

COMMISSION AGENDA:

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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 David Ballard Geddis, Jr. v. Pinellas County Florida
Small Claims Civil Case No. 15-001701-SC-North

DATE: March 24, 2015

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 has instituted a small claims action against Pinellas County challenging the legality of the County's reclaimed water availability charge as a violation of the Thirteenth Amendment for involuntary servitude.

This is the fourth such suit filed by the Plaintiff. The prior suits were dismissed by the Court based on the lawsuits being brought against the incorrect parties.

The County Attorney's Office will bring all counterclaims, cross-claims, or third party claims as necessary or appropriate in the judgment of the County Attorney.

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