

1 RESOLUTION NO. 2024-012

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3 SPONSOR Executive Shapiro

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5 DATE January 8, 2024

COMMITTEE Public Safety

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7 **A Resolution confirming the award by the Board of Control of a purchase contract with**  
8 **Communications Venture, Inc., dba In Digital, subject to the approval of the Information**  
9 **Technology Board, for the installation, integration and one year of service for Texty**  
10 **software, to allow the public to text 9-1-1 for emergency services, in an amount not to**  
11 **exceed \$96,264.36, for the Executive Department of Public Safety, and declaring and**  
12 **emergency.**

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14 WHEREAS, currently members of the public, within Summit County, must place a call  
15 to reach 9-1-1, and Texty would allow individuals, located within Summit County, to text 9-1-1  
16 for emergency services; and

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18 WHEREAS, the public has grown accustomed to communicating in a digital world, and  
19 Texty will allow the public to connect with a dispatcher via text message at each of Summit  
20 County's nine Public Safety Answering Points (PSAPs); and

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22 WHEREAS, Texty provides language translation services for over 100 language to  
23 promote effective communication between the texter and the dispatcher; and

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25 WHEREAS, the State of Ohio is expected implement Next Generation 9-1-1 to provide  
26 residents with advanced communication capabilities when calling for emergency services, and  
27 text to 9-1-1 is an integral part of the anticipated upgrade; and

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29 WHEREAS, the purchase contract with In Digital is exempt from competitive bidding  
30 under Codified Ordinance 177.07(a)(14), as part of the purchase of the 9-1-1 system; and

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32 WHEREAS, the Board of Control, at its meeting held January 3, 2024, approved a  
33 purchase contract with In Digital, subject to the approval of the Information Technology Board,  
34 for installation and one year of service for text-to-9-1-1, in an amount not to exceed \$96,264.36,  
35 subject to confirmation by this Council; and

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37 WHEREAS, the Information Technology Board, at its meeting to be held on January 11,  
38 2024, will consider the aforementioned purchase contract with In Digital for approval; and

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40 WHEREAS, this Council finds and determines, after reviewing all pertinent information,  
41 that the aforementioned purchase contract with In Digital, subject to the approval of the  
42 Information Technology Board, is necessary and in the best interest of the County of Summit;

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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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47 SECTION 1

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49 The award by the Board of Control of a purchase contract with Communications Venture,  
50 Inc., dba In Digital, subject to the approval of the Information Technology Board, for emergency  
51 dispatch software in an amount not to exceed \$96,264.36, is hereby confirmed and the Executive

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4 SECTION 1 (Continued)

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6 is hereby authorized to execute said purchase contract and any other necessary related  
7 documents.

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9 SECTION 2

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11 This Resolution is hereby declared an emergency in the interest of health, safety and  
12 welfare of the residents of the County of Summit.

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14 SECTION 3

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

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20 SECTION 4

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

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29 INTRODUCED January 8, 2024

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31 ADOPTED January 29, 2024

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37 PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL

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37 APPROVED January 29, 2024

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41 EXECUTIVE

Voice Vote – YES: 10 – 0: Darrow,  
Dickinson, Donofrio, McKenney,  
Rodgers, Schmidt, Sims, Walters, Wiedie  
Higham, Wilhite  
Absent: DeVitis

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43 ENACTED EFFECTIVE January 30, 2024