



# Pinellas County

315 Court Street  
Clearwater, Florida 33756

## Staff Report

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**Subject:**

Proposed settlement in the case of Shira Jones v. Pinellas County; Circuit Civil Case No. 19-006068-CI-21.

**Recommended Action:**

Consideration of the proposed settlement in the case of Shira Jones 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 January 14, 2020.

**Background Information:**

This matter was previously brought before the Board on October 22, 2019, under Legistar item no. 19-1657A.

**Fiscal Impact:**

Unknown.

**Staff Member Responsible:**

Jewel White, County Attorney  
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Jared D. Kahn, Assistant County Attorney  
Merry Celeste, Division Director, Risk Management

**Partners:**

N/A

**Attachments:**

N/A



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**Subject:**

Proposed settlement in the case of Shira Jones v. Pinellas County; Circuit Civil Case No. 19-006068-CI-21 – allegations of negligence resulting in personal injuries.

**Recommended Action:**

Reject the proposed \$75,000.00 settlement in the case of Shira Jones v. Pinellas County.

**Strategic Plan:**

N/A

**Summary:**

On September 10, 2019, Plaintiff Shira Jones filed a civil action against Pinellas County alleging negligence in an auto accident that occurred on July 20, 2018. Ms. Jones alleges that she suffered bodily injury as the result of her rear-ending a vehicle being driven by a Park Department employee after he made a u-turn.

On December 16, 2019, a Proposal for Settlement was filed on behalf of the Plaintiff. The amount requested in the proposal was \$75,000.00, 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 \$75,000.00 settlement be rejected. Risk Management and County Administration concur with this recommendation.

**Background Information:**

N/A

**Fiscal Impact:**

Unknown.