



**MOORE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
SPECIAL MEETING
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 5, 2022, 2:00 P.M.**

The Moore County Board of Commissioners convened for a Special Meeting at 2:00pm, Wednesday, October 5, 2022, at the Moore County Agricultural Center, 707 Pinehurst Avenue, Carthage, North Carolina. The purpose of the meeting was to convene with local municipal officials regarding the opioid allocation agreement resulting from the national opioid settlement.

Commissioners Present:

Chairman Frank Quis, Vice Chair Catherine Graham, Nick Picerno

Commissioners Absent:

Jerry Daeke, Otis Ritter

Chairman Quis called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone. County Manager Wayne Vest provided opening remarks, noting that this meeting would help set the foundation for how settlement funds would be applied in Moore County. Introductions were made and the following municipalities were represented: Carthage, Pinebluff, Robbins, Southern Pines, Whispering Pines. Additionally, several community partners and stakeholders were in attendance, including representation from the media, Moore County Schools, Drug Free Moore County, TIDES Sandhills, Samaritan Colony, Sandhills Center, Bridge to Recovery, FirstHealth and Consortium, Sandhills Teen Challenge, assistant to Senator Thom Tillis, and interested citizens and Moore County staff.

Interim Health Director Matt Garner, Public Safety Director Bryan Phillips, and Sheriff Ronnie Fields all provided information regarding their departments' involvement in addressing the opioid crisis in Moore County. County Attorney Misty Leland provided information regarding the Option A chosen by the commissioners for the settlement and what could be funded, and County Manager Wayne Vest provided information regarding funds received to date and what was anticipated for future receipt.

Questions and discussion followed amongst all in attendance covering the following:

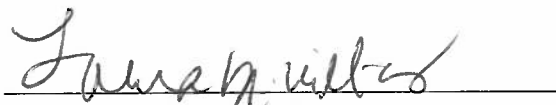
- How municipalities could augment the plan
- Prescribed drug use vs. other than intended drug use
- Programming in Moore County Schools and Sandhills Community College
- Qualifications for receipt of settlement funding
- Over-prescribing / STOP Act of 2017

- Pill drop options
- Consideration for Narcan bulk purchasing by County to be distributed to municipalities, etc.
- Drug usage demographics
- Opioid dashboard on County webpage
- Overdoses following release from jail
- Holistic approach, treatment, prevention
- Education of providers re: attitude toward addicts
- Legal options for sending someone to treatment
- Funding application process

Following the group discussion, the commissioners offered comments. Commissioner Picerno noted he was glad Moore County had so many giving people, so close, with so many good programs, and he looked forward to the funding proposals from these agencies. Commissioner Graham said it was good to see so many people at the meeting. She noted the importance of training physicians, of helping employers help their addicted employees, and of getting more people at the table, such as representatives of the court system. Chairman Quis said he had learned a lot, and he thanked everyone for their work. He said there was still more work to do, and he suggested getting back together in three months to share updated information and determine how to use resources most effectively.

There being no further business, upon motion made by Commissioner Graham, seconded by Commissioner Picerno, the Board voted 3-0 to adjourn the October 5, 2022, Special Meeting of the Moore County Board of Commissioners at 3:30pm.


Francis R. Quis, Jr., Chairman


Laura M. Williams, Clerk to the Board

