

1 RESOLUTION NO. 2025-015

First Reading Passage Requested

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(B. Harnak)

3 SPONSOR Executive Shapiro

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5 DATE January 27, 2025

COMMITTEE Public Safety

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7 **A Resolution confirming the award by the Board of Control a professional service contract**
8 **between the Legal Defenders Office of Summit County, Ohio, Inc. and the Summit County**
9 **Public Defender Commission for legal defender services for indigent persons on behalf of**
10 **the Summit County Public Defender Commission, for a one-year term, for the period**
11 **1/1/25 through 12/31/25, in an amount not to exceed \$5,260,780.00, for the Executive and**
12 **the Summit County Public Defender Commission, and declaring an emergency.**

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14 WHEREAS, the County has formed the Summit County Public Defender Commission
15 (“Commission”) pursuant to Chapter 120 the Ohio Revised Code (“ORC”); and

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17 WHEREAS, the Commission is responsible for providing legal defense services to
18 certain indigent persons charged with the commission of crimes under the ORC, the Codified
19 Ordinances of the County of Summit and various municipal ordinances within the boundaries of
20 the County; and

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22 WHEREAS, the Commission is authorized by Section 120.14 of the ORC to contract
23 with a nonprofit organization to provide legal services to indigent persons; and

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25 WHEREAS, the Commission wishes to contract with the Legal Defender’s Office of
26 Summit County, Ohio, Inc. (“Legal Defender”), a nonprofit corporation, to provide legal
27 representation to indigent persons on behalf of the Commission, for a one-year term, from 1/1/25
28 through 12/31/25, for an amount not to exceed \$5,260,780.00; and

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30 WHEREAS, the Executive is required to execute the aforementioned contract, the cost of
31 which will be paid out of funds appropriated by this Council, and it is expected, 85% or
32 \$4,471,663.00 of which, will be reimbursed by the State of Ohio; and

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34 WHEREAS, the Board of Control, at its meeting on January 22, 2025 approved the
35 professional service contract with the Legal Defender and the Commission for legal defender
36 services for indigent persons on behalf of the Commission, for a one-year term, for the period
37 1/1/25 through 12/31/25, in an amount not to exceed \$5,260,780.00; and

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39 WHEREAS, this Council finds and determines, after reviewing all pertinent information,
40 that it is necessary and in the best interest of the County of Summit to authorize the Executive to
41 execute, subject to the approval of the Board of Control, the aforementioned professional service
42 contract with the Legal Defender:

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

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4 SECTION 1

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6 The award by the Board of Control of a professional service contract and any other
7 necessary related documents between the Legal Defender’s Office of Summit County, Ohio, Inc.
8 and the Summit County Public Defender Commission for legal defender services for indigents
9 on behalf of the Commission, for a one-year term, for the period 1/1/25 through 12/31/25, in an
10 amount not to exceed \$5,260,780.00, is hereby confirmed and the Executive is hereby authorized
11 to execute said professional service contract and any other necessary related documents.

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13 SECTION 2

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15 This Resolution is hereby declared an emergency in the interest of the health, safety and
16 welfare of the residents of the County of Summit, and for the further reason to immediately
17 provide necessary legal defender services for indigent persons in 2025.

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19 SECTION 3

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

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25 SECTION 4

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27 It is found and determined that all formal actions of this Council concerning and relating
28 to the adoption of this Resolution were adopted in an open meeting of this Council, and that all
29 deliberations of this Council and of any of its committees that resulted in such formal action,
30 were in meetings open to the public, in compliance with all legal requirements, including Section
31 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

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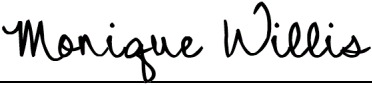
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34 INTRODUCED January 27, 2025

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36 ADOPTED January 27, 2025

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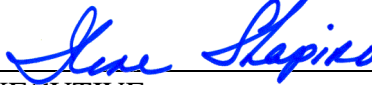
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42 APPROVED January 27, 2025

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48 ENACTED EFFECTIVE January 28, 2025

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PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL
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Voice Vote – YES: 11 – 0: Darrow, Dickinson,
Donofrio, Ford, Higham, Kacyon, Licate,
McKenney, Schmidt, Walters, Wilhite