RESOLUTION NO. 2014-063

SPONSOR Mr. Pry

DATE February 10, 2014 COMMITTEE Public Safety

A Resolution confirming the award by the Board of Control of a professional service contract with the Legal Defenders Office of Summit County, Inc., for legal defender services for indigents, for the Summit County Public Defender Commission, for the period 1/1/14 through 12/31/14, in an amount not to exceed $501,480.00, for the Executive's Department of Law, Insurance and Risk Management and declaring an emergency.

WHEREAS, the County has formed the Summit County Public Defender Commission ("Commission") pursuant to Chapter 120 the Ohio Revised Code ("ORC"); and

WHEREAS, the Commission is responsible for providing legal defense services to certain indigent persons charged with the commission of crimes under the ORC, the Codified Ordinances of the County of Summit and various municipal ordinances within the boundaries of the County; and

WHEREAS, the Commission is authorized by Section 120.14 of the ORC to contract with a non-profit organization to provide legal services to indigent persons; and

WHEREAS, the Commission wishes to contract with the Legal Defenders Office of Summit County, Ohio, Inc., a not-for-profit corporation, to provide legal representation to indigent persons on behalf of the Commission, for the period 1/1/14 through 12/31/14, for an amount not to exceed $501,480.00; and

WHEREAS, the County Executive is required to execute the aforementioned contract, the cost of which will be paid out of funds appropriated by Council in Account No. 10003-2711-45501 pursuant to Resolution No. 2013-493; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Control, at its January 15, 2014, meeting, awarded a professional service contract to the Legal Defenders Office of Summit County, Ohio, Inc.; 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 confirm the award by the Board of Control of the aforementioned contract with the Legal Defenders Office of Summit County, Ohio, Inc., and authorize the Executive to execute said contract;

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 Legal Defenders Office of Summit County, Inc., for legal defender services for indigents, for the Summit County Public Defender Commission, for the period 1/1/14 through 12/31/14, in an amount not to exceed $501,480.00, is hereby confirmed and the County Executive is hereby authorized to execute said contract.
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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 provide necessary legal defender services for indigents in 2014.

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 January 27, 2014
ADOPTED February 10, 2014

CLERK OF COUNCIL

APPROVED February 11, 2014

EXECUTIVE

ENACTED EFFECTIVE February 11, 2014

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