

SPECIAL SESSION OF THE ASHTABULA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Old Courthouse 25 West Jefferson St., 2nd Floor Jefferson, OH 44047

October 23, 2019

The Board of Ashtabula County Commissioners met in session; the Board President called the meeting to order and the Pledge of Allegiance was said.

Members Present: President, J. P. Ducro IV, Vice-President, Casey R. Kozlowski and Commissioner Kathryn L. Whittington **Absent:** None **Board Staff Present:** County Administrator Janet Discher and Clerk of the Board Lisa Hawkins.

Motion To Approve Today's Agenda:

MOTION: Whittington moved the adoption, Kozlowski seconded. **DISCUSSION:** None

VOTE: Yeas: Ducro, Kozlowski, Whittington, **Nays:** None **Abstained:** None **Absent:** None
Whereupon the agenda was declared approved unanimously.

**THE BOARD PRESIDENT INTRODUCED AND ENTERTAINED A MOTION FOR THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION:
RESOLUTION NUMBER 2019-73FINA HOLDING HEARING ON THE 2020 ASHTABULA COUNTY COMMON
PLEAS COURT BUDGET REQUEST**

The Board of County Commissioners of Ashtabula County, Ohio, met on the 23rd day of October, 2019, in regular session at the offices of said Board in the Old Courthouse Building, 2nd Floor, 25 W. Jefferson St., Jefferson, Ohio, with the following members present: J. P. Ducro IV, Casey R. Kozlowski, Kathryn L. Whittington.

WHEREAS, This being the date set for the public hearing on the proposed 2020 appropriations to the Ashtabula County Common Pleas Court in accordance with Ohio Revised Code Section 307.01(b); and

WHEREAS, Common Pleas has a proposed budget for 2020 for consideration; and

WHEREAS, persons in attendance included: *In Attendance: J. P. Ducro IV, Casey Kozlowski, Kathryn Whittington, Lisa Hawkins, Janet Discher, Dave Bogardus, Susan Hill, Seth Bryan, Bud Hill, Phil Pawlowski, Mandy Orahood, Kathy Thompson, Court Administrator, Judge Marianne Sezon, Judge Thomas Harris entered the hearing at 3:09p.m., Judge Gary Yost entered the hearing at 3:32p.m.*

WHEREAS, Comments and/or questions were offered, as follows:

Commissioner Ducro opened the work session and introductions were made. The 2020 Appropriation requests were discussed and reviewed. Kathy Thompson spoke regarding the proposed 2020 budget request. The 2019 budget needs to be 2% more to reflect the 2019 raise. Insurance rates do not reflect the wellness participants. There is a proposed 3% increase for staff for 2020. Workers comp will reduce to 1% from 1.5%. \$13,500 in travel, special

dockets, judges meeting, all the court staff, use special project funds and grant funds to pay. \$175,000 from \$95,000, asked for \$100,000 towards Court Security. They have asked for \$75,000 in 2020. 5 cases are assigned to visiting judges, chairs needed to be replaced in the Jury room, agreed to carpet for Judge Harris and Judge Yost. Plan is to install carpet in December. Jury doing the Jury draw at the beginning of the year, is a lot of data and a big process. Adult Probation budget went down, received a couple grants, TCAP and Adult Parole, as the State is not in the supervision business any longer. They received 2 quarters of allocation. They do not need the General fund monies for Drug Court Administrator and Probation Officer and the Mental Health Coordinator. They are looking at outside revenues and other sources instead of using the General Fund. There is a grant for vests for Probation Officers, if still available, will reduce the request. The Court is managing the case load. Traffic cases appear to be down statewide. Received the wellness participant numbers, change Jury and add 4 more. The courts participated with the Clemans study, they have asked for 3% increase. Other requests are 1 ½ to 2%.

WHEREAS, There being no further comments or questions, the Public hearing ended at 3:48 p.m.; now

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, By the Board of Commissioners of Ashtabula County, Ohio, that the hearing on the proposed 2020 budget for the Common Pleas Court is hereby adjourned.

MOTION: Whittington moved the adoption, Kozlowski seconded. **DISCUSSION:** None
VOTE: Yeas: Ducro, Kozlowski, Whittington **Nays:** None **Abstained:** None **Absent:** None
Whereupon the resolution was declared passed unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT:

The President and Clerk of the Board hereby certify that this is a true and accurate record of the minutes of the October 23, 2019 session. All deliberations concerning official business and formal actions by this Board of Ashtabula County Commissioners were conducted in an open public meeting.

CERTIFIED:

ATTESTED:

PRESIDENT

COMMISSIONERS

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