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**Pinellas County** 

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

Staff Report

File #: 18-048A

## Agenda Date: 2/6/2018

## Subject:

Proposed settlement in the case of Samuel J. Shammos, III and Maha Shammos, his wife v. Pinellas County; Circuit Civil Case No. 15-004290-CI-20 - allegations of negligence resulting in personal injuries and a consortium claim.

## **Recommended Action:**

Rejection of the proposed \$70,000.00 settlement in the case of Samuel J. Shammos, III and Maha Shammos, his wife v. Pinellas County and authorization by the Board of County Commissioners (Board) for the Risk Manager and County Attorney, upon joint concurrence, to reject further settlement demands in their joint agreement.

## Strategic Plan:

N/A

## Summary:

This lawsuit arises as a result of the Plaintiff's alleged trip and fall on February 22, 2014. Mr. Shammos claims that the County improperly installed a meter box in his yard, leaving the water meter lid elevated, which allegedly caused his fall. Mr. Shammos claims injuries to his teeth, right shoulder, neck and back. Mrs. Shammos alleges a loss of consortium due to her husband's alleged injuries.

In addition to recommending a rejection of this specific proposed settlement, this memo also seeks the Board's authorization for the County Attorney and Risk Manager, upon their joint agreement, to reject any further settlement demands without the need for Board approval.

Background Information: N/A

Fiscal Impact: Unknown.

## Staff Member Responsible:

Jewel White, County Attorney Nancy S. Meyer, Sr. Assistant County Attorney



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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 February 6, 2018.

#### **Background Information:**

N/A

Fiscal Impact: Unknown.

#### Staff Member Responsible:

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#### Partners:

N/A

#### Attachments:

N/A