

RESOLUTION NO. 20260728-07

Approving Allocation of a Portion of the Opioid Abatement Settlement Funds

Whereas, Lawrence County has participated in nationwide opioid settlement agreements with pharmaceutical manufacturers, distributors, and related entities to resolve claims arising from the opioid epidemic; and

Whereas, pursuant to those settlement agreements and applicable Tennessee law, Lawrence County has received opioid abatement settlement proceeds to be used for programs and initiatives intended to remediate the effects of the opioid crisis and improve the health and well-being of its citizens; and

Whereas, the Lawrence County Budget Committee has reviewed proposed allocations of a portion of the opioid abatement settlement funds and has recommended the appropriations set forth herein; and

Whereas, the Lawrence County Legislative Body finds that the proposed allocations are consistent with the purposes of the opioid settlement agreements and will support programs addressing substance abuse prevention, behavioral health, treatment, recovery, and related public health initiatives within Lawrence County;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Lawrence County Legislative Body meeting in Regular Session on this 28th day of July 2026, that:

Section 1. Allocation of Opioid Abatement Settlement Funds. A portion of the opioid abatement settlement funds received by Lawrence County is hereby appropriated as follows:

55900	Other Public Health and Welfare		
316-OPI	Lawrence County School System	Salary, Benefits and Training for Social Worker Position at JC Barnett Center	\$ 68,800.00
316-OPI	8 Oaks Recovery Inc.	Computer Lab, Treatment Program Operations, Renovations and Infrastructure Improvements	\$179,287.41
316-OPI	Lawrence County Substance Abuse Prevention Coalition	Student Mental Health/Behavioral Health Social Worker Project	\$100,000.00
		TOTAL (55900)	\$348,087.41
		TOTAL ALLOCATION	\$348,087.41

Section 2. Authorized Uses. The appropriations approved herein shall be expended solely for eligible opioid remediation and abatement purposes consistent with the applicable opioid settlement agreements, the requirements of the Tennessee Opioid Abatement Council, and all applicable provisions of Tennessee law.

Section 3. Administration. The County Executive, Director of Accounts and Budgets, and such other County officials as may be necessary are authorized to administer these appropriations and to take all actions reasonably necessary to implement this Resolution in accordance with the applicable settlement requirements.

Section 4. Budget Authorization. The appropriations approved by this Resolution are incorporated into and shall be administered in accordance with the Lawrence County Budget for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2026, and ending June 30, 2027.

Section 5. Effective Date. This Resolution shall take effect upon its passage, the public welfare requiring it.

Passed this 28th day of July 2026.

Shane Eaton, Chair
Lawrence County Legislative Body

David A. Morgan, County Executive

ATTEST:

Russ Brewer, County Clerk

SPONSOR: Budget Committee