



Pinellas County

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

Staff Report

File #: 24-2223A

Agenda Date: 01/14/2025

Subject:

Proposed settlement in the case of Pinellas County v. F&H Electrical Contractors, Inc.; Circuit Civil Case No. 23-007610-CI.

Recommended Action:

Authorization for the County Attorney to settle in the amount of \$55,000.00 in the case of Pinellas County v. F&H Electrical Contractors, Inc.

Strategic Plan:

N/A

Summary:

This is a settlement of a negligence claim asserted by Pinellas County against F&H Electrical Contractors, Inc. for damage to a County reclaimed water line that occurred on January 9, 2021, near the intersection of Boca Ciega Drive and 77th Avenue in St. Pete Beach. The reclaimed water line was struck during an emergency repair of a Duke power line. Defendant has offered \$55,000.00 to settle, 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 \$55,000.00 to be paid to Pinellas County by F&H Electrical Contractors. It is further recommended that Keith Bentley, Division Director, Risk Management, be authorized to execute any necessary settlement documents.

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 September 8, 2022, under Legistar Item no. 22-1426A.

Fiscal Impact:

\$55,000.00



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Recommended Action:

Consideration of the proposed settlement in the case of Pinellas County v. F&H Electrical Contractors, 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 January 14, 2025.

Background Information:

This matter was previously brought before the Board for authority to initiate litigation on September 8, 2022, under Legistar Item no. 22-1426A.

Fiscal Impact:

N/A

Staff Member Responsible:

Jewel White, County Attorney
Christy Donovan Pemberton, Managing Assistant County Attorney
Kelly Vicari, Senior Assistant County Attorney
Keith Bentley, Division Director, Risk Management
Kelli Levy, Director, Public Works

Partners:

N/A

Attachments:

N/A