

RESOLUTION AMENDING RESOLUTION NO. 2026-123 AND SUBSEQUENT BID AWARD TO REMOVE RL JACKSON CONSTRUCTION LLC AND AWARD THE FULL CONTRACT TO GOVTRUST PARTNERS, LLC FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A NEW BUILDING AT THE ASHTABULA COUNTY AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY (FAIRGROUNDS) IN JEFFERSON, AN ARPA FUNDED PROJECT

WHEREAS, on March 3, 2026, by Resolution No. 2026-123, the Board of Commissioners of Ashtabula County authorized the solicitation of bids for the construction of a new building at the Ashtabula County Agricultural Society (Fairgrounds) in Jefferson; and

WHEREAS, on March 20, 2026 at 3:00 p.m., bids were received and publicly opened for said project; and

WHEREAS, the Board previously awarded portions of the project to GovTrust Partners, LLC and RL Jackson Construction LLC as the lowest and best responsible and responsive bidders; and

WHEREAS, RL Jackson Construction LLC has formally rescinded its bid and is unable to perform the awarded work; and

WHEREAS, the Ashtabula County Agricultural Society has recommended that the prior award be amended to remove RL Jackson Construction LLC and to award the full scope of the project to GovTrust Partners, LLC as the best responsible and responsive bidder; and

WHEREAS, this Board concurs with said recommendation; and

WHEREAS, funding for this project has been allocated through the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) in accordance with the agreement between the Board of Ashtabula County Commissioners and the Ashtabula County Agricultural Society to aid impacted industries and support the public health response to COVID-19; now

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Commissioners of Ashtabula County, Ohio, that the prior bid award is hereby amended to remove RL Jackson Construction LLC due to the rescission of its bid; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the contract for the construction of a new building at the Ashtabula County Agricultural Society (Fairgrounds) in Jefferson, Ohio, an ARPA funded project, is hereby awarded in its entirety to GovTrust Partners, LLC as the lowest and best responsible and responsive bidder in the amount of \$155,600.00 for the total project cost; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that all other terms and conditions of the prior resolution not inconsistent herewith shall remain in full force and effect; and

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. 2026-174

April 07, 2026

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Upon the motion of Kathryn L. Whittington, seconded by J.P. Ducro IV.

VOTE:

**Casey R. Kozlowski
Kathryn L. Whittington
J.P. Ducro IV**

**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.

Crystal Sturgill
Crystal Sturgill, Clerk of the Board
Board of County Commissioners
Ashtabula County, Ohio

Acting



To: Ashtabula County Board of Commissioners

From: Ashtabula County Agricultural Society

Date: April 6, 2026

Re: Amended Recommendation of Award – Agricultural Society Fair New Building
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Based upon this development and a review of the remaining bids, it is the amended recommendation that the Board proceed with awarding the full contract to GovTrust Partners, LLC for all components of the project for a total project cost of \$155,600.00, including:

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