

1 RESOLUTION NO. 2026-075

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3 SPONSOR Executive Shapiro

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5 DATE March 16, 2026 COMMITTEE Public Safety

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7 **A Resolution confirming the award by the Board of Control of a professional service contract**  
8 **with Pay it Forward for Pets, Inc., as a Best Practical Source, to provide Volunteer**  
9 **Coordinator Services at the Animal Control Facility, for a one-year term, for the period of**  
10 **4/1/26 through 3/31/27, in an amount not to exceed \$95,000.00, for the Executive’s**  
11 **Department of Public Safety, Division of Animal Control, and declaring an emergency.**

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13 WHEREAS, the Executive’s Department of Public Safety, Division of Animal Control  
14 wishes to enter into a professional service contract with Pay it Forward for Pets, Inc. to provide  
15 volunteer coordinator services and promote adoptions of animals from the Animal Control  
16 Facility; and

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18 WHEREAS, services to be provided shall include, but are not limited to, volunteer program  
19 management, which shall include volunteer orientation, training, supervision, scheduling, and  
20 enrichment activities for animals housed at the Animal Control Facility; and

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22 WHEREAS, Pay It Forward for Pets, Inc. will also continue to provide financial  
23 support for minor surgeries, run a Pets-for-Vets adoption program and Senior-Pets-for-Senior-  
24 Citizens adoption program, as well as frequent advertising adoptable pets, at no cost to the  
25 County; and

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27 WHEREAS, the aforementioned professional contract is exempt from competitive bidding  
28 as a Best Practical Source pursuant to Sections 177.01(h)(4)(D) and 177.07(a)(5) of the Codified  
29 Ordinances of the County of Summit because Pay it Forward for Pets, Inc. has provided these  
30 services to Animal Control, and is the only organization in the area able to provide such complete  
31 and comprehensive volunteer program management and animal enrichment programs; and

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33 WHEREAS, the Board of Control, at its meeting held on March 4, 2025, approved the  
34 aforementioned professional service contract with Pay it Forward for Pets, Inc., as a Best Practical  
35 Source; and

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37 WHEREAS, this Council finds and determines, after reviewing all pertinent information,  
38 that the professional service contract with Pay it Forward for Pets, Inc. is necessary and in the best  
39 interest of the County of Summit;

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

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44 SECTION 1

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46 The award of the Board of Control of a professional service contract with Pay it Forward  
47 for Pets, Inc., as a Best Practical Source, to provide volunteer coordinator services for the Animal  
48 Control Facility, for a one-year term, for the period of 4/1/26 through 3/31/27, in a total amount  
49 not to exceed \$95,000.00, is hereby confirmed and the Executive is hereby authorized to execute  
50 said professional service contract and any other necessary related documents.

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4 SECTION 2

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6 This Resolution is hereby declared an emergency in the interest of the health, safety and  
7 welfare of the residents of the County of Summit, and for the further purpose of immediately  
8 providing continued services for the Executive's Department of Public Safety, Division of Animal  
9 Control.

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11 SECTION 3

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

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17 SECTION 4

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

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26 INTRODUCED March 16, 2026

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28 ADOPTED March 30, 2026

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30 Signed by:  
*Monique Willis*

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32 CLERK OF COUNCIL

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34 APPROVED March 30, 2026

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36 Signed by:  
*Steve Shapiro*

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38 EXECUTIVE

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40 ENACTED EFFECTIVE March 31, 2026

Signed by:  
*Erin Dickinson*

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PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL

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