



## Legislation Text

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### **Title:**

Approve the proposed negotiated settlement of a general liability/bodily injury lawsuit (Mark Sackett v. Seminole County, Florida, Case No. 2021CA001085) related to an incident that occurred on April 17, 2020, for the total amount of \$85,000, inclusive of attorney's fees. Countywide (**Lorie Bailey Brown, CFO/Resource Management Director**)

### **Division:**

Resource Management - Risk Management

### **Authorized By:**

Lorie Bailey Brown, CFO/Resource Management Director

### **Contact/Phone Number:**

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### **Background:**

On April 17, 2020, Mr. Sackett (Plaintiff) alleges he tripped and fell on an uneven sidewalk panel while out for a run in his neighborhood. Plaintiff sustained an injury requiring surgery and incurred medical costs of approximately \$66,000. Plaintiff served his original Complaint on Seminole County on May 28, 2021 and filed his Amended Complaint on August 8, 2023. On May 2, 2024, a tentative settlement agreement was reached contingent upon approval by the Seminole County Board of County Commissioners. As evidenced by the attached signed General Release, Plaintiff has authorized his counsel to execute a Joint Stipulation for Dismissal with Prejudice of the lawsuit to be filed with the Court by counsel upon settlement. The proposed settlement of \$85,000 is inclusive of attorney's fees and provides for a full and complete settlement of any and all claims, rights and actions whatsoever that the Plaintiff has or may have against Seminole County.

### **Requested Action:**

Approve the proposed negotiated settlement of any and all claims, rights and actions whatsoever that the Plaintiff has or may have against Seminole County for the total

amount of \$85,000, inclusive of attorney's fees, and authorize staff and counsel to execute all necessary settlement documents.