

RESOLUTION TO OFFICIALLY RELOCATE THE ASHTABULA COUNTY COURT – WESTERN DIVISION FROM 117 WEST MAIN STREET, GENEVA TO 25 WEST JEFFERSON STREET, JEFFERSON, OHIO, EFFECTIVE UPON LEASE EXPIRATION IN SEPTEMBER 2026, IN PREPARATION FOR FULL COURT CONSOLIDATION BY JANUARY 2031

WHEREAS, the Ashtabula County Board of Commissioners has been engaged in a thorough evaluation of the long-term needs and efficiencies of the Ashtabula County Court system; and

WHEREAS, on August 27, 2024 by Resolution Number 2024-401, this Board of Commissioners formally acknowledged the passage of House Bill 301, which consolidates two part-time judgeships within the Ashtabula County Court into one full-time judgeship, as signed into law by Governor DeWine; and

WHEREAS, the Board has identified the need to prepare for the full consolidation of the County Court system, with a targeted implementation date of January 2031; and

WHEREAS, the lease for the current Ashtabula County Court – Western Division facility, located at 117 West Main Street in the City of Geneva, is set to expire in September 2026; and

WHEREAS, in the interest of operational efficiency, judicial continuity, and prudent long-term planning, the Board of Commissioners has determined that the relocation of the Western Division to Jefferson upon lease expiration is appropriate and necessary;

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

1. The Ashtabula County Court – Western Division shall be officially relocated from 117 West Main St., Geneva OH 44041 to 25 West Jefferson Street, Jefferson OH 44047, effective upon the expiration of the current lease in September 2026.
2. This relocation is a preparatory step toward the full consolidation of the Ashtabula County Courts by January 2031 as approved by Ohio legislation in 2024.
3. A formal written communication shall be issued to the City of Geneva notifying them that the lease for the Ashtabula County Court -Western Division facility will not be renewed beyond its expiration date.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution be entered into the official record of the Board and a certified copy provided to the appropriate parties.

**ASHTABULA COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
CERTIFICATION PAGE**

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July 02, 2025

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Upon the motion of Kathryn L. Whittington, seconded by Casey R. Kozlowski.

VOTE:

J.P. Ducro IV

Aye

Casey R. Kozlowski


Aye

Kathryn L. Whittington

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*
Board of County Commissioners
Ashtabula County, Ohio