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OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

To: Howard Shipley, Chairman
Hamblen County Commission

From: Bill Brittain, County Mayor *BB*

Date: July 27, 2021

Re: Special Called County Commission Meeting

This is your official notice that I have called a special meeting of the Hamblen County Commission for 5:15 p.m. Monday, August 2, 2021 in the large courtroom of the County Courthouse.

The purpose of the meeting is to vote on a resolution authorizing the acceptance of the settlement negotiated in the “Drug Dealer Liability Act Lawsuit” pending in Sullivan County Circuit Court. The Legislative Body will meet in closed executive session at 5 p.m. in the small courtroom adjacent to the Clerk and Master’s Office.

This notification satisfies the requirements under TCA 5-5-105.

Cc: Commissioners
Chris Capps, County Attorney
Penny Petty, County Clerk
Sgt. Steven Haag, HCSD

Bill Brittain, County Mayor

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RESOLUTION NO. _____

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 HAMBLEN 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.

HOWARD SHIPLEY, CHAIRMAN

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

ATTESTED:

CHRIS CAPPS, COUNTY ATTORNEY

PENNY PETTY, COUNTY CLERK