RESOLUTION NO. 2026-328

SPONSOR Executive Shapiro

DATE November 23, 2026 COMMITTEE Planning

A Resolution confirming the award by the Board of Control of a renewal (second and final) of a professional service contract with Roetzel Consulting Solutions, as a Best Practical Source, to provide economic development strategy, project management and consulting services to the County, for a one-year term, from 1/1/27 through 12/31/27, in an amount not to exceed $96,000.00, for the Executive's Department of Community and Economic Development, and declaring an emergency.

WHEREAS, this Council previously adopted Resolution No. 2025-067, which confirmed the award of the Board of Control of a professional service contract with Roetzel Consulting Solutions, as a Best Practical Source, to provide economic development strategy, project management and consulting services to the County, for the period 1/1/25 through 12/31/25, with two options to renew for additional one-year terms, in an amount not to exceed $96,000.00; and

WHEREAS, this Council subsequently adopted Resolution No. 2025-340, confirming the award by the Board of Control of a renewal (first of two) of a professional service contract with Roetzel Consulting Solutions, as a Best Practical Source, to provide economic development strategy, project management and consulting services to the County, for the period 1/1/26 through 12/31/26, in an amount not to exceed $96,000.00; and

WHEREAS, the Executive's Department of Community and Economic Development seeks to renew the professional service agreement in order to capitalize on recent successes in job creation and economic development in Summit County, to continue and further the County's role as one of the core Economic Development Organizations outlined in the Elevate Greater Akron strategic plan, and to continue to implement and oversee business retention and expansion efforts, business intelligence, project management and workforce development initiatives; and

WHEREAS, in order to continue and further the County's leadership role in creating and implementing a transformative, high functioning, and collaborative economic development system for the region, it is necessary to continue the relationship with Roetzel Consulting Solutions as they are a Best Practical Source pursuant to Sections 177.01(h)(4)D. and 177.07(a)(5) of the Codified Ordinances of the County of Summit due to their expertise in the field and strong knowledge of the County's economic development strategy and initiatives; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Control, at its meeting held December 2, 2026, awarded the renewal (second and final) of a professional service contract with Roetzel Consulting Solutions, as a Best Practical Source, to provide economic development strategy, project management and consulting services to the County, for a one-year term, from 1/1/27 through 12/31/27, in an amount not to exceed $96,000.00, 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 Roetzel Consulting Solutions 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:

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SECTION 1

The award by the Board of Control of the renewal (second and final) of a professional service contract with Roetzel Consulting Solutions, as a Best Practical Source, to provide economic development strategy, project management and consulting services to the County for the period 1/1/27 through 12/31/27, in an amount not to exceed $96,000.00, is hereby confirmed and the Executive is hereby authorized to execute said renewal of a professional service contract and any other necessary related documents.

SECTION 2

This Resolution is hereby declared to be 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 is necessary to immediately authorize the Executive to execute said contract for the continued effective operation of economic development initiatives and projects by the 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 any of its committees that resulted in such formal action were in meetings open to the public, in compliance with 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 _____