

RESOLUTION NO. 2010-018

LATE FILING

SPONSOR Mr. Pry

DATE January 25, 2010

COMMITTEE: Finance

A Resolution declaring it necessary to levy a replacement tax outside the ten mill limitation for the benefit of the Akron-Summit County Public Library and requesting the County Fiscal Officer to certify to the taxing authority the total current tax valuation of the County and the dollar amount of revenue that would be generated by a specified number of mills for the purpose of current operating expenses of the Library, for the Executive, and declaring an emergency.

WHEREAS, the Council of the County of Summit is the taxing authority of the County pursuant to Article III, Section 3.01 of the County Charter; and

WHEREAS, this Council, as the taxing authority for the County of Summit, by the adoption of this Resolution, determines that the amount of taxes which may be raised within the ten-mill limitation on the current tax duplicate will be insufficient to provide an adequate amount for the necessary requirements of the County of Summit, and that it is necessary to levy a replacement tax in excess of such limitation to provide for the current operations of the Akron-Summit County Public Library, pursuant to Ohio Revised Code sections 5705.19, 5705.191, 5705.192 and 5705.23; and

WHEREAS, the Akron-Summit County Public Library Board of Trustees has recommended that a 1.4 mill replacement tax levy be placed on the ballot for the May 4, 2010 primary election for the purpose current operating expenses; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 5705.03(B) of the Ohio Revised Code, it is necessary for the taxing authority to certify to the County Fiscal Officer a resolution requesting that the County Fiscal Officer certify to the taxing authority the total current tax valuation of the county, and the dollar amount of revenue that would be generated by a specified number of mills,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Council of the County of Summit, State of Ohio, two-thirds of all the members elected thereto concurring, that:

SECTION 1

It is necessary to levy a replacement tax in excess of the ten-mill limitation for the benefit of the Akron-Summit County Public Library, for the purpose of current operating expenses, at a rate not exceeding 1.4 mills, for a period of five (5) years commencing with the tax duplicate of 2010 for collection in the years 2011 through 2015.

SECTION 2

In accordance with Section 5705.03 of the Ohio Revised Code, this Council authorizes and requests the Clerk of Council to certify a copy of this resolution to the County Fiscal Officer for calculation of the total current tax valuation of the County and for calculation of the dollar amount of revenue that would be generated by the replacement tax of 1.4 mills.

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SECTION 3

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 timely certify to the Board of Elections this ballot issue.

SECTION 4

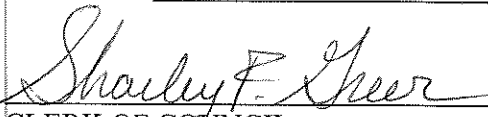
Provided this resolution receives the affirmative vote of eight (8) members, it shall take effect immediately upon its adoption and approval by the Executive; otherwise, it shall take effect and be in force at the earliest time provided by law.

SECTION 5

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 4, 2010

ADOPTED January 25, 2010


CLERK OF COUNCIL


PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL

APPROVED January 25, 2010


EXECUTIVE

ENACTED EFFECTIVE January 25, 2010

Voice Vote: 11-0 YES: Comunale, Crawford, Crossland, Feeman, Kostandaras Poda, Prentice, Rodgers, Schmidt, Shapiro, Smith

Library Basic Facts 2010

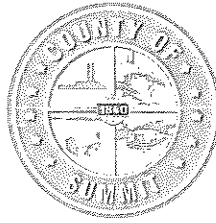
- Library has experienced record levels of usage. Compared to 1998, prior to the building program:
 - Number of items borrowed has increased by 60% to estimated 6 million items in 2009
 - Number of annual visitors to library facilities has increased by 77% (3.2 million)
 - Attendance at library programs/meetings has more than doubled (325,000 in 2008)
- Library fulfilled promise of building program with 16 new buildings in past decade.
- Twice recognized nationally in 2009 as a Five Star Library (*Library Journal*), and also as a Top Ten Library (Hennen American Public Library Rankings).
- Library provides:
 - Access to over 10 million items as part of the SearchOhio library consortium
 - Pre-school programs as part of the community-wide effort to increase children's readiness for kindergarten
 - Recreational and informational programs for teens and adults of all ages
 - Free Internet access to thousands of Akron and Summit County residents who otherwise lack this key component of modern life.
 - Help for job-seekers, computer training, and consumer health information
 - Meeting spaces that serve as centers of community activity
- Library has become a collaborative partner with variety of community groups and institutions working to improve the quality of life in Akron and Summit County.
- Library has had a property tax levy for operating expenses since 1984; current levy expires in 2010.
- State funding has been reduced by 25% (\$3.6 million annually) compared to 2008.
- 1.4 mill levy currently provides approximately 50% of total annual operating revenue (\$12 million).
- Five year, 1.4 mill replacement levy will be used to maintain current operations.
- Cost of replacement levy for owner of a \$100,000 home is estimated to be \$49.00 per year, or \$4.08 per month (\$42.88 per year, or \$3.57 per month after rollback/reduction).

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COUNTY OF SUMMIT, OHIO

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TRANSMITTAL OF INFORMATION

TO: Shelley Davis
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DATE: January 26, 2010


COUNTY FISCAL OFFICER
JOHN DONOFRIO

TRANSMITTED HEREWITH:

Resolution No. 2010-018 adopted on January 25, 2010

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REMARKS: Per section 2 of the noted legislation the Clerk of Council is directed to certify a copy of this resolution to the County Fiscal Officer for the calculation of the total current tax valuation of the County and for calculation of the dollar amount of revenue that would be generated by the replacement of 1.4 mills.


Sharley F. Greer
Clerk of Council

COUNTY OF SUMMIT COUNCIL OFFICE