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STAFF REPORT

BOARD MEETING DATE: August 16, 2022

DATE: Thursday, August 11, 2022

TO: Board of County Commissioners

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SUBJECT: Recommendation to approve the settlement of the claim of Plaintiffs Samantha Correll, individually as the natural mother of deceased Rashad Alexander Kerr, Samantha Correll and Sherry L. Brown as Co-Special Administrators for the Estate of Rashad Alexander Kerr vs Ramos Rodriguez, et al, et al. CV22-00503, for a total sum of [\$150,000] for all claims against all Washoe County defendants. (All Commission Districts.) (All Commission Districts.)

SUMMARY

Seeking the approval of the Board to settle the referenced claim against Washoe County and its employee for a total sum of \$150,000.00. Pursuant to Washoe County Code ("WCC") 65.240(5), the Board has authority to settle any claim or suit for damages in this amount.

Washoe County Strategic Objective supported by this item: Stewardship of Our Community.

PREVIOUS ACTION

There has been no previous action by the Board on this matter.

BACKGROUND

This matter arose from the death of Rashad Kerr while in foster care. This litigation was initiated in 2022 by his natural mother and his estate against various defendants including Washoe County and several of its employees.

This settlement contains no admission of liability and will resolve all claims brought against Washoe County and its employees.

AGENDA ITEM # _____

FISCAL IMPACT

Sufficient funds for the settlement of \$150,000 exists in FY 2022-23 in the Risk Management Fund (619)

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Board approve the settlement of the claims of Samantha Correll, individually as the natural mother of deceased Rashad Alexander Kerr, Samantha Correll and Sherry L. Brown as Co-Special Administrators for the Estate of Rashad Alexander Kerr for a total sum of One Hundred, Fifty Thousand Dollars and no cents (\$150,000) for all claims against Washoe County and its employees.

POSSIBLE MOTION

Should the Board agree with staff's recommendation, a possible motion would be:

“Move to approve the settlement of the claim of Samantha Correll, individually as the natural mother of deceased Rashad Alexander Kerr, Samantha Correll and Sherry L. Brown as Co-Special Administrators for the Estate of Rashad Alexander Kerr for all claims against Washoe County and its employees.”