

RESOLUTION NO. 2025-172

SPONSOR Executive Shapiro

DATE June 2, 2025 COMMITTEE Rules

A Resolution confirming the award by the Board of Control of Change Order No. 1 to a professional service agreement with Mazanec, Raskin & Ryder Co., L.P.A., in an amount not to exceed \$100,000.00 (for a cumulative increase of 133.33%), for a total amount not to exceed \$175,000.00, toward the cost of continued legal representation and services on behalf of the County, in the matter of The Estate of Ryan Peterson vs. Oriana House, Inc., et al., for the Executive, and declaring an emergency.

WHEREAS, this lawsuit, *The Estate of Ryan Peterson vs. Oriana House, Inc., et al.*, Case No. CV-2024-08-3481, filed in the Summit County Court of Common Pleas, before Judge Joy M. Oldfield (the “Lawsuit”), arises out of an incident regarding an individual who was under court ordered supervision and severed his ankle monitor prior to driving out of state and killing Ryan Peterson during a home invasion; and

WHEREAS, the Estate of Ryan Peterson brought the pending wrongful death suit against Oriana House, Inc., Community Support Services and the County; and

WHEREAS, it is due to the legal issues involving co-defendant independent contractors and several named defendants from the Prosecutor’s Office and Adult Probation that this case was determined by the Executive and Prosecutor as best served by outside counsel; and

WHEREAS, after consulting with the Prosecutor and Law Director, the Executive retained legal counsel with Mazanec, Raskin & Ryder Co., L.P.A. to provide legal representation and services on behalf of the County defendants in the Lawsuit; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Directive No. 189-24, the Board of Control awarded a professional service agreement with Mazanec, Raskin & Ryder Co., L.P.A., in an amount not to exceed \$75,000.00, toward the cost of legal representation and services on behalf of the County in the Lawsuit; and

WHEREAS, since the Lawsuit was filed, Mazanec, Raskin & Ryder Co., L.P.A. attorneys have managed to obtain dismissals for eight of the eleven County defendants. To continue the defense of this matter, the Executive wishes to continue to engage Mazanec, Raskin & Ryder Co., L.P.A. in the defense of this matter; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Control, at its meeting held May 21, 2025, awarded Change Order No. 1 to a professional service agreement with Mazanec, Raskin & Ryder Co., L.P.A., in an amount not to exceed \$100,000.00 (for a cumulative increase of 133.33%), for a total amount not to exceed \$175,000.00, toward the cost of continued legal representation and services on behalf of the County, in the Lawsuit, subject to confirmation by this Council; and

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

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

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SECTION 1

The award by the Board of Control of Change Order No. 1 to a professional service agreement with Mazanec, Raskin & Ryder Co., L.P.A., in an amount not to exceed \$100,000.00 (for a cumulative increase of 133.33%), for a total amount not to exceed \$175,000.00, toward the cost of legal representation and services on behalf of the County defendants, in the matter of The Estate of Ryan Peterson vs. Oriana House, Inc., et al., Case No. CV-2024-08-3481, filed in the Summit County Court of Common Pleas, before Judge Joy M. Oldfield (the "Lawsuit") is hereby confirmed, and the Executive is hereby authorized to execute said change order and any other necessary related documents.

SECTION 2

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

SECTION 3

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

SECTION 4

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

INTRODUCED June 2, 2025

ADOPTED June 16, 2025

Signed by:

Monique Willis

CLERK OF COUNCIL

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Rita J. Darrow

PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL

APPROVED June 16, 2025

Signed by:

Gene Shapiro

EXECUTIVE

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

ENACTED EFFECTIVE June 17, 2025