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STAFF REPORT

BOARD MEETING DATE: August 28, 2018

DATE: Wednesday, August 22, 2018

TO: Board of County Commissioners

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SUBJECT: Approve the settlement of the Industrial Insurance Claim of John Nemeth v. Washoe County for a total sum of [\$55,000] for all claims against all defendants. (All Commission Districts)

SUMMARY

Seeking the approval of the Board to settle the referenced claim against Washoe County et al, for a total of \$55,000 for all claims against all defendants. Pursuant to WCC 65.240(5), the Board has sole 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 an injury sustained by a County employee who also had a preexisting condition not covered by Workers' Compensation. When coverage for the injury was accepted, but coverage for the preexisting condition was denied, the employee appealed the decision. As a compromise of the disputed claim, a stipulated agreement separating liability between the industrial injury and the preexisting condition was entered into by the parties. The negotiated agreement allows for payment to the employee and claim closure.

FISCAL IMPACT

Should the Board approve the settlement, there is no additional fiscal impact to the FY19 adopted budget as sufficient authority exists in cost center 195054 (Workers'

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Compensation) and general ledger account 710516 (Workers' Compensation Paid Claims).

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Board approve the settlement of the Industrial Insurance Claim of John Nemeth v. Washoe County for a total sum of [\$55,000] for all claims against all defendants.

POSSIBLE MOTION

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

Move to approve the settlement of the Industrial Insurance Claim of John Nemeth v. Washoe County for a total sum of [\$55,000] for all claims against all defendants.