

1 RESOLUTION NO. 2020-419

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3 SPONSOR Executive Shapiro

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5 DATE January 25, 2021

COMMITTEE Finance

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7 **A Resolution authorizing various County offices to make expenditures, in a total combined**
8 **amount not to exceed \$65,000.00, for hospitality items for events to be held in 2021, for the**
9 **Executive, and declaring an emergency.**

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11 WHEREAS, throughout 2021, the Court of Common Pleas-General Division will
12 conduct training sessions, planning sessions, and meetings including, but not limited to, Judges’
13 meetings, Summit County Criminal Justice Advisory Board meetings, Judicial Advisory Board
14 meetings, Facility Governing Board meetings, Turning Point Program and Brenda Burnham
15 Unruh Job Readiness Program ceremonies and other staff training and/or meetings as deemed
16 necessary by the Court, to be to be paid from Special Project and Probation Improvement and
17 Incentive grant funds; and

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19 WHEREAS, the Court of Common Pleas-General Division wishes to make hospitality
20 expenditures, in an amount not to exceed \$10,000.00, in 2021 related to the aforementioned
21 training sessions, planning sessions, and meetings; and

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23 WHEREAS, the Court of Common Pleas-Juvenile Division conducts various training and
24 planning sessions, volunteer recognitions and youth incentives throughout 2021 including, but
25 not limited to, the Behavioral Health Juvenile Justice quarterly meetings, the Summit County
26 Cluster for Youth meetings, Juvenile Detention Alternative Initiative and required Juvenile Court
27 training, a volunteer recognition hosted for the many court volunteers in Court Appointed
28 Special Advocates, detention, Women’s Board and Citizens Review Board and the Court of
29 Common Pleas-Juvenile Division is also authorized to spend funds on hospitality and incentive
30 items on youths and their families throughout the year which are reimbursed by various grants;
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33 WHEREAS, the Court of Common Pleas-Juvenile Division wishes to make hospitality
34 expenditures, in an amount not to exceed \$10,000.00, in 2021 related to the aforementioned
35 training sessions, planning sessions, and meetings; and

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37 WHEREAS, the Executive’s Department of Job and Family Services (“DJFS”) conducts
38 training, including worksite conferences, for the County of Summit and such training sessions
39 are attended by County employees, outside organizations and elected officials and DJFS also
40 provides meals for the participants of the Summer Youth Employment Program (“SYEP”); and

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42 WHEREAS, DJFS wishes to pay hospitality expenses in an amount not to exceed
43 \$15,000.00, in 2021 related to the aforementioned training sessions and SYEP participant meals;
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4 WHEREAS, the Executive's Department of Law and Risk Management, Division of
5 Public Safety and Emergency Management Agency conducts various training and planning
6 sessions, including domestic preparedness steering committee workshops and law enforcement,
7 fire, dispatch and emergency medical services personnel training, for the County of Summit and
8 Ohio Homeland Security Region 5 law enforcement personnel and such training sessions are
9 attended by County employees, public safety personnel, outside organizations and elected
10 officials; and

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12 WHEREAS, the Executive's Department of Law and Risk Management, Division of
13 Public Safety and Emergency Management Agency wishes to make hospitality expenses, in an
14 amount not to exceed \$25,000.00, for 2021 related to the aforementioned training sessions, all of
15 which are paid for through various grant funds; and

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17 WHEREAS, the Executive's Department of Human Resources, Division of Employee
18 Benefits conducts training, including health fairs and worksite wellness conferences, for the
19 County of Summit and such training sessions are attended by County employees, outside
20 organizations and elected officials; and

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22 WHEREAS, the Executive's Department of Human Resources, Division of Employee
23 Benefits wishes to pay hospitality expenses, in an amount not to exceed \$5,000.00, in 2021
24 related to the aforementioned training sessions, some of which will be reimbursed from Medical
25 Mutual of Ohio wellness dollars and some of which is paid by conference attendees, sponsors
26 and vendors; and

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

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33 WHEREAS, Sections 177.24(b) and (c) of the Codified Ordinances of the County of
34 Summit require the approval of this Council for hospitality expenditures exceeding \$2,000.00 per
35 year and for hospitality expenditures for purposes other than employee training, meetings and
36 organization strategic planning meetings; and

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38 WHEREAS, this Council finds and determines, after reviewing all pertinent information,
39 that it is necessary and in the best interest of the County of Summit to authorize the
40 aforementioned various County offices to make expenditures, in a total combined amount not to
41 exceed \$65,000.00, for hospitality items for events to be held in 2021, and that such expenditures
42 are for a valid public purpose;

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

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6 The following County offices are hereby authorized to make expenditures, in the
7 following not to exceed amounts for hospitality items for events to be held in 2021:

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9	Common Pleas Court-General Division	\$10,000.00
10	Common Pleas Court-Juvenile Division	\$10,000.00
11	Executive-Department of Job and Family Services	\$15,000.00
12	Executive-Division of Public Safety and EMA	\$25,000.00
13	Human Resource Department-Division of Employee Benefits	<u>\$ 5,000.00</u>
14	Total:	\$65,000.00

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16 This Council hereby finds and determines that such expenditures are for a valid public purpose.

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18 SECTION 2

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20 This Resolution is hereby declared an emergency in the interest of the health, safety and
21 welfare of the residents of the County of Summit and for the further reason to immediately
22 authorize the aforementioned County offices to make expenditures for hospitality items incurred
23 in at events to be held in 2021.

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25 SECTION 3

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

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31 SECTION 4

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33 It is found and determined that all formal actions of this Council concerning and relating
34 to the adoption of this Resolution were adopted in an open meeting of this Council, and that all
35 deliberations of this Council and of any of its committees that resulted in such formal action,
36 were in meetings open to the public, in compliance with all legal requirements, including Section
37 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

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39 INTRODUCED December 7, 2020

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41 ADOPTED January 25, 2021

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45 CLERK OF COUNCIL



PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL

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47 APPROVED January 27, 2021

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51 EXECUTIVE

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51 ENACTED EFFECTIVE January 27, 2021

Voice Vote - YES 11-0: Darrow, DeVitis, Dickinson, Donofrio, Feeman, McKenney, Rodgers, Schmidt, Sims, Walters, Wilhite