



**Jim Wells County: Judge Juan Rodriguez, Jr.:**

“Judge Juan Rodriguez, Jr. announced an important agreement in the ongoing effort to help our communities that have been impacted by the opioid epidemic. Today’s agreement unites the State of Texas with its counties and cities to create one powerful voice that will hold the companies responsible for creating this epidemic accountable. Jim Wells County, in concert with the Office of the Texas Attorney General and officials from counties around the state, have united in a coordinated, bipartisan effort to reach this historic agreement. It is a united way in which state and county leaders may guarantee that fewer and fewer Texas families will ever have to experience the grips of addiction and the sorrows of death associated with opioid abuse.”

**Smith County: Judge Nathaniel Moran:**

“Smith County proudly announces that it has reached a historic agreement with the State of Texas to partner with the State and other local jurisdictions to hold opioid drug companies accountable for the devastating opioid epidemic that has swept across Texas and the nation. Smith County was proud to take a leading role in negotiating the terms of this agreement on behalf of its residents and so many other counties throughout Texas who are in the midst of combatting the opioid epidemic. As a County that has both urban and rural communities, Smith County uniquely understands the devastating effects of the opioid epidemic on Texans from all walks of life. This glut of opioid drugs and the resulting epidemic, which was caused by the misconduct of certain drug companies in flooding our County with these addictive drugs, has hurt innumerable East Texas families and cost taxpayers far too much money to date. This alliance with the State of Texas guarantees that in the event of settlements with opioid drug companies, Smith County and the entire East Texas region for which Tyler serves as a medical treatment hub, will receive the money necessary to better prevent and treat opioid addiction, overdoses, and reduce related criminal activity. These monies will help save lives and ease taxpayer burden. We are pleased to share this special news.”

**Dallas County: Judge Clay Jenkins:**

“Dallas County is proud to announce that it has reached a historic agreement today to help our communities that have been so severely impacted by the opioid epidemic. The opioid epidemic has taken from us both lives and treasure, and Dallas County has taken a leading role in holding opioid drug companies accountable for their misconduct. In this effort, Dallas has negotiated an agreement with the State of Texas to ensure that when opioid drug companies are made to account with their pocketbooks, Dallas County will receive the substantial share of monies it needs for prevention, treatment, and recovery programs related to opioid overuse. In making this agreement with the State, we set aside all political differences of opinion to do what’s best for the citizens of Dallas County, and we are proud to share this important news.”



**Harris County: County Attorney Vince Ryan:**

“I am pleased to announce today that efforts by Harris County and other counties around the state, along with the Texas Attorney General, have resulted in an agreement that I hope will ultimately end the scourge of Opioid addiction. Through the united collaboration by state and local governments, Harris County will be in line to receive a substantial portion of any settlement earmarked for treatment and recovery for our residents and their families who have been devastated by the Opioid epidemic. This was an extraordinary effort by local government officials and the Texas Attorney General to put aside political and partisan differences to reach this agreement that will benefit many residents of Harris County and Texas.”

**Burleson County: County Judge Keith Schroeder:**

“Families around Texas—in large urban areas to small farming communities—have been ravaged by this opioid epidemic. This agreement is a united way in which state and county leaders may guarantee that fewer and fewer Texas families will ever have to experience the grips of addiction and the sorrows of death associated with opioids abuse. Today’s agreement unites the State of Texas with its urban and rural counties and cities to create one powerful voice that will hold the companies responsible for creating this opioid epidemic accountable.”

**Johnson County: County Judge Roger Harmon:**

“Johnson County, along with many other cities and counties, and the State of Texas, have been pursuing litigation arising out of the Opioid Crisis. I have been made aware of a possible framework involving the division proceeds between the State of Texas and local government entities for the settlement of portions in this litigation. I support the framework as I understand it; although any action will require Commissioners Court approval after consideration of the framework agreement. I believe the Commissioners Court of Johnson County will also support the framework for division of proceeds and settlement. I will seek to ensure that funds from any settlement are utilized to educate and rehabilitate those affected by the opioid crises and to compensate for expenses incurred as a result of opioid abuse. I believe this framework and a resultant settlement will benefit those who suffered directly from the opioid crisis in particular and the people of Johnson County in general.”

**Hidalgo County: Judge Richard Cortez:**

“As Hidalgo County Judge, I am proud to announce today’s agreement whereby both Democratic and Republican leaders across the state have worked together for the good of Texas. Together we have achieved an agreement to remediate the opioids epidemic in this state. Today, Texas is neither a red state, nor a blue state. It is a smart state.”



**Leon County: District Attorney Hope Knight:**

“The agreement ensures that the vast majority of the dollars from settlements against opioid manufacturers, distributors, and pharmacies will treat addiction and help Texans from all walks of life in every part of our great state, including Leon County. We are pleased to have helped reach an agreement that will ensure money that comes to Texas is spent in Texas to relieve the opioid impacts across our State, especially in our most rural areas where we have been hit so hard by this epidemic.”

**Kaufman County: County Judge Hal Richards:**

“Many citizens of Kaufman County, along with other communities in Texas, have suffered the negative effects from the overuse of opioid drugs. As such, Kaufman County has negotiated an agreement with the State of Texas to hold the offending opioid drug companies accountable. Kaufman County, joining with the State of Texas, has reached a settlement that will provide funding for the prevention, treatment and recovery programs related to opioid overuse. Kaufman County appreciates the Texas Attorney General for diligently working on behalf of Texas citizens to hold these drug companies accountable and bring restitution to Texans.”

**Ellis County: County Judge Todd Little:**

“It is with great pride for Ellis County to announce a historical agreement between State of Texas and Ellis County. This agreement is one of the final steps in the battle to defeat the opioid crisis. The ongoing opioid crisis has had a negative impact on families across Ellis County. Ellis County has supported the efforts by President Trump to fund critical public health and public safety initiatives, including prevention, treatment, and education, against the unlawful abuse of opioids. The Ellis County Commissioner’s Court alongside the Ellis County and District Attorney’s Office have taken proactive measures to reach this agreement. This settlement is a victory for all Texans and Ellis County residents.”

**Nueces County: Judge Barbara Canales:**

“As Nueces County Judge, I am thrilled to announce that county judges across the state have agreed with our Attorney General to promptly allocate a distribute opioid mitigation dollars secured by our lawsuit against the opioids distribution industry. Both Texas and Nueces County had a good day today, one that will help us put the opioids epidemic behind us. I am proud that Nueces County took a leading role in this most important endeavor. I am even happier that Nueces will have the opportunity to address the issues of opioid addiction which has ravaged our country but completely disproportionately impacted the citizens of Nueces with our overdose rate.”



**Upshur County: Judge Todd Tefteller:**

“I am very pleased and happy that we have gotten an historic agreement today with the office of the Texas Attorney General to jointly seek redress from the ‘Big Pharma’ defendants for the damages they have inflicted on Upshur County. Hopefully we will now have their attention and the defendants will be closer to having to account for what they have done to our community and others.”

**Cameron County: Judge Eddie Trevino, Jr.**

“I am pleased that Cameron County is part of today’s historic accord. Texas’ leaders have chosen to put its people above its politics, and to work together to solve its opioids problem. I couldn’t be more proud that the cities, counties and state of Texas have reached an agreement to fund the remedy to this horrible epidemic that has devastated so many of its citizens.”