

HARTSVILLE/TROUSDALE COUNTY GOVERNMENT

RESOLUTION #2025-11-829

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING HARTSVILLE/TROUSDALE COUNTY TO
JOIN THE STATE OF TENNESSEE AND OTHER LOCAL GOVERNMENTS IN
AMENDING THE TENNESSEE STATE-SUBDIVISION OPIOID ABATEMENT AGREEMENT AND
APPROVING THE RELATED SETTLEMENT AGREEMENTS**

WHEREAS, the opioid epidemic continues to impact communities in the United States, the State of Tennessee, and Hartsville/Trousdale County, Tennessee.

WHEREAS, Hartsville/Trousdale County has suffered harm and will continue to suffer harm as a result of the opioid epidemic;

WHEREAS, the State of Tennessee and some Tennessee local governments have filed lawsuits against opioid manufacturers, distributors, and retailers, including many federal lawsuits by Tennessee counties and cities that are pending in the litigation captioned In re: National Prescription Opiate Litigation, MDL No. 2804 (N.D. Ohio) (the MDL case is referred to as the "Opioid Litigation");

WHEREAS, Hartsville/Trousdale County has previously joined settlements with multiple pharmaceutical distributors, manufacturers, and retail pharmacies;

WHEREAS, a proposed settlement has been reached that would address claims in the Purdue Pharma bankruptcy case and resolve claims against the Sackler family owners of the company (the "Purdue Settlement");

WHEREAS, proposed settlements have also been reached with eight other manufacturers: Alvogen, Amneal, Apotex, Hikma, Indivior, Mylan, Sun, and Zydus ("Eight Manufacturer Settlements");

WHEREAS, Hartsville/Trousdale County finds the Purdue Settlement and Eight Manufacturer Settlements acceptable and in the best interest of the community;

WHEREAS, the Tennessee legislature enacted Public Chapter No. 491 during the 2021 Regular Session of the 112th Tennessee General Assembly and it was signed into law by Governor Bill Lee on May 24, 2021, which addresses the allocation of funds from certain opioid litigation settlements;

WHEREAS, the Tennessee legislature enacted Public Chapter No. 302 during the 2025 Regular Session of the 114th Tennessee General Assembly and it was signed into law by Governor Bill Lee on May 2, 2025, which would apply the statutory provisions passed in 2021 to the Purdue Settlement and settlements with several additional manufacturers, if the agreements become effective;

WHEREAS, the State of Tennessee, non-litigating counties, and representatives of various local governments involved in the Opioid Litigation have adopted a unified plan for the allocation and use of certain prospective settlement and bankruptcy funds from opioid-related litigation ("Settlement Funds");

WHEREAS, the Tennessee State-Subdivision Opioid Abatement Agreement (the "Tennessee Plan"), attached hereto as "Exhibit A," sets forth the framework of a unified plan for the proposed allocation and use of the Settlement Funds;

WHEREAS, amendments to the Tennessee Plan, attached hereto as "Exhibit B," would extend its terms to the proposed Purdue Settlement and Eight Manufacturer Settlements and would clarify some language concerning the allocation of certain settlement funds and Purdue estate distributions; and

WHEREAS, participation in these settlements by a large majority of Tennessee cities and counties will materially increase the amount of settlement funds that Tennessee will receive from the pending proposed opioid settlements;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HARTSVILLE/TROUSDALE COUNTY COMMISSION OF HARTSVILLE/TROUSDALE COUNTY, TENNESSEE,

Section 1. That Hartsville/Trousdale County finds that the amendments to the Tennessee Plan are in the best interest of Hartsville/Trousdale County and its citizens because they would ensure an effective structure for the commitment of Settlement Funds to abate and seek to resolve the opioid epidemic.

Section 2. That Hartsville/Trousdale County hereby expresses its support for a unified plan for the allocation and use of Settlement Funds as generally described in the Tennessee Plan.

Section 3. That the Hartsville/Trousdale County Mayor is hereby expressly authorized to execute the amendments to the Tennessee Plan in substantially the form attached as Exhibit "B" and the Hartsville/Trousdale County Mayor is hereby authorized to execute any formal agreements necessary to implement a unified plan for the allocation and use of Settlement Funds that is substantially consistent with the Tennessee Plan and this Resolution.

Section 4. That the Hartsville/Trousdale County Mayor is hereby expressly authorized to execute any formal agreement and related documents evidencing Hartsville/Trousdale County's agreement to the settlement of claims [and litigation] specifically related to the Purdue Settlement, the Eight Manufacturer Settlements and any other settlement of opioid-related claims that Tennessee has joined.

Section 5. That the Hartsville/Trousdale County Mayor is authorized to take such other action as necessary and appropriate to effectuate Hartsville/Trousdale County's participation in the Tennessee Plan and these settlements.

Section 6. This Resolution is effective upon adoption, the welfare of Hartsville/Trousdale County, Tennessee requiring it.

Motion Approve RES 2025-11-829 Opioid Abatement Agreement

Motion made by: Chris Gregory

Electronic Voting

Second motion: Jeff Gregory

YES 18 NO 0 ABSENT 2

RESOLVED AND APPROVED AUGUST 25, 2025 IN REGULAR SESSION

APPROVED:



Lonnie Taylor
Commission Chair

ATTEST:



Rita Crowder
County Clerk