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RESOLUTION NO. 2026-217

SPONSOR Executive Shapiro

DATE August 17, 2026 COMMITTEE Public Works

A Resolution authorizing the Executive to execute a Second Amendment to an Agreement with the Portage County Board of Commissioners for Portage County to contribute to the costs for Project Q-453 Fishcreek Wastewater Treatment Plant #25 Digester Improvements, located in the City of Stow, in Council District 3, for the Executive's Department of Sanitary Sewer Services, and declaring an emergency.

WHEREAS, on July 1, 1975, the County of Summit ("Summit County") and the Portage County Board of Commissioners ("Portage County") entered into an Agreement (the "Agreement") that Fishcreek Wastewater Treatment Plant #25 ("Fishcreek WWTP") shall provide sanitary sewer services to certain areas in Franklin Township and Brimfield Township, located in Portage County, and Portage County shall contribute financially for improvements to the Fishcreek WWTP, located in the City of Stow, in Council District 3; and

WHEREAS, on August 29, 1996, Summit County and Portage County entered into a First Amendment to the Agreement and Portage County agreed to contribute twelve and one-half percentage (12.5%) of the cost for the expansion of the Fishcreek WWTP; and

WHEREAS, this Council previously adopted Resolution No. 2024-192, authorizing Summit County to finance improvements to the Fishcreek WWTP through a loan from the Ohio Water Pollution Control Loan Fund ("WPCLF Loan") for improvements that include replacing the piping and pumps for the digesters, oxidation ditch, mechanical equipment and sludge pump station equipment for Project Q-453 Fishcreek Wastewater Treatment Plant #25 Digester Improvements ("Project Q-453"); and

WHEREAS, the parties now desire enter into a Second Amendment to the Agreement ("Second Amendment") that provides that the Fishcreek WWTP shall serve areas in the current Facilities Planning Areas of the Clean Water Plan (208 Map) and Portage County shall make a financial contribution for a portion of the costs for Project Q-453; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with the terms of the WPCLF Loan for Project Q-453, Summit County shall pay the principal amount of $8,761,944.27, at an interest rate of 2.62%, for a total amount including principal and interest of $11,313,129.20, for a term of twenty (20) years, with an annual payment of $565,656.46; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the terms of the Second Amendment, Portage County agrees to contribute financially to the Project Q-453 costs, in an amount equal to twelve and one-half percentage (12.5%) of the WPCLF Loan, with twenty (20) annual payments of $70,707.06, for a total amount of $1,414,141.20; and

WHEREAS, this Council finds and determines, after reviewing all pertinent information, that it is necessary and in the best interest of the County to authorize the Executive to execute the Second Amendment with Portage County that provides that Portage County shall contribute to the costs of Project Q-453;

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

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SECTION 1

The Executive is hereby authorized to execute the Second Amendment to the Agreement with the Portage County Board of Commissioners ("Portage County") whereby Portage County agrees to contribute financially for the costs of Project Q-453 Fishcreek Wastewater Treatment Plant #25 Digester Improvements ("Project Q-453") with Portage County paying twelve and one-half percentage (12.5%) of the County of Summit's $11,313,129.20 Ohio Water Pollution Control Loan and Portage County shall pay the County of Summit twenty (20) annual payments of $70,707.06, for a total amount of $1,414,141.20.

SECTION 2

This Resolution is declared an emergency in the interest of the health, safety and welfare of the residents of the County of Summit, and to immediately authorize the Executive to execute the Second Amendment to the Agreement with Portage County to receive funds for Portage County's share of the costs for Project Q-453.

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 the Council concerning and relating to the adoption of the 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 17, 2026

ADOPTED August 24, 2026

Signed by: Monique Willis
CLERK OF COUNCIL

Signed by: Erin Dickinson
PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL

APPROVED August 24, 2026

Signed by:
EXECUTIVE

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

ENACTED EFFECTIVE August 25, 2026