

HAMBLEN COUNTY LEGISLATIVE BODY

SPECIAL-CALLED MEETING

Monday, August 2, 2021

Hamblen County Courthouse – Large Courtroom

5:00 p.m.

Open Meeting - Sheriff Esco Jarnagin

Call to Order – Commission Vice-Chairman Tim Goins

Prayer – Commissioner Chris Cutshaw

Pledge of Allegiance – Commission Vice-Chairman Tim Goins

Roll Call - County Clerk Penny Petty

Order #	Vote	Item
1		<u>Public Comment Regarding Business of the Agenda Only (Commission Vice-Chairman Tim Goins)</u>
2	Vote	a. Resolution 21-13- A Resolution Authorizing the County Mayor Upon Consultation with Retained Counsel to Approve Any Terms or Agreements Which Resolve the County's Interest in the Opioid Litigation and to Execute Any Documents Necessary and Proper to Effectuate the Purpose of this Resolution
3		<u>Adjournment (Commission Vice-Chairman Tim Goins)</u>

RESOLUTION NO. 21-13

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY MAYOR UPON CONSULTATION WITH RETAINED COUNSEL, TO APPROVE ANY TERMS OR AGREEMENTS WHICH RESOLVE THE COUNTY'S INTEREST IN THE OPIOID LITIGATION AND TO EXECTURE ANY DOCUMENTS NECESSARY AND PROPER TO EFFECTUATE THE PURPOSE OF THIS RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, in 2017 District Attorney General Dan Armstrong, as the duly elected District Attorney General for the Third Judicial District of the State of Tennessee and representing Hamblen County, Tennessee, brought suit pursuant to the Tennessee Drug Dealer Liability Act in Sullivan County Circuit Court; and

WHEREAS, this action is commonly referred to as the opioid litigation; and

WHEREAS, due to the complex nature of the opioid litigation and because time is of the essence a certain degree of flexibility is required regarding the ability to agree upon settlement terms.

Now therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HAMBLLEN COUNTY LEGISLATIVE BODY AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION I. That the county legislative body authorizes the county mayor, upon consultation with retained counsel and the county attorney, to agree to settlement terms in order to resolve the lawsuit.

SECTION II. That the county mayor is authorized and directed to execute in a form approved by the county attorney all documents necessary and proper, and to take such acts as necessary to effectuate the purpose of this resolution.

SECTION III. That this resolution shall take effect from and after its adoption, the public welfare requiring it.

ADOPTED this the 2nd day of August, 2021.

TIM GOINS, VICE CHAIRMAN
(PRESIDING OFFICER)

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

ATTESTED:

CHRIS CAPPS, COUNTY ATTORNEY

PENNY PETTY, COUNTY CLERK