



**RESOLUTION NO. 2025-53**

**AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY MANAGER TO TAKE ALL ACTIONS NECESSARY FOR PARTICIPATION IN OPIOID LITIGATION SETTLEMENTS, INCLUDING EXECUTION OF RELATED CONTRACTS FOR GOODS, SERVICES, AND CONSTRUCTION FOLLOWING APPROVAL BY THE OPIOID REMEDIATION COLLABORATIVE, AND RATIFYING PRIOR ACTIONS**

**WHEREAS**, the Board of County Commissioners of Valencia County met upon notice of a duly published business meeting on July 23, 2025, at the Valencia County Administration Building, 444 Luna Avenue, Los Lunas, New Mexico 87031; and

**WHEREAS**, Valencia County has been significantly affected by the nationwide opioid epidemic, which has resulted in loss of life, widespread addiction, increased public health and safety costs, and substantial harm to the community; and

**WHEREAS**, the County has participated in national litigation efforts aimed at holding manufacturers, distributors, and producers of opioids accountable for the consequences of their conduct; and

**WHEREAS**, those efforts have resulted in significant settlement agreements, including the Purdue Pharma bankruptcy and Sackler family settlement totaling approximately \$8 billion, requiring a vote on the Purdue Plan and execution of a Governmental Entity Settlement Agreement (“GESA”); and settlements with nine additional defendants, including Alvogen, Amneal, Apotex, Hikma, Indivior, Mylan, Sun Pharma, Zydus, and Sandoz, totaling approximately \$1.2 billion in combined monetary and non-monetary relief; and

**WHEREAS**, participation in these settlements requires timely action by local governments, and the Board desires to ensure that the County Manager is fully authorized to carry out any necessary steps to complete that participation and secure the County’s share of settlement proceeds; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board finds that such actions are in the best interest of the County and its residents, and that securing these funds will support critical programs to address the ongoing impacts of the opioid epidemic; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board also desires to ratify any prior actions taken by the County Manager in furtherance of the County’s participation in such claims and settlements; and

**WHEREAS**, the County participates in the Opioid Remediation Collaborative of New Mexico, which reviews and approves projects for the expenditure of opioid litigation proceeds consistent with the terms of the national settlements and applicable law; and

**WHEREAS**, to facilitate the prompt and effective implementation of approved opioid remediation projects, the Board desires to authorize the County Manager to execute all contracts for goods, services, and construction associated with such projects, without limitation, once such expenditures have been approved by the Opioid Remediation Collaborative.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Board of County Commissioners of Valencia County, New Mexico, that the County Manager is hereby authorized and directed to take all actions necessary to ensure the County's participation in all applicable opioid-related settlements, including but not limited to voting to approve the Purdue Pharma Plan; executing the Governmental Entity Settlement Agreement (GESA); executing participation forms for settlements with the above-named defendants; and transmitting such materials by applicable deadlines and through appropriate means, including email, DocuSign, or secure web portals.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** by the Board of County Commissioners that the County Manager is hereby authorized and directed to execute, without limitation, any and all contracts for goods, services, or construction utilizing opioid litigation proceeds, provided that such expenditures have been reviewed and approved by the Opioid Remediation Collaborative.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** by the Board of County Commissioners that the County Manager is further authorized to make all certifications, representations, and assurances necessary to confirm the County's participation in settlement processes and to secure and expend opioid litigation proceeds for the purpose of opioid abatement, treatment, and prevention, and that the Board hereby ratifies and confirms all actions previously taken by the County Manager relating to the County's participation in opioid-related claims, litigation, and settlement processes.

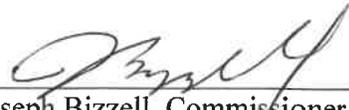
PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED THIS 23<sup>rd</sup> DAY OF JULY 2025

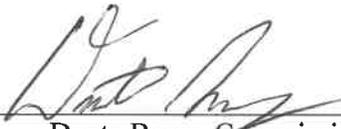
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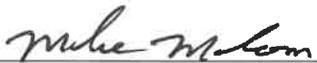
  
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