



Pinellas County

Staff Report

File #: 23-0203A, **Version:** 1

Agenda Date: 2/28/2023

Subject:

Proposed settlement in the case of Jody Vance v. Pinellas County; Circuit Civil Case No. 19-008495-CI-15.

Recommended Action:

Consideration of the proposed settlement in the case of Jody Vance 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 February 28, 2023.

Background Information:

This matter was previously brought before the Board on February 11, 2020, under Legistar item no. 20-092A.

Fiscal Impact:

Unknown.

Staff Member Responsible:

Jewel White, County Attorney

Christy Donovan Pemberton, Managing Assistant County Attorney

Kelly Vicari, Sr. Assistant County Attorney

Merry Celeste, Division Director, Purchasing and Risk Management, Administrative Services

Partners:

N/A

Attachments:

N/A



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Subject:

Proposed settlement in the case of Jody Vance v. Pinellas County; Circuit Civil Case No. 19-008495-CI-15 – allegations of negligence resulting in personal injuries.

Recommended Action:

It is recommended that the County settle this matter by accepting the proposed settlement and remitting \$125,000.00 to the Plaintiff.

Strategic Plan:

N/A

Summary:

On December 27, 2019, Mr. Vance filed a civil complaint alleging that on May 3, 2019, he tripped over a broken sidewalk located in front of his house. He alleges injuries to his neck and back for which he underwent surgery.

Plaintiff has made a demand for settlement in the amount of \$125,000.00, as full and final settlement of all claims against the County.

It is recommended that the \$125,000.00 settlement offer be accepted. Risk Management and County Administration concur with this recommendation.

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Fiscal Impact:

Total amount of the claim to be paid by the County is \$125,000.00

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