



County of Lackawanna

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Ordinance #261

Disposition of Opioid Settlement Monies

First Reading: August 21, 2019

Second Reading: September 4, 2019

ORDINANCE #261

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
OF THE
COUNTY OF LACKAWANNA, PENNSYLVANIA

**AN ORDINANCE REQUIRING THE DISPOSITION OF SETTLEMENT MONIES
RECEIVED BY THE COUNTY TO BE DIRECTED TO REIMBURSE ACTUAL COSTS TO
THE COUNTY, AND THE REMAINDER OF THE FUNDS TO BE DIRECTED TO PROVIDE
FOR SERVICES FOR TREATMENT OF DRUG ADDICTION AND REHABILITATION
PROGRAMS**

WHEREAS, Lackawanna County is a Third Class County existing pursuant to the Laws of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania; and

WHEREAS, the Lackawanna County Board of Commissioners does have the authority to set the procedure for the management of the fiscal affairs of Lackawanna County pursuant to the Lackawanna County Home Rule Charter and Pennsylvania County Code; and

WHEREAS, The Board of Commissioners of Lackawanna County authorized Lackawanna County to stand as a Plaintiff in litigation against fourteen (14) pharmaceutical companies seeking reimbursement for the actual costs and other damages suffered by the County as a result of the pharmaceutical companies failure to warn of the highly addictive nature and dangers of the long-term use of prescription opioid medications; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners believes it to be in the best interests of the Residents of Lackawanna County to enact the following legislation.

NOW THEREFORE, the Board of Commissioners of the County of Lackawanna hereby ordains as follows:

1. All settlement monies realized by Lackawanna County, whether through settlement or court

judgment, in the civil case captioned: *Lackawanna County vs. Purdue Pharma, L.P., et al.*, filed in the Court of Common Pleas of Lackawanna County to term and number 2017-CV-5156, shall first be directed to reimburse the County for the actual costs to the County in addressing the opioid crisis, and the remainder of the settlement proceeds being directed exclusively towards providing services for treatment of drug addiction and rehabilitation programs.

2. The provisions of this Ordinance are severable. If any section, clause, sentence, part or provision of this Ordinance shall be determined to be illegal or invalid by any court of competent jurisdiction, such decision shall not impair or affect the remaining terms, sections and clauses of this Ordinance.

3. This ordinance shall be in full force and effect Ten (10) days after passage.

ADOPTED at a regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners of Lackawanna County

held on September 4, 2019.

COUNTY OF LACKAWANNA



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