

1 RESOLUTION NO. 2025-157

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3 SPONSOR Executive Shapiro

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5 DATE May 12, 2025 COMMITTEE Rules

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7 **A Resolution confirming the award by the Board of Control of Change Order No. 1 to a**
8 **professional service agreement with Mazanec, Raskin & Ryder Co., L.P.A., in an amount**
9 **not to exceed \$100,000.00 (for a cumulative increase of 133.33%), for a total amount not to**
10 **exceed \$175,000.00, toward the costs of continued legal representation and services on**
11 **behalf of the County, in the matter of Antonio Williamson v. Sheriff Kandy Fatheree, et al.,**
12 **for the Executive and the Sheriff, and declaring an emergency.**

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14 WHEREAS, this lawsuit, *Antonio Williamson v. Sheriff Kandy Fatheree, et al.*, Case No.
15 5-21-cv-00565-JRA, before Judge John R. Adams in the United States District Court, Northern
16 District of Ohio (the "Lawsuit"), arises out of an incident concerning former Lieutenant Antonio
17 Williamson that is alleged to have occurred on March 19, 2017 and the subsequent criminal
18 prosecution of Mr. Williamson, *State of Ohio v. Antonio Williamson*, Case No. CV-2017-03-
19 1047, before Judge Mary Margaret Rowlands in the County of Summit Court of Common Pleas;
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22 WHEREAS, Mr. Williamson brought suit against the County alleging among other
23 counts, malicious and selective prosecution, civil rights violations, and discrimination; and

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25 WHEREAS, due to multiple allegations made against both the County and former and
26 current members of the Sheriff's Office, the Executive retained legal counsel with Mazanec,
27 Raskin & Ryder Co., L.P.A. and Roetzel & Andress, LPA to provide legal representation and
28 services on behalf of the County in the Lawsuit; and

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30 WHEREAS, this Council previously adopted Resolution 2021-247 which confirmed the
31 award by the Board of Control of professional service agreements with Mazanec, Raskin &
32 Ryder Co., L.P.A., in an amount not to exceed \$75,000.00, and Roetzel & Andress, LPA, in an
33 amount not to exceed \$75,000.00, for a total amount not to exceed \$150,000.00, toward the costs
34 of legal representation and services on behalf of the County in the Lawsuit; and

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36 WHEREAS, due to the criminal matter not being resolved until May of 2023 and the
37 voluminous and sometimes contentious nature of the discovery involved in the civil matter, the
38 Executive wishes to continue to engage Mazanec, Raskin & Ryder Co., L.P.A. in the defense of
39 this matter; and

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41 WHEREAS, the Board of Control, at its meeting held May 14, 2025, awarded Change
42 Order No. 1 to a professional service agreement with Mazanec, Raskin & Ryder Co., L.P.A., in
43 an amount not to exceed \$100,000.00 (for a cumulative increase of 133.33%), for a total amount
44 not to exceed \$175,000.00, toward the costs of continued legal representation and services on
45 behalf of the County, in the Lawsuit, subject to confirmation by this Council; and

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47 WHEREAS, this Council finds and determines, after reviewing all pertinent information,
48 that the aforementioned change order to a professional service agreement with Mazanec, Raskin
49 & Ryder Co., L.P.A. is necessary and in the best interest of the County of Summit;

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

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4 SECTION 1

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6 The award by the Board of Control of Change Order No. 1 to a professional service
7 agreements with Mazanec, Raskin & Ryder Co., L.P.A., in an amount not to exceed \$100,000.00
8 (for a cumulative increase of 133.33%), for a total amount not to exceed \$175,000.00, toward the
9 costs of legal representation and services on behalf of the County, in the matter of *Antonio*
10 *Williamson v. Sheriff Kandy Fatheree, et al.*, Case No. 5-21-cv-00565-JRA, before Judge John
11 R. Adams in the United States District Court, Northern District of Ohio (the "Lawsuit") is hereby
12 confirmed, and the Executive is hereby authorized to execute said change order and any other
13 necessary related documents.

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15 SECTION 2

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17 This Resolution is hereby declared an emergency in the interest of the health, safety and
18 welfare of the residents of the County of Summit and for the further purpose of immediately
19 obtaining continued legal representation and services by legal counsel in the Lawsuit.

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21 SECTION 3

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

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27 SECTION 4

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29 It is found and determined that all formal actions of this Council concerning and relating
30 to the adoption of this Resolution were adopted in an open meeting of this Council, and that all
31 deliberations of this Council and of any of its committees that resulted in such formal action,
32 were in meetings open to the public, in compliance with all legal requirements, including Section
33 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

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36 INTRODUCED May 12, 2025

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42 CLERK OF COUNCIL

PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL

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