially the same form as set forth in Exhibit A, attached hereto and incorporated herein as
26 if fully restated, together with any revisions thereto as are not materially adverse to the County,
27 and any other necessary related documents with the Thrasher Group, Inc. for design and
28 engineering services for the design of the Summit County Public Safety Fiber and
29 Communications Network Project (the "Project") in amount not to exceed \$2,499,999.00 which
30 includes a subcontract to DLZ in the amount of \$1,136,020.00 and the previously approved
31 amount of \$100,000.00 contained in Resolution 2022-194.

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33 SECTION 2

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35 The subcontracts between Thrasher Group, Inc. and DLZ Corporation for additional work
36 on the project are explicitly hereby authorized pursuant to Section 177.07(d) of the Codified
37 Ordinances of the County of Summit.

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39 SECTION 3

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41 This Resolution is hereby declared an emergency in the interest of the health, safety and
42 welfare of the residents of the County of Summit, and for the further reason to immediately
43 provide for necessary design and engineering work for the design of the Project.

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45 SECTION 4

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

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51 SECTION 5

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INTRODUCED October 24, 2022

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PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL

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