

1 RESOLUTION NO. 2025-074

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3 SPONSOR Executive Shapiro

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5 DATE March 3, 2025 COMMITTEE Finance

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7 **A Resolution authorizing various County offices to make expenditures, in a total combined**
8 **amount not to exceed \$105,000.00, for hospitality items for events to be held in 2025, for the**
9 **Executive, and declaring an emergency.**

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11 WHEREAS, throughout 2025, the Court of Common Pleas-General Division will
12 conduct training sessions, planning sessions, and meetings including, but not limited to, Judges’
13 meetings, Summit County Criminal Justice Advisory Board meetings, Judicial Advisory Board
14 meetings, Facility Governing Board meetings, Turning Point Program and grant program
15 ceremonies and other staff training and/or meetings as deemed necessary by the Court, to be paid
16 from General Division funds, Special Project funds and Probation Fee general funds; and

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18 WHEREAS, the Court of Common Pleas-General Division wishes to make hospitality
19 expenditures, in an amount not to exceed \$20,000.00, in 2025 related to the aforementioned
20 training sessions, planning sessions, and meetings; and

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22 WHEREAS, the Court of Common Pleas-Juvenile Division conducts various training and
23 planning sessions, volunteer recognitions and youth incentives throughout 2025 including, but
24 not limited to, the Behavioral Health Juvenile Justice quarterly meetings, the Summit County
25 Cluster for Youth meetings, Juvenile Detention Alternative Initiative and required Juvenile Court
26 training, a volunteer recognition hosted for the many court volunteers in Court Appointed
27 Special Advocates, detention, Women’s Board and Citizens Review Board and the Court of
28 Common Pleas-Juvenile Division is also authorized to spend funds on hospitality and incentive
29 items on youths and their families throughout the year which are reimbursed by various grants;
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32 WHEREAS, the Court of Common Pleas-Juvenile Division wishes to make hospitality
33 expenditures, in an amount not to exceed \$10,000.00, in 2025 related to the aforementioned
34 training sessions, planning sessions, and meetings; and

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36 WHEREAS, the Executive’s Department of Job and Family Services (“DJFS”) conducts
37 training, including worksite conferences, for the County of Summit and such training sessions
38 are attended by County employees, outside organizations, and elected officials and DJFS also
39 provides meals for the participants of the Summer Youth Employment Program (“SYEP”); and

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41 WHEREAS, DJFS wishes to pay hospitality expenses in an amount not to exceed
42 \$15,000.00 in 2025 related to the aforementioned training sessions and SYEP participant meals;
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45 WHEREAS, the Executive’s Department of Public Safety-Emergency Management
46 Agency conducts various training and planning sessions, including domestic preparedness
47 steering committee workshops and law enforcement, fire, dispatch and emergency medical
48 services personnel training, for the County of Summit and Ohio Homeland Security Region 5
49 law enforcement personnel and such training sessions are attended by County employees, public
50 safety personnel, outside organizations and elected officials; and

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4 WHEREAS, the Executive's Department of Public Safety-Emergency Management
5 Agency wishes to make hospitality expenses, in an amount not to exceed \$25,000.00 for 2025
6 related to the aforementioned training sessions, all of which are paid for through various grant
7 funds; and

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9 WHEREAS, the Executive's Department of Human Resources, Division of Employee
10 Benefits conducts training, including health fairs and worksite wellness conferences, for the
11 County of Summit and such training sessions are attended by County employees, outside
12 organizations, and elected officials; and

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14 WHEREAS, the Executive's Department of Human Resources, Division of Employee
15 Benefits wishes to pay hospitality expenses, in an amount not to exceed \$5,000.00 in 2025
16 related to the aforementioned training sessions, some of which will be reimbursed from Medical
17 Mutual of Ohio wellness dollars and some of which is paid by conference attendees, sponsors
18 and vendors; and

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20 WHEREAS, the Prosecutor's Office conducts training and planning sessions, including
21 hosting their annual Responding to the Needs of Victims conference which offers continuing
22 legal education credits and is open to any law enforcement agencies in the region. Last year, the
23 Prosecutor's Office hosted over 220 registrants from Northeast Ohio and two guest speakers; and

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25 WHEREAS; the Prosecutor wishes to make hospitality expenses, in an amount not to
26 exceed \$30,000.00 for 2025 related to the aforementioned training sessions and conference,
27 which includes food and beverages for breakfast and lunch, technology rentals such as a
28 projector, microphones, and audio board, and rooms for guest speakers; and

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30 WHEREAS, the Ohio Attorney General issued Opinion No. 82-006, which authorizes the
31 expenditure of funds by a local political subdivision for its employees as long as those
32 expenditures are necessary to further a public purpose and if the political subdivision's
33 determination to make such expenditures is not manifestly arbitrary or unreasonable; and

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35 WHEREAS, Sections 177.24(b) and (c) of the Codified Ordinances of the County of
36 Summit require the approval of this Council for hospitality expenditures exceeding \$5,000.00 per
37 year and for hospitality expenditures for purposes other than employee training, meetings and
38 organization strategic planning meetings; and

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40 WHEREAS, this Council finds and determines, after reviewing all pertinent information,
41 that it is necessary and in the best interest of the County of Summit to authorize the
42 aforementioned various County offices to make expenditures, in a total combined amount not to
43 exceed \$105,000.00, for hospitality items for events to be held in 2025, and that such
44 expenditures are for a valid public purpose;

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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 following County offices are hereby authorized to make expenditures, in the
7 following not to exceed amounts for hospitality items for events to be held in 2025:

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9	Common Pleas Court-General Division	\$20,000.00
10	Common Pleas Court-Juvenile Division	\$10,000.00
11	Executive-Department of Job and Family Services	\$15,000.00
12	Executive-Department of Public Safety and EMA	\$25,000.00
13	Human Resource Department-Division of Employee Benefits	\$ 5,000.00
14	Prosecutor	<u>\$30,000.00</u>
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16	Total:	\$105,000.00

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18 This Council hereby finds and determines that such expenditures are for a valid public purpose.

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20 SECTION 2

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22 This Resolution is hereby declared an emergency in the interest of the health, safety and
23 welfare of the residents of the County of Summit and for the further reason to immediately
24 authorize the aforementioned County offices to make expenditures for hospitality items incurred
25 in events to be held in 2025.

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27 SECTION 3

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

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33 SECTION 4

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35 It is found and determined that all formal actions of this Council concerning and relating
36 to the adoption of this Resolution were adopted in an open meeting of this Council, and that all
37 deliberations of this Council and of any of its committees that resulted in such formal action,
38 were in meetings open to the public, in compliance with all legal requirements, including Section
39 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

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5 INTRODUCED March 3, 2025

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7 ADOPTED March 24, 2025

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9 Signed by:
Monique Willis

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~~CLERK OF COUNCIL~~

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12 APPROVED March 24, 2025

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14 Signed by:
Steve Shapiro

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~~EXECUTIVE~~

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17 ENACTED EFFECTIVE March 25, 2025

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Rita J. Darrow

~~PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL~~

Voice Vote – YES: 10 – 0: Darrow, Dickinson,
Donofrio, Higham, Kacyon, Licate, McKenney,
Schmidt, Walters, Wilhite
Absent: Ford