

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 AMUNDSEN DAVIS LAW FIRM LLC, IN ORDER TO ADVISE THE ASHTABULA COUNTY MENTAL HEALTH AND RECOVERY SERVICES BOARD

WHEREAS, The Ashtabula County Mental Health and Recovery Services (MHRS) Board desires to contract with Amundsen Davis Law Firm, LLC in order to advise the MHRS Board in drafting of contracts, conformance and compliance matters relating to O.R.C. Chapter 340; and

WHEREAS, Colleen O'Toole, County Prosecutor, concurs with this Board of Commissioners that contracting with Amundsen Davis Law Firm LLC for their expertise would be in the best interests of the Ashtabula County Mental Health and Recovery Services Board; and

WHEREAS, the total amount of legal services shall not exceed, \$5,000.00 in any one state fiscal year; and

WHEREAS, In accordance with Ohio Revised Code Section 305.14 the Board and the County Prosecutor determines to make a joint application with the Ashtabula County Board of Commissioners to the Ashtabula County Court of Common Pleas for authorization to hire Amundsen Davis Law Firm LLC, as outside legal counsel to assist the Ashtabula County Mental Health and Recovery Services Board for reasons stated above; now

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, By the Board of Commissioners of Ashtabula County, the Ashtabula County Prosecutor is requested to make a joint application with the Ashtabula County Board of Commissioners to the Ashtabula County Court of Common Pleas for authorization to contract with Amundsen Davis Law Firm LLC, in order to advise the Mental Health and Recovery Services Board regarding drafting of contracts, conformance and compliance matters relating to O.R.C. Chapter 340. The cost of same shall be borne by the Ashtabula County Mental Health and Recovery Services Board.

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Upon the motion of Casey R. Kozlowski, seconded by J.P. Ducro IV.

VOTE:

Kathryn L. Whittington

Aye

J.P. Ducro IV

Aye

Casey R. Kozlowski

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.

Crystal Sturgill
Crystal Sturgill, Clerk of the Board
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Ashtabula County, Ohio

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IN RE: JOINT APPLICATION TO
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COUNSEL

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CASE NO. 24MD14
JUDGE THOMAS E. HARRIS
APPLICATION TO ENGAGE
OUTSIDE LEGAL COUNSEL
PURSUANT TO R.C. 305.14

Now comes Coleen 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 2024-59 passed by the Board on January 18, 2024, a copy of which is attached as Exhibit "A", hereby moves this Court for an Order permitting the Ashtabula County Mental Health and Recovery Services Board to engage Larry James, Attorney At Law, of Amundsen Davis Law Firm, LLC 500 S. Front Street, Suite 1200, Columbus, Ohio 43215 as outside legal counsel to represent them for issues pertaining to requirements under ORC 340 under the terms set forth in Resolution 2024-59.

The Ashtabula County Prosecuting Attorney, as statutory legal counsel for both the MHRs Board and the Board of County Commissioners, has determined that this is special knowledge that will require outside counsel to perform the work.

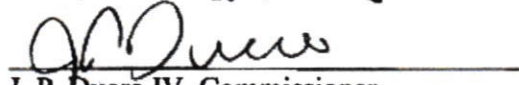
Respectfully submitted,

BOARD OF COUNTY
COMMISSIONERS

Casey Kozlowski, Commissioner

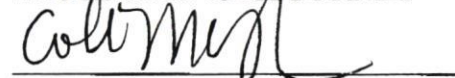


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PROSECUTING ATTORNEY



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