

1 RESOLUTION NO. 2022-298

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3 SPONSOR Executive Shapiro

4  
5 DATE October 24, 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, Inc. for engineering services, and a subcontract with DLZ Corporation, in**  
9 **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 (“ARPA”  
23 and the funds received by the County being the “ARPA Funds”) to be used pursuant to the ARPA  
24 and the Final Rule adopted by the Department of Treasury, for broadband infrastructure  
25 investments to address challenges with broadband access, affordability, and reliability and to  
26 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 Project,  
32 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 on  
38 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 (the  
43 “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 responding,  
5 and the proposal of the Thrasher Group, Inc. was selected as the highest scoring technical proposal;  
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8 WHEREAS, in order to continue work on the project, the Executive desires to enter into a  
9 supplemental contract with the Thrasher Group, Inc. for engineering services. Thereafter, Thrasher  
10 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 \$1,136,020.00,  
12 the amount Thrasher Group, Inc. is going to pay to DLZ Corporation, and the initial approved  
13 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 if  
26 fully restated, together with any revisions thereto as are not materially adverse to the County, and  
27 any other necessary related documents with the Thrasher Group, Inc. for design and engineering  
28 services for the design of the Summit County Public Safety Fiber and Communications Network  
29 Project (the "Project") in amount not to exceed \$2,499,999.00 which includes a subcontract to  
30 DLZ in the amount of \$1,136,020.00 and the previously approved amount of \$100,000.00  
31 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 provide  
43 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 effect  
48 immediately upon its adoption and approval by the Executive; otherwise, it shall take effect and  
49 be in force at the earliest time provided by law.  
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4 SECTION 5

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

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15 INTRODUCED October 3, 2022

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17 ADOPTED October 24, 2022

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21 CLERK OF COUNCIL

  
PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL

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23 APPROVED October 25, 2022

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29 ENACTED EFFECTIVE October 26, 2022

Voice Vote - YES: 9-0: Darrow, Dickinson, Donofrio, Rodgers,  
Schmidt, Sims, Walters, Wiedie Higham, Wilhite  
ABSENT: DeVitis, McKenney