

1 RESOLUTION NO. 2025-340

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3 SPONSOR Executive Shapiro

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5 DATE November 24, 2025 COMMITTEE Planning

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7 **A Resolution confirming the award by the Board of Control of a renewal (first of two) of a**
8 **professional service contract with Roetzel Consulting Solutions, as a Best Practical Source,**
9 **to provide economic development strategy, project management and consulting services to**
10 **the County, for a one-year term, from 1/1/26 through 12/31/26, in an amount not to exceed**
11 **\$96,000.00, for the Executive's Department of Community and Economic Development,**
12 **and declaring an emergency.**
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14 WHEREAS, this Council previously adopted Resolution No. 2025-067, which confirmed
15 the award of the Board of Control of a professional service contract with Roetzel Consulting
16 Solutions, as a Best Practical Source, to provide economic development strategy, project
17 management and consulting services to the County, for the period 1/1/26 through 12/31/26, with
18 two options to renew for additional one-year terms, in an amount not to exceed \$96,000.00; and
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20 WHEREAS, the Executive's Department of Community and Economic Development
21 seeks to renew the professional service agreement in order to capitalize on recent successes in
22 job creation and economic development in Summit County, to continue and further the County's
23 role as one of the core Economic Development Organizations outlined in the Elevate Greater
24 Akron strategic plan, and to continue to implement and oversee business retention and expansion
25 efforts, business intelligence, project management and workforce development initiatives; and
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27 WHEREAS, in order to continue and further the County's leadership role in creating and
28 implementing a transformative, high functioning, and collaborative economic development
29 system for the region, it is necessary to continue the relationship with Roetzel Consulting
30 Solutions as they are a Best Practical Source pursuant to Sections 177.01(h)(4)D. and
31 177.07(a)(5) of the Codified Ordinances of the County of Summit due to their expertise in the
32 field and strong knowledge of the County's economic development strategy and initiatives; and
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34 WHEREAS, the Board of Control, at its meeting held November 26, 2025 awarded the
35 renewal (first of two) of a professional service contract with Roetzel Consulting Solutions, as a
36 Best Practical Source, to provide economic development strategy, project management and
37 consulting services to the County, for a one-year term, from 1/1/26 through 12/31/26, in an
38 amount not to exceed \$96,000.00, subject to confirmation by this Council; and
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40 WHEREAS, this Council finds and determines, after reviewing all pertinent information,
41 that the aforementioned professional service contract with Roetzel Consulting Solutions is
42 necessary and in the best interest of the County of Summit;
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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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47 SECTION 1

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49 The award by the Board of Control of the renewal (first of two) of a professional service
50 contract with Roetzel Consulting Solutions, as a Best Practical Source, to provide economic
51 development strategy, project management and consulting services to the County for the period
52 1/1/26 through 12/31/26, in an amount not to exceed \$96,000.00, is hereby confirmed and the

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4 SECTION 1 (CONT.)

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6 Executive is hereby authorized to execute said professional service contract and any other
7 necessary related documents.

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10 SECTION 2

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12 This Resolution is hereby declared to be an emergency in the interest of the health, safety
13 and welfare of the residents of the County of Summit and for the further reason that it is
14 necessary to immediately authorize the Executive to execute said contract for the continued
15 effective operation of economic development initiatives and projects by the County.

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17 SECTION 3

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

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23 SECTION 4

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

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33 INTRODUCED November 24, 2025

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CLERK OF COUNCIL

PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL

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