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Ashland County Board of Commissioners  
110 Cottage Street  
Ashland, OH 44805

Dear Board of Commissioners,

I am writing this letter to request that the Board reconsider their decision to relocate the Clerk of Courts Title Division to the vacant office space in front of the Ashland County Dog Shelter. I initially agreed that it would be good space for the Title Division, knowing that the Board hoped to have the BMV Deputy Registrar relocate their office to the empty office space beside the space to be occupied by the Title Division.

We see that it is now unlikely that the BMV Deputy Registrar office will be moving there. Since that was the purpose of relocating the Title Division to that particular location, I am respectfully asking this Board to reconsider and make space available in the new administrative building to be built near the Ashland County Common Pleas Courthouse. I know there is a possibility that a BMV kiosk could be placed in or near the Title Division office but that can be accomplished within the Administrative Building as well.

I am hearing from the public that moving the Title Division across town will be quite inconvenient for them. Most don't see the need or reason for this move. There are many occasions when someone needing to transfer a title also needs to visit other offices within the Administrative Building for that same transaction. Having the Title Division on Baney Road will require the public (and attorneys) to travel from Title to the Admin Building and back to Title again. Our goal is to serve the public but I feel they will be frustrated by this move.

Currently staff can walk to the bank daily. If the office is moved to the Dog Shelter Building, someone will have to drive their personal car and be reimbursed for mileage. This is an expense not currently required. I'm unsure what the county's liability would be if an employee is required to drive their personal vehicle for work purposes and an accident occurs.

Sincerely,

Deb Myers  
Clerk of Courts

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