

**RESOLUTION HOLDING PUBLIC HEARING ON THE 2025 VETERAN SERVICES COMMISSION BUDGET REQUEST**

WHEREAS, This being the date set for the public hearing on the proposed 2025 appropriations to the Ashtabula County Veteran Services Commission in accordance with Ohio Revised Code Section 5901.11; and

WHEREAS, the Veteran Services Commission submitted their proposed budget for consideration and discussion; and

WHEREAS, persons in attendance include: Ben Schwartzfigure, Richard Arndt, Roger Lynch, Mark Baker, Anna Allshouse; and

WHEREAS, the 2025 Appropriation request of the Veterans Services Commission was discussed and reviewed, after a presentation by Director Ben Schwartzfigure. Staffing includes an additional Service Officer and a Financial Assistance Officer, both new positions. Travel is broken down into categories, new Service Officer will require training. Training is the same. Full 1.6 rollover, keep \$50,000 to maintain in capital projects. Increase in contract repairs, as unknown what costs will be. Increase in advertising/printing increase feedback from community wants them to use the Star Beacon, \$20,000 for a 2025 marketing campaign using media platforms including Spotify, etc. They will see what the results are and re-evaluate after a year. They discussed the 1014 Budge/ORC 5901.11 amendment form; the amount of VA expenditures from 2014-2023; the Ohio Counties Annual Report of Statistics for 2023; the estimated monies returned to the county from 2019-2023 and the Ashtabula County activity report from January to October 2024.

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 Veteran Services Commission is adjourned.

**ASHTABULA COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
CERTIFICATION PAGE**

**Resolution No. 2024-513**

**November 08, 2024**

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**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