

Finance and Administrative Services Department

RISK MANAGEMENT DIVISION – Liability Claims Section

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Memorandum

DATE:

May 12, 2021

TO:

Broward County Board of County Commissioners

THRU:

Bertha Henry, County Administrator

FROM:

Wayne Fletcher, Director

Risk Management Division

RE:

Claims Settlement, 0221204785

On February 21, 2020, a Highway Construction and Engineering truck was traveling east on Broward Boulevard in Fort Lauderdale. It has been alleged that the County's truck changed lanes into the path of the Claimant's vehicle which was traveling in the left through lane with the right-of-way. The Claimant sustained serious injuries including a Traumatic Brain Injury and the Claimant was diagnosed with chronic post concussive syndrome and post traumatic headaches. To date, the medical bills total \$60,951 and are expected to increase with continued treatment. The injuries sustained are causally related. The attorney's bodily injury demand is for \$200,000.

The Loss Notice and Florida Trash Crash Report confirm the facts of the accident.

The Claimant's vehicle sustained heavy damage after flipping over on its right side. The vehicle was evaluated and determined to be a total loss.

Risk Management has tentatively settled the claim for \$100,000 pending approval by the Broward County Board of County Commissioners.

This settlement amount exceeds the settlement authority of the County Administrator and the County Attorney per Broward County Ordinance, Section 1-51.3. Based on the factual information provided the County Attorney's Office and the County Administrator concur with the proposed settlement.

DATE: 5-12-21

BY: Bertha Henry, County Administrator

cc: Thomas Muzicka, Highway Construction and Engineering Division