

**JEFFERSON COUNTY
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

AGENDA REQUEST

TO: Board of Commissioners
Josh Peters, County Administrator

FROM: Philip C. Hunsucker, Chief Civil Deputy Prosecuting Attorney

DATE: September 15, 2025

RE: Joining Nine New Opioid Settlements

STATEMENT OF ISSUE

Nine new opioid national settlements have been reached, which require the county to file opt in paperwork by September 30, 2025. A memorandum from the Prosecuting Attorney's Office explains the situation in greater detail and is attached.

Previous opioid settlements have generated about \$2 million in recoveries for the county.

Jefferson County's Opioid Settlement Recoveries as of September 5, 2025	
Distributor Settlement	\$896,804.78
Janssen (J&J) Settlement	\$218,933.00
Walmart Settlement	\$129,632.68
Allergen Settlement	\$103,100.73
Teva Settlement	\$173,059.73
CVS Settlement	\$228,917.95
Walgreens Settlement	\$248,924.30
TOTAL	\$1,999,373.17

Under the leadership of James Kennedy, the PAO is happy to report that 9 new nationwide opioid settlements in principle (the 9 settlement) have been reached that likely will result in up to \$2,556,418.26 in new recoveries for the county, provided the county opts into them.

ANALYSIS:

After 8 years of litigation effort, the 9 settlements in principle have been reached with opioid manufacturers totaling over \$7.9 billion, a significant portion of which will be paid next year, with the rest being paid out over time. Up to \$2,556,418.26 in new recoveries that will be paid to the county, provided the county opts into all of the 9 settlements.

The 9 settlements have been approved by all 50 states. The Washington Attorney General's Office, the county's outside counsel and the Prosecuting Attorney's Office all favor the county signing on to the 9 settlements. There is no reasonable alternative to joining the 9 settlements because there is no way the county can take on these opioid titans alone.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Opting into the 9 settlements will generate up to \$2,556,418.26 in new recoveries for the county in recoveries for opioid abatement in Jefferson County.

RECOMMENDATION:

Approve participation by the County in the 9 new settlements and authorize Chief Civil Deputy Prosecuting Attorney Philip Hunsucker to sign and file the opt in paperwork before September 30, 2025. The recommendation Philip to sign and file the necessary paperwork results from him being the point of contact for the county for the last 8 years.

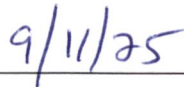
DEPARTMENT CONTACT:

Philip C. Hunsucker, Chief Civil Deputy Prosecuting Attorney at Extension 219

REVIEWED BY:



Josh Peters, County Administrator



Date