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RESOLUTION NO. 2026-297

SPONSOR Executive Shapiro

DATE October 26, 2026 COMMITTEE Finance

A Resolution confirming the award by the Board of Control of a purchase contract, subject to the approval of the Information Technology Board, with Zix Corporation, as Best Practical Source, for email encryption and threat protection, for a three-year term, from 1/6/27 through 1/5/30, in a total amount not to exceed $166,887.30, for the Office of Information Technology, and declaring an emergency.

WHEREAS, without adequate encryption services, County emails are vulnerable to hacking; and

WHEREAS, in order to protect the County's email services, the Office of Information Technology recommends that the County enter into a purchase contract with Zix Corporation, as a Best Practical Source, for email encryption and threat protection, for a three-year term, from 1/6/27 through 1/5/30**,** in a total amount not to exceed $166,887.30; and

WHEREAS, Zix Corporation is a Best Practical Source pursuant to Section 177.07(a)(5) of the Codified Ordinances of the County of Summit because it has continuously met County encryption needs, established familiarity with County employee and system integration, and provided crucial spam-filtering services; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Control, at its meeting held on October 21, 2026, awarded a purchase contract, subject to the approval of the Information Technology Board, with Zix Corporation, as Best Practical Source, for email encryption and threat protection, for a three-year term, from 1/6/27 through 1/5/30, in a total amount not to exceed $166,887.30, subject to confirmation by this Council; and

WHEREAS, the aforementioned purchase contract with Zix Corporation will be presented for approval to the Information Technology Board at its meeting to be held on November 12, 2026; and

WHEREAS, this Council finds and determines, after reviewing all pertinent information, that the aforementioned purchase contract with Zix Corporation is necessary and in the best interest of the County of Summit;

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

SECTION 1

The award by the Board of Control of a purchase contract, subject to the approval of the Information Board, with Zix Corporation, as Best Practical Source, for email encryption and threat protection, for a three-year term, from 1/6/27 through 1/5/30, in a total amount not to exceed $166,887.30, is hereby confirmed and the Executive is hereby authorized to execute said purchase contract and any other necessary related documents.

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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 to immediately provide crucial encryption protection for County email services.

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 October 26, 2026

ADOPTED November 9, 2026

Signed by: Monique Willis
CLERK OF COUNCIL

Signed by: Erin Dickinson
PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL

APPROVED November 9, 2026

Signed by:
EXECUTIVE

Voice Vote – YES: 9 – 0: Darrow, Dickinson, Ford, Higham, Kacyon, Licate, McKenney, Schmidt, Wilhite
Absent: Donofrio, Walters

ENACTED EFFECTIVE November 10, 2026