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RESOLUTION NO. 2026-209

SPONSOR Executive Shapiro, Ms. Walters

DATE August 3, 2026 COMMITTEE Rules

A Resolution authorizing the Executive to execute a settlement agreement and release, for an amount not to exceed $235,000.00, to settle any and all claims arising out of or concerning issues raised in the lawsuit, Stacy Clark v. Kandy Fatheree, et al., for the Executive and the Sheriff, and declaring an emergency.

WHEREAS, Stacy Clark (the "Plaintiff") filed a lawsuit against the Sheriff and County of Summit, concerning alleged employment retaliation regarding her commission with the Sheriff's Office, captioned, Stacy Clark v. Kandy Fatheree, et al., Case No. 5:25-cv-00106, before Judge Patricia Gaughn in the United States District Court, Northern District of Ohio (the "Lawsuit"); and

WHERAS, the Lawsuit was defended by the Prosecutor's Office, so no funds were expended on insurance retention, attorney fees or case costs; and

WHEREAS, in consultation with the Prosecutor and the County's insurance carrier, the Executive and the Sheriff, have reached terms of a full and final settlement with the Plaintiff through her legal counsel to settle the Lawsuit, for an amount not to exceed $235,000.00; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the settlement agreement and release, the Plaintiff will settle the Lawsuit and forever discharge the Sheriff and County and all related and/or potentially related parties from any and all claims against them; and

WHEREAS, this Council finds and determines, after reviewing all pertinent information, that it is necessary and in the best interest of the County of Summit to settle the Lawsuit for an amount not to exceed $235,000.00, for the aforementioned reason;

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

SECTION 1

The Executive is hereby authorized to execute a full and final settlement agreement and release for an amount not to exceed $235,000.00, to settle any and all claims arising out of or concerning issues raised in Stacy Clark v. Kandy Fatheree, et al., Case No. 5:25-cv-00106, before Judge Patricia Gaughn in the United States District Court, Northern District of Ohio (the "Lawsuit"). The settlement agreement shall include a release and dismissal entry with prejudice by Stacy Clark of any and all claims against the Sheriff, County of Summit, and all related parties.

SECTION 2

This Resolution is hereby declared an emergency in the interest of the health, safety and welfare of the residents of the County of Summit and for the further reason of immediately settling any and all claims arising out of or concerning issues raised in the Lawsuit against the Sheriff, County, and all related parties.

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SECTION 3

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

SECTION 4

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

INTRODUCED August 3, 2026

ADOPTED August 17, 2026

Signed by: Monique Willis
CLERK OF COUNCIL

Signed by: Erin Dickinson
PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL

APPROVED August 17, 2026

Signed by: Lee Shapiro
EXECUTIVE

Voice Vote – YES: 11 – 0: Darrow, Dickinson, Donofrio, Ford, Higham, Kacyon, Licate, McKenney, Schmidt, Walters, Wilhite

ENACTED EFFECTIVE August 18, 2026