

1 RESOLUTION NO. 2026-055

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3 SPONSOR Executive Shapiro

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5 DATE March 2, 2026 COMMITTEE Planning

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7 **A Resolution authorizing the Executive to advertise for bids for the Department of Public**
8 **Safety and Emergency Management Build Out Project, located in the City of Tallmadge, in**
9 **Council District 6, for an estimated total cost not to exceed \$1,500,000.00, for the Executive’s**
10 **Department of Administrative Services–Physical Plants and Department of Public Safety,**
11 **and declaring an emergency.**

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13 WHEREAS, the Summit Emergency Communications Center (“SECC”), which serves as
14 the consolidated 9-1-1 dispatch center for Summit County and its political subdivisions and the
15 City of Akron Dispatch are co-located at the combined dispatch facility located at 630 North
16 Avenue, Tallmadge, Ohio, in Council District 6, which is owned by the County of Summit; and

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18 WHEREAS, the dispatch facility includes the County’s Emergency Operations Center
19 (EOC) and training rooms, which serve as the primary coordination site for major incidents,
20 disasters, and multi-agency operations; and

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22 WHEREAS, Public Safety and Emergency Management Agency (“EMA”) staff are
23 currently located in separate facilities, creating operational inefficiencies and limiting real-time
24 coordination during routine operations and emergency activations; and

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26 WHEREAS, co-locating Public Safety, EMA, dispatch operations, and emergency
27 management functions within the same facility will enhance communication, streamline decision-
28 making, and strengthen coordinated response capabilities across the County; and

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30 WHEREAS, the proposed build-out project will create functional office space for staff,
31 secure storage, and additional meeting and collaboration space for County staff, first responders,
32 and other criminal justice and public safety system stakeholders; and

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34 WHEREAS, the build-out project will also include designated space for the development
35 of a Real-Time Crime Center (RTCC), for which there is demonstrated interest and potential
36 partnership engagement from the University of Akron and local police chiefs; and

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38 WHEREAS, Section 177.05 of the Codified Ordinances of the County of Summit require
39 this Council’s authorization for the Executive to advertise for bids; and

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41 WHEREAS, the Executive wishes to advertise for bids for the aforementioned build out
42 project, for an estimated total cost not to exceed \$1,500,000.00; and

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44 WHEREAS, a copy of the bid specifications is on file in the Clerk of Council’s Office;

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46 WHEREAS, this Council finds and determines, after reviewing all pertinent information,
47 that is necessary and in the best interest of the County of Summit to authorize the Executive to
48 advertise for bids for this project, for an estimated total cost not to exceed \$1,500,000.00; and

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

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4 SECTION 1

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6 The Executive is hereby authorized to advertise for bids for the Department of Public
7 Safety and Emergency Management Build Out Project, located in the City of Tallmadge, in
8 Council District 6, for an estimated total cost not to exceed \$1,500,000.00.

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10 SECTION 2

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12 This Resolution is declared an emergency in the interest of the health, safety, and welfare
13 of the residents of the County of Summit, and for the further reason that it authorizes the Executive
14 to immediately advertisement for bids for necessary improvements for the coordination of public
15 safety and emergency management services in Summit 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 effect
20 immediately upon its adoption and approval by the Executive; otherwise, it shall take effect and
21 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 of any of its committees that resulted in such formal action, were
28 in meetings open to the public, in compliance with all legal requirements, including Section 121.22
29 of the Ohio Revised Code.

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32 INTRODUCED March 2, 2026

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34 ADOPTED March 16, 2026

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Signed by:
Monique Willis

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38 CLERK OF COUNCIL

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40 APPROVED March 16, 2026

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Signed by:
Steve Shapiro

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44 EXECUTIVE

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46 ENACTED EFFECTIVE March 17, 2026

Signed by:
Erin Dickinson

PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL

Voice Vote – YES: 9–0–1: Darrow, Dickinson,
Ford, Higham, Kacyon, McKenney, Schmidt,
Walters, Wilhite
Abstain: Licate
Absent: Donofrio