

RESOLUTION NO. 26-05

ADOPTED ON: 3-16-2026

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR AND FISCAL OFFICER TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT FOR LEGAL SERVICES WITH ATTORNEY WILLIAM J. FLAUTT AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

WHEREAS, last year, the Village of Thornville shut down its Mayor's Court. As a result, all misdemeanor traffic citations and criminal complaints now are filed in the Perry County Municipal Court; and

WHEREAS, while the Village Solicitor could continue to prosecute these cases, he understands it would be more cost-effective to have a local attorney prosecute these crimes; and

WHEREAS, Attorney William J. Flautt, whose office is in the Village of Somerset, is willing to prosecute these cases for a reasonable hourly rate; and

WHEREAS, Council for the Village of Thornville now wants to enter into an agreement with Attorney William J. Flautt to provide these legal / prosecution services.

NOW, **THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Council of the Village of Thornville, County of Perry, State of Ohio:

SECTION 1: Council for the Village of Thornville hereby authorizes and directs the Village Administrator and Fiscal Officer to enter into a Contract for Legal Services, in substantially the same form and content as the contract which is attached hereto as Exhibit A and incorporated herein by reference, with Attorney William J. Flautt.

SECTION 2: All prior legislation, or any parts thereof, which is/are inconsistent with this Resolution is/are hereby repealed as to the inconsistent parts thereof.

SECTION 3: It is hereby found and determined that all formal actions of this Council concerning and relating to the passage of this Resolution were adopted in an open meeting of Council and that all deliberations of the Council and any of the decision-making bodies of the Village of Thornville which resulted in such formal actions were in meetings open to the public in compliance with all legal requirements of the State of Ohio.

SECTION 4: Council declares this to be an emergency measure immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health, and safety of this municipality and the further reason that it needs to enter into this contract as soon as possible. Wherefore, provided this Resolution receives the required affirmative votes of Council, this Resolution shall take effect and be in force immediately upon passage by Council.

Passed in Council this 16th day of March 2026.


Amanda Lackey, Mayor

ATTEST:


Clerk of Council

APPROVED:

Approved as to form this 12th day of March 2026:



Brian M. Zets, Esq.
Village Solicitor