

# **Pinellas County**

315 Court Street Clearwater, Florida 33756

## **Staff Report**

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File #: 19-459A, Version: 1

**Agenda Date: 4/9/2019** 

## Subject:

Proposed settlement in the case of Michael Hinman v. Pinellas County; Circuit Court Case No. 18-006941-CI.

## **Recommended Action:**

Consideration of the proposed settlement in the case of Michael Hinman v. Pinellas County; Circuit Court Case No. 18-006941-CI.

## 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 9, 2019.

## **Background Information:**

N/A

## Fiscal Impact:

Unknown.

## Staff Member Responsible:

Jewel White, County Attorney Christy Pemberton, Managing Assistant County Attorney Virginia Holscher, Director, Risk Management

## Partners:

N/A

## Attachments:

N/A

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## Subject:

Proposed settlement in the case of Michael Hinman v. Pinellas County; Circuit Court Case No. 18-006914-CI – allegations of negligence resulting in personal injuries.

## **Recommended Action:**

Reject the proposed settlement of \$65,000.00 in the case of Michael Hinman v. Pinellas County; Circuit Court Case No. 18-006914-CI.

## Strategic Plan:

N/A

## Summary:

Plaintiff alleges injuries are the result of tripping on a Pinellas County utility box outside of his apartment on or about January 24, 2017. Plaintiff alleges the utility box had a loose cover in need of remediation and that Pinellas County knew or should have known of this dangerous condition. Evidence gathered to date does not support settlement in the amount claimed by Plaintiff.

It is for this reason that rejection of the proposed \$65,000.00 settlement is recommended. Risk Management concurs with this recommendation.

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N/A

## Fiscal Impact:

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## Attachments:

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