

**RESOLUTION HOLDING HEARING ON THE 2025 JUVENILE COURT, PROBATE COURT, AND RESOURCE CENTER BUDGET REQUEST**

WHEREAS, This being the date set for the public hearing on the proposed 2025 appropriations to the Ashtabula County Juvenile Court, Probate Court and Resource Center in accordance with Ohio Revised Code Section 2101.11(B)(2); and

WHEREAS, Juvenile Court, Probate Court and Resource Center has submitted their proposed budget for 2025 for consideration and discussion; and

WHEREAS, persons in attendance included: Judge Albert Camplese and Karen Capstick; and

WHEREAS, Comments and/or questions were offered, as follows:

The Board of Commissioners reviewed the 2025 budget submission for Juvenile Court, Probate Court and the Resource Center. Judge Camplese explained the history including the closing of the Youth Detention Center and the establishment of the Resource Center. The model used is to use state, federal and national monies to solve Ashtabula County youth detention problems. 2% of the youth population enters a detention facility, versus 85% 10 years ago. They are identifying issues and connecting services with the child and the family. Due to changes in state law, policy- volume of pro se is problematic. Juvenile forms have been redesigned for better clarity. Judge Camplese explained the judicial processes for Juvenile and Probate Courts. He is asking to go back to staffing levels of 2008. They do not plan to replace the Court Administrator. Asking to redistribute that funding savings. He would like to discuss the separation of Juvenile and Probate Courts and have the Commissioners ask the General Assembly to separate the Courts.

Karen Capstick asked to include a new part-time position in Probate, increase in insurance due to new hires. Magistrates in other counties are making more, asked for a 4% increase for Juvenile and Probate Courts. This would be in addition to any salary increase given by the county.

Juvenile: full time position of deputy clerk and maintain the staff attorney- the grant ends in December and is no longer available. Added Maintenance position. Magistrates are holding hearings all the time, Judge Camplese handles the emergencies. The staff attorney prepares documents for the Judge, using more in Probate. There is a lot for one individual. Allowed \$125,000 for contract beds.

WHEREAS, There being no further comments or questions; now

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, By the Board of Commissioners of Ashtabula County, Ohio, that the hearing on the proposed 2025 budget for the Juvenile Court, Probate Court and Resource Center is hereby adjourned.

**ASHTABULA COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
CERTIFICATION PAGE**

**Resolution No. 2024-521**

**November 14, 2024**

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COURT, AND RESOURCE CENTER BUDGET REQUEST**

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

**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.



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