

1 RESOLUTION NO. 2024-227

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3 SPONSOR Executive Shapiro

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5 DATE August 5, 2024

COMMITTEE Public Safety

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7 **A Resolution authorizing the Executive to execute agreements with various Summit County**
8 **criminal justice agencies and organizations for the Criminal Justice Virtual Court Project,**
9 **for the Executive’s Department of Public Safety, and declaring an emergency.**

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11 WHEREAS, in response to the COVID-19 pandemic, Summit County embarked on a
12 Criminal Justice Virtual Court Project (the “Project”) for the benefit of various Summit County
13 Courts and criminal justice organizations, to ensure there was no interruption in services or
14 proceedings; and

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16 WHEREAS, this Council previously adopted Resolution No. 2023-357, confirming the
17 award by the Board of Control of a purchase contract with ZOOM for the Project, as well as county
18 operations; and

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20 WHEREAS, this Council subsequently adopted Resolution No. 2024-031, confirming the
21 award by the Board of Control of a purchase contract with FairlawnGig for high speed internet
22 service to support the Project; and

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24 WHEREAS, this Council subsequently adopted Resolution No. 2024-211, confirming the
25 award by the Board of Control of a purchase contract with BeInCourt to provide annual
26 maintenance with on-site support for the Project; and

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28 WHEREAS, the Executive now wishes to execute agreements with various criminal justice
29 stakeholders who benefit from expenses associated with the Project, to share costs proportionally
30 between said agencies based on their annual utilization, beginning with 2024; and

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32 WHEREAS, the stakeholders include, but are not limited to, the Akron, Barberton and
33 Stow Municipal Courts, Summit County Common Pleas Court, the Akron Bar Association, the
34 Summit County Sheriff’s Office, the Summit County Prosecutor’s Office and the Summit Legal
35 Defenders Office; and

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37 WHEREAS, to set forth the responsibilities of each organization, it is necessary for this
38 Council to authorize the Executive to execute these various agreements with Summit County
39 criminal justice stakeholders; and

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41 WHEREAS, this Council finds and determines, after reviewing all pertinent information,
42 that agreements with Summit County criminal justice stakeholders are necessary and in the best
43 interest of the County of Summit;

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

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48 SECTION 1

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50 The Executive is hereby authorized to execute various agreements with the Summit County
51 criminal justice stakeholders pursuant to which the cost of the services shall be shared between the
52 parties based on annual utilization, and any other necessary related documents.

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4 SECTION 2

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6 This Resolution is hereby declared an emergency in the interest of health, safety, and
7 welfare of the residents of the County of Summit, and for the further reason to establish agreements
8 with criminal justice stakeholders.

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10 SECTION 3

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

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16 SECTION 4

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18 It is found and determined that all formal actions of this Council concerning and relating
19 to the adoption of this Resolution were adopted in an open meeting of this Council, and that all
20 deliberations of this Council and of any of its committees that resulted in such formal action, were
21 in meetings open to the public, in compliance with all legal requirements, including Section
22 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

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25 INTRODUCED August 5, 2024

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28 ADOPTED August 19, 2024

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32 **CLERK OF COUNCIL**
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Rita J. Darrow
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32 **PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL**
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35 APPROVED August 19, 2024

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37 **DocuSigned by:**
Jane Shapiro
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39 **EXECUTIVE**
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Voice Vote – YES: 10 – 0: Darrow, Dickinson,
Donofrio, Ford, Kacyon, McKenney, Rodgers,
Schmidt, Wiedie Higham, Wilhite
Absent: Walters

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42 ENACTED EFFECTIVE August 20, 2024