

FORSYTH COUNTY

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

MEETING DATE: FEBRUARY 15, 2018 AGENDA ITEM NUMBER: 13

SUBJECT: RESOLUTION SELECTING AND AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF AN AGREEMENT WITH THE LEGAL TEAM OF GREENE, KETCHUM, FARRELL, BAILEY & TWEEL, LLP, LEVIN, PAPANTONIO, THOMAS, MITCHELL, RAFFERTY & PROCTOR, PA, BARON & BUDD, PC, HILL PETERSON CARPER BEE & DEITZLER PLLC, POWELL & MAJESTRO, MCHUGH FULLER LAW GROUP, PAUL D. COATES, DONALD R. VAUGHAN AND ASSOCIATES AND GARRY WHITAKER TO PROVIDE LEGAL REPRESENTATION TO FORSYTH COUNTY AGAINST OPIOID MANUFACTURERS AND DISTRIBUTORS

COUNTY MANAGER'S RECOMMENDATION OR COMMENTS:

SUMMARY OF INFORMATION:

ATTACHMENTS: YES NO

SIGNATURE: _____ DATE: _____
COUNTY MANAGER

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WHEREAS, the health and safety of the residents of Forsyth County have been negatively impacted and continue to be threatened by the opioid crisis; and

WHEREAS, Forsyth County has expended considerable County resources and manpower in responding to the serious public health and safety crisis involving opioid abuse and addiction; and

WHEREAS, the Forsyth County Board of Commissioners desires to address the opioid crisis in Forsyth County by pursuing legal action against opioid manufacturers and distributors;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Forsyth County Board of Commissioners hereby selects the legal team of Greene, Ketchum, Farrell, Bailey & Tweel, LLP, Levin, Papantonio, Thomas, Mitchell, Rafferty & Proctor, PA, Baron & Budd, PC, Hill Peterson Carper Bee & Deitzler PLLC, Powell & Majestro, McHugh Fuller Law Group, Paul D. Coates, Donald R. Vaughan and Associates and Garry Whitaker to provide legal representation to Forsyth County against opioid manufacturers and distributors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Chairman or County Manager and Clerk to the Board are hereby authorized to execute, on behalf of Forsyth County, an agreement with the legal team of Greene, Ketchum, Farrell, Bailey & Tweel, LLP, Levin, Papantonio, Thomas, Mitchell, Rafferty & Proctor, PA, Baron & Budd, PC, Hill Peterson Carper Bee & Deitzler PLLC, Powell & Majestro, McHugh Fuller Law Group, Paul D. Coates, Donald R. Vaughan and Associates and Garry Whitaker in consideration of a contingency fee of twenty-five percent (25%) of monetary recovery acceptable to the County, subject to a pre-audit certificate thereon by the County Chief Financial Officer and approval as to form and legality by the County Attorney.

Adopted this 15th day of February 2018.