

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY**

Meeting Date: January 17, 2007

Division: Employee Services

Bulk Item: Yes X No

Department: Benefits Office

Staff Contact Person: Maria Z. Fernandez-Gonzalez

AGENDA ITEM WORDING: Approval of a Workers' Compensation settlement in the amount of \$375,000 (three hundred seventy five thousand) for WC File#97112500-GH.

ITEM BACKGROUND: See attached memorandum

PREVIOUS RELEVANT BOCC ACTION: N/A

CONTRACT/AGREEMENT CHANGES: N/A

STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS: Approval

TOTAL COST: N/A **BUDGETED:** Yes X No

(\$0.00 upon reimbursement)
COST TO COUNTY: \$375,000 **SOURCE OF FUNDS:** N/A

REVENUE PRODUCING: Yes No X **AMOUNT PER MONTH** **Year**

APPROVED BY: County Atty MS OMB/Purchasing [Signature] Risk Management MS

DOCUMENTATION: Included X Not Required

DISPOSITION: **AGENDA ITEM #**



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TO: Board of County Commissioners

FROM: Teresa E. Aguiar,
Employee Services Director

DATE: December 28, 2006

SUBJ: Approval of WC Settlement – File #97112500-GH

This item requests approval for the settlement of a workers' compensation claim on a former MCSO employee with a date of accident 11/25/1997. The claimant suffered injuries to his right leg on a damaged portion of sidewalk while walking toward a criminal investigation trailer. The accident was accepted as compensable.

This settlement, in the amount of \$375,000, will discharge the County from any further liability for past or future compensation benefits, past and future medical benefits, rehabilitation benefits, temporary total disability benefits for training and education, death benefits, attorney's fees and costs, and any other benefits provided under the Florida Workers' Compensation Law. Upon approval of the settlement from the Judge of Compensation, the County will have 10 days to remit payment to the claimant. The claim will then be filed with the excess carrier, Safety National, and the entire amount (\$375,000) will be reimbursed to Monroe County.

It is staff's recommendation to approve the settlement in the amount of \$375,000.