


<p>Agenda</p> 	<p style="text-align: center;">TIOGA COUNTY LEGISLATURE</p> <p style="text-align: right;">8/19/2021 10:00 AM EDWARD D. HUBBARD AUDITORIUM Ronald E. Dougherty County Office Building 56 Main Street Owego NY 13827</p>	
<p>Meeting called by:</p>	<p>Deputy Chair Ed Hollenbeck</p>	
<p>Type of meeting:</p>	<p>4th Special</p>	
<p>Attendees:</p>	<p>Legislator Balliet Legislator Hollenbeck Legislator Monell Legislator Mullen Legislator Roberts Legislator Sauerbrey Legislator Standing Legislator Sullivan Legislator Weston</p>	
	<p style="text-align: center;">Agenda topics</p>	
<p>Invocation Pledge of Allegiance</p>	<p>Legislator Monell Legislator Monell</p>	
<p>RESOLUTIONS:</p>	<p>1. Authorizing and Approving a Settlement Agreement with Johnson and Johnson, Janssen Pharmaceuticals, Inc., Ortho-McNeil-Janssen Pharmaceuticals, Inc., and Janssen Pharmaceutica, Inc. Concerning Claims Related to the Opioid Crisis</p>	

REFERRED TO: LEGAL/FINANCE
LEGISLATIVE WORKSESSION

RESOLUTION NO. -21 AUTHORIZING AND APPROVING A SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT WITH JOHNSON AND JOHNSON, JANSSEN PHARMACEUTICALS, INC., ORTHO-MCNEIL-JANSSEN PHARMACEUTICALS, INC. AND JANSSEN PHARMACEUTICA, INC. CONCERNING CLAIMS RELATED TO THE OPIOID CRISIS

WHEREAS: Tioga County has joined in a legal action seeking compensation from those who are responsible for causing and perpetuating the opioid addiction crisis (the "Action"); and

WHEREAS: The Action is against several defendants, including manufacturers of opioids, distributors of opioids and chain pharmacies; and

WHEREAS: The Action alleges several causes of action against defendants Johnson & Johnson, Janssen Pharmaceuticals, Inc., Ortho-McNeil-Janssen Pharmaceuticals, Inc. and Janssen Pharmaceutica, Inc. ("J & J") based on claims that J & J contributed to the opioid epidemic by falsely promoting prescription opioids it manufactured and sold and by falsely promoting the increased use of opioids directly and generally through various "front groups" and failing to implement measures to prevent diversion of prescription opioids in connection with distribution of its products, all of which contributed to a public health crisis in New York; and

WHEREAS: J & J has offered to settle the claims against it by paying a sum to be used for restitution and abatement and agreeing to not manufacture, sell or promote opioids; and

WHEREAS: The final amount to be received by Tioga County will have a potential maximum value of \$315,403.91; and

WHEREAS: It is in the best interest of Tioga County to resolve this matter with respect to J & J without further litigation and enter into an agreement to settle all allegations against J & J and avoid protracted litigation; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That Tioga County is authorized to settle its claim with J & J and Tioga County Chair of the Legislature Martha Sauerbrey is authorized to execute such forms and agreements, as approved by the County Attorney, to compromise the claim of the Defendants J & J and distribute the proceeds between the participating Plaintiffs.