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Staff Report

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Subject:

Proposed settlement in the case of Samuel Dirienzo v. Pinellas County; Workers' Compensation, Office of the Judges of Compensation Claims Case No. 16-021178RLY (consolidating 21-002973RLY; 21-005972RLY; 18-012556RLY; and 17-000044RLY).

Recommended Action:

Consideration of the proposed settlement in the case of Samuel Dirienzo v. Pinellas County (Workers' Compensation claims).

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 dated June 8, 2021.

Background Information:

N/A

Fiscal Impact:

Unknown.

Staff Member Responsible:

Jewel White, County Attorney
Christy Donovan Pemberton, Managing Assistant County Attorney
Ashley N. Donnell, Assistant County Attorney
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Partners:

N/A

Attachments:

N/A



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Recommended Action:

Approve settlement in the amount of \$255,000.00 in the case of Samuel Dirienzo v. Pinellas County to resolve all open claims and related attorney's fees and costs for the claimant.

Strategic Plan:

N/A

Summary:

This is a case involving multiple Workers' Compensation claims from former Pinellas County employee Samuel Dirienzo who retired in 2018. Claimant sustained multiple injuries during his course and scope of employment, including an injury that required surgical intervention. Approval of the proposed settlement is recommended because the settlement will cease future benefits that could be incurred by the claimant for future medical treatment related to his injuries. Outside counsel concurs with this recommendation. This settlement is subject to approval by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services.

Background Information:

N/A

Fiscal Impact:

Total amount of claims to be paid by Pinellas County is \$255,000.00

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