

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A JOINT APPLICATION BY THIS BOARD AND THE ASHTABULA COUNTY PROSECUTING ATTORNEY TO THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS TO RETAIN THE SERVICES OF FISHEL DOWNEY ALBRECHT & RIEPENHOFF LLC, ATTORNEYS AT LAW, NEW ALBANY, OHIO, IN ORDER TO ADVISE THE ASHTABULA COUNTY MENTAL HEALTH AND RECOVERY SERVICES BOARD

WHEREAS, The Ashtabula County Mental Health and Recovery Services (MHRS) Board desires to contract with Fishel Downey Albrecht & Riepenhoff LLC, Attorneys At Law, New Albany, Ohio in order to advise the MHRS Board in drafting of contracts, conformance and compliance matters relating to O.R.C. Chapter 340; and

WHEREAS, April Grabman, County Prosecutor, concurs with this Board of Commissioners that contracting with Fishel Downey Albrecht & Riepenhoff LLC, Attorneys At Law, New Albany, Ohio, for their expertise would be in the best interests of the Ashtabula County Mental Health and Recovery Services Board; and

WHEREAS, the total amount of legal services shall not exceed, \$5,000.00 in any one state fiscal year; and

WHEREAS, In accordance with Ohio Revised Code Section 305.14 the Board and the County Prosecutor determines to make a joint application with the Ashtabula County Board of Commissioners to the Ashtabula County Court of Common Pleas for authorization to hire Fishel Downey Albrecht & Riepenhoff LLC, Attorneys At Law, New Albany, Ohio, as outside legal counsel to assist the Ashtabula County Mental Health and Recovery Services Board for reasons stated above; now

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, By the Board of Commissioners of Ashtabula County, the Ashtabula County Prosecutor is requested to make a joint application with the Ashtabula County Board of Commissioners to the Ashtabula County Court of Common Pleas for authorization to contract with Fishel Downey Albrecht & Riepenhoff LLC, Attorneys At Law, New Albany, Ohio, in order to advise the Mental Health and Recovery Services Board regarding drafting of contracts, conformance and compliance matters relating to O.R.C. Chapter 340. The cost of same shall be borne by the Ashtabula County Mental Health and Recovery Services Board.

**ASHTABULA COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
CERTIFICATION PAGE**

Resolution No. 2025-439

October 16, 2025

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

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.



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

**IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS
ASHTABULA COUNTY, OHIO**

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)	CASE NO.
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)	JUDGE
IN RE: JOINT APPLICATION FOR)	
APPOINTMENT OF COUNSEL)	JUDGMENT ENTRY
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Upon the joint application of the Ashtabula County Board of Commissioners and the Ashtabula County Prosecuting Attorney pursuant to R.C. 305.14(A) and for good cause shown.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the Board of County Commissioners employ separate legal counsel to represent the Ashtabula County Mental Health and Recovery Services Board in matters pursuant to the terms set forth in Resolution No. 2025-.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the costs of said legal counsel shall be borne by Ashtabula County.

JUDGE