

**RESOLUTION R-2017-95
LUZERNE COUNTY COUNCIL**

*A Resolution by the Luzerne County Council Approving a Contingent Fee Agreement
Regarding the Initiation of Litigation Against Opioid Manufacturers and Opioid Wholesale
Distributors*

WHEREAS, Section 4.07.B.3 of the Luzerne County Home Rule Charter provides the County Manager shall have the authority to recommend the initiation of litigation involving the County, subject to the approval of County Council; and

WHEREAS, Section 2.09.B.5 of the Luzerne County Home Rule Charter provides that County Council shall have the power to approve, by resolution adopted by a majority vote of the Council members, a recommendation by the County Manager to initiate litigation involving the County; and

WHEREAS, there exists a serious public health and safety crisis involving opioid abuse, addiction, treatment, morbidity and mortality in Luzerne County; and

WHEREAS, the Luzerne County Manager recommended the initiation of litigation in this matter and Luzerne County Council agreed that the initiation of such litigation was appropriate; and

WHEREAS, at a public meeting on September 27, 2017, a majority of County Council for the County of Luzerne approved the initiation of litigation to recover any money due to the County as a result of the serious public health and safety crisis involving opioid abuse, addiction, treatment, morbidity and mortality in Luzerne County; and

WHEREAS, County Council for the County of Luzerne, at the recommendation of the County Manager, desires to engage the legal services of an outside law firm specializing in such litigation.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, County Council for the County of Luzerne hereby approves the Fee Agreement, subject to the terms contained therein, with the law firm of Baron & Budd, PC and associated named firms for legal services related to the litigation against opioid manufacturers and opioid wholesale distributors. The law firm of Fellerman and Ciarimboli Law, PC shall act as local counsel on this matter under this Agreement.

This Resolution shall become effective six days after adoption.

ADOPTED at a meeting of the Luzerne County Council held October 10, 2017.

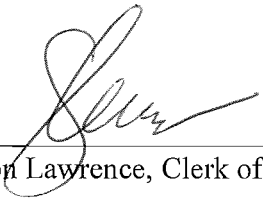
ROLL CALL VOTE (6-4)

YES: Kelleher, McGinley, Schnee, Waitkus, Williams, and Houck

NO: Brominski, Dobash, Sorokas, and SA Urban

LUZERNE COUNTY COUNCIL

By: Linda McClosky Houck
Linda McClosky Houck, Chair

Attest: 
Sharon Lawrence, Clerk of Council

LUZERNE COUNTY MANAGER

By: David Pedri
C. David Pedri, Esq., County Manager