

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ASHTABULA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS TO EMPLOY COUNSEL FOR THE PURPOSES OF LEGAL REPRESENTATION THROUGHOUT THE MEDIATION PROCESS FOR THE ASHTABULA COUNTY COMMON PLEAS COURT AND THE ASHTABULA COUNTY COURTS-EASTERN AND WESTERN DIVISIONS

WHEREAS, Ohio Revised Code Section 305.14(B) and 309.09(C) allows the Board of County Commissioners to employ counsel without the authorization of the court of common pleas, for a particular matter of public business and where the board has an interest; and

WHEREAS, the Ashtabula County Board of Commissioners is employing counsel in relation to budgetary matters involving the Ashtabula County Common Pleas Court and the Ashtabula County Courts- Eastern and Western Divisions and the Ashtabula County Prosecutor for legal representation for the courts in mediation proceedings at a cost not to exceed \$5,000.00 and with a termination date of July 30, 2022; and

WHEREAS, it is the Board's understanding that the firm of Montgomery Jonson LLP has previously been retained by the Court of Common Pleas despite the Board denying their request for legal counsel in our letter dated August 24, 2021; and

WHEREAS, the Board authorizes the hiring of legal counsel, based upon the firm name being submitted by the Courts and agreed upon by the Board, of which will provide legal representation throughout the mediation process for the Ashtabula County Common Pleas Court and the Ashtabula County Courts- Eastern and Western Divisions in relation to pending issues that require resolution; and

WHEREAS, this authorization does not grant the hiring or retainer of the law firm of Montgomery Jonson LLP or any person affiliated with that firm; and

WHEREAS, The Ashtabula County Board of Commissioners will contact the Ohio Supreme Court mediation department to facilitate bringing the parties together, once the Board is in agreement with the legal representation submitted by the Courts by June 2, 2022; now

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, By order of the Board of Commissioners of Ashtabula County, legal representation counsel is to be named and determined by June 2, 2022 by the Courts, with same being submitted to the Ashtabula County Board of Commissioners for the purposes of legal representation throughout the mediation process for the Ashtabula County Common Pleas Court and the Ashtabula County Courts- Eastern and Western Divisions, as outlined further above, in an amount not to exceed \$5,000.00 with a termination date of July 30, 2022.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the cost of same shall be borne by the Ashtabula County Board of Commissioners, with itemized billing statements filed with the Board of Commissioners upon receipt.

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CERTIFICATION PAGE**

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May 19, 2022

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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