

RESOLUTION NO 2024-26
RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A WEAKLEY COUNTY
OPIOID SETTLEMENT COMMITTEE

WHEREAS, issues related to the misuse of opioids and additional substances have had a tremendous, negative impact on the lives of countless Weakley Countians; and

WHEREAS, the prevalence of substance use disorder, drug-related crime, and drug-related overdose deaths continues to rise yearly; and

WHEREAS, as a result of litigation by federal and state governments against multiple pharmaceutical companies, Weakley County has received and will receive additional funds in the future; and

WHEREAS, advisement is necessary from professionals and community members throughout the county on how to distribute funds to make the most significant and positive impact on Weakley County and its citizens; and

WHEREAS, the purpose of the Opioid Settlement Committee is to review Tennessee's Opioid Abatement & Remediation Uses document and apply its directives to recommend the distribution, payment, and administration of any funds from the presently held opioid litigation settlement funds or related funds that will be received in the future; and

WHEREAS, the County Mayor shall nominate to the county commission for approval professionals from across the county who have experience and expertise in issues related to substance use and recovery; and

WHEREAS, the term of service for each appointment will be two years without limit to the number of terms a member may be reappointed; and

WHEREAS, four (4) Weakley County Commissioners should be appointed to the committee and five (5) community leaders that reside in Weakley County, Tennessee should be appointed to the committee; and

WHEREAS, the committee will meet as necessary to come to an agreement on recommended strategies for the allocation and distribution of available opioid settlement funds; and

NOW THEREFORE, by the county legislative body of Weakley County, Tennessee assembled in regular session on this the 22nd day of January 2024, in Dresden, Tennessee, hereby

creates a committee to administer, oversee and recommend distribution, payment and administration of any funds to be received from the opioid litigation funds. In addition to the oversight of litigation settlement funds, the committee shall identify, develop a plan of action, and implement strategies to curb and attempt to overcome opioid abuse in Weakley County, Tennessee.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that all resolutions of the Board of County Commissioners of Weakley County, Tennessee which are in conflict with this resolution are hereby repealed.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution take effect from and after its passage by a majority of the members of the Board of County Commissioners of Weakley County, Tennessee. This resolution shall be spread upon the minutes of the Board of County Commissioners.

Pursuant To The Rules Of The Commission, This Resolution Is Sponsored By The Following Members Of The Weakley County Board Of County Commissioners:

SPONSORED BY:

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ACKNOWLEDGED AND APPROVED:

Chairman, Public Safety Committee

ATTESTED:

APPROVED:

Kim Hughey, County Clerk

Jake Bynum, Chairman, County Mayor

This the 22nd day of January 2024.