

**SPECIAL SESSION OF THE ASHTABULA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

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

**October 24, 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 2019-74FINA HOLDING HEARING ON THE 2020 ASHTABULA COUNTY JUVENILE  
COURT, PROBATE COURT AND YOUTH DETENTION CENTER BUDGET REQUEST**

The Board of County Commissioners of Ashtabula County, Ohio, met on the 24<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2019, in regular session at the offices of said Board in the Old Courthouse Building, 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 Juvenile Court, Probate Court and Youth Detention Center in accordance with Ohio Revised Code Section 307.01(b); and

WHEREAS, Juvenile Court, Probate Court and the Youth Detention Center have submitted a proposed budget for 2020 for consideration; and

WHEREAS, persons in attendance included: *J. P. Ducro IV, Casey Kozlowski, Kathryn Whittington, Lisa Hawkins, Janet Discher, Dave Bogardus, Susan Hill, Seth Bryan, Bud Hill, Phil Pawlowski, Mandy Orahood, Juvenile and Probate Court Judge Albert Camplese; Andrew Miziak, Court Administrator, Auditor David Thomas. Press: Stephanie Wessell and Jon Wysochanski.*

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

Commissioner Ducro opened the public hearing and introductions were made. The 2020 Appropriation request was discussed and reviewed. Andrew Misiak stated there are changes in personnel and health insurance. **Probate Court:** there are 5 employees, put in for 3% increase for all employees. Workers comp is 1%. They had some turnover in Probate, so salary line item went down. Probate employees were not consistent with participation in the Wellness Program. Contract Services in 2018 spent \$3,000, 2020 includes microfilming and one of the Probate Clerks going to training, more desktop scanners. Because of new driver's license requirements, more people are obtaining marriage records. **Youth Detention Center:** 5 employees – all security and bailiff. One employee is at Juvenile Court and four are at the Resource Center. Longevity is down, includes a 3% raise. Create a new division labeled Resource Center. Kathy Thompson is being paid 25%. The Judge read an article from Justice Piper, comment about HB3, 4<sup>th</sup> quarter in 2018. They are putting a larger burden on local justice systems. They have a new legislation for notice, participation and record keeping to caregivers. He would like to structure for a Chief Magistrate, the way courts of similar are structured, with an extra Magistrate, will there be a place for them to operate from? Judge Camplese explained the process and cited examples of cases. They are working on infrastructure to address court needs. 2019 had a 2% salary increase. They typically end where the county is for staff increases. They have lost staff to higher paying positions, every time he loses a person, having to train a new person. There is an error on the salary sheets, Janet will work with Andrew to fine tune the budget. **Youth Services:** paid from grant funds. They have asked for some capital requests, request for specialized docket.

WHEREAS, There being no further comments or questions, the public hearing ended at 2:00p.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 Juvenile Court, Probate Court and the Youth Detention Center is hereby adjourned.

**MOTION:** Kozlowski moved the adoption, Whittington 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 24, 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:

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PRESIDENT

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CLERK

COMMISSIONERS

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