

1 RESOLUTION NO. 2026-148

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3 SPONSOR Executive Shapiro

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5 DATE May 11, 2026

COMMITTEE Public Safety

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7 **A Resolution authorizing the Court of Common Pleas – General Division to make**
8 **additional expenditures, in the amount not to exceed \$20,000.00, for a total amount not to**
9 **exceed \$40,000.00, for hospitality items for events to be held in 2026, for the Court of**
10 **Common Pleas – General Division, and declaring an emergency.**

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12 WHEREAS, this Council previously adopted Resolution No. 2026-103, which authorized
13 the Court of Common Pleas – General Division to make expenditures in an amount not to exceed
14 \$20,000.00 for hospitality items for events to be held in 2026; and

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16 WHEREAS, the Court of Common Pleas - General Division (the “Court”), is committed
17 to the efficient administration of justice, the continuous improvement of court operations, and the
18 professional development of its employees; and

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20 WHEREAS, the Court seeks to provide a structured opportunity for staff to strengthen
21 leadership skills, align efforts with organizational priorities, and reinforce a culture of
22 professionalism, accountability, and service which are the main goals and objectives as the Court
23 seeks to host its 2026 Staff Retreat on August 28, 2026; and

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25 WHEREAS, the Court wishes to make additional hospitality expenditures, in the amount
26 not to exceed \$20,000.00, for a total amount not to exceed \$40,000.00, for hospitality items for
27 events to be held in 2026 including the Staff Retreat; and

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29 WHEREAS, the Ohio Attorney General issued Opinion No. 82-006, which authorizes the
30 expenditure of funds by a local political subdivision for its employees as long as those
31 expenditures are necessary to further a public purpose and if the political subdivision’s
32 determination to make such expenditures is not manifestly arbitrary or unreasonable; and

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34 WHEREAS, Sections 177.24(b) and (c) of the Codified Ordinances of the County of
35 Summit require the approval of this Council for hospitality expenditures exceeding \$5,000.00 per
36 year and for hospitality expenditures for purposes other than employee training, meetings and
37 organization strategic planning meetings; and

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39 WHEREAS, this Council finds and determines, after reviewing all pertinent information,
40 that it is necessary and in the best interest of the County of Summit to authorize the Court of
41 Common Pleas-General Division to make additional expenditures, in an additional amount not to
42 exceed \$20,000.00, for a total amount not to exceed \$40,000.00, for hospitality items for events
43 to be held in 2026, and that such expenditures are for a valid public purpose;

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

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4 SECTION 1

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6 The Court of Common Pleas – General Division (the “Court”) is hereby authorized to
7 make additional expenditures, in the amount not to exceed \$20,000.00, for a total amount not to
8 exceed \$40,000.00, for hospitality items for events to be held in 2026. This Council hereby finds
9 and determines that such expenditures are for a valid public purpose.

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11 SECTION 2

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13 This Resolution is hereby declared an emergency in the interest of the health, safety and
14 welfare of the residents of the County of Summit and for the further reason to immediately
15 authorize the Court to make additional expenditures for hospitality items incurred in events to be
16 held in 2026.

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18 SECTION 3

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

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24 SECTION 4

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26 It is found and determined that all formal actions of this Council concerning and relating
27 to the adoption of this Resolution were adopted in an open meeting of this Council, and that all
28 deliberations of this Council and of any of its committees that resulted in such formal action,
29 were in meetings open to the public, in compliance with all legal requirements, including Section
30 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

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33 INTRODUCED May 11, 2026

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CLERK OF COUNCIL

PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL

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