

## **Risk Management**

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### **MEMORANDUM**

To: Jewel White, County Attorney  
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From: Merry Celeste, Division Director, Purchasing & Risk Management, Administrative Services

Subject: County Attorney's Office Quarterly Report for January 1, 2021 - through March 31, 2021 on claims settled between \$25,001 and \$50,000

Date: April 5, 2021

This is the Quarterly Report that is submitted to the Board of County Commissioners to be received and filed for informational purposes only.

There were two (2) General Liability settlements and no (0) Workers Compensation settlements that fell within the quarter and they are as follows:

**Weingarten Realty**

**Claim # 20-23858**

**Incident Date: 2/27/2020**

Duke Energy contractor, Pike, damaged a private watermain while drilling to install a new light pole. At first, this watermain was thought to belong to Pinellas County, yet it turned out to be a private watermain for the commercial property. A crew working for the property management company was already on-site doing scheduled work and this crew made the necessary repairs once ownership was determined. The realty company found an arbitrary ordinance and based their demand upon this ordinance. See below for ordinance information. Through mediation involving Weingarten Realty, Duke Energy, Pike and Pinellas County, all parties agreed to the following global settlement breakdown: \$32,500.00 paid by Pinellas County and \$20,951.00 paid by Pike.

**Lori Condie**

**Claim # 14-12037**

**Incident Date: 11/1/2014**

Ms. Condie alleged that she tripped and fell on a Pinellas County sidewalk while walking her dog with her husband and daughter. As a result of this fall, Ms. Condie fractured both elbows, the left elbow required replacement surgery, sprained both wrists and had abrasions to her face. Pinellas County replaced the section of sidewalk. The plaintiff's attorney demanded \$200,000.00, followed up with a PFS of \$130,000.00 and through much negotiation in mediation, they agreed to settle for \$50,000.00.