RESOLUTION NO. 2026-327

SPONSOR Executive Shapiro

DATE November 23, 2026 COMMITTEE Planning

A Resolution confirming the award by the Board of Control of a professional service contract with The Greater Akron Chamber to provide economic development services, including but not limited to business attraction and retention, workforce growth, economic inclusion, and facilitation of economic development ecosystem initiatives, for a one-year term, from 1/1/27 through 12/31/27, in an amount not to exceed $100,000.00, for the Executive, and declaring an emergency.

WHEREAS, the Greater Akron Chamber (the "Chamber") drives economic growth and prosperity for Greater Akron by supporting the success of the business community and acting as a convener of stakeholders on key issues facing the region; and

WHEREAS, the Executive wishes to enter into a professional service contract with the Chamber, in an amount not to exceed $100,000.00, for economic development services, including but not limited to business attraction and retention, workforce growth, economic inclusion, and the facilitation of economic development ecosystem initiatives; and

WHEREAS, as part of this contract, the County of Summit will be recognized as a key supporter of the Chamber's work in our region and be recognized as a sponsor at events throughout the year; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Control, at its meeting held on December 2, 2026, awarded a professional service contract with The Greater Akron Chamber, as a Sole Source, for economic development services, for a one-year term, from 1/1/27 through 12/31/27, in an amount not to exceed $100,000.00, subject to confirmation by this Council; and

WHEREAS, this Council finds and determines, after reviewing all pertinent information, that the aforementioned professional service contract with The Greater Akron Chamber 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 professional service contract with The Greater Akron Chamber, for economic development services, for a one-year term, from 1/1/27 through 12/31/27, in an amount not to exceed $100,000.00, is hereby confirmed and the Executive is hereby authorized to execute said professional service contract and any other necessary related documents.

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 continue crucial economic development services for the people of Summit County.

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 November 23, 2026

ADOPTED _____

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CLERK OF COUNCIL PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL

APPROVED _____

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EXECUTIVE

ENACTED EFFECTIVE _____