

1 RESOLUTION NO. 2025-027

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3 SPONSOR Executive Shapiro

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5 DATE January 27, 2025

COMMITTEE Public Safety

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7 **A Resolution authorizing the Executive to execute agreements between the Legal Defenders**
8 **Office of Summit County, Ohio, Inc., and various Summit County Municipalities for**
9 **payment of the unreimbursed portion of legal defender services for indigent persons, for a**
10 **one-year term, for the period 1/1/25 through 12/31/25, for the Executive, and declaring an**
11 **emergency.**

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

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

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21 WHEREAS, the Commission is authorized by Section 120.14 of the ORC to contract
22 with the Legal Defenders Office of Summit County, Ohio, Inc. (“Legal Defender”), a non-profit
23 organization established per Chapter 120 of the ORC to provide legal services to indigent
24 persons in the Municipal Courts of Akron, Barberton and Stow; and

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26 WHEREAS, pursuant ORC Chapter 120, specifically § 120.08 and .34, the state treasury
27 maintains the indigent defense support fund to reimburse county governments for the expenses
28 incurred by the provider of legal services referenced above; and

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30 WHEREAS, the County, the Legal Defender and various Summit County Municipalities
31 within the jurisdiction of the three municipal courts referenced above, wish to enter into
32 agreements, for one year terms, from 1/1/2025 to 12/31/2025, for the County to receive from the
33 municipalities the unreimbursed portion of the fee for the indigent legal services, which is
34 presently \$50.60 per case, and the County will pay the Legal Defender \$230.00 per case (\$50.60
35 from the municipalities plus the reimbursed portion from the state of \$179.40); and

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37 WHEREAS, the Board of Control, at its meeting on January 22, 2025, approved the
38 aforementioned agreements between the Legal Defender and various Summit County
39 Municipalities, for a one-year term, for the period 1/1/25 through 12/31/25; and

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41 WHEREAS, this Council finds and determines, after reviewing all pertinent information,
42 that it is necessary and in the best interest of the County of Summit to authorize the Executive to
43 execute the aforementioned agreements with the Legal Defender and various Summit County
44 Municipalities:

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

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4 SECTION 1

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6 The Executive is hereby authorized to execute agreements, substantially similar to
7 Exhibit A and any other necessary related documents between the Legal Defender’s Office of
8 Summit County, Ohio, Inc. and various Summit County Municipalities for reimbursement of
9 legal defender services for indigents, for one-year terms, for the period 1/1/25 through 12/31/25.

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11 SECTION 2

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

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18 SECTION 3

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

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24 SECTION 4

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

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33 INTRODUCED January 27, 2025

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CLERK OF COUNCIL

_____ PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL

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EXECUTIVE

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