

**RESOLUTION TO CREATE OPIOID
BOARD RESOLUTION NO. 2023-20**

WHEREAS, litigation is pending concerning opioid crisis in Jefferson County, State of Tennessee and the United States of America, and;

WHEREAS, there are problem areas with opioid abuse in Jefferson County, Tennessee, and;

WHEREAS, Jefferson County has received and may receive additional funds in the future as a result of the litigation, and;

WHEREAS, strategies should be developed to identify and treat opioid abuse, and;

WHEREAS, a board could identify, develop a plan of action and implement strategies to curb or attempt to overcome opioid abuse, and;

WHEREAS, a board would be beneficial to oversee and administer any funds received, by or on behalf of Jefferson County, Tennessee.

WHEREAS, the board should have the authority to provide for the proper investment and administration of any settlement funds on behalf of the citizens of Jefferson County, Tennessee, subject to the approval of the Jefferson County Commission, and;

WHEREAS, two (2) county commissioners should be appointed to the board and five (5) community leaders that reside in Jefferson County, Tennessee should be appointed to the board.

WHEREAS, the Jefferson County Mayor shall appoint the seven (7) members to the board that reside in Jefferson County, Tennessee, subject to the approval of the Jefferson County Commission, and;

WHEREAS, the Jefferson County Health Department Director shall serve as an Ex-Officio Non-Voting Member of the Board, and;

NOW THEREFORE, the Jefferson County Commission, meeting in regular session on the 17th day of April, 2023, hereby creates a board 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 board shall identify, develop a plan of action and implement strategies to curb and attempt to overcome opioid abuse in Jefferson County, Tennessee.

Votes: 19 0 0
 Yes No Abstain

Attest: Frank C. Herndon Date: 4/19/2023
 Frank C. Herndon, County Clerk

Approved: Mark Potts Date: 4/19/2023
 Mark Potts, County Mayor

