RESOLUTION NO. 2012-268

SPONSOR Mr. Pry, Ms. Shapiro, and Council of the Whole

DATE June 25, 2012 COMMITTEE Planning

A Resolution authorizing and directing the Summit County Land Reutilization Corporation, as the agent of the County, to submit an application and otherwise participate in the Ohio Attorney General’s Moving Ohio Forward Grant Program, and authorizing and directing the County Executive and County Fiscal Officer to assist with the same, for the Executive, Fiscal Officer and Council, and declaring an emergency.

WHEREAS, on behalf of Ohio taxpayers, the Ohio Attorney General has received settlement funds through litigation against certain financial institutions; and

WHEREAS, the Ohio Attorney General has used a portion of those settlement funds to create the Moving Ohio Forward Grant Program to assist communities with demolishing abandoned, vacant and blighted residential properties; and

WHEREAS, the Moving Ohio Forward Grant Program is intended to help stabilize the real estate market and declining property values by removing abandoned, vacant and blighted residential structures from our community; and

WHEREAS, under the Moving Ohio Forward Grant Program, the sum of $3,780,560 has been allocated for use by communities in Summit County; and

WHEREAS, of the $3,780,560 allocated to Summit County, $3,280,560 requires a 1-to-1 match from local funds; and

WHEREAS, the County of Summit has requested that local Summit County communities and lending institutions provide match monies to assist with meeting the one-to-one match required under the Moving Ohio Forward Grant Program; and

WHEREAS, the guidelines for the Moving Ohio Forward Grant Program require a single lead applicant for each county, and, where a county has formed a County Land Reutilization Corporation (“CLRC”) under Ohio law, further requires the CLRC to be the applicant for the funds; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Resolution No. 2012-214, this Council authorized the creation of the Summit County Land Reutilization Corporation (“Summit CLRC”), which was subsequently incorporated on June 6, 2012; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Resolution No. 2012-254, this Council designated the Summit CLRC as the County’s agent for land reutilization within Summit County; and

WHEREAS, the Summit CLRC will serve as the lead applicant for Summit County for the Moving Ohio Forward Grant Program and will also commit a match of local funds, up to $2,000,000, that will match any portion of the Moving Ohio Forward Grant Program not matched by other local political subdivisions or private commitments; and
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WHEREAS, between the funds committed by the Summit CLRC and other local commitments, the County anticipates that it will meet the match requirements of the Moving Ohio Forward Grant Program; and

WHEREAS, this Council hereby finds and determines that the presence of abandoned, vacant and blighted properties in Summit County has serious negative effects on the property values of residents that faithfully pay their property taxes and maintain their homes; and

WHEREAS, this Council hereby finds and determines that the presence of abandoned, vacant and blighted properties in Summit County has serious negative effects on the real property tax base that supports the operations of the County, school districts and other political subdivisions and taxing districts in the County; and

WHEREAS, this Council finds and determines, after reviewing all pertinent information, that it is necessary and in the best interest of the County, to authorize and direct, as the agent of the County, the Summit CLRC to apply for the sum of $3,780,560 under the Moving Ohio Forward Grant Program by June 30, 2012, to arrange for all necessary local match commitments, and to authorize and direct the County Executive and County Fiscal Officer to assist the Summit CLRC in accomplishing said tasks;

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

SECTION 1

This Council hereby approves, and further authorizes and directs, as the agent of the County, the Summit County Land Reutilization Corporation ("Summit CLRC") to apply for and submit, and execute any application and any other documents necessary to apply for, the Ohio Attorney General's Moving Ohio Forward Grant Program. In providing this approval, authorization and direction, this Council understands that the Summit CLRC, the County and any other political subdivision receiving funds, must comply with the program guidelines of the Moving Ohio Forward Grant Program.

SECTION 2

This Council hereby authorizes and directs, as the agent of the County, the Summit CLRC to arrange for and submit evidence of all local match commitments, including the match commitment of the Summit CLRC.

SECTION 3

The County Executive and County Fiscal Officer are hereby authorized and directed to assist the Summit CLRC in carrying out the directives within Section 1 and Section 2, above.
SECTION 4

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 that approvals, authorizations and directives contained herein are necessary in order to ensure that the Moving Ohio Forward Grant Program application is submitted by the June 30, 2012 deadline.

SECTION 5

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 6

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 June 18, 2012

ADOPTED June 25, 2012

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CLERK OF COUNCIL

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PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL

APPROVED June 26, 2012

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EXECUTIVE

ENACTED EFFECTIVE June 26, 2012

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