

RESOLUTION TO ADVERTISE AND SET THE DATE, TIME AND PLACE OF PUBLIC HEARINGS TO CONSIDER RESOLUTIONS SUBMITTING TO THE ELECTORS THE QUESTION OF FUNDING LAW ENFORCEMENT, CONSTRUCTION AND OPERATION OF A COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS, REHABILITATION, AND DETENTION FACILITY, AND OTHER CRIMINAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE JUSTICE SERVICES THROUGH LEVYING A COUNTY SALES AND USE TAX AT THE RATE OF ONE-HALF OF ONE PERCENT (1/2%) PURSUANT TO SECTIONS 5739.021 AND 5741.21 OF THE REVISED CODE

WHEREAS, the members of this Board are committed to supporting law enforcement and criminal justice for the purpose of maintaining law and order in Ashtabula County; and

WHEREAS, currently, law enforcement and criminal justice are underfunded in Ashtabula County which has resulted in an increase in crime and recidivism due to the lack of law enforcement officers, corrections officers, correctional space and the inability to provide adequate services to address addiction and mental illness; and

WHEREAS, Ashtabula County currently has one of the lowest sales tax rates of all counties in the State of Ohio; and

WHEREAS, an additional one-half of one percent (1/2%) sales tax invested in law enforcement and corrections will allow Ashtabula to hire and train more law enforcement officers, build and staff a new detention and justice facility to promote law and order, reduce recidivism, and adequately address the problems of addiction and mental illness in Ashtabula County; and

WHEREAS, The Board of Commissioners is declaring its intention to submit to the electors the question of funding law enforcement, construction of a detention facility, and supporting criminal and administrative justice through levying a county sales and use tax at the rate of one-half of one percent pursuant to Sections 5739.021 and 5741.21 of the Revised Code;

WHEREAS, if the electors of Ashtabula County approve of this small increase of an additional one-half of one percent (1/2%) sales tax to fund law enforcement, construct a new detention facility, and otherwise support criminal and administrative justice, the sales tax rate of Ashtabula County will be the same as or lower than the sales tax rate in fifty-nine of the eighty-eight counties in the State of Ohio; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with Section 5739.021 and Section 5741.021 of the Ohio Revised Code, the Board of Commissioners must set the time, date and place of two (2) public hearings in said matter and provide notice of such public hearings; now

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

Section 1. Said Board has set the date, time and place of Wednesday, July 7, 2021 at 1:00 p.m. in the Conference Room of the Board of County Commissioners, 2nd Floor, Old Courthouse Building, Jefferson, Ohio 44047 for the first of two public hearing and the date of Wednesday, July 14, 2021 at 6:00 p.m. in the same location for the second of two public hearings on resolutions determining to submit to the electors the question of funding law enforcement, construction and operation of a community corrections, rehabilitation, and detention facility, and other criminal and administrative justice services through levying a sales and use tax at the rate of one-half of one percent (1/2%) pursuant to Sections 5739.021 and 5741.021 of the Revised Code.

Section 2. The Clerk of this Board is authorized and directed to give notice of the hearings described in Section 1 of this Resolution, by causing to be published in a newspaper of general circulation within Ashtabula County, the date, time, and place of such hearings once a week for two consecutive weeks, the second publication being not less than ten nor more than thirty days prior to the first of such hearings.

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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.


Crystal Sturgill, Clerk of the Board, *Acting Clerk*
Board of County Commissioners
Ashtabula County, Ohio