

***MINUTES***  
***VANCE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS***  
***OPIOID SETTLEMENT FUNDS ANNUAL MEETING***  
***September 16, 2024***

The Vance County Board of Commissioners held its Opioid Settlement Funds Annual Meeting on Monday, September 16, 2024 at 4:00 p.m. in the Commissioners' Conference Room, Vance County Administration Building, 122 Young Street, Henderson, NC. Those commissioners present were as follows: Chair R. Dan Brummitt, Vice-Chair Leo Kelly, Jr., and Commissioner Archie B. Taylor, Jr.

Absent: Commissioners Sean A. Alston, Sr., Carolyn Faines, Yolanda J. Feimster, and Thomas S. Hester, Jr.

Also present were County Manager C. Renee Perry and Clerk to the Board Kelly H. Grissom.

The NC Memorandum of Agreement requires that each county receiving opioid settlement funds hold at least one annual meeting open to the public and invite all incorporated municipalities in the county to attend. The meeting was advertised, and Vance County municipalities were invited to attend, but none were in attendance.

County Manager C. Renee Perry noted that, to date, Vance County has received \$1,861,404 and will receive \$6.2M by the end of 2038. She presented graphs highlighting substances contributing to overdose deaths, fentanyl deaths in Vance County, and 18-year payments to state and local governments.

She stated that the memorandum of understanding offers local governments two options and noted that Vance County has chosen Option A. See options below:

- Option A: a local government may fund one or more strategies from a shorter list of evidence-based, high impact strategies to address the epidemic
- Option B: a local government may fund one or more strategies from a longer list of strategies after engaging in a collaborative strategic planning process involving a diverse array of stakeholders

The group discussed the structure of the current opioid committee which is currently comprised of Commissioners Sean A. Alston, Sr., Carolyn Faines, and Yolanda Feimster. Commissioners Taylor and Kelly both stated that they would like to see more diversity on this committee to include EMS, the health department, social services, the hospital, etc. Chair Brummitt stated that once discussions progress on how to spend the funding, it would be appropriate to include those entities.

As there was no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

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