

RESOLUTION TO ACKNOWLEDGE FOR THE RECORD THE PASSAGE OF HB 301, WHICH REPLACES TWO PART-TIME JUDGESHIPS IN THE ASHTABULA COUNTY COURT WITH ONE FULL-TIME JUDGE, AND TO RECOGNIZE THE INCLUSION OF THE VILLAGE OF NORTH KINGSVILLE AND KINGSVILLE, MONROE, AND SHEFFIELD TOWNSHIPS WITHIN THE TERRITORIAL JURISDICTION OF THE CONNEAUT MUNICIPAL COURT

WHEREAS, the Ohio General Assembly has enacted House Bill 301 (HB 301), effective upon being signed into law by Governor DeWine which replaces the two part-time judgeships in the Ashtabula County Court with one full-time judge; and

WHEREAS, this legislative change will enhance judicial efficiency and streamline court operations within Ashtabula County; and

WHEREAS, HB 301 further amends the territorial jurisdiction of Conneaut Municipal Court by including the Village of North Kingsville and the Townships of Kingsville, Monroe, and Sheffield and thus, removing these areas from the territorial jurisdiction of Ashtabula County Court-Eastern Division effective January 1 2025; and

WHEREAS, the inclusion of these areas within the Conneaut Municipal Court's jurisdiction will promote greater consistency and accessibility of judicial services for the residents of these communities;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Commissioners of Ashtabula County, Ohio:

1. That the Board of Commissioners hereby acknowledges for the record the passage of HB 301, replacing two part-time judgeships in the Ashtabula County Court with one full-time judge.
2. That the Board of Commissioners also recognizes the expansion of the territorial jurisdiction of the Conneaut Municipal Court to include the Village of North Kingsville and the Townships of Kingsville, Monroe, and Sheffield, as outlined in HB 301.
3. That the Board of Commissioners expresses its support for these legislative changes, which are intended to improve the efficiency and accessibility of the judicial system in Ashtabula County.
4. That a copy of this resolution shall be entered into the official records of the Board of Commissioners and shared with the appropriate entities, including the Conneaut Municipal Court and the Ohio General Assembly.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this Resolution shall take effect and be in force from and after the earliest period allowed by law.

**ASHTABULA COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
CERTIFICATION PAGE**

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

VOTE:

**Kathryn L. Whittington
J.P. Ducro IV
Casey R. Kozlowski**

**Aye
Aye
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