

asked if this item could be tabled since Commissioner Griner will be unable to attend tomorrow night's meeting; Chairman Slaughter asked to verify with County Attorney, Walter Elliott, Mr. Elliott responded there is no legal reason why a motion could not be made to table this item and then the majority vote to table with a specific meeting date.

FOR CONSIDERATION

Resolution Agreeing to Participate in the National Teva, Allergan, CVS, Walgreens, and Walmart Opioid Settlements

County Manager, Paige Dukes, presented the item stating the County has been through the first round of participating in this settlement and there is \$178,000.00 that has been received with another round of settlement. Mrs. Dukes stated this is a second round of staff requesting the Commission to consider the same action as before, you will approve staff to move forward with this settlement and Mrs. Studstill will move forward with the process. Attorney, Haynes Studstill, with the Studstill Law Firm, addressed the Commission stating with the second round there are five initial defendants that have proposed a national settlement. On the second round of settlements, they are proposing to pay in \$18.52 billion nationally, breaking down as the first round of settlements with Georgia getting allocated a percentage based on per capita and degree of harm, the same formula will be applied through the cities and counties, based on per capita and degree of harm. Mrs. Studstill stated they are anticipating everything will be broken down the exact same way, since the settlement is proposed right now, Georgia still has to have an agreement between the Attorney General's office and the cities and counties participating in the litigation. That agreement has not been submitted yet from the Attorney General's Office. Commissioner Marshall asked if cash was part of the settlement or if resources, such as counseling services, could be given, Mrs. Studstill stated cash would be sent to the County and the County will decide how to spend those funds. Mrs. Studstill stated there are a list of approved uses. Mrs. Dukes stated a staff recommendation will be prepared for additional discussion at the retreat, with local pharmacists trying to start a program to help citizens dispose of narcotics in a responsible way. Commissioner Wisenbaker asked the total nationally on the first round of settlement, Mrs. Studstill responded \$26 billion.

Lowndes County DUI Court Technology Supplemental Grant Award

DUI Court Program Coordinator, Heather Harris, presented the item. Ms. Harris stated the Office of the Governor's Criminal Justice Coordinating Council Accountability Court has awarded the Lowndes County DUI Court a supplemental technology grant in the amount of \$500.00, with no cash match from the county. Ms. Harris stated these funds will be used to provide a tablet for the use of our surveillance officer to document curfew checks and drug screens while performing field visits. Commissioner Marshall asked how many participants are in this program, Ms. Harris responded that currently there are twenty-seven (27) active participants with random curfew checks.

Adult Accountability Court Technology Supplemental Grant Award

Court Coordinator for the Juvenile Accountability Court, Geoffrey Martin, presented the item. Mr. Martin stated the Lowndes County Accountability Court submitted the following request for new technology, a 27" monitor and docking station with Satech multi-media adapter to be used in the office, in the total amount of \$248.98, with no cash match from the county.

Acceptance of the FY2023 VAWA Continuation Grant Award

Solicitor General's Office Representative, Karen Hayes, presented the item. Ms. Hayes stated at the December 13, 2022 Board of Commissioners meeting, the Commission approved the application for