

PASCO COUNTY, FLORIDA  
INTEROFFICE MEMORANDUM

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


**DATE:** 3/18/2008

**FILE:** CAO 08-4006

**THRU:** Jeffrey N. Steinsnyder  
County Attorney

*and 3-19-08*

**SUBJECT:** Proposed Release and Settlement of Property Damage Claim  
Claim Number: 009042423-0004  
BOCC Meeting: 04/15/08, 10 a.m.,  
Dade City



**FROM:** Timothy S. Steele  
Assistant County Attorney

**REFERENCES:** Commission District 4

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It is recommended that the data herein presented be given formal consideration by the Board of County Commissioners.

DESCRIPTION AND CONDITIONS:

Please find below for your consideration, a proposed Release and Settlement of Property Damage Claim Form.

On December 17, 2007, an automobile accident occurred on Rowan Road and Main Street whereas a vehicle, owned, registered and insured by Kathryn Ceyrolees but driven by Ronald J. Ceyrolles, collided with another vehicle causing structural damage to a building as well as crashing into and damaging a Pasco County handrail along a sidewalk measuring approximately one hundred (100) feet. The total damage to the County handrail was \$2,084.00.

The total damage claims by all parties involved, including Pasco County, are approximately one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000). On January 22, 2008, the County received a letter from Liberty Mutual Fire Insurance Company, the Ceyrolles' insurer, advising that it had tendered its insureds' single limit property damage policy limits of \$10,000 in connection with this incident. Liberty Mutual also advised they retained a mediator for an apportionate settlement conference at their expense. This conference was held on March 12, 2008. All interested parties were present. Pasco County was offered one thousand dollars (\$1,000) for a total and final settlement for claim number 009042423-0004. A check made payable to Pasco County Board of County Commissioners in the amount of \$1,000 has been received by the Public Works Department and deposited into account number B107-369900.

ALTERNATIVES AND ANALYSIS:

1. Approve and accept the Release and Settlement of Property Damage Claim Form.
2. Do not approve and accept the Release and Settlement of Property Damage Claim Form.

RECOMMENDATION AND FUNDING:

The County Attorney's Office along with the Public Works Department, recommends that the Board approve Alternative No. 1, authorize the Chairman to execute three originals of the Release and Settlement of Property Damage Claim Form and further direct Board of Records, to retain one (1) original executed Release and Settlement Claim Form; forward one (1) original executed Release and Settlement Claim Form to the Public Works Department, New Port Richey, Attention: Dimary Perez; one (1) original to Robert E. Vaughn, Jr., Attorney for Liberty Mutual Insurance Company, 600 North Westshore Boulevard, Suite 1001, Tampa, Florida 33609.

No funding is required for this item

ATTACHMENTS: Release and Settlement of Property Damage Claim Form (3 Originals)

cc: Thomas Rydzik, Director, Public Works (w/attachment)  
Dimary Perez, Project Technician II, Public Works (w/attachment)