

February 2, 2023

TO: Mayor Julie Moore Wolfe & Decatur City Council Members

FROM: Scot Wrighton, City Manager

RE: Distribution of Decatur Proceeds from Multi-State Opioid Settlement

Last summer the State of Illinois announced that a national opioid settlement agreement had been reached with the nation's three largest pharmaceutical companies (see attached press release).

The Illinois portion of the \$26 billion settlement is still being calculated. So far, \$105,550,681 of the Illinois allotment has been released for distribution. Most of this amount will be retained by the State; but \$22,512,674 is to be distributed to those Illinois city and county governments that elected to participate in the case. Decatur and Macon County both signed on.

The city of Decatur should receive about \$73,557, and about half of this amount has already been receipted into the city's account. It is possible that the city could receive more. The terms of the settlement require that the funds be expended by local governments for opioid treatment and addiction programs. The city forwarded the specific terms and conditions for expenditure of settlement funds to Crossing Healthcare and Heritage Behavioral Health Center and requested that they submit a proposal to the city for compliant expenditure of the monies. The two agencies have submitted a joint proposal for the use of the funds (attached).

It is recommended that the City Council adopt a resolution approving the proposal, and authorizing the transfer of opioid settlement funds as the city receives them.