



Amherst County Board of Supervisors
County Resolution No. 2025-11-R

For consideration on August 19, 2025

A RESOLUTION, NO. 2025-11-R

A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE PURDUE PHARMA BANKRUPTCY PLAN AND APPROVING AMHERST COUNTY'S PARTICIPATION IN THE PROPOSED DIRECT SETTLEMENT OF OPIOID-RELATED CLAIMS AGAINST THE SACKLER FAMILY, AND DIRECTING THE COUNTY'S OUTSIDE COUNSEL TO EXECUTE THE DOCUMENTS NECESSARY TO ACCEPT THE PLAN AND EFFECUATE THE COUNTY'S PARTICIPATION IN THE SETTLEMENT.

Approved as to form by the County Attorney

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF AMHERST, VIRGINIA:

- I. That the Amherst County Board of Supervisors ("Board") accepts the Purdue Pharma Bankruptcy plan.**

WHEREAS, the opioid epidemic that has cost thousands of human lives across the country also impacts Amherst County by adversely impacting the delivery of emergency medical, law enforcement, criminal justice, mental health and substance abuse services, and other services by Amherst County's various departments and agencies; and

WHEREAS, Amherst County has been required and will continue to be required to allocate substantial taxpayer dollars, resources, staff energy and time to address the damage the opioid epidemic has caused and continues to cause the citizens of Amherst County; and

WHEREAS, a settlement proposal has been negotiated that will cause the Sackler family, the owners of the Purdue Pharma family of companies, to pay an aggregate of \$6.5 billion dollars nationwide to resolve opioid-related claims against them and resolve Purdue Pharma's bankruptcy; and

WHEREAS, Amherst County has filed suit against Purdue Pharma and the Sackler family for their role in the distribution, manufacture, and sale of the pharmaceutical opioid products that have fueled the opioid epidemic that has harmed Amherst County; and

WHEREAS, the Amherst County suit seeks recovery of the public funds previously expended and to be expended in the future to abate the consequences and harms of the opioid epidemic; and

WHEREAS, Amherst County submitted a proof of claim in the bankruptcy and is thus entitled to vote on whether the bankruptcy court should accept or reject the associated bankruptcy plan;


WHEREAS, Amherst County has approved and adopted the Virginia Opioid Abatement Fund and Settlement Allocation Memorandum of Understanding (the "Virginia MOU"), and affirms that this pending settlement with the Sackler family shall be considered a "Settlement" that is subject to the Virginia MOU, and shall be administered and allocated in the same manner as the opioid settlements entered into previously with the Distributors, Janssen, Teva, Allergan, Walmart, CVS, Walgreens, and Kroger; and

WHEREAS, Amherst County's outside counsel has reviewed the available information about the proposed settlement with the Sackler family and the Purdue Pharma bankruptcy plan and has recommended that the County accept the bankruptcy plan and participate in the settlement, in order to recover its share of the funds that the settlement would provide;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Amherst County Board of Supervisors, this 19th day of August, 2025, accepts the Purdue Pharma bankruptcy plan and approves of the County's participation in the proposed settlement of opioid-related claims against the Sackler family, and directs the County's outside counsel to execute the documents necessary to effectuate the County's participation in the settlement, including the required release of claims against the Sackler family, and accept the bankruptcy plan.

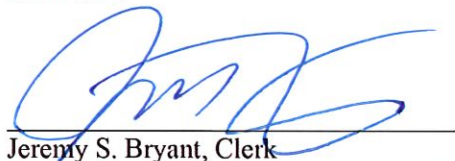
II. That this resolution shall be in force and effect upon adoption.

Adopted this 19th day of August, 2025.



Claudia D. Tucker, Chair
Board of Supervisors of the County of Amherst, Virginia

ATTEST:



Jeremy S. Bryant, Clerk
Board of Supervisors of the County of Amherst, Virginia

Ayes 5

Nays 0

Abstentions 0