

RESOLUTION NO. 2022-150

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING BALDWIN COUNTY, ALABAMA, TO JOIN THE STATE OF ALABAMA AND OTHER LOCAL GOVERNMENTS AS PARTICIPANTS IN THE JANSSEN SETTLEMENT

WHEREAS, the opioid epidemic continues to impact communities in the United States, the State of Alabama, and Baldwin County, Alabama; and

WHEREAS, Baldwin County has suffered harm and will continue to suffer harm as a result of the opioid epidemic; and

WHEREAS, the State of Alabama and some Alabama local governments have filed lawsuits against opioid manufacturers, distributors, and retailers (“Opioid Litigation”); and

WHEREAS, the State of Alabama has entered into a Settlement Agreement with Johnson & Johnson, Janssen Pharmaceuticals, Inc., Ortho-McNeil-Janssen Pharmaceuticals, Inc., and Janssen Pharmaceutica, Inc. (collectively “Janssen”), which includes the claims for the State of Alabama’s local governments, and Baldwin County finds the terms of the Settlement Agreement acceptable and in the best interest of the community; and

WHEREAS, the State of Alabama has proposed a Janssen Settlement Sign-On Agreement to the local governments and Baldwin County finds the terms of the Sign-On Agreement acceptable and in the best interest of the community; and

WHEREAS, the Settlement Agreement and Sign-On Agreement detail the allocation of Settlement Funds, which Baldwin County finds acceptable and in the best interest of the community.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BALDWIN COUNTY COMMISSION OF BALWIN COUNTY, ALABAMA, AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. That Baldwin County finds that participation in the Janssen Settlement, Settlement Agreement and Sign-On Agreement is in the best interest of Baldwin 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 Baldwin County hereby expresses its support for the Janssen Settlement and allocation and use of Settlement Funds as generally described in the Settlement Agreement and Sign-On Agreement.

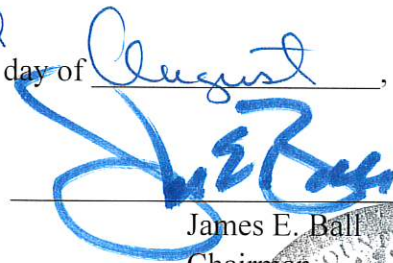
SECTION 3. That the Baldwin County Commission Chairman (“Chairman”) is hereby expressly authorized to execute the Janssen Settlement Sign-On Agreement, and the Chairman is hereby authorized to execute any formal agreements necessary to implement the Janssen Settlement and plan for the allocation and use of Settlement Funds.

SECTION 4. That the Chairman is hereby expressly authorized to execute any formal agreement and related documents evidencing Baldwin County’s agreement to the settlement of claims [and litigation] specifically related to Janssen.

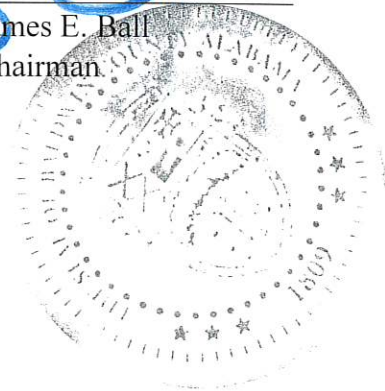
SECTION 5. That the Chairman is authorized to take such other action as necessary and appropriate to effectuate Baldwin County’s participation in the Janssen Settlement.

SECTION 6. This Resolution is effective upon adoption, the welfare of Baldwin County, Alabama requiring it.

ADOPTED AND APPROVED this the 3rd day of August, 2022.



James E. Ball
Chairman



ATTEST:



Ronald J. Cink, County Administrator/Budget Director

