



Pinellas County

Staff Report

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File #: 22-0490A, Version: 1

Agenda Date: 4/12/2022

Subject:

Proposed settlement in the case of Jeffrey Sachs, et al. v. Pinellas County, et al.; Circuit Civil Case No. 20-005453-CI-11.

Recommended Action:

Consideration of the proposed settlement in the case of Jeffrey Sachs, et al. v. Pinellas County, et al.

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 April 12, 2022.

Background Information:

This matter was previously brought before the Board on January 12, 2021, under Legistar item no. 20-2330A and on April 13, 2021, under Legistar item no. 21-570A.

Fiscal Impact:

Unknown.

Staff Member Responsible:

Jewel White, County Attorney

Christy Donovan Pemberton, Managing Assistant County Attorney

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

Partners:

N/A

Attachments:

N/A



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Proposed settlement in the case of Jeffrey Sachs, et al. v. Pinellas County, et al.; Circuit Civil Case No. 20-005453-CI-11.

Recommended Action:

Approve the proposed settlement in the amount of \$155,000.00.

Strategic Plan:

N/A

Summary:

On December 2, 2019, a now former Pinellas County employee was operating a County-owned vehicle while acting in the scope of his employment near Gulf-to-Bay and Comet Avenue in Clearwater. The County employee struck a vehicle in which a husband, wife, and minor child were riding. As a result of the accident, all three Plaintiffs were injured. The County driver was cited by law enforcement in the accident and disciplined by the County for negligence. This settlement will resolve all Plaintiffs' claims, including a \$5,000.00 settlement to be apportioned to pay for legal fees associated with the necessary court approval of the settlement on behalf of the minor Plaintiff.

Background Information:

This matter was previously brought before the Board on January 12, 2021, under Legistar item no. 20-2330A and on April 13, 2021, under Legistar item no. 21-570A.

Fiscal Impact:

Total amount of claim to be paid by the County is \$155,000.00.

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