

**INTEROFFICE COMMUNICATION
COUNTY OF MILWAUKEE**

DATE: June 12, 2014

TO: Marina Dimitrijevic, Chairwoman, County Board of Supervisors

FROM: Lee R. Jones, Principal Assistant Corporation Counsel

SUBJECT: Jonah Rodriguez v. Milwaukee County, et al.
Eastern District of Wisconsin Case No. 2013CV2205

I request that this matter be referred to the Committee on Judiciary, Safety and General Services for approval of a settlement. I request authority to settle this case for the total sum of \$13,500.00, which will be paid by Wisconsin County Mutual Insurance Corporation.

This case involves a claim resulting from a November 2011 incarceration of the plaintiff in which he was held in the Milwaukee County Jail for approximately 30 hours after the district attorney's office determined not to charge him with any crime. Milwaukee Police detained Jonah Rodriguez October 30, 2011, on a charge of recklessly endangering safety. On November 1, 2011, at approximately 8:30 a.m., the Milwaukee County District Attorney's Office issued a no process order indicating that the state would not pursue prosecution of this matter. Mr. Rodriguez was not released from the Milwaukee County Jail until 1:48 p.m. on November 2, 2011.

Per the court's direction, the parties mediated this matter on April 24, 2014. The mediation was successful and resulted in this proposed resolution. The settlement provides that the Wisconsin County Mutual Insurance Corporation will pay to Mr. Rodriguez and his attorney, Raymond Clausen \$13,500.00. This payment covers all claims, including attorneys' fees. In return, Mr. Rodriguez will dismiss his suit and provide the County and all named defendants with a full and complete release from any liability. The payment will be applied to the County's deductible with the County Mutual.

Corporation Counsel and the Wisconsin County Mutual recommend this settlement for approval.



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