

1 RESOLUTION NO. 2024-185

First Reading Passage Requested

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(B. Nelsen)

3 SPONSOR Executive Shapiro

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5 DATE June 3, 2024

COMMITTEE Public Safety

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7 **A Resolution authorizing the Executive to execute a professional service contract with**
8 **MCM Consulting Group, Inc., for continued assessment, strategic plan development and**
9 **consulting services in developing the Summit County Public Safety Fiber and**
10 **Communications Network, in an amount not to exceed \$442,945.23, for the Executive and**
11 **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 recommended MCM
34 Consulting Group, Inc. (“MCM”) to provide such services; and

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36 WHEREAS, the Board of Control, at its meeting held on November 23, 2022, authorized
37 a professional service contract with MCM, through BOC Res. 351-22, in a total amount not to
38 exceed \$2,824,333.48 for the aforementioned services; and

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40 WHEREAS, this Council subsequently adopted Resolution No. 2022-361, which
41 authorized the Executive, subject to the approval of the Board of Control, to execute a
42 professional service contract with MCM Consulting Group, Inc., for assessment, strategic plan
43 development and consulting services in developing the Summit County Public Safety Fiber and
44 Communications Network and, in an initial amount not to exceed \$506,162.50; and

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46 WHEREAS, the Executive wishes to execute an additional professional services contract
47 with MCM Consulting Group, Inc. for the continuation of services, in an amount not to exceed
48 \$442,945.23, thereby bringing the total actually contracted with MCM as authorized by BOC
49 Res. 351-22 to \$949,107.73; and

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

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8 WHEREAS, this Council further finds and determines, after reviewing all pertinent
9 information, that authorizing the professional service agreement with MCM in an amount not to
10 exceed \$442,945.23 to further the Project is necessary due to the public health emergency
11 created by the COVID-19 pandemic, and is being done in accordance with the requirements of
12 the ARPA interim final rule, and pursuant to the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021, (“ARPA”)
13 section 9901, Pub.LNo.117-2 codified at 42 U.S.C. section 802 et seq.;

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

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18 SECTION 1

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20 This Council finds and declares that the expenditure of \$442,945.23 under the
21 aforementioned professional service agreement is necessary due to the public health emergency
22 with respect to the COVID-19 pandemic and is being done in compliance with the provisions of
23 the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021, (“ARPA”) section 9901, Pub.LNo.117-2 codified at 42
24 U.S.C. section 802 et seq and the Executive is hereby authorized to execute said professional
25 service contract and any other necessary related documents.

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27 SECTION 2

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

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34 SECTION 3

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

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40 SECTION 4

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42 It is found and determined that all formal actions of this Council concerning and relating
43 to the adoption of this Resolution were adopted in an open meeting of this Council, and that all
44 deliberations of this Council and of any of its committees that resulted in such formal action,
45 were in meetings open to the public, in compliance with all legal requirements, including Section
46 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

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23 ENACTED EFFECTIVE June 4, 2024

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Rita J. Darrow
PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL
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Voice Vote – YES: 10 – 0: Darrow, DeVitis,
Dickinson, Donofrio, Ford, McKenney,
Schmidt, Walters, Wiedie Higham, Wilhite
Absent: Rodgers