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TO: Cass County Board of Commissioners  
FROM: Robert W. Wilson  
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SUBJECT: Opioid Litigation Update

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Roxana Pierce, Cass County's primary contact with the law firm representing the County in the MDL opioid-related litigation reached out last month encouraging the County to join a related suite against McKinsey & Company, a marketing firm, for their role in the distribution of and increased use and abuse of opioids.

In 2021 McKinsey & Company agreed to pay \$573.9M to settle claims by 47 states for their role in promoting and furthering the sale of opioids. Of that amount, \$1.75M was directed to North Dakota. The settlement with states did not direct any settlement proceeds to local governments.

By joining the recommended action, Cass County will be one of a growing number of local governments filing suite and asserting damage claims very similar to what has been settled on behalf of states.

**SUGGESTED MOTION:**

**Move that Cass County retain DiCello, Levitt, Gutzler (DLG) attorneys to initiate Opiate Litigation Against McKinsey & Company.**

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