



Broward County

Legislation Text

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Broward County Commission Regular Meeting

Director's Name: Andrew J. Meyers

Department: County Attorney

Information

Requested Action

MOTION TO APPROVE settlement, including costs and attorneys' fees, in the case of *William Henderson vs. Broward County*, 17th Judicial Circuit Court Case No. CACE19-008447 (05).

Why Action is Necessary

Board approval is necessary to resolve this pending lawsuit.

What Action Accomplishes

Settlement of pending litigation.

Is this Action Goal Related

No

Previous Action Taken

Summary Explanation/Background

On March 1, 2016, Plaintiff William Henderson was driving his automobile when he stopped at a red light on Broward Boulevard and 7th Avenue in Fort Lauderdale, and he was rear-ended by a Broward County bus. The Plaintiff filed a negligence action against the County alleging the accident caused him serious injuries. The Plaintiff has undergone substantial medical treatment after the incident, including surgery, and has been recommended for additional surgery in the future. His medical expenses, to date, are \$147,458.06.

The Plaintiff has agreed to release Broward County from all claims arising from the incident in exchange for \$150,000.00, which includes costs and attorneys' fees, subject to Board approval.

The Risk Management Division and Transit Division recommend approval of this settlement.

Source of Additional Information

Robert D. Yates, Senior Assistant County Attorney, 954-357-7600

Fiscal Impact

Fiscal Impact/Cost Summary

The source of funds is the County's general liability self-insurance fund. Agencies of the County pay

annual premiums into the fund based upon the number of their employees and five-year claims history.