



Agenda Item Summary

File #: 24-00498

Agenda Date: 5/28/2024

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Authorization to settle liability claim of Edward Anderson v. Alachua County

Presenter:

Bob Swain, Deputy County Attorney

Description:

Request for approval of a negotiated settlement of a personal injury action in the amount of \$85,000 which is above the authority of the County Manager.

Recommended Action:

Approve the settlement with Mr. Anderson for \$85,000 and authorize the County Attorney and Risk Management to take such actions as are necessary to bring the matter to a conclusion.

Prior Board Motions:

None

Fiscal Note:

Payment will be from the Self Insurance Fund 501.18.18513.45.67

Strategic Guide:

All Other Mandatory and Discretionary Services

Background:

This involves settlement of a crash between a Fire Engine and a civilian pick up truck which took place on November 30, 2022 in the West bound lanes of Archer Road right before the I-75 overpass. The Fire Engine was running with lights and sirens and attempting to get around traffic by moving into the left turn lane. A phantom vehicle attempted to pass the Fire Engine as it was moving over so the driver of the Fire Engine pulled to the right and collided with the left rear of the pickup truck being driven by Mr. Anderson which was at a stop. There is a good bit of damage to each vehicle at the point of impact. Both Mr. Anderson and his passenger Tasha Vargas have filed suit against the County and have claimed injuries. A settlement of Mr. Anderson's claim for the total of \$85,000 has been negotiated. A memo for your review supporting the settlement will be in the Commission's Office. It will be exempt from public record until the settlement is approved.