

1 RESOLUTION NO. 2022-361

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3 SPONSOR Executive Shapiro

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5 DATE December 5, 2022

COMMITTEE Public Safety

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7 **A Resolution authorizing the Executive, subject to the approval of the Board of Control, to**  
8 **execute a professional service contract with MCM Consulting Group, Inc., for assessment,**  
9 **strategic plan development and consulting services in developing the Summit County**  
10 **Public Safety Fiber and Communications Network and, in an amount not to exceed**  
11 **\$506,162.50, for the Executive and declaring an emergency.**

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13 WHEREAS, on March 11, 2021, the President signed the American Rescue Plan Act of  
14 2021, (“ARPA”) section 9901, Pub.LNo.117-2 codified at 42 U.S.C. section 802 et seq.,  
15 providing funds to support state, local and tribal governments in responding to the continuing  
16 and evolving impact of COVID-19 on their communities; and

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

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21 WHEREAS, in furtherance of that goal and pursuant to a cooperative agreement  
22 approved by this Council pursuant to Resolution 2022-192, the County desires to invest both  
23 local and ARPA funds into the Summit County Public Safety Fiber and Communications  
24 Network Project (“SCPSFCN”) to construct a fiber ring, data center and related substation to  
25 service the fiber ring also approved as part of the cooperative agreement, in order to enhance  
26 broadband infrastructure investments to address challenges with broadband access, affordability,  
27 and reliability and to address public safety needs with the County; and

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29 WHEREAS, to further the goal of achieving such a system in a cost-effective manner, the  
30 Executive solicited proposals to find a firm to provide consulting services necessary for planning  
31 and project management in the planning and implementation of the Project; and

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33 WHEREAS, upon evaluating the proposals received, the Executive recommends MCM  
34 Consulting Group, Inc. (“MCM”) to provide such services; and

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36 WHEREAS, the Executive will recommend a professional service contract with MCM in  
37 an amount not to exceed \$506,162.50 to the Board of Control at its meeting on November 23,  
38 2022; and

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40 WHEREAS, this Council finds and determines, after reviewing all pertinent information,  
41 that said professional service contract with MCM is necessary and in the best interest of the  
42 County of Summit; and

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44 WHEREAS, this Council further finds and determines, after reviewing all pertinent  
45 information, that authorizing the professional service agreement with MCM in an amount not to  
46 exceed \$506,162.50 to further the Project is necessary due to the public health emergency  
47 created by the COVID-19 pandemic, and is being done in accordance with the requirements of  
48 the ARPA interim final rule, and pursuant to the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021, (“ARPA”)  
49 section 9901, Pub.LNo.117-2 codified at 42 U.S.C. section 802 et seq.;

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

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4 SECTION 1

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6 This Council finds and declares that the expenditure of \$506,162.50 under the  
7 aforementioned professional service agreement is necessary due to the public health emergency  
8 with respect to the COVID-19 pandemic and is being done in compliance with the provisions of  
9 the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021, (“ARPA”) section 9901, Pub.LNo.117-2 codified at 42  
10 U.S.C. section 802 et seq.

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12 SECTION 2

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14 Subject to an award by the Board of Control, this Council authorizes a professional  
15 service contract with MCM Consulting Group, Inc. (“MCM”) for consulting services necessary  
16 for planning and project management in the planning and implementation of the Summit County  
17 Public Safety Fiber and Communications Network (“Project”) in an amount not to exceed  
18 \$506,162.50, and the Executive is hereby authorized to execute said professional service contract  
19 and any other necessary related documents.

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21 SECTION 3

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23 This Resolution is hereby declared an emergency in the interest of the health, safety and  
24 welfare of the residents of the County of Summit, and for the further reason to immediately  
25 provide project management for the development of a comprehensive public safety broadband  
26 network.

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28 SECTION 4

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

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34 SECTION 5

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

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CLERK OF COUNCIL

  
PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL

APPROVED December 6, 2022

  
EXECUTIVE

ENACTED EFFECTIVE December 6, 2022

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