

1 RESOLUTION NO. 2026-141

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3 SPONSOR Executive Shapiro

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5 DATE April 27, 2026 COMMITTEE Finance

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7 **A Resolution confirming the award by the Board of Control of a professional service**  
8 **contract with Ward & Associates for appraisal services for the valuation of commercial,**  
9 **industrial, and exempt buildings considered new or altered, and land splits of the same**  
10 **classification, for the 2026 real estate tax year, in an amount not to exceed \$171,300.00, for**  
11 **the Fiscal Officer, and declaring an emergency.**

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13 WHEREAS, Section 177.08 of the Codified Ordinances of the County of Summit states  
14 that a professional service contract with appraisers performing services for the Fiscal Officer  
15 under Section 5713.01 of the Ohio Revised Code is exempt from the requirements concerning  
16 the request and evaluation of proposals as set forth in Section 177.08; and

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18 WHEREAS, Section 177.08 further requires that said professional service contract, when  
19 in excess of \$75,000.00, must be approved by this Council; and

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21 WHEREAS, the Board of Control, at its meeting held on April 15, 2026, awarded a  
22 professional service contract with Ward & Associates for appraisal services for the valuation of  
23 commercial, industrial, and exempt buildings considered new or altered, and land splits of the  
24 same classification, for the 2026 real estate tax year, in an amount not to exceed \$171,300.00,  
25 subject to confirmation by this Council; and

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27 WHEREAS, this Council finds and determines, after reviewing all pertinent information,  
28 that the aforementioned professional service contract with Ward & Associates is necessary and  
29 in the best interest of the County of Summit;

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

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34 SECTION 1

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36 The award by the Board of Control of a professional service contract with Ward &  
37 Associates for appraisal services for the valuation of commercial, industrial, and exempt  
38 buildings considered new or altered, and land splits of the same classification, for the 2026 real  
39 estate tax year, in an amount not to exceed \$171,300.00, is hereby confirmed and the Executive  
40 is hereby authorized to execute said professional service contract and any necessary related  
41 documents.

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43 SECTION 2

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45 This Resolution is hereby declared an emergency in the interest of the health, safety and  
46 welfare of the residents of the County of Summit, and for the further reason of immediately  
47 providing necessary appraisal services in sufficient time for 2026 real estate tax year.

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4 SECTION 3

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

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10 SECTION 4

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12 It is found and determined that all formal actions of this Council concerning and relating  
13 to the adoption of this Resolution were adopted in an open meeting of this Council, and that all  
14 deliberations of this Council and of any of its committees that resulted in such formal action,  
15 were in meetings open to the public, in compliance with all legal requirements, including Section  
16 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

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19 INTRODUCED April 27, 2026

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21 ADOPTED May 11, 2026

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Signed by:  
*Monique Willis*  
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CLERK OF COUNCIL

Signed by:  
*Erin Dickinson*  
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PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL

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28 APPROVED May 11, 2026

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Signed by:  
*Gene Shapiro*  
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EXECUTIVE

Voice Vote – YES: 10 – 0 – 1: Darrow, Dickinson,  
Ford, Higham, Kacyon, Licate, McKenney,  
Schmidt, Walters, Wilhite  
Abstain: Donofrio

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35 ENACTED EFFECTIVE May 12, 2026