

1 RESOLUTION NO. 2022-337

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3 SPONSOR Executive Shapiro

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5 DATE November 21, 2022

COMMITTEE Public Safety

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7 **A Resolution authorizing the Executive, subject to the approval of the Board of Control, to**
8 **execute a professional service contract between the Legal Defenders Office of Summit**
9 **County, Ohio, Inc. and the Summit County Public Defender Commission for legal defender**
10 **services for indigent persons on behalf of the Summit County Public Defender**
11 **Commission, for the period 1/1/23 to 12/31/23, in an amount not to exceed \$3,311,000.00,**
12 **for the Executive and the Summit County Public Defender Commission, and declaring an**
13 **emergency.**

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

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

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23 WHEREAS, the Commission is authorized by Section 120.14 of the ORC to contract
24 with a nonprofit organization to provide legal services to indigent persons; and

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26 WHEREAS, the Commission wishes to contract with the Legal Defender’s Office of
27 Summit County, Ohio, Inc. (“Legal Defender”), a nonprofit corporation, to provide legal
28 representation to indigent persons on behalf of the Commission from 1/1/23 to 12/31/23, for an
29 amount not to exceed \$3,311,000.00; and

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31 WHEREAS, the Executive is required to execute the aforementioned contract, the cost of
32 which will be paid out of funds appropriated by this Council, pursuant to Resolution No. 2022-
33 342, and it is expected, 90% or \$2,979,900.00, of which, will be reimbursed by the State of Ohio;
34 and

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36 WHEREAS, the professional service contract with the Legal Defender and the
37 Commission for legal defender services for indigent persons on behalf of the Commission, for
38 the period 1/1/23 to 12/31/23, in an amount not to exceed \$3,311,000.00, will be presented for
39 approval of the Board of Control, at its meeting to be held on November 9, 2022; and

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41 WHEREAS, this Council finds and determines, after reviewing all pertinent information,
42 that it is necessary and in the best interest of the County of Summit to authorize the Executive to
43 execute, subject to the approval of the Board of Control, the aforementioned professional service
44 contract with the Legal Defender:

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

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49 SECTION 1

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51 The Executive is hereby authorized to execute, subject to the approval of the Board of
52 Control, a professional service contract and any other necessary related documents between the
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4 SECTION 1 (Continued)

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6 Legal Defender's Office of Summit County, Ohio, Inc. and the Summit County Public Defender
7 Commission for legal defender services for indigents on behalf of the Commission, for the
8 period 1/1/23 to 12/31/23, in an amount not to exceed \$3,311,000.00.

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10 SECTION 2

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12 This Resolution is hereby declared an emergency in the interest of the health, safety and
13 welfare of the residents of the County of Summit, and for the further reason to immediately
14 provide necessary legal defender services for indigent persons in 2023.

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16 SECTION 3

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

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22 SECTION 4

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24 It is found and determined that all formal actions of this Council concerning and relating
25 to the adoption of this Resolution were adopted in an open meeting of this Council, and that all
26 deliberations of this Council and of any of its committees that resulted in such formal action,
27 were in meetings open to the public, in compliance with all legal requirements, including Section
28 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

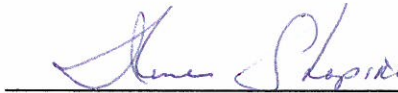
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31 INTRODUCED November 7, 2022

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33 ADOPTED November 21, 2022

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37 CLERK OF COUNCIL

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40 PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL

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42 APPROVED November 22, 2022

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45 EXECUTIVE

ENACTED EFFECTIVE November 22, 2022

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