



Pinellas County

Staff Report

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Subject:

Proposed initiation of litigation in the case of Pinellas County v. Stephen Panzarella and Richard Long - small claims action for property damage.

Recommended Action:

Approval and authorization for the County Attorney to initiate litigation in the case of Pinellas County v. Stephen Panzarella and Richard Long.

Strategic Plan:

N/A

Summary:

On June 17, 2022, Richard Long was operating a vehicle owned by Stephen Panzarella in a negligent manner so as to cause it to run off the roadway and strike a Pinellas County utility pole located near Walsingham Rd. and Oval Dr. in Largo. As a result, the County incurred damage and Mr. Long was cited in the crash. Restitution was not ordered through the proceedings on the traffic citations. The County suffered damages of approximately \$4,800.00; Risk Management's attempts to recover the County's damages were unsuccessful.

This authorization includes bringing suit against all defendants that may be or become necessary to fully litigate this action.

Background Information:

On January 24, 2023, judgment and sentence was entered against Richard Long for No/Improper Drivers License.

Fiscal Impact:

N/A

Staff Member Responsible:

Jewel White, County Attorney
Christy Donovan Pemberton, Managing Assistant County Attorney

Partners:

N/A

Attachments:

N/A