

1 RESOLUTION NO. 2023-289

**First Reading Passage Requested**

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**(D. Matz)**

3 SPONSOR Executive Shapiro

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5 DATE September 25, 2023

COMMITTEE Rules

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7 **A Resolution authorizing the Executive to execute a settlement agreement and release, in**  
8 **an amount not to exceed \$42,500.00, to settle all claims arising out of or concerning issues**  
9 **raised in the lawsuit, Williams v Summit County, et al., Case No. 5:22-cv-01649, before**  
10 **Judge Brennan, for the Executive and declaring an emergency.**

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12 WHEREAS, Curtis Williams filed a lawsuit, captioned Williams v Summit County, et al.,  
13 Case No. 5:22-cv-01649, in the United States District Court for the Northern District of Ohio,  
14 before Judge Brennan (the "Lawsuit"); and

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16 WHEREAS, in consultation with the Prosecutor, the Executive has reached terms of  
17 settlement with Mr. Williams, by and through his legal counsel, to settle the Lawsuit for an  
18 amount not to exceed \$42,500.00; and

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20 WHEREAS, pursuant to the settlement agreement and release, Mr. Williams will settle  
21 the Lawsuit and dismiss with prejudice his claims against the County and various employees of  
22 the Sheriff's office who have been named in the lawsuit thus avoiding the expense of further  
23 litigation; and

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25 WHEREAS, this Council finds and determines, after reviewing all pertinent  
26 information, that it is necessary and in the best interest of the County of Summit to settle the  
27 Lawsuit for an amount not to exceed \$42,500.00, for the aforementioned reason;

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

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32 SECTION 1

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34 The Executive is hereby authorized to execute a settlement agreement and release in an  
35 amount not to exceed \$42,500.00, to settle all claims arising out of or concerning issues raised in  
36 the lawsuit, Williams v Summit County, et al., Case No. 5:22-cv-01649, before Judge Brennan in  
37 the US District Court for the Northern District of Ohio, which settlement agreement shall include  
38 a full and final release and discharge by Mr. Williams of all claims against the County and  
39 various employees of the Sheriff.

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41 SECTION 2

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43 This Resolution is hereby declared an emergency in the interest of the health, safety and  
44 welfare of the residents of the County of Summit and for the further purpose of immediately  
45 sparing county taxpayers further expense related to Mr. Williams' lawsuit.

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47 SECTION 3

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

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4 SECTION 4

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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,  
9 were in meetings open to the public, in compliance with all legal requirements, including Section  
10 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

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13 INTRODUCED September 25, 2023

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15 ADOPTED September 25, 2023

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29 ENACTED EFFECTIVE September 27, 2023

Voice Vote – YES: 10 – 0: Darrow, Dickinson, Donofrio, McKenney, Rodgers,  
Schmidt, Sims, Walters, Wiedie Higham, Wilhite  
Absent: DeVitis