



Pinellas County

315 Court Street
Clearwater, Florida 33756

Staff Report

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Agenda Date: 1/14/2020

Subject:

Proposed settlement in the case of Blevins Road Boring, Inc. v. Pinellas County; Circuit Civil Case No. 19-000932-CI-20.

Recommended Action:

Consideration of the proposed settlement in the case of Blevins Road Boring, Inc. 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 January 14, 2020.

Background Information:

This matter was previously brought before the Board on April 23, 2019, under Legistar item no. 19-467A.

Fiscal Impact:

Unknown.

Staff Member Responsible:

Jewel White, County Attorney
Christy Donovan Pemberton, Managing Assistant County Attorney
Ashley N. Donnell, Assistant County Attorney
Merry Celeste, Division Director, Risk Management

Partners:

N/A

Attachments:

N/A



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Recommended Action:

Approve the proposed settlement with Blevins Road Boring, Inc.

Strategic Plan:

N/A

Summary:

On February 13, 2019, Plaintiff Blevins Road Boring, Inc. filed a lawsuit against Pinellas County alleging negligence stemming from an incident in October 2015, where a Pinellas County water main was mismarked by a County employee and subsequently struck by Blevins. The strike resulted in damages for both Blevins and Pinellas County. Blevins asserts damages of approximately \$146,000.00. Pinellas County counterclaimed against Blevins for negligence and lack of reasonable care in their jack and bore operation and sought approximately \$2,000,000.00 for the costs associated with repairing the water main.

Through the course of negotiations, Blevins agreed to resolve the issue by both parties dismissing their claims and bear their own fees and costs.

It is recommended that the proposed settlement be approved. Risk Management and County Administration concur with this recommendation.

Background Information:

N/A

Fiscal Impact:

Unknown.