

INFORMATIONAL REPORT ON SETTLEMENTS OF CLAIMS AND LITIGATION

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TO: Marcelia Nicholson, Chairwoman, Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors
Justin Bielinski, 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 (or counterclaim plaintiff) whether Board approval is or is not required pursuant to Wisconsin law.
5. Settlements Pending Where County Board Approval Is Required (with corresponding File No.)

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**

None this cycle.

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> |
|----------------------------------|----------------------------|--|---------------------------------|--------------------------|---------------------|
| City of Franklin Fire Department | Ryan Anderson | General Liability – Property Damage | \$599.82 | 2025 | WCMIC |
| John Steinle | Ryan Anderson | Automobile Liability – Property Damage | \$2,293.94 | 2025 | WCMIC |
| Lan Perinich | Ryan Anderson | Automobile Liability – Property Damage | \$31,764.21 | 2023 | WCMIC |

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

None this cycle.

4. **Settlements Where County Is Plaintiff (or Counterclaim Plaintiff)**

| <u>Case Name</u> | <u>Case Number</u> | <u>Firm</u> | <u>Nature of Case</u> | <u>Settlement Terms</u> |
|---|---|--------------------|--|---|
| <i>JRT Top Notch Roofs, LLC v. Milwaukee County</i> | Case No. 23-CV-4828, Milwaukee County Circuit Court | OCC | Vendor brought breach of contract action against the County relating to a construction project. Pursuant to Wisconsin's compulsory counterclaim statute, the County counterclaimed for breach of contract. | Vendor waived claim against the County seeking \$48,000.00, and Vendor's insurer paid the County an additional \$60,000.00, in exchange for a mutual, complete release of all claims. |

5. **Settlements Pending Where County Board Approval Is Required (with corresponding File No.)**
None this cycle.