



Pinellas County

315 Court Street, 5th Floor
Assembly Room
Clearwater, Florida 33756

Staff Report

File #: 24-0191A

Agenda Date: 3/5/2024

Subject:

Proposed settlement in the case of Gregory Van Patten v. Pinellas County; Circuit Civil Case No. 21-003818-CI – allegations of negligence resulting in personal injuries.

Recommended Action:

Approval of the final settlement in the amount of \$75,000.00, in the case of Gregory Van Patten v. Pinellas County.

Strategic Plan:

N/A

Summary:

This is a civil action in which Plaintiff alleges negligence against the County and seeks monetary damages for personal injuries allegedly arising out of a trip and fall on a pothole in the parking lot of the Belleair Boat Ramp on September 3, 2020, at or near 3900 W Bay Dr., Belleair Bluffs, Pinellas County, Florida.

Plaintiff's medical bills to date exceed \$75,000.00 and given the potential liability exposure, it is recommended that the County Attorney's office be authorized to accept the Plaintiff's Settlement in the amount of \$75,000.00, inclusive of all costs and claims for attorney's fees.

Approval of this settlement is recommended by Risk Management, County Administration, and the County Attorney's Office.

Background Information:

This matter was previously brought before the Board on September 21, 2021, under Legistar Item no. 21-1738A.

Fiscal Impact:

The amount to be paid by the County is no more than \$75,000.00.

Staff Member Responsible:

Jewel White, County Attorney
Christy Donovan Pemberton, Managing Assistant County Attorney
Jared D. Kahn, Senior Assistant County Attorney

Merry Celeste, Division Director, Purchasing and Risk Management, Administrative Services

Partners:

N/A

Attachments:

N/A



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Recommended Action:

Consideration of the proposed settlement in the case of Gregory Van Patten v. Pinellas County.

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 March 5, 2024.

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N/A

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