

COMMISSION AGENDA:

8-18-15 #11

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 Samuel J. Shammos, III and Maha Shammos, his wife v.
Pinellas County Board of County Commissioners
Circuit Civil Case No. 15-004290-CI-20

DISTRIBUTION: Virginia Holscher, Bureau Director, Risk Management

DATE: August 18, 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: On or about February 22, 2014, Mr. Shammos alleges he tripped and fell over a water meter lid that was improperly installed by the County. Mr. Shammos alleges that Pinellas County's installation of the water meter box in his yard was done incorrectly leaving the lid to the water meter elevated. He claims injuries to his teeth and back. Mrs. Shammos also alleges a loss of consortium due to Mr. Shammos' alleged injuries.

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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