

1 RESOLUTION NO. 2023-253

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3 SPONSOR Executive Shapiro

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5 DATE August 21, 2023 COMMITTEE Planning

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7 **A Resolution authorizing the Executive to execute a Community Development Block Grant**
8 **agreement with The City of Fairlawn and Fairlawn Gig, to run conduit/fiber in Copley**
9 **Township, in Council District 5, in a total amount not to exceed \$1,700,000.00, for the**
10 **Executive’s Department of Community and Economic Development, and declaring an**
11 **emergency.**

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13 WHEREAS, the County receives Community Development Block Grant (“CDBG”)
14 funds from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development to assist low to moderate-
15 income individuals and/or low to moderate-income areas; and

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17 WHEREAS, census tracts 39153533400 (5334) and 39153507102 (5071.02) in Copley
18 Township are designated by the federal government as low- and moderate-income census tracts;
19 and

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21 WHEREAS, the Executive wishes to enter into a CDBG agreement with the City of
22 Fairlawn, in Council District 5, to fund conduit/fiber expansion in the aforementioned census
23 tracts, in an amount not to exceed \$1,700,000.00; and

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25 WHEREAS, a total of 986 residential structures and 92 commercial structures will be
26 passed by the conduit/fiber and low- and moderate-income households in these census tracts can
27 opt-in to have their household connected to Fairlawn Gig; and

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29 WHEREAS, all projects will be completed in accordance with 2 CRF 200 and other
30 applicable federal guidelines; and

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32 WHEREAS, the Executive and this Council have made it a priority to ensure residents in
33 Summit County have access to affordable, high-speed internet; and

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35 WHEREAS, this project furthers Summit County’s Digital Equity Plan, by providing
36 affordable, accessible, and reliable access to internet to low- and moderate-income residents in
37 Summit County;

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

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42 SECTION 1

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44 The Executive is hereby authorized to execute a Community Development Block Grant
45 (“CDBG”) agreement and any necessary related documents with the City of Fairlawn and
46 Fairlawn Gig, to run conduit/fiber in Copley Township, in Council District 5, in an amount not to
47 exceed \$1,700,000.00.

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49 SECTION 2

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51 This Resolution is hereby declared an emergency in the interest of the health, safety, and
52 welfare of the residents of the County of Summit and for the further purpose to immediately

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4 SECTION 2 (Continued)

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6 authorize the Executive to provide financial assistance for the aforementioned necessary project.

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8 SECTION 3

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

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14 SECTION 4

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

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23 INTRODUCED August 21, 2023

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25 ADOPTED September 11, 2023

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CLERK OF COUNCIL

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DocuSigned by:
Veronica R Sim

PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL

31 APPROVED September 11, 2023

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33 DocuSigned by:
34 Gene Shapiro

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EXECUTIVE

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37 ENACTED EFFECTIVE September 11, 2023

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