

**RESOLUTION APPROVING ENGAGEMENT OF HALL BENEFITS LAW FOR LEGAL SERVICES TO ADVISE THE ASHTABULA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS ON MATTERS OF PUBLIC BUSINESS**

WHEREAS, Ohio Revised Code Section 309.09(C) allows the Board of County Commissioners to employ an attorney other than the prosecuting attorney of the county, without the authorization of the court of common pleas, for a particular matter or on an annual basis, to represent the board in its official capacity and to advise it on legal matters; and

WHEREAS, this Ashtabula County Board of Commissioners approves the Engagement and authorizes Hall Benefits Law, 339 Johnson Ferry Rd NE, Atlanta, GA, 30328, to provide legal services to advise the Ashtabula County Board of Commissioners on matters of public business, as well as other matters for which the Board requests assistance from time to time, at a cost not to exceed \$50,000.00; now

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, By the order of the Board of Commissioners of Ashtabula County, the services of Hall Benefits Law shall be retained for legal matters described above in an amount not to exceed \$50,000.00. The cost of same shall be borne by the Ashtabula County Board of Commissioners.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Commissioner J.P. Ducro IV, 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. 2026-259

June 09, 2026

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

**VOTE:**

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

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

**FISCAL OFFICER'S CERTIFICATE**

5705.41 O.R.C.

The undersigned, County Auditor of Ashtabula County, hereby certifies that the amount required to meet the obligations of the County during 2026, under the Agreement, has been lawfully appropriated for that purpose, and is in the Treasury of the County or in the process of collection to the credit of the following funds: 1001.001.100-601.0018

In the amount of \$50,000.00 for year 2026 and free from any previous encumbrances.

Agreement Title: Engagement Agreement with Hall Benefits Law.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'S. Yamamoto', followed by a horizontal line.

**Scott Yamamoto**, Ashtabula County Auditor

Contact: Janet Discher, County Administrator

Date: June 3, 2026