RESOLUTION NO. 2012-118

SPONSOR       Mr. Pry

DATE         April 2, 2012

COMMITTEE     Public Safety

A Resolution authorizing expenditures for hospitality items provided by Xanterra Parks and Resorts for the Ohio Department of Natural Resources incurred in providing training and planning sessions to be held in 2012, in an amount not to exceed $40,000.00, for the Executive’s Department of Law, Insurance and Risk Management, Division of Public Safety – Justice Affairs, and declaring an emergency.

WHEREAS, the County Executive’s Department of Law, Insurance and Risk Management, Division of Public Safety – Justice Affairs Office conducts an annual Planning Retreat for law enforcement representatives in Homeland Security Region 5, which includes the following 13 counties: Summit, Medina, Portage, Trumbull, Richland, Ashland, Wayne, Stark, Mahoning, Columbiana, Holmes, Carroll and Tuscarawas; and

WHEREAS, the Division of Public Safety – Emergency Management Agency also conducts an annual Planning Retreat for representatives of the Summit County Domestic Preparedness Task Force; and

WHEREAS, both planning retreats are scheduled to be held at Ohio State Parks managed by the Xanterra Corporation and paid for through state and local homeland security grant funding for a combined amount not to exceed $40,000.00; and

WHEREAS, the Office of the Attorney General of the State of Ohio issued Opinion No. 82-006, which authorizes the expenditure of funds by a local political subdivision for its employees as long as those expenditures are necessary to further a public purpose and if the political subdivision’s determination to make such expenditures is not manifestly arbitrary or unreasonable; and

WHEREAS, Section 177.24 (b) and (c) of the Codified Ordinances of the County of Summit require the approval of County Council for hospitality expenditures exceeding $2,000.00 per year and for hospitality expenditures for purposes other than employee training, meetings, and organization strategic planning meetings; 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 Division of Public Safety to make expenditures, in an amount not to exceed $40,000.00, for hospitality items provided by Xanterra Parks and Resorts for the Ohio Department of Natural Resources incurred in providing training and planning session to be held in 2012 and that such expenditures are for a valid public purpose;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the County of Summit, State of Ohio, that:
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SECTION 1

The County Executive’s Department of Law, Insurance and Risk Management, Division of Public Safety – Justice Affairs, is hereby authorized to make expenditures, in an amount not to exceed $40,000.00, for hospitality items provided by Xanterra Parks and Resorts for the Ohio Department of Natural Resources incurred in provided training and planning sessions to be held in 2012. This Council hereby finds and determines that such expenses are for a valid public purpose.

SECTION 2

This Resolution is hereby declared an emergency in the interest of the health, safety and welfare of the citizens of the County of Summit and for the further reason to immediately authorize the Division of Public Safety to make expenditures for hospitality items incurred in providing training and planning sessions to be held in 2012.

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 March 19, 2012

ADOPTED April 2, 2012

CLERK OF COUNCIL

APPROVED April 2, 2012

EXECUTIVE

ENACTED EFFECTIVE April 2, 2012

Voice Vote: 11-0. YES: Comunale, Crawford, Feeman, Kostandaras, Kurt, Lee, Prentice, Rodgers, Roemer, Schmidt, Shapiro