RESOLUTION HOLDING HEARING ON ASHTABULA COUNTY RECORDER'S PROPOSAL FOR RECORDER'S TECHNOLOGY FUND FOR 2027

WHEREAS, This being the date set on September 15, 2026 by Resolution No. 2026-392, pursuant to O.R.C. Section 317.321(B) for the meeting of the Board with the Ashtabula County Recorder to review her proposal for funding for 2027 through the funds generated for acquisition or maintenance of micrographic or other equipment; and

WHEREAS, The Recorder will explain the scope of the proposal, as follows:

Re: Proposal to Continue the Recorder's Technology Fund

Pursuant to Section 317.321 of the Ohio Revised Code, I hereby submit the following proposal on behalf of the Ashtabula County Recorder's Office.

1. I request that beginning January 1, 2027 and ending December 31, 2027, $6.00 of the fee collected for recording or filing a document for which a fee is charged as required by Sections 317.32(A) and 1309.525 of the Ohio Revised Code continue to be placed in the County treasury and designated as "General Fund Monies to Supplement the Equipment Needs of the County Recorder" (also known as Recorder's Technology Fund).

2. I request that these designated monies bear such designation for a period of five years.

3. I estimate that the total amount of fees to be collected for recording or filing documents under the above-referenced sections during the year 2027 will be approximately $900,000.00.

4. I estimate that the total amount of fees which will be collected for the Recorder's Technology Fund during 2027 will be $75,000.00.

For over 25 years, the Technology Fund has been a stable funding source for the essential service and equipment needs of the Recorder's Office. Careful management has ensured that contractual obligations have been fulfilled. Some of my contract costs will be rising. I pay for all of these obligations out of my technology fund, thereby removing any need for general fund monies to pay for these expenses. I have developed a plan for the much needed preservation of some of our most fragile records. I plan to continue the upgrades of the technological needs of the Recorder's Office to better serve the public, and this fund will provide a crucial role in my plan.

Your continued support of this effort to provide high quality service to our citizens is greatly appreciated.

Sincerely, Barbara Schaab Ashtabula County Recorder

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I plan to approximately administer my Technology Fun as follows to meet the service and equipment needs of the Ashtabula County Recorder's Office:

Contract Services

Cott Systems Indexing & Imaging Services	$50,000.00
Micrographic Printer Contracts	$3,000.00
Copier Contracts	$1,000.00
Upgrades & Maintenance of Historical Records	$12,000.00
Contract Services	**$66,000.00**

The fees collected are based on volume rough estimate is $75,000. There were no public comments.

WHEREAS, The Board of Commissioners will further review such request and notify the Recorder of their decision no later than December 15, 2026; now

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, By the Board of Commissioners of Ashtabula County, Ohio, that the hearing on the County Recorder's 2027 proposal for funding from the general fund moneys to supplement the equipment needs of the county recorder is hereby adjourned.

ASHTABULA COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

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Resolution No. 2026-423 **September 29, 2026**

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

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

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