

Amherst County Board of Supervisors County Resolution No. 2025-12-R

For consideration on August 19, 2025

A RESOLUTION, NO. 2025-12-R

A RESOLUTION APPROVING OF AMHERST COUNTY'S PARTICIPATION IN THE PROPOSED SETTLEMENTS OF OPIOID-RELATED CLAIMS AGAINST ALVOGEN, AMNEAL, APOTEX, HIKMA, INDIVIOR, MYLAN, SUN, AND ZYDUS AND THEIR RELATED CORPORATED ENTITIES, AND DIRECTING THE COUNTY ATTORNEY AND/OR THE COUNTY'S OUTSIDE COUNSEL TO EXECUTE THE DOCUMENTS NECESSARY TO EFFECTUATE THE COUNTY'S PARTICIPATION IN THE SETTLEMENTS.

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") approves of the county's participation in the proposed settlements of opioid-related claims.

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, eight settlement proposals have been negotiated that will cause eight opioids manufacturers, Alvogen, Inc., Amneal Pharmaceuticals, Inc., Apotex Corp, Hikma Pharmaceuticals USA, Inc., Indivior Inc., Mylan Pharmaceuticals Inc, Sun Pharmaceutical Industries, Inc., and Zydus Pharmaceuticals (USA) Inc. (collectively the "Manufacturers") to pay approximately \$720 million nationwide to resolve opioid-related claims against it; and

WHEREAS, Amherst County has filed suit against certain of the manufacturers and their related corporate entities 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, Amherst County's 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, the County has approved and adopted the Virginia Opioid Abatement Fund and Settlement Allocation Memorandum of Understanding (the "Virginia MOU"), and affirms that these pending settlements with the Manufacturers 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, the County's outside opioid litigation counsel has recommended that the County participate in the eight settlements in order to recover its share of the funds that the Manufacturers settlements would provide; and

WHEREAS, the County Attorney has reviewed the available information about the proposed settlements and concurs with the recommendation of outside counsel; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Amherst County Board of Supervisors, this 19th day of August, 2025, approves of the County's participation in the proposed settlements of opioid-related claims against the Manufacturers and their related corporate entities, and directs the County Attorney and/or the County's outside counsel to execute the documents necessary to effectuate the County's participation in the settlements, including the required release of claims against the Manufacturers.

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 8. Bryant, Clerk

Board of Supervisors of the County of Amherst, Virginia

Ayes 5

Nays 🚫

Abstentions ________