

**HUNTERDON COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
TELECONFERENCE MEETING ONLY**

71 Main Street, Commissioner's Meeting Room, 2nd Floor
Flemington, New Jersey 08822
November 30, 2021

Dial-In Number: 720-399-1558 or 877-658-5107
Passcode: 403752

5:00 p.m. CONVENE: "This special meeting is being held in accordance with the provisions of the Open Public Meetings Act. Adequate notice has been given by posting throughout the year a copy of the notice on Bulletin Boards on the First and Second Floor of the Main Street County Complex, Building #1, Flemington, New Jersey, a public place reserved for such announcements. A copy was mailed on or before November 24, 2021, to the Hunterdon County Democrat, Star Ledger, Trenton Times, Courier News, TAPinto (online) and the Express Times, newspapers designated to receive such notices and by filing a copy with the Hunterdon County Clerk."

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

MOMENT OF SILENCE

PUBLIC COMMENT, Limited to two minutes
(Comments in excess of two minutes were be entertained later in the agenda)

CONSENT AGENDA

County Counsel Shana Taylor advised that Nationwide settlements have resolved what is known as the MDL Opioid Litigation, which was brought by state and local political subdivisions against some of the largest pharmaceutical distributors. The settlement will provide funds to state and local government for abatement of the Opioids epidemic. If the proposed settlements are fully adopted by states and subdivisions nationwide, approximately \$22.8 billion in settlement proceeds being payable to state and local subdivisions, with New Jersey potentially receiving \$600 million of this settlement. At least 85% of the settlement must be used for abatement of the Opioid Epidemic. Funds could be received as early as April 2022, depending on when a settling State meets the certain requirements. This would allow Hunterdon County to allocate funds to the local non-profit groups or other governmental entities, such as the Prosecutor's Office and the Department of Human Resources, to achieve the type of abatement work that is anticipated in the settlement. The settlement requires that both state and local governments "opt in" over the next 6 months.

See page 11/30/2021-1A RESOLUTION
RESOLUTION 2021-801 – RESOLVED, Authorizing a Professional Services Agreement for Opioid Litigation / Settlement Counsel.
MOVED: Mr. Rich
SECONDED: Mr. Lanza
ROLL CALL (AYES): Mr. Rich, Mr. Lanza, Mr. Holt, Mr. Van Doren, Ms. Soloway

PUBLIC COMMENT

ADJOURN

The Board adjourned at 5:09 PM on a motion by Deputy Director Mr. Lanza and seconded by Commissioner Van Doren and followed by voice carry.

Respectfully submitted by:

Brad Myhre, Clerk of the Board

Transcribed by:

Lindsay Heller, Secretary to the Board