**Coshocton County Juvenile Court receives Technology Grant**

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Judge Jason W. Given announced recently that plans are underway to improve access, court hearing functionality and continuity preparedness for parties in legal proceedings at Coshocton County Juvenile Court. The Court was recently selected to receive $25,000 in technology grant funds from the Ohio Supreme Court's Court Improvement Program. Launched in 2015, the grant program provides financial assistance to local courts for technology projects designed to improve operations and increase efficiency.

Judge Given indicated the funding will allow for enhanced efficiency and improved virtual hearing functionality to better serve children and families. "Technology is essential to assist in the efficient and effective operations of the Court, and this project is responsive to families that come before us," said Judge Given.

The Court has been the beneficiary of Technology and Court Improvement Funds in past years, and is appreciative of the Supreme Court of Ohio for continuing to invest in local Courts. Doug Schonauer, Administrator for the Coshocton County Probate and Juvenile Court submitted the application in August which will include text notification notices for upcoming court hearings, additional Surface Pro devices in the main courtroom to enhance the virtual hearing experience, and an amplification/ remote microphone system that will provide better overall hearing for both virtual and live court hearing participants.

"Having this technology will improve the hearing experience for years to come for youth and families, attorneys, treatment providers, agencies and witnesses; it allows this court to be a continued leader whether using remote appearance or in-person participation at the court," said Schonauer.

While each component will be added in the coming months, a goal for the Court would be to implement each item independently of each other to allow for staff and client transition and for training to effectively implement the new technology. The grant project runs through  September of 2027.