



Pinellas County

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

Staff Report

File #: 24-0355A

Agenda Date: 03/26/2024

Subject:

Proposed settlement in the case of Giovanni Rojas v. Pinellas County; Circuit Civil Case No. 23-000704-CI – allegations of negligence resulting in personal injuries.

Recommended Action:

Approval of the final settlement in the amount of \$200,000.00 to be paid to the Plaintiff, in the case of Giovanni Rojas v. Pinellas County.

Strategic Plan:

N/A

Summary:

On February 10, 2023, Mr. Rojas filed a civil complaint alleging that on February 2, 2022, he was involved in a motor vehicle accident wherein the work van he was driving was struck by a County Ford F-250. He alleges injuries to his neck and back, and a subsequent abdominal aortic aneurysm, for which he underwent surgery.

Plaintiff agrees to settlement in the amount of \$200,000.00, as full and final settlement of all claims against the County.

Approval of this settlement is recommended by Risk Management, County Administration, and the County Attorney's Office.

Background Information:

This matter was previously brought before the Board on March 28, 2023, under Legistar Item no. 23-0369A.

Fiscal Impact:

Total amount of the claim to be paid by the County is \$200,000.00.

Staff Member Responsible:

Jewel White, County Attorney

Christy Donovan Pemberton, Managing Assistant County Attorney

Kelly Vicari, Senior Assistant County Attorney

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

Partners:

N/A

Attachments:

N/A



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Recommended Action:

Consideration of the proposed settlement in the case of Giovanni Rojas 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 March 26, 2024.

Background Information:

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Fiscal Impact:

N/A

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