

1 RESOLUTION NO. 2024-103

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3 SPONSOR Executive Shapiro

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5 DATE April 1, 2024 COMMITTEE Planning

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7 **A Resolution authorizing the Executive to execute a grant agreement with the Summit**
8 **County Public Defender Commission to finance the build-out of new office space, located at**
9 **80 S. Summit Street, in the City of Akron, in Council District 4, in a total amount not to**
10 **exceed \$1,000,000.00, for the Executive, and declaring an emergency.**

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12 WHEREAS, the County has formed the Summit County Public Defender Commission
13 (“Commission”) pursuant to Chapter 120 of the Ohio Revised Code and the Commission
14 contracts with the Legal Defenders Office of Summit County, Ohio, Inc. for legal defender
15 services pursuant to Section 120.14 of the Ohio Revised Code; and

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

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22 WHEREAS, the Commission is currently located at 1 Cascade Plaza, in the City of Akron,
23 in Council District 5; and

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25 WHEREAS, the Commission, in consultation with the County, has determined that it is in
26 the best interest of the Commission to relocate to new office space in order to meet the needs of
27 its expanding operations; and

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29 WHEREAS, the Commission will build out new office space located at 80 S. Summit
30 Street in the City of Akron, in Council District 4; and

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32 WHEREAS, the cost of the build out will be paid out of funds appropriated by this
33 Council and it is expected that 85%, or \$850,000.00, of which, will be reimbursed by the State of
34 Ohio through the Ohio Public Defenders Office; and

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36 WHEREAS, this Council finds and determines, after reviewing all pertinent information,
37 that it is necessary and in the best interest of the County of Summit to authorize the Executive to
38 execute a grant agreement with the Summit County Public Defender Commission:

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

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43 SECTION 1

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45 The Executive is hereby authorized to execute a grant agreement and any other necessary
46 related documents with the Summit County Public Defender Commission to finance the build-
47 out of new office space located at 80 S. Summit Street, in the City of Akron, in Council District
48 4, in a total amount not to exceed \$1,000,000.00.

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4 SECTION 2

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6 This Resolution is hereby declared an emergency in the interest of the health, safety, and
7 welfare of the residents of the County of Summit, and for the further reason to immediately
8 approve the aforementioned grant agreement in order to enable the Summit County Public
9 Defender Commission to begin this project.

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11 SECTION 3

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

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17 SECTION 4

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

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26 INTRODUCED April 1, 2024

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28 ADOPTED April 15, 2024

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DocuSigned by:
Monique Willis
CLERK OF COUNCIL

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Rita J. Darrow
PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL

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31 APPROVED April 15, 2024

Jane Shapiro
EXECUTIVE

Voice Vote – YES: 9 – 0: Darrow, Dickinson,
Donofrio, Ford, McKenney, Schmidt, Walters,
Wiedie Higham, Wilhite
Absent: DeVitis, Rodgers

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33 ENACTED EFFECTIVE April 16, 2024

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