

**RESOLUTION APPROVING AGREEMENT WITH MEEDER PUBLIC FUNDS, INC. FOR INVESTMENT MANAGEMENT SERVICES, TREASURER'S OFFICE**

WHEREAS, Angie Maki-Cliff, Ashtabula County Treasurer, has presented an agreement for the approval of the Board, to-wit:

**Scope:** discretionary investment management services to invest, reinvest and manage the securities, cash and other assets of the Account subject to the Investment Policy Statement adopted by the Investment Advisory Committee.

**Parties:** Ashtabula County, 25 W. Jefferson St., Jefferson, OH 44047  
Meeder Public Funds, Inc., 6125 Memorial Drive, Dublin, OH 43017

**Cost:** **Not to Exceed**, \$4,250 per month

**Term:** begins January 1, 2025 and may be terminated with 30 day written notice by either party; now

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, By the Board of Commissioners of Ashtabula County, Ohio that the agreement as noted above is approved in accordance with the copy now on file in this office.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the President of the Board, on behalf of the Board of Commissioners of Ashtabula County, is authorized to execute any and all necessary documents.

**ASHTABULA COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
CERTIFICATION PAGE**

**Resolution No. 2024-576**

**December 24, 2024**

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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.



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



MEEDER

# Investment Management Agreement

Meeder Public Funds

This Investment Management Agreement (“Agreement”) is effective as of January 1, 2025, by and between Meeder Public Funds, Inc. (“Meeder”), its applicable affiliates, and the undersigned account owner (“Client”).

1. **Investment Management Services.** Under this Agreement, Meeder provides discretionary investment management services for public entity clients in accordance with the terms of the applicable state investment code and investment policy.

2. **Appointment.** Client appoints Meeder as discretionary investment manager to manage the assets deposited in any account subject to the terms of this Agreement (“Account”). Meeder accepts the appointment as investment manager and shall invest, reinvest and manage the securities, cash and other assets of the Account subject to any Investment Policy Statement provided by Client. Meeder shall provide advice only with respect to assets in the Account and shall have no responsibility for the actions or non-actions of predecessor investment advisors or for the management of assets other than the assets allocated to the Account.

3. **Trading Authorization.** Client grants Meeder discretionary trading authority and appoints Meeder as agent and attorney-in-fact with respect to investments in the Account. Meeder may direct the purchase, sale, exchange, conversion, delivery or other acquisition or disposition of securities and other investments in the Account and act on behalf of Client in all other matters incidental to the handling of Account investments, all without prior consultation with Client.

4. **Custody.** Meeder will not assume physical custody of the Account or any portion of it. Client shall establish a custodial account with a qualified custodian (“Custodian”). Client will receive from the Custodian account statements and confirmations identifying assets and transactions in the Account. All transactions will be consummated by payment to, or delivery by, the Custodian of all cash, securities and other assets due to or from the Account. The Custodian shall be responsible for investing any daily cash balances in the Account and Meeder will not exercise discretion to select sweep vehicles for the Account.

5. **Investment Objectives and Restrictions.** Client may provide Meeder with an Investment Policy Statement or other written directions setting forth the investment objectives and any specific investment restrictions or limitations which govern the Account. Meeder shall be entitled to rely on such guidelines, objectives and restrictions relating to the Account as it may receive from Client. It is Client’s responsibility to inform Meeder in writing of any changes or modifications to these directions, which shall be given ten days in advance of any such change.

6. **Brokerage.** Unless otherwise directed, Meeder will place trades for the Account through such brokers or dealers as it may select. When selecting brokers, Meeder’s primary consideration will be the broker’s ability to provide best execution of trades and Meeder may consider the quality and reliability of the brokerage services, trade price and commission, as well as research and other services provided by the broker-dealers.

7. **Trade Aggregation.** Meeder may aggregate trades for multiple clients when, in the adviser’s judgment, aggregation is in the best interests of the clients involved. Orders are aggregated to facilitate best execution and allocate equitably among clients the effects of any market fluctuations that might have otherwise occurred had these orders been placed independently. Where it is not possible to obtain the same execution price for all securities purchased or sold on an aggregated basis, Meeder may allocate trades equitably among its clients using the average execution price.

8. **Fees.** For the services provided in accordance with this Agreement, Client will pay an investment advisory fee as indicated on Schedule A to this Agreement. Investment advisory fees do not include custody fees charged by Client's selected Custodian. Where Client has elected to have fees deducted, Client authorizes the Custodian to deduct fees from the Account and pay them to Meeder.

9. **Promoter Arrangements.** Meeder accepts Clients referred through unaffiliated third parties ("Promoters") and may pay cash compensation for the endorsement of Meeder's services, which provides the Promoter with an incentive to refer clients. Clients will not incur any additional fees for being referred to Meeder by a Promoter. Clients that engage Meeder as their investment adviser as a result of a referral by a Promoter will receive a written Promoter disclosure statement describing the nature and terms of the arrangement, including the amount payable to the Promoter.

10. **Local Government Investment Pools.** Where appropriate, Meeder may recommend the use of local government investment pools in which Meeder or one of its affiliates earn advisory and/or administration fees. Assets placed in these pools are not included among eligible assets when calculating the investment advisory fee. Because Meeder or its affiliates receive fees in connection with programs we sponsor or recommend, use of these programs presents a conflict of interest.

11. **Third-Party Payments.** Meeder or its affiliates receive compensation from unaffiliated third parties for endorsing or recommending certain financial products to its clients. This arrangement presents a conflict of interest because it provides Meeder with an incentive to solicit and secure participation in the program. Asset based advisory fees are not charged for assets invested in products that pay indirect compensation to Meeder.

12. **Proxy Voting.** Meeder does not accept or assume authority to vote proxies for its public fund clients. Clients will receive their proxies or other solicitations directly from their Custodian. Client agrees that Meeder will not advise or act for Client in any legal proceedings, including bankruptcies or class actions, involving securities held or previously held by the Account or the issuers of such securities.

13. **Electronic Delivery.** Client consents to electronic delivery of all documents from Meeder, including but not limited to a copy of the executed Agreement, statements, confirmations, Meeder's Form ADV Part 2 and amendments thereto, and other general communications delivered to Client's electronic mail address of record. Delivery of communications to Clients in this fashion will be deemed effective unless Meeder is notified otherwise. Client is responsible for maintaining an accurate and up to date email address and to ensure that Client at all times has the ability to receive communications directed in this manner.

14. **Confidentiality.** All information and advice furnished by either party to the other, including their respective agents and employees, shall be treated as confidential and shall not be disclosed to third parties except as otherwise required by law or as agreed to in writing by Client. Notwithstanding the foregoing, Client consents to the use of Client's name in sales and marketing material used by Meeder or its affiliates solely for the purpose of identifying the Client as an investment advisory client.

15. **Services to Other Clients.** Client understands that Meeder serves as investment adviser for other clients and will continue to do so. Client also understands that Meeder, its personnel and affiliates ("Affiliated Persons") may give advice or take action in performing their duties to other clients, or for their own accounts, that differ from advice given to or action taken for Client. Meeder is not obligated to buy, sell or recommend for Client any security or other investment that Meeder or its Affiliated Persons may buy, sell or recommend for any other client or their own accounts.

16. **Meeder's Representations.** Meeder represents that it is a registered investment adviser under the Investment Advisers Act of 1940.

17. **Client's Representations.** Client represents and acknowledges that: (i) Client is the sole owner of the Account assets and has full power and authority to enter into this Agreement and to commit the assets to Meeder's management and supervision; (ii) that the person signing this Agreement on behalf of Client is authorized and empowered to establish accounts and commit the assets to Meeder's management and supervision on the entity's

behalf; (iii) Client has received Meeder's current Form ADV, Part 2A and B; and (iv) Client has received a copy of Meeder's Privacy Policy.

18. **Term.** This Agreement may be terminated by either party for any or no reason upon delivery by first class U.S. mail, postage prepaid, or delivery by hand, of a written "Notice of Termination" to the other party at least thirty (30) days prior to the date of the intended early termination of this Agreement. Termination of this Agreement will not affect the status, obligations or liabilities of the parties to this Agreement that arose prior to such termination.

19. **Limitation of Liability.** Except for negligence, malfeasance or violation of applicable law, neither Meeder nor its officers, directors or employees shall be liable to Client for any action performed, or omitted to be performed, or for any errors of judgment in managing the Account. Nor shall Meeder be liable to Client for any act or failure to act by any other third party. The federal securities laws impose liabilities under certain circumstances on persons even when they act in good faith. Therefore, nothing in this Agreement shall in any way constitute a waiver or limitation of any rights that Client may have under any federal or state securities laws.

20. **Assignment.** This Agreement may not be assigned by either party without the consent of the other party. Meeder will provide Client at least thirty (30) days prior written notice of any proposed assignment, and Client's consent will be presumed unless Client notifies Meeder otherwise in writing prior to the date of the assignment indicated on the notice.

21. **Amendment.** This Agreement may be amended by Meeder with thirty (30) days prior written notice to Client and may be amended immediately upon notice to the extent reasonably required to satisfy federal or state regulatory requirements.

22. **Governing Law.** This Agreement will be governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of the State of Ohio without giving effect to any conflict or choice of law provisions of that State.

23. **Severability.** If any provision of this Agreement is or should become inconsistent with any law or rule of any governmental or regulatory body having jurisdiction over the subject matter of this Agreement, the provision will be deemed to be rescinded or modified in accordance with any such law or rule. In all other respects, this Agreement will continue and remain in full force and effect.

24. **Affiliates.** To the extent necessary to carry out the terms of this Agreement, any named affiliate of Meeder shall be deemed to be a party to the Agreement for that purpose.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties have caused this Agreement to be executed by their duly authorized officers or agents to become effective as of the day and year first written above.

MEEDER PUBLIC FUNDS, Inc.

ASHTABULA COUNTY, OH

Jason Headings

Kathleen Whittington

BY

BY

Sr. Vice President

President

TITLE

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SIGNATURE

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12.23.2024

12/24/2024

DATE

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# **Meeder Public Funds**

## Schedule of Fees

### **Flat Fee – Operating Funds**

For the services provided in accordance with this Agreement, Client will pay an investment advisory fee at the fixed monthly rate of \$4,250, payable monthly in arrears. Unless otherwise agreed, fees are deducted directly from the Account monthly.