



# Gaston County

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## Board Action Report

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Board of Commissioners - County Attorney - To Approve the Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) Between the State of North Carolina and Local Governments on Proceeds Relating to the Settlement of Opioid Litigation

### **STAFF CONTACT**

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### **BUDGET IMPACT**

N/A

### **BUDGET ORDINANCE IMPACT**

N/A

### **BACKGROUND**

Gaston County, along with certain counties and municipalities in North Carolina, joined with thousands of local governments across the country to file lawsuits against opioid manufacturers and pharmaceutical distribution companies and hold those companies accountable for their misconduct.

This litigation was intended to address the opioid crisis, increasing levels of drug misuse, addiction, and overdose death.

In anticipation of a forthcoming settlement in the national opioid litigation, representatives of local North Carolina governments, the North Carolina Association of County Commissioners, and the North Carolina Department of Justice have negotiated and prepared a Memorandum of Agreement to provide for the equitable distribution of any proceeds from a settlement of national opioid litigation to the State of North Carolina and to individual local governments.

By signing the Memorandum of Agreement, the state and local governments maximize North Carolina's share of opioid settlement funds to ensure the needed resources reach communities as quickly as possible once a negotiation is finalized.

### **POLICY IMPACT**

None

### **ATTACHMENTS**

Resolution, Memorandum of Agreement and Signature Pages