

INFORMATIONAL REPORT ON SETTLEMENTS OF CLAIMS AND LITIGATION

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TO: Marcelia Nicholson, Chairwoman, Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors
Ryan Clancy, Chairman, Committee on Judiciary, Safety and General Services

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SUBJECT: Informational Report regarding Settlement of Claims and Litigation

Pursuant to the Office of Corporation Counsel's ("OCC") June 7, 2018 Legal Opinion, the County has delegated settlement authority to WCMIC through its insurance contract. However, to ensure that the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors is aware of any settlements, the OCC reports on a monthly basis the following information:

1. WCMIC-controlled litigation settlements that exceed \$500.00.¹
2. WCMIC-controlled claim resolutions.
3. Resolution of legal claims and litigation covered under other County insurance policies.
4. Resolution of legal claims and litigation in which the County is the party-plaintiff, whether Board approval is or is not required pursuant to Wisconsin law.

¹ Pursuant to Milwaukee County Ordinance § 1.11(c)(5)2.(d) and Wis. Stat. § 59.52(12)(b), resolution of litigation and claims resulting in payment of \$500 or less will be reported to the Board annually.

1. WCMIC-Controlled Litigation Settlements

| <u>Case Name</u> | <u>Case Number</u> | <u>Firm</u> | <u>Description</u> | <u>Settlement Amount</u> | <u>Claim Year</u> | <u>Payor</u> |
|--|----------------------------------|-------------|---------------------------------|--------------------------|-------------------|-------------------------|
| <i>Demetrius Gohre v. Doe</i> | E.D. Wis. 21-CV-370 | OCC | Section 1983 – Excessive force. | \$17,000.00 | 2021 | WCMIC |
| <i>Kurt Steininger v. Milwaukee County</i> | ERD 202302272; EEOC 26G202400022 | OCC | Disability discrimination | \$13,000.00; \$8,138.00 | 2023 | WCMIC; Milwaukee County |

2. WCMIC-Controlled Claim Resolutions

| <u>Claimant Name</u> | <u>Investigator</u> | <u>Type of Action</u> | <u>Settlement Amount</u> | <u>Claim Year</u> | <u>Payor</u> |
|----------------------|---------------------|-------------------------------------|--------------------------|-------------------|--------------|
| Jaymee Harvey-Willms | Ryan Anderson | Auto Liability – Property Damage | \$3,599.69 | 2023 | WCMIC |
| Mary Beth Checkai | Ryan Anderson | General Liability – Bodily Injury | \$985.14 | 2023 | WCMIC |
| Anthony Watson | Ryan Anderson | Auto Liability – Property Damage | \$2,673.86 | 2023 | WCMIC |
| Paloma Gamez | Ryan Anderson | Auto Liability – Property Damage | \$5,329.90 | 2023 | WCMIC |
| Katherine Finder | Ryan Anderson | Auto Liability – Property Damage | \$40,698.19 | 2023 | WCMIC |
| Cody Pawlowski | Ryan Anderson | General Liability – Property Damage | \$1,100.00 | 2023 | WCMIC |

3. **Settlements Covered Under Other Insurance Policies**

None this cycle.

4. **Settlements Where County Is Plaintiff**

None this cycle.

5. **Settlements Pending Where County Board Approval Is Required (with corresponding File No.)**

None this cycle.