

Risk Management

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MEMORANDUM

To: Jewel White, County Attorney
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From: Merry Celeste, Division Director, Purchasing & Risk, Administrative Services

Subject: County Attorney's Office Quarterly Report for October 1, 2023, through December 30, 2023, for claims settled between \$25,001 and \$50,000

Date: January 19, 2024

Quarterly Report submitted to the Board of County Commissioners to be received and filed for informational purposes only.

There were five (5) general liability settlements that fell within this quarter as follows:

Florence Santore, Claim #17-21565, Incident Date 1/16/2017:

Claimant, Florence Santore, tripped and fell on an uneven section of a Pinellas County sidewalk. The original demand was \$200,000.00. A total settlement was negotiated in the amount of \$45,000.00.

Valerie O'Rourke, Claim #20-24939, Incident Date 3/24/2020:

Claimant, Valerie O'Rourke while trying to avoid a bicyclist, stepped into a hole along the trail in Walsingham Park. The hole was due to a previously repaired Pinellas County drainage pipe. The original demand was \$200,000.00. Through continued negotiations after mediation, a settlement was reached in the amount of \$35,000.00.

Nicole Yazdzik, Claim #20-25164, Incident Date 9/28/2020:

Claimant, Nicole Yazdzik, slipped and fell on algae on the sloped section of pavement at Fred Howard Park. The original demand was \$200,000.00. Through much negotiation after mediation, the CAO settled for \$37,500.00.

Alanda Hollins, Claim #21-25756, Incident Date 1/6/2021:

Claimant, Alanda Hollins, tripped and fell on an uneven section of a Pinellas County sidewalk. The original demand was \$200,000.00. Through much negotiation at mediation, a settlement was reached in the amount of \$50,000.00.

Sandra Coppola, Claim #21-27189, Incident Date 6/24/2021:

Claimant, Sandra Coppola, fell into a large hole in a section of Pinellas County sidewalk. The hole was caused by a failed junction box underneath the sidewalk. The original demand was \$100,000.00. Through much negotiation, a settlement was reached in the amount of \$30,000.00.