

The Union County Commission met in Special Called Meeting at 6:00 P.M. on Tuesday, December 21, 2021 at the Union County Courthouse. The Honorable Jason Bailey, County Chairman, presiding. A quorum being present, Union County Commission was duly opened at 6:00 P.M.

The Agenda for December 21, 2021 is as follows:

1. Call to Order
2. Invocation
3. Pledge of Allegiance
4. Roll Call
5. Announcements: (if any)
6. Approve/Disapprove a Resolution Authorizing Union County to Join the State of Tennessee and other Local Governments as Participants in the Tennessee State-Subdivision Opioid Abatement Agreement and Approving the Related Settlement Agreements.
7. Adjourn

1. County Commission was duly opened by Chairman, Jason Bailey.
2. Invocation by Commissioner Danny Cooke
3. Pledge of Allegiance was led by Commissioner Larry Lay
4. Roll Call by Amy England, Union County Chief Deputy Clerk. **Commissioners Present:** Danny Cooke, Bill Cox, Earl Cox, Gary England, Janet Holloway, Sidney Jessee, Jr., R.L. Jones, Larry Lay, and Becky Munsey.

Commissioners Absent: Jeffrey Brantley, Jeffrey Chesney, Dawn Flatford, Kenny Hill, Debra Keck, and Joyce Meltabarger.

5. Announcements
 - Gov. Lee and fishing icon Bill Dance announced a new initiative to improve and enhance Tennessee lakes. Norris Lake is included in the initiative.

6. Approve/Disapprove Resolution No. 01 12-21-2021

BEFORE THE COUNTY LEGISLATIVE BODY FOR UNION COUNTY, TENNESSEE

No. 01 12-21-2021

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING UNION COUNTY TO JOIN THE STATE OF TENNESSEE AND OTHER LOCAL GOVERNMENTS AS PARTICIPANTS IN 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 Union County, Tennessee.

WHEREAS, Union 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, certain pharmaceutical distributors and a manufacturer have proposed settlements that Union County find 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 was signed into law by Governor Bill Lee on May 24, 2021, which addresses the allocation of funds from certain proposed opioid litigation settlements;

WHEREAS, the State of Tennessee, non-litigating counties, and representatives of various local governments involved in the Opioid Litigation have proposed 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 a framework of a unified plan for the proposed allocation and use of the Settlement Funds; and

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

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATIVE BODY OF UNION COUNTY, TENNESSEE,

Section 1. That Union County finds that participation in the Tennessee Plan is in the best interest of Union County and its citizens because such a plan would ensure an effective structure for the commitment of Settlement Funds to abate and seek to resolve the opioid epidemic.

Section 2. That Union 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 Union County Mayor is hereby expressly authorized to execute the Tennessee Plan in substantially the form attached as Exhibit "A" and the 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 Union County Mayor is hereby expressly authorized to execute any formal agreement and related documents evidencing Union County's agreement to the settlement of claims [and litigation] specifically related to AmerisourceBergen Corporation, Cardinal Health, Inc, McKesson Corporation, Janssen Pharmaceuticals, Inc, and Johnson & Johnson.

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

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

Motion to Adopt by: Bill Cox

Seconded by: Sidney Jessee, Jr.

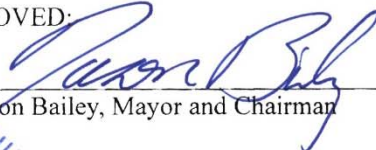
Voting for: Danny Cooke, Bill Cox, Earl Cox, Gary England, Janet Holloway,

Sidney Jessee, Jr., R.L. Jones, Larry Lay, and Becky Munsey

Voting no: None

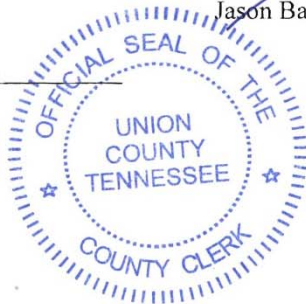
Passing: None

ADOPTED AND APPROVED, in open meeting at Maynardville, Tennessee, this **21** day of December, 2021.

APPROVED: 
Jason Bailey, Mayor and Chairman

Attest:

County Clerk



A **Motion** was made by **Bill Cox** and **Seconded** by Sidney Jessee, Jr. to Approve Resolution No. 01 12-21-2021 Authorizing Union County to Join the State of Tennessee and other Local Governments as Participants in the Tennessee State-Subdivision Opioid Abatement Agreement and Approving the Related Settlement Agreements.

County Chairman, Jason Bailey called for a **Roll Call Vote**. **Commissioners Voting For:** Danny Cooke, Bill Cox, Earl Cox, Gary England, Janet Holloway, Sidney Jessee, Jr., R. L. Jones, Larry Lay, and Becky Munsey. **Commissioners Voting Against:** None. **Commissioners Abstaining:** None. **Commissioners Passing:** None. **Motion Passed.**

7. A **Motion** was made by **Danny Cooke** and **Seconded** by **R. L. Jones** to **Adjourn**.

County Chairman, Jason Bailey called for an **Aye Vote**. **Motion Carried**. Union County Commission Special Called Meeting **Adjourned at 6:11 P.M.**