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Summit County Leads Initiative to Save Costs and Improve Efficiency in Local Prosecutors' Offices

This week, Summit County Executive Ilene Shapiro signed legislation to purchase and implement a new Matrix Case Management system for the County Prosecutor's Office, as well as the Prosecutor's Offices in many local jurisdictions. This new system will replace the County Prosecutor's current twenty-year old system, and will also upgrade the case management systems in Akron, Cuyahoga Falls, Barberton, Stow and Tallmadge.

As the County reviewed options to replace the current system, it determined that it and its local partners could save taxpayer money and improve operational efficiency by sharing the same system particularly for cases that start at the municipal level and working their way through the Common Pleas Court. The County received permission from Matrix Pointe Software, LLC to license its case management software on a countywide basis using already negotiated state term pricing, and allowing everyone to pay less to join a consolidated system.

"The Matrix Case Management System is yet another strong public safety collaboration that will bring cost savings and increase efficiencies throughout Summit County," said County Executive Shapiro. "This partnership joins a larger collaborative framework consisting of a joint County/City emergency radio system, County SWAT Team, and most recently, the announcement that several

communities are looking to share dispatch technology and potentially consolidate dispatch operations. As the national and state climate continues to present financial uncertainty, it is imperative that Summit County continues down the path of proactive collaboration and cost savings.”

Summit County will enter into an agreement with Matrix and will take the lead of paying the cost of implementation, data conversion, and monthly subscription costs. A portion of the funding will come from a Victims of Crime Act Grant that was awarded to create a new component to comply with Ohio’s Victim Rights and Notification Laws. The County will enter into an intergovernmental agreement with the aforementioned communities, whereby they will pay the County a pro-rata share (based on case-loads) of a portion of the on-going cost.

“Joining forces with other public safety entities throughout Summit County will only benefit a larger effort to keep our communities safe,” said County Council President John Schmidt. “The Matrix system that will be used by the prosecutor’s offices in Summit County, Cuyahoga Falls, Akron, Barberton, Stow and Tallmadge will strengthen our communities’ protection of victims of crime while increasing efficiencies throughout the criminal justice system.”

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