RESOLUTION OF TEXAS COUNTY, OKLAHOMA

RESOLUTION # 55-22-23 NOVEMBER 14th, 2022

A RESOLUTION RETAINING FULMER SILL, PLLC AND FRANTZ LAW GROUP, APLC FOR THE E-CIGARETTE LITIGATION

- WHEREAS, E-Cigarettes have harmed Texas County and its citizens. This harm was created and exacerbated by marketing nicotine delivery products in a manner designed to attract minors, that marketing misrepresents or omits that E-Cigarette products are more potent and addictive than cigarettes, that E-Cigarette products are defective and unreasonably dangerous due to their attractiveness to minors, and that E-Cigarette products promotes nicotine addiction.
- **WHEREAS**, there is a substantial need for legal services to pursue Texas County's claims against E-Cigarette manufacturers.
- WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners selects the legal teams of Fulmer Sill, PLLC, and Frantz Law Group, APLC to serve as counsel to prosecute this matter working under the oversight and approval of the Board of County Commissioners and any designees of the Board of County Commissioners.
- WHEREAS, all fees to be paid to counsel are contingent upon the recovery of penalties, damages, attorney's fees, and costs. Fees shall be paid only from such recovery and no money shall be due or paid from Texas County's general fund or any special fund.
- WHEREAS, Texas County has for many years has been battling an E-Cigarette problem amongst the County's youth giving rise to addiction, injury, losses by County medical, health, safety, and education caused by E-cigarettes deceptive and false marketing to the County's citizens. The Board of County Commissioners acknowledges that E-cigarettes are creating an untenable problem, causing loss of life and family while also diverting substantial County medical, health, and educational services;
- **THEREFORE**, it was duly moved and seconded that the following resolution be adopted.
- THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of County Commissioners of Texas County, Oklahoma hereby authorize the filing of a civil suit against E-Cigarette Manufacturers, for penalties, damages, injunctive relief, and any

other remedy available by law. Such legal action is essential to protecting the interests of Texas County and its citizens.

The Board of County Commissioners of Texas County adopted the above Resolution on November 14, 2022.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF TEXAS COUNTY, OKLAHOMA

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Jack Strain, Commissioner – District 3

Dated this With day of November, 2022.

ATTEST:

Wendy Johnson Texas County Clerk