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RESOLUTION NO. 2026-239

First Reading Passage Requested
(H. Swindell)

SPONSOR Executive Shapiro

DATE September 21, 2026 COMMITTEE Public Works

A Resolution authorizing the Executive to execute a Muskingum Watershed Conservancy District's Partners in Watershed Management grant application necessary to apply for and accept grant funds, in the amount of $300,000.00, for the Hinman Ditch #52 Stormwater Basin and Channel Improvement, located in Coventry Township, in Council District 8, with a local cash match of $220,219.75, for a total project cost of $520,219.75, for the Engineer and the Summit County Surface Water Management District, and declaring an emergency.

WHEREAS, the Engineer has determined there is a need to improve Hinman Ditch (County Ditch #52) by modernizing a stormwater basin, replacing the outlet structure, and incorporating Ohio EPA water quality volume standards to improve pollutant removal and downstream water quality by regrading, wetland benching, and creating a natural alignment to restore conveyance and reduce sediment accumulation (the "Project"); and

WHEREAS, the County is eligible to apply for $300,000.00 in grant funds through the Muskingum Watershed Conservancy District's Partners in Watershed Management Grant Program; 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 authorize the Executive to apply for grant funds through the Muskingum Watershed Conservancy District's Partners in Watershed Management grant program and to execute any other documents necessary to accept and administer the grant funds for the aforementioned purpose;

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

SECTION 1

The Executive is authorized to execute a Muskingum Watershed Conservancy District's Partners in Watershed Management grant application 300,000.00, for the Hinman Ditch #52 Stormwater Basin and Channel Improvement, located in Coventry Township, in Council District 8, with a local cash match of $220,219.75, for a total project cost of $520,219.75.

SECTION 2

The terms of said application shall request $300,000.00 towards the construction cost of the Project from the Muskingum Watershed Conservancy District's Partners in Watershed Management grant program.

SECTION 3

The Executive is hereby authorized to execute said grant application to apply for the aforementioned grant funds only for the Hinman Ditch #52 Stormwater Basin and Channel Improvement in 2026/2027 Program Year, with further authorization required for any future grant applications for the purpose of improving Hinman Ditch.

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SECTION 4

The Clerk of Council is instructed to provide two certified copies of this Resolution to the Engineer, for submission to the Muskingum Watershed Conservancy District with said grant application.

SECTION 5

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 that it will allow the County to obtain grant funds for an immediately needed water quality improvement project.

SECTION 6

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 7

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 September 21, 2026

ADOPTED September 21, 2026

Signed by:
Monique Willis
CLERK OF COUNCIL

Signed by:
Erin Dickinson
PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL

APPROVED September 21, 2026

Signed by:
EXECUTIVE

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

ENACTED EFFECTIVE September 22, 2026