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TO: The Honorable Chairman and Members of the
Board of County Commissioners

FROM: James L. Bennett, County Attorney *JLB*

SUBJECT: Notice of New Lawsuit and Defense of the Same by the County Attorney
in the Case of Harrison County, Mississippi v. State of Florida, et al.
Southern District of Mississippi Case No. 1:14-CV-00050-LG-JMR

DATE: June 3, 2014

NOTICE: THIS IS TO ADVISE THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS THAT THE ABOVE-REFERENCED LAWSUIT WAS FILED AGAINST THE COUNTY AND THE COUNTY ATTORNEY'S OFFICE WILL DEFEND THE SAME.

DISCUSSION: Plaintiff seeks to recover costs and expenses allegedly incurred as a result of the arrest and incarceration of a criminal defendant pursuant to a State of Florida Governor's Extradition Warrant. Plaintiff alleges that Pinellas County is liable as it "is responsible for the oversight and funding of the Pinellas County Sheriff's Department."

The County Attorney's Office either on its own or through counsel licensed to practice in the Southern District of Mississippi as necessary, will defend and bring all counterclaims, cross-claims, or third party claims as necessary or appropriate in the judgment of the County Attorney.

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