Memorandum

To:

Claims Committee

From:

Risk Management

Date:

June 17, 2024

Re:

Steven Haugen v. Polk County Board of County Commissioners

Claim Description: This claim stems from a motor vehicle accident which occurred on October 14, 2020, on Highway 557 in Lake Alfred. A Roads & Drainage vehicle had pulled off the roadway to complete some work. They then attempted to complete a U-turn to return to their crew on the opposite side of the road. In doing so they pulled in front of the vehicle being driven by Steven Haugen resulting in impact.

Bodily Injury: Mr. Haugen sustained injuries to his neck, hip, and low back as a result of this crash. He had multiple herniated discs in his neck which he has continued to treat with chiropractic care. He also underwent a right-hip replacement surgery.

Mr. Haugen returned to work for a short time following this accident, but reported numbness in his hands kept him from working. He has been awarded Social Security Disability benefits.

His outstanding expenses including past medical expenses, liens, and wage loss are in excess of \$230k.

Request: We are requesting \$170,000.00 to settle this claim. Mr. Haugen and his attorney Ashlye Cox with Dan Newlin Injury Attorneys agree to settle this claim in exchange for a full release.

<u>Additional:</u> Please review the attached letter from our retained counsel, Attorney Jon Trohn, with The Law Offices of Campbell, Trohn, Tamayo & Aranda recommending this proposal for settlement be accepted.

SETTLEMENT REQUEST:

\$170,000.00