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## Hamper Files for County Commissioner

JEFFERSON, OHIO --- Lifelong Ashtabula County resident and local attorney Mike Hamper filed to run for Ashtabula County Commissioner today, officially launching a campaign that he hopes will foster a new spirit of community, inclusion, and collaboration between the county government and residents.

“I’m focused on creating meaningful work opportunities by supporting entrepreneurs and local employers, investing in agribusiness, and improving the quality of education for our kids,” Hamper said.

Hamper graduated from Jefferson Area High School before earning his bachelor’s degree and law degree from Ohio Northern University. Hamper returned to Ashtabula County with his wife, Carmen, to work as an Associate Attorney with Jerome A. Lemire, Attorney at Law. Earlier this month, Hamper became business partners with Lemire and formed Lemire & Hamper LLC.

Since returning home, Hamper has also served the community as the Solicitor for the Village of Jefferson and as a board member for LEADERship Ashtabula County and the Jefferson Area Chamber of Commerce.

As Solicitor, Hamper prosecutes misdemeanors and traffic violations, drafts legal documents, and provides legal advice to the Village administration. Alongside Village officials, Hamper is proudly fighting the State of Ohio’s attempted takeover of municipal income tax.

Hamper believes in local solutions to local issues. He is developing a plan to address Ashtabula County’s most pressing challenges with input from residents, community organizations, local businesses, and farmers, which will be released soon.

Hamper has filed to run as a Democrat, but emphasizes the importance of working with people across party lines to help improve Ashtabula County. “This campaign is about community.” said Hamper. “We are one county with one future and I am dedicated to working together to make that future bright.”

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