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

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

SUBJECT: Notice of New Lawsuit and Defense of the Same by the County Attorney  
in the Case of Rebecca Meeker v. Steeplechase Townhomes Owners' Assn., Inc.  
and Pinellas County  
Circuit Civil Case No. 13-4929-CI-8

DATE: February 24, 2015

RECOMMENDATION: 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, Rebecca Meeker, alleges that on or about October 13, 2012, she injured her right ankle when she stepped into a grassy strip between 282 Buckingham Place and 284 Buckingham Place, Palm Harbor, Florida. She alleges her foot became stuck under the edge of the driveway due to a depression in the grassy strip. She claims both Steeplechase Townhomes Owners' Assn. and Pinellas County had a duty to maintain the area.

The County Attorney's Office 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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