



PUBLIC HEARING AGENDA ITEM

DATE OF PUBLIC HEARING: 8/28/18
SUBJECT: Opioid Litigation
FROM: Heidi Miller
AGENCY/DEPARTMENT: County Attorney
HEARD AT STUDY SESSION ON: N/A
AUTHORIZATION TO MOVE FORWARD: <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO
RECOMMENDED ACTION: that the Board Approves the Professional Services Agreement between Adams County and Keller Rohrback.

BACKGROUND:

The current Opioid epidemic has wreaked havoc on communities throughout the country, including Adams County, and has led to increases in the services provided by, and costs incurred by the County. The County wishes to pursue litigation against the manufacturers and distributors on prescription opioids in order to hold them accountable for the damage they have caused.

A coalition of Colorado local governments has been formed in furtherance of this litigation. The coalition includes the City and County of Denver, the Counties of Adams, Arapahoe, Boulder, Broomfield, Jefferson, Larimer, and Teller, the Cities of Aurora, Black Hawk, Commerce City, and Northglenn, and the Town of Hudson.

Keller Rohrback was selected from a competitive field of applicants. The coalition believes that Keller Rohrback is well qualified and competent to represent the local governments of the coalition.

Pursuant to this Professional Services Agreement, payment to Keller Rohrback, if any, is based on a contingency fee, so there will be no taxpayer funds spent on attorney fees.

AGENCIES, DEPARTMENTS OR OTHER OFFICES INVOLVED:

County Attorney's Office

ATTACHED DOCUMENTS:

- Professional Services Agreement
- Resolution approving the Professional Services Agreement

FISCAL IMPACT:

Please check if there is no fiscal impact ☐. If there is fiscal impact, please fully complete the section below.

Fund:
Cost Center:

	Object Account	Subledger	Amount
Current Budgeted Revenue:			
Additional Revenue not included in Current Budget:			
Total Revenues:			

	Object Account	Subledger	Amount
Current Budgeted Operating Expenditure:			
Add'l Operating Expenditure not included in Current Budget:			
Current Budgeted Capital Expenditure:			
Add'l Capital Expenditure not included in Current Budget:			
Total Expenditures:			

New FTEs requested: ☐ YES ☐ NO

Future Amendment Needed: ☐ YES ☐ NO

Additional Note: