COMMISSIONERS’ AGENDA
December 20, 2021
10:00 am

PRESENT: Mary Ann Harwood, Don Hartwell, Terry Tomsheck and Treva Nelson, Clerk & Recorder

Public comment is allowed on all agenda items at the direction of the Chairman and following Board rules.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Approval of December 6, 2021, Meeting Minutes: Don motioned to approve. Terry seconded the motion, the motion carried.

1. Consider RESOLUTION #17-2021, a resolution for Toole County to participate in Janssen Opioids Settlement and the McKesson Corporation, Cardinal Health, Inc., and Amerisource Bergen Settlement. Don motioned to approve. Terry seconded the motion, the motion carried.

2. Consider the Toole County Attorney Merle Raph to act as the County’s Authorized Official to execute all required documentation for the participation of Toole County in the Janssen Opioids Settlement and the McKesson Corporation, Cardinal Health, Inc., and Amerisource Bergen Settlement. Don motioned to approve. Terry seconded the motion, the motion carried.

3. Consider RESOLUTION #18-2021, a resolution dissolving the North Toole County Cemetery and the South Toole County Cemetery as their own government entity for reporting purposes for the Dept. of Administration. Don motioned to approve. Terry seconded the motion, the motion carried.

4. Consider MOU with the City of Shelby for the ARPA funds. TABLED
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
TOOLE COUNTY, MONTANA

RESOLUTION No. 17-2021

WHEREAS, the people of the State of Montana and its communities have been harmed by serious and substantial wrongdoing committed by certain entities within the Pharmaceutical Supply Chain; and,

WHEREAS, the State of Montana, through the State’s Attorney Office of the Montana Attorney General, and certain litigating cities and counties, through their elected representatives and counsel, are separately engaged in litigation seeking to hold manufacturers, distributors, and others in the Pharmaceutical Supply Chain accountable for the harms caused by their wrongdoing; and,

WHEREAS, the State of Montana and Montana’s cities and counties (hereafter Local Governments) share a common desire to abate and remediate the impacts of that wrongdoing throughout the State of Montana and to maximize the resources devoted to combatting the opioid crisis; and,
WHEREAS, researchers and clinicians in Montana and elsewhere have now built a substantial body of evidence demonstrating which opioid abatement strategies work and which do not and there are public health leaders in the State and at the local level with expertise in addiction and substance use available to guide determinations for the use of any settlement funds; and,

WHEREAS, recently the State of Montana agreed to join a settlement agreement process (hereafter Settlement Agreements) which, if finalized, will resolve litigation against certain specific defendants in the Pharmaceutical Supply Chain, namely the opioid distributors McKesson Corporation, Cardinal Health, Inc., and Amerisource Bergen Corporation and also Janssen and the related entities listed in the Section I. 32 of the Janssen Settlement Agreement (hereafter the Opioid Settlement Defendants) for harms caused by their wrongdoing that require – with limited exception – that all settlement funds be used for forward looking remediation and abatement of opioid associated harms, and,

WHEREAS, maximum monetary payments available to the State of Montana and its Local Governments depend upon maximum Local Government participation in the Settlement Agreements and in this Memorandum of Understanding (MOU); and,

WHEREAS, approval of Toole County’s participation in the settlements was an agenda item and proved at a public meeting on October 21, 2021;

BE IT RESOLVED that Toole County elects to participate in Janssen Opioids Settlement and the McKesson Corporation, Cardinal Health, Inc. and Amerisource Bergen Settlement.

BE IT RESOLVED that the Toole County Attorney Merle Raph shall act as Toole County’s Authorized Official to execute all required documentation.

Dated this 20th day of December, 2021.
BOARD OF TOOLE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Mary Ann Harwood, Chair

Don Hartwell, Member

Terry Tomsheck, Member

ATTEST:

Treva Nelson, Clerk and Recorder
RESOLUTION #18-2021

A RESOLUTION FOR REPORTING PURPOSES FOR THE NORTH AND SOUTH TOOLE COUNTY CEMETARY DISTRICTS

WHEREAS, MCA 7-6-611 (3) states that the governing body of each county or municipality shall notify the department of administration in writing, on a form prescribed by the department of administration, of the creation, dissolution, combination, or other legal alteration of any special purpose district within the county or municipality, and

WHEREAS, the form required to be filled out by Toole County would only change the reporting requirements with the State of Montana and not change anything within each District and,

WHEREAS, Toole County is dissolving the North and South Cemetery Districts as their own government reporting entity, and not dissolving them as a District, and

WHEREAS, both North and South Toole County Cemetery Districts’ Financials will be reported with Toole County’s Financials, and

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, filling out the form for the North Toole County Cemetery District to be given to the Montana Department of Administration and, filling out a form for the South Toole County Cemetery District to be given to the Montana Department of Administration will cease the double reporting that we have done in the past.
DATED THIS DAY 20TH DAY OF DECEMBER, 2021 BY THE BOARD OF TOOLE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS.

Mary Ann Harwood, Chair
Don Hartwell, Commissioner

ATTEST:
Terry Tomsheck, Commissioner
Treva Nelson
Clerk & Recorder