



Pinellas County

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

Staff Report

File #: 25-0207A

Agenda Date: 02/25/2025

Subject:

Proposed settlement in the case of Pinellas County v. DeGeorge Paving, Inc.; Circuit Civil Case No. 23-008495-CI.

Recommended Action:

Approval of the final settlement in the amount of \$125,000.00, in the case of Pinellas County v. DeGeorge Paving, Inc.

Strategic Plan:

N/A

Summary:

This is a settlement of a negligence claim asserted by Pinellas County ("County") against DeGeorge Paving, Inc. for damage to a County sanitary sewer line that occurred on June 5, 2021. DeGeorge Paving, Inc. was repairing a residential driveway when they introduced concrete into the County's system which, unbeknownst to the County had previously sustained damage. DeGeorge Paving, Inc. has offered to pay the County \$125,000.00, inclusive of all claims for costs and fees.

It is recommended that the County Attorney's office be authorized to accept the Defendant's settlement offer in the amount of \$125,000.00 to be paid to Pinellas County by DeGeorge Paving Inc.

Risk Management, County Administration, and the County Attorney's Office agree with this recommendation.

Background Information:

This matter was previously brought before the Board on July 19, 2022, under Legistar Item no. 22-1136A.

Fiscal Impact:

\$125,000.00 to be paid to Pinellas County.

Staff Member Responsible:

Jewel White, County Attorney

Christy Donovan Pemberton, Managing Assistant County Attorney

Jared Kahn, Senior Assistant County Attorney

Keith Bentley, Division Director, Risk Management

Jeremy Waugh, Director, Utilities

Partners:

N/A

Attachments:

N/A

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Recommended Action:

Consideration of the proposed settlement in the case of Pinellas County v. DeGeorge Paving, Inc.

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 February 25, 2025.

Background Information:

This matter was previously brought before the Board for authority to initiate litigation on July 19, 2022, under Legistar Item no. 22-1136A.

Fiscal Impact:

N/A

Staff Member Responsible:

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