



Pinellas County

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Staff Report

File #: 20-682A, Version: 1

Agenda Date: 5/5/2020

Subject:

Proposed settlement in the case of Valerie Craig and Brian Craig, her husband v. Pinellas County, et al.; Circuit Civil Case No. 19-003731-CI-7.

Recommended Action:

Consideration of the proposed settlement in the case of Valerie Craig and Brian Craig, her husband v. Pinellas County, et al.

Strategic Plan:

N/A

Summary:

The above-referenced case is being brought to the Board of County Commissioners for consideration in accordance with the confidential memorandum of May 5, 2020.

Background Information:

This matter was previously brought before the Board on July 23, 2019, under Legistar item no. 19-987A, and on February 25, 2020, under Legistar item no. 20-263A.

Fiscal Impact:

Unknown.

Staff Member Responsible:

Jewel White, County Attorney
Christy Donovan Pemberton, Managing Assistant County Attorney
Ashley N. Donnell, Assistant County Attorney

Partners:

N/A

Attachments:

N/A



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UNTIL CONCLUSION OF LITIGATION
(Ch. 119, Fla. Stat.)

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Recommended Action:

Approve the proposed \$115,000.00 settlement in the case of Valerie Craig and Brian Craig, her husband v. Pinellas County, et al.

Strategic Plan:

N/A

Summary:

Valerie Craig has brought forth a lawsuit against Pinellas County alleging injuries related to a September 29, 2016 slip and fall, which occurred on a County-maintained sidewalk located near 1044 Belcher Road, Dunedin, with her husband Brian Craig bringing a consortium claim related to his wife's injuries.

On April 6, 2020, Pinellas County was served with two Proposals for Settlement: a settlement offer in the amount of \$110,000.00 for Valerie Craig; and a settlement offer in the amount of \$5,000.00 for Brian Craig.

Based on the discovery conducted thus far in this lawsuit, it is recommended that the County Attorney be authorized to accept the Proposals for Settlement. Risk Management and County Administration concur with this recommendation.

Background Information:

This matter previously came before the Board on July 23, 2019, under Legistar no. 19-987A and on February 25, 2020, under Legistar no. 20-263A.

Fiscal Impact:

Total amount of claims to be paid by the County is \$115,000.00.

Staff Member Responsible:

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Merry Celeste, Division Director, Risk Management

Partners:

N/A

Attachments:

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