



**Auditor**  
**Charles E. Walder**  
*Chief Fiscal Officer*

**Return Voucher Form**

Date: 02/12/2026

To: Elected Official, Department head, or Accounting Staff of Board – Probate Court

From: Auditor's Office Fiscal Department

**SUBJECT: Batch #2026-00000333**

**Judge Robert Berger \$493.00**

|                                                                        |                                                       |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Dept. Head Signature Missing on Cover         | <input type="checkbox"/> Incorrect Vendor Numbers (s) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Incorrect Account Number                      | <input type="checkbox"/> Incorrect/No Encumbrance No. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Incorrect Remit Address                       | <input type="checkbox"/> Incorrect Voucher Amount     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Insufficient Cash Balance Available           | <input type="checkbox"/> Incorrect G/L Date           |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Batch not Approved in New World               | <input type="checkbox"/> Expense Precede Encumbrance  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Insufficient Balance Available on PO          | <input type="checkbox"/> Remit Copy Missing           |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Missing Original Invoice/Supporting Documents | <input type="checkbox"/> Due Date Deadline Missed     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Missing "OK to Pay" Initials/Signature        | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other             |

Solution: No original signature on the voucher cover or invoice. Incorrect date on voucher.

Courthouse Annex, 231 Main Street, Suite 1A, Chardon, OH 44024-1293

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**AUDITORS CERTIFICATION OF FUNDS**  
O.R.C. 5705.41D

Geauga County, Chardon, Ohio January 2, 2026  
I HEREBY CERTIFY that the money required to meet the foregoing  
contract, agreement, or obligation in the sum of  
\$9,000.00

has been lawfully approved, authorized or directed for such  
purpose and is in the Treasury or in the process of collection to the  
credit of the fund listed next to the item below,  
free from any previous encumbrances.

**CHARLES E. WALDER**  
GEAUGA COUNTY AUDITOR

by \_\_\_\_\_, Deputy Auditor  
GEAUGA COUNTY FEDERAL I.D. NO. 34-6001208  
SALES AND USED TAX EXEMPTION - POLITICAL SUBDIVISION  
STATE OF OHIO

FOR AUDITORS USE ONLY

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Then and Now Certificate: \_\_\_\_\_

Warrant Received by: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**SHIP TO:**

GEAUGA COUNTY

PROBATE / JUVENILE COURT -JUDGE GRENDALL

231 MAIN STREET SUITE 2

CHARDON, OH 44024

| WARRANT NO. | VOUCHER DATE | VOUCHER AMOUNT |
|-------------|--------------|----------------|
|             | 2/16/2026 ✓  | \$ 493.00 ✓    |
| P.O. DATE   | ADJUSTMENT   | ACCOUNT NO.    |
| 01/02/2026  |              |                |
| 1099 AMT.   |              |                |
|             | dr.          |                |
|             | cr.          |                |

PURCHASE ORDER NO. 2026-00001414 ✓

GEAUGA CO. BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS:

SESSION \_\_\_\_\_

RESOLUTION \_\_\_\_\_

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BUDGET APPROVAL - ENCUMB \_\_\_\_\_ VOUCHER \_\_\_\_\_

VENDOR I.D. NO.

16371

**PURCHASED FROM:**

Judge Robert Berger

**INVOICE TO:**

GEAUGA COUNTY

PROBATE / JUVENILE COURT -JUDGE GRENDALL

231 MAIN STREET SUITE 2

CHARDON, OH 44024

  
DEPARTMENT HEAD SIGNATURE

| QUANTITY  | UNIT | FUND | DESCRIPTION                                                                                  | UNIT COST  | TOTAL COST |
|-----------|------|------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------|------------|
| 1.0000    | Each | 2080 | Travel Expenses, Other - Travel<br>2080-008-00-902 - Travel 9,000.00<br><br>✓ January 2026 ✓ | 9,000.0000 | \$9,000.00 |
| TOTAL DUE |      |      |                                                                                              |            | \$9,000.00 |

**Presented by Court as a  
courtesy only,  
NOT statutorily required**

See State ex rel. Grendell v. Walder,  
Slip Opinion No. 2022-Ohio-204

IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS  
PROBATE DIVISION  
GEAUGA COUNTY, OHIO

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2025 FEB 11 AM 11:51

CLERK OF COURT  
DIVISION  
GEAUGA COUNTY, OHIO

IN RE:

) JUDGE TIMOTHY J. GRENDALL

)

PROBATE COURT

)

EXPENDITURES

) PROPER ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER

ROBERT W BERGER

) 2026-34

Pursuant to R.C. 2303.201(E)(1), Administrative Order 2010-02 of this Court issued by Judge Henry (copy attached), and 319.16(A)(2), this order hereby directs timely payment by the Geauga County Auditor in the amount of \$493.00 (Four Hundred Ninety Three Dollars and No Cents) from 2080-008-00-902 payable to ROBERT W BERGER, for visiting judge mileage, which the Probate Court has determined to be an expenditure for a proper public purpose. **Kindly provide this Court with the original check which it will mail to the vendor.**

Pursuant to R.C. 319.16(D), "if the auditor questions the validity of [this] expenditure... the auditor shall notify the court that presented the documents, shall issue the warrant under protest, and shall notify the auditor of state of the protest."

As an elected official and member of the judicial branch of county government, the Judge of the Geauga County Probate/Juvenile Court is authorized to fix the amount due to court vendors who perform services for the court. Therefore, pursuant to R.C. 307.55(A), this payment is to be processed "Live".

IT IS SO ORDERED.

  
ROBERT W. BERGER, JUDGE  
Sitting by Assignment #25JA5007

CC: Fiscal Director

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COMMON PLEAS COURT  
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PROBATE DIVISION  
GEAUGA COUNTY, OHIO

IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS  
PROBATE DIVISION  
GEAUGA COUNTY, OHIO

**In Re:**  
**Establishment of Probate Court Special Projects Fund**

**ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER 2010-02**

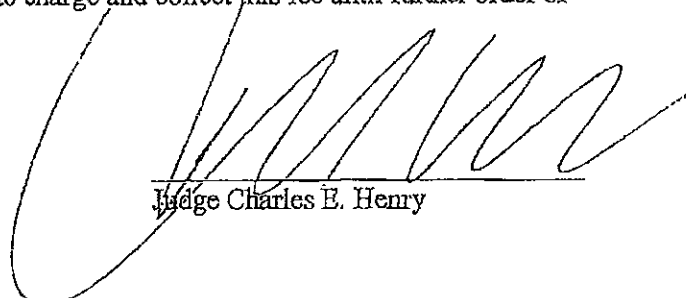
**WHEREAS**, the Court of Common Pleas, Probate Division, has determined that, for the efficient operation of the Court, additional funds are necessary for special projects of the Court, and

**WHEREAS**, the special projects shall include, but not be limited to, the acquisition of additional facilities or the rehabilitation of existing facilities, the acquisition of equipment, the hiring and training of staff, community service programs, mediation or alternative dispute resolution services, the employment of magistrates, the training and education of judges and magistrates, and other related services.

**THEREFORE**, pursuant to the authority granted in Ohio Revised Code Section 2303.201(F)(1), the Court hereby amends Rule 4 of the Local Rules of the Geauga County Court of Common Pleas, Probate Division, to encompass a new special projects fee in the sum of Fifteen Dollars (\$ 15.00) to be assessed on the filing of each estate, guardianship, trust, miscellaneous civil case, adoption, minor settlement, wrongful death case, name change, and marriage license.

All fees collected pursuant to this order shall be paid to the Geauga County Treasurer for deposit into a general special projects fund for Probate Court. The Court will allocate the funds to individual projects and moneys from such fund shall be disbursed upon an order of the Court in an amount not greater than the actual cost to the Court of any such determined project. The Probate Court clerks shall charge and collect this fee beginning on March 1, 2010, to be assessed on all specified cases filed on or after said date and the clerks shall continue to charge and collect this fee until further order of this Court.

**IT IS SO ORDERED.**

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Judge Charles E. Henry

**Geauga County**  
**Mileage/Miscellaneous Reimbursement Voucher**  
**for ALL that follow IRS Standard Mileage - 2026**

PRINT EMPLOYEE NAME JUDGE ROBERT W. BERGER

DEPARTMENT GCPJC

| DATE    | ORIGIN               | DESTINATION                | MILEAGE | MISC. AMOUNT |
|---------|----------------------|----------------------------|---------|--------------|
|         | PURPOSE OF TRAVEL    |                            |         |              |
| 1/12/26 | RAVENNA              | 231 MAIN ST. CHARDON 44024 | ✓ 68.00 |              |
|         | ROUNDTRIP (25JA5007) |                            |         |              |
| 1/14/26 | RAVENNA              | 231 MAIN ST. CHARDON 44024 | ✓ 68.00 |              |
|         | ROUNDTRIP (25JA5007) |                            |         |              |
| 1/15/26 | RAVENNA              | 231 MAIN ST. CHARDON 44024 | ✓ 68.00 |              |
|         | ROUNDTRIP (25JA5007) |                            |         |              |
| 1/16/26 | RAVENNA              | 231 MAIN ST. CHARDON 44024 | ✓ 68.00 |              |
|         | ROUNDTRIP (25JA5007) |                            |         |              |
| 1/20/26 | RAVENNA              | 231 MAIN ST. CHARDON 44024 | ✓ 68.00 |              |
|         | ROUNDTRIP (25JA5007) |                            |         |              |
| 1/21/26 | RAVENNA              | 231 MAIN ST. CHARDON 44024 | ✓ 68.00 |              |
|         | ROUNDTRIP (25JA5007) |                            |         |              |
| 1/22/26 | RAVENNA              | 231 MAIN ST. CHARDON 44024 | ✓ 68.00 |              |
|         | ROUNDTRIP (25JA5007) |                            |         |              |
| 1/23/26 | RAVENNA              | 231 MAIN ST. CHARDON 44024 | ✓ 68.00 |              |
|         | ROUNDTRIP (25JA5007) |                            |         |              |
| 1/28/26 | RAVENNA              | 231 MAIN ST. CHARDON 44024 | ✓ 68.00 |              |
|         | ROUNDTRIP (25JA5007) |                            |         |              |
| 1/29/30 | RAVENNA              | 231 MAIN ST. CHARDON 44024 | ✓ 68.00 |              |
|         | ROUNDTRIP (25JA5007) |                            |         |              |

**TRAVELER'S CERTIFICATE**

I certify that the statements made hereon are true, that the mileage was actually driven on County Business, and that the expenses incurred were in accordance with state and county regulations. I also certify that I have liability insurance as required in ORC 4509.51.

|                      |               |        |           |   |
|----------------------|---------------|--------|-----------|---|
| Column Totals        | A             | 680.00 | \$ 0.00   | B |
| Total Mileage Amount | (A) X .725 ** |        | \$ 493.00 | C |
| Total Reimbursement  | (B) + (C)     |        | \$ 493.00 | ✓ |

**ORIGINAL RECEIPTS MUST BE ATTACHED**

Robert W. Berger  
 Employee Signature

Date

[Signature]  
 Department Head Signature

\*\* IRS .725 rate effective 01/01/2026  
 Commissioners Approved 01/06/2026