



Pinellas County

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

Staff Report

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File #: 19-1450A

Agenda Date: 9/24/2019

Subject:

Proposed settlement in the case of Linda Jones v. Pinellas County; Circuit Civil Case No. 18-008205-CI-13 – allegations of negligence resulting in personal injuries.

Recommended Action:

Reject the proposed \$125,000.00 settlement in the case of Linda Jones v. Pinellas County; Circuit Civil Case No. 18-008205-CI-13.

Strategic Plan:

N/A

Summary:

Plaintiff's complaint is for personal injuries arising out of an alleged trip and fall on a sidewalk adjacent to Ridge Road, north of Orangeview Drive, in Pinellas County. This alleged fall occurred on January 13, 2015, and the County had no prior knowledge of the alleged hazard.

Plaintiff has submitted a settlement proposal in the amount of \$125,000.00 to settle her claim. It is recommended that the Board of County Commissioners reject the Plaintiff's \$125,000.00 settlement proposal. Risk Management concurs with this recommendation.

Background Information:

On February 5, 2019, the Board was provided notice of this lawsuit under Legistar item No. 19-057A.

Fiscal Impact:

Unknown.

Staff Member Responsible:

Jewel White, County Attorney

Christy Donovan Pemberton, Managing Assistant County Attorney

Jared Kahn, Assistant County Attorney

Merry Celeste, Director of Purchasing and Risk Management

Partners:

N/A

Attachments:

N/A



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Subject:

Proposed settlement in the case of Linda Jones v. Pinellas County; Circuit Civil Case No. 18-008205-CI-13.

Recommended Action:

Consideration of the proposed settlement in the case of Linda Jones v. Pinellas County; Circuit Civil Case No. 18-008205-CI-13.

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 September 12, 2019.

Background Information:

N/A

Fiscal Impact:

Unknown.

Staff Member Responsible:

Jewel White, County Attorney
Christy Donovan Pemberton, Managing Assistant County Attorney
Jared Kahn, Assistant County Attorney
Joseph Lauro, Administrative Services Director

Partners:

N/A

Attachments:

N/A