



## AGENDA ITEM

### County Attorney

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**REPORT TO:** Work Session (09/08/25)

**REPORT TO:** Voting Meeting (09/11/25)

**ITEM NO:** 548/2025

**SUBJECT:** Approval and authorization for the Chairman to execute a Subdivision Participation Form agreeing to Hall County's participation in a National Opioid Settlement Agreement with Sandoz, dated August 31, 2023, ("Sandoz Settlement"), as an Eligible Entity as defined in the Sandoz Settlement, and any and all additional documents necessary to effectuate the settlement, and ratification of all actions taken to date concerning the same, subject to review and approval by the County Attorney.

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### Meetings:

**Work Session Date:** 09/08/25

**Voting Meeting Date:** 09/11/25

### Executive Summary:

**Presenter:** JL

**Recommendation:**  
Approve

**Purpose of Request:**

**History:**

To request approval and authorization for the Chairman to execute a Subdivision Participation Form agreeing to Hall County's participation in a National Opioid Settlement Agreement with Sandoz, dated August 31, 2023, ("Sandoz Settlement"), as an Eligible Entity as defined in the Sandoz Settlement, and any and all additional documents necessary to effectuate the settlement, and ratification of all actions taken to date concerning the same, subject to review and approval by the County Attorney.

According to data from the CDC, over 1 million Americans have died of opioid involved overdoses since 1999. This increase in opioid-involved death is often described as having come in waves, with the initial wave being attributed to the misuses and diversion of prescription opioids (e.g. OxyContin), the second wave being attributed to the increased availability of heroin, and the third wave being attributed to the misuse of pharmaceutical fentanyl and increased availability of illicit, non-pharmaceutical fentanyl. In response to the opioid crisis, federal, state and local governments took actions that included enacting several laws intended to expand the availability of substance use prevention, treatment, and recovery services. They have also buttressed these efforts by pursuing a substantial number of civil lawsuits against entities along the prescription opioid supply chain, alleging that these entities engaged in various conduct such as misleading promotion or inadequate control of prescription opioids which fueled the crisis. Hall County has been a participant in several of these lawsuits and will be receiving funding from these settlements that are to be used to remediate the effects of the opioid crisis. Hall County has been contacted regarding a new settlement with Sandoz, a pharmaceutical company, which requires the submission of a Subdivision Participation Form in order for Hall County to receive any funds from the settlement. Hall County must complete the necessary paperwork to participate in the settlement.

#### Facts and Issues:

The settlement will provide funds to Hall County to assist with the County's response to the Opioid Crisis.

#### Options:

The County must make an election to participate in the settlement. An election to participate in the settlement will allow the County to receive distribution from this provider.

**Funding Requested**

\$ 0.00

**Are funds within current budget?**

No

**Source of Funds**

**Does the action involve a Resolution, Ordinance, Contract, Agreement, etc.?**

No

**Has it been reviewed by the County Attorney?**

Yes

**Is there a deadline for this item?**

#### Approvals:

Submit	Budget	Finance	Attorney
JL	JM	EW	JL
Administration		Clerk	
CR		JR	

#### Attachments:

Sandoz Participation Form