IN THE COMMON PLEAS COURT OF ERIE COUNTY, OHIO

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPOINTMENT OF A SPECIAL PROSECUTING ATTORNEY FOR ERIE COUNTY, OHIO Case Number: 2019-MS-

JUDGMENT ENTRY

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This matter came on to be heard upon a written request of Erie County Prosecutor, Kevin

J. Baxter, to appoint a Special Prosecuting Attorney for Erie County, Ohio.

Prosecutor Baxter has represented to the Court that he, along with the Erie County Assistant Prosecuting Attorneys, should be disqualified from proceeding with investigation of Reference #2019-04 for the reason that investigation and prosecution of such matter poses a possible conflict of interest for the Erie County Prosecutor and his Assistants.

The Court, upon consideration of said written request, finds it to be well-taken.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that Dave Yost, Attorney General for the State of Ohio, or his designee is hereby appointed Special Prosecutor for Erie County, Ohio, for the purpose of complying with the rules and applicable statutes.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED by this Court that Special Prosecutor Yost or his designee shall investigate and prosecute all matters raised in said written request for the appointment of a Special Prosecutor, and that he shall have the same responsibilities and duties in the same form and manner as the Eric County Prosecuting Attorney would be authorized by law. Further,

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Attorney General Dave Yost, or his designee, acting as Special Prosecutor shall receive no compensation in this matter.

All until further Order of this Court.

Approved:

Kevin J. Baxter Erie County Prosecutor

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Judge Tygh M. Tone Erie County Common Pleas Court 323 Columbus Avenue Sandusky, Ohio 44870

RE:

The Appointment of Special Prosecutor to assist in the

matter of Investigation of S. Hinners

Ref. #2019-4

Dear Judge Tone:

Please accept this letter as written request for the appointment of Attorney General Dave Yost, or his designee, on the above-captioned matter.

Yours truly,

Kevin J. Baxter Prosecuting Attorney

KJB/cst