

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

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

**November 18, 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 2019-78FINA HOLDING HEARING ON THE 2020 VETERAN SERVICES COMMISSION BUDGET REQUEST**

The Board of County Commissioners of Ashtabula County, Ohio, met on the 18<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2019, in special 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 Ashtabula County Veteran Services Commission in accordance with Ohio Revised Code Section 5901.11; and

WHEREAS, the Veteran Services Commission, has submitted the proposed budget for 2020 for consideration; and

WHEREAS, persons in attendance included:  
J. P. Ducro IV, Casey Kozlowski, Kathryn Whittington, Janet Discher, Lisa Hawkins, Dan Whitmire, Steve Oeffner, Nic Church, Roger Lynch, Ben Swartzfigure, Budget Committee: Susan Hill, Mandy Orahood, Dave Bogardus,

WHEREAS, Comments and/or questions were offered, as follows: The 2020 budget request of \$926,000 from the Veterans Services was discussed and reviewed. The number of Veterans within Ashtabula County was discussed. The full amount will be appropriated and changes within the budget can be made, if needed. The equipment line item went up as the IT Services computers and server are outdated and will be replaced, but expenditures will be made in 2019. Transportation is done in house, following their policy to be a driver, with volunteer drivers who receive a gift card from Giant Eagle or WalMart. They discussed the 2020 budget, ORC 5901.11, the amount of VA expenditures 2009-2018 and the estimated monies returned to county from 2014 to 2018. The current office location is \$4,000 per month, a larger space to make it more private, would be helpful. The 2019 Activity Report was reviewed. They discussed the education piece. There is a perceived homeless population of Veterans in Ashtabula County. There is an initiative called “Feed the Veterans”, not under the Veteran Services office. If there is a food need, visit the Veterans Services office for assistance. They offer budget counseling, if the veteran has an income and some resources, they will get them help.

WHEREAS, There being no further comments or questions; now

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, By the Board of Commissioners of Ashtabula County, Ohio, that the hearing on the proposed 2020 budget for the Veteran Services Commission and the same 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 November 18, 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

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COMMISSIONERS

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