



RESOLUTION R-032-25

A RESOLUTION OF THE WALKER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS TO ALLOCATE THE USE OF OPIOID SETTLEMENT FUNDS FOR THE WALKER COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE DETENTION CENTER REENTRY PROGRAM

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners of Walker County ("Board") is the governing authority of Walker County, Georgia; and

WHEREAS, in 2021, a nationwide settlement was reached to resolve all opioids litigation brought by states and local political subdivisions against the three largest pharmaceutical distributors, McKesson, Cardinal Health, and AmerisourceBergen ("Distributors") and against manufacturer Janssen Pharmaceuticals, Inc. and its parent company Johnson & Johnson (collectively, "J&J"). These National Settlements have been finalized, and payments to states and local political subdivisions began in 2022; and

WHEREAS, Walker County has received a portion of the settlement funds from the Settlement Agreements related to the opioid litigation; and

WHEREAS, the governing body desires to follow guidance provided by the Georgia Department of Audits and Accounts (DOAA) and establish a framework for allocating and managing these funds for the purpose of addressing the opioid crisis within Walker County; and

WHEREAS, the approved purposes and uses of the settlement funds includes treatment for the incarcerated population; and

WHEREAS, The Walker County Sheriff's Office Detention Center is seeking funding through opioid settlement monies to continue the implementation of their grant funded comprehensive reentry program focused on incarcerated individuals with a history of opioid and substance use disorders;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Board of Commissioners of Walker County, Georgia does hereby allocate \$114,370.72 from the Opioid Settlement Funds toward the Walker County Detention Center comprehensive reentry program.

SO RESOLVED AND ADOPTED this 1st day of May, 2025.

ATTEST:

WALKER COUNTY, GEORGIA

LISA RICHARDSON, County Clerk

ANGELA TEEMS, Chairwoman



The foregoing Resolution received a motion for approval from Commissioner Hart, second by Commissioner Wilson, and upon the question the vote is 4 ayes, 0 nays to Approve the Resolution.