

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A JOINT APPLICATION BY THIS BOARD AND THE ASHTABULA COUNTY PROSECUTING ATTORNEY TO THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS TO RETAIN THE SERVICES OF SPECIAL COUNSEL, JONATHAN E. COUGHLAN, COUGHLAN LAW FIRM, TO ADVISE THE ASHTABULA COUNTY COMMON PLEAS COURTS AND THE ASHTABULA COUNTY COURTS- EASTERN AND WESTERN DIVISIONS, IN MEDIATION MATTERS

WHEREAS, The Board of County Commissioners of Ashtabula County desires to employ separate legal counsel for the Ashtabula County Court of Common Pleas and Ashtabula County Courts- Eastern and Western Divisions, hereinafter known as "Courts", in mediation matters; and

WHEREAS, Said Courts have stated they wish to employ the services of Jonathan E. Coughlan of Coughlan Law Firm, 81 Mill St., Suite 300, Columbus, OH 43230; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Colleen O'Toole, County Prosecutor, concurred that the employment of legal counsel for representation of the Courts in this action is necessary; and

WHEREAS, In accordance with Ohio Revised Code Section 305.14 the Board and the County Prosecutor determine to make an application to the Ashtabula County Court of Common Pleas for authorization for the Board to employ legal counsel to represent the Courts in mediation matters at a cost **not to exceed, \$5,000.00**; now

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, By the Board of Commissioners of Ashtabula County, Ohio, in accordance with Section 305.14 of the Ohio Revised Code, that the Ashtabula County Prosecutor make an application to the Ashtabula County Court of Common Pleas for authorization to contract with legal counsel to perform legal services to represent the Courts in connection with mediation matters. The cost of same shall be borne by Ashtabula County.

**ASHTABULA COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
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Resolution No. 2022-302

June 21, 2022

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Upon the motion of Kathryn L. Whittington, seconded by Casey R. Kozlowski.

VOTE:

J.P. Ducro IV

Aye

Casey R. Kozlowski

Aye

Kathryn L. Whittington

Aye

CERTIFICATE OF CLERK

IT IS HEREBY CERTIFIED that the foregoing is a true and correct transcript of a resolution acted upon and duly passed by the Board of County Commissioners of Ashtabula County, Ohio, on the date noted above.



Lisa Hawkins, Clerk of the Board
Board of County Commissioners
Ashtabula County, Ohio

**IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS
ASHTABULA COUNTY, OHIO**

)	CASE NO.
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IN RE: JOINT APPLICATION TO ENGAGE OUTSIDE LEGAL COUNSEL)	JUDGE
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)	APPLICATION TO ENGAGE OUTSIDE LEGAL COUNSEL PURSUANT TO R.C. 305.14 TO REPRESENT THE ASHTABULA COUNTY COMMON PLEAS AND ASHTABULA COUNTY COURTS- EASTERN AND WESTERN DIVISIONS REGARDING
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)	MEDIATION MATTERS

Now comes Colleen O’Toole, the duly qualified, elected, and acting Prosecuting Attorney for Ashtabula County, Ohio, and the Board of County Commissioners of Ashtabula County (“Board”) and pursuant to O.R. C. 305.14 and Resolution 2022-302 passed by the Board on June 21, 2022, a copy of which is attached as Exhibit “A”, hereby moves this Court for an Order permitting Ashtabula County Court of Common Pleas and the Ashtabula County Courts- Eastern and Western Divisions, to engage Jonathan E. Coughlan of Coughlan Law Firm, 81 Mill St., Suite 300, Columbus, OH 43230, as outside legal counsel to represent them in anticipated mediation matters under the terms set forth in Resolution 2022-302.

Respectfully submitted,

**BOARD OF COUNTY
COMMISSIONERS**



J. P. Ducro IV, Commissioner



Casey Kozlowski, Commissioner



Kathryn Whittington, Commissioner

PROSECUTING ATTORNEY



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IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the Ashtabula County Court of Common Pleas and the Ashtabula County Courts- Eastern and Western Divisions, have the authority to employ Jonathan E. Coughlan of Coughlan Law Firm, 81 Mill St., Suite 300, Columbus, OH 43230 as outside legal counsel to represent them in anticipated mediation matters under the terms set forth in Resolution 2022-302 subject to further order of the Court.

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