



## Pinellas County

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

### Staff Report

**File #:** 20-1095A

**Agenda Date:** 6/23/2020

**Subject:**

Proposed settlement in the case of Leighanna Staley v. Pinellas County; Circuit Civil Case No. 20-000979-CI-15.

**Recommended Action:**

Reject the proposed \$200,000.00 settlement in the case of Leighanna Staley v. Pinellas County.

**Strategic Plan:**

N/A

**Summary:**

On February 26, 2020, Plaintiff Leighanna Staley filed a civil action against Pinellas County alleging negligence in an auto accident that occurred on July 13, 2017. Ms. Staley alleges she suffered bodily injury as the result of her being rear-ended by a vehicle that was rear-ended by a vehicle being driven by a Pinellas County employee.

On May 27, 2020, a Proposal for Settlement for \$200,000.00 was filed on behalf of the Plaintiff, inclusive of all interest, costs and claims for attorney's fees. Evidence gathered to date does not support settlement in the amount claimed by Plaintiff. No trial dates have been set as discovery is still ongoing.

It is recommended that the proposed \$200,000.00 settlement be rejected. Risk Management and County Administration concur with this recommendation.

**Background Information:**

This matter was previously brought before the Board on April 7, 2020, under Legistar item no. 20-515A.

**Fiscal Impact:**

Unknown.

**Staff Member Responsible:**

Jewel White, County Attorney

Christy Donovan Pemberton, Managing Assistant County Attorney

Jared D. Kahn, Assistant County Attorney

Merry Celeste, Division Director, Risk Management

**Partners:**

N/A

**Attachments:**

N/A

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