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

FROM: James L. Bennett, County Attorney 

SUBJECT: Notice of New Lawsuit and Defense of the Same by  
Christopher S. Morin, Esq., in the Case of Elsa Whetstine-Rentfro v.  
Kloote Contracting, Inc. and Pinellas County Board of County Commissioners  
Circuit Civil Case No. 14-005146-CI-19

DATE: September 11, 2014

NOTICE: THIS IS TO ADVISE THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS THAT THE ABOVE-REFERENCED LAWSUIT WAS FILED AGAINST THE COUNTY.

DISCUSSION: Plaintiff tripped and fell over a concrete parking bumper located in the parking lot of the St. Pete-Clearwater International Airport and alleges negligence against the County.

Pursuant to the BCC's general liability insurance policy with Global Aerospace, Inc., the County will be defended, indemnified and held harmless in this action. The County will be represented by Christopher S. Morin, Esq., of Murray, Morin & Herman, P.A., who will bring all counterclaims, cross-claims, or third party claims as necessary or appropriate. The County Attorney's Office will monitor the case and maintain an open line of communication with outside counsel.

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