

LAKE COUNTY

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

POLICY

Title: Property & Liability Claims
Settlement

Number: LCC-72

Cancel:

Approved: 9/19/06

I. OBJECTIVE

To outline the process of settling property & liability claims.

II. REFERENCES

Chapter 768.28, Florida Statutes, Waiver of sovereign immunity in tort actions; recovery limits; limitation on attorney fees; statute of limitations; exclusions; indemnification; risk management programs.

III. DIRECTIVES

The authority granted by this section shall be applicable only to claims arising out of the risks covered by the Property Liability insurance program.

After a claim has been received, the Office of Employee Services will investigate and recommend to the Property & Liability Claims Committee or the Board of County Commissioners when a claim is ready for settlement.

The membership of the Property & Liability Claims Committee is comprised of the Employee Services Director or designee, Risk & Safety Supervisor, Risk Coordinator and County Attorney or designee.

- 1. Claims \$10,000 or Less** - The Property & Liability Claims Committee upon deeming it to be in the best interest of the program to settle a property or liability claim shall have the authority to do so for claims with a value not more than \$10,000. The Property & Liability Claims Committee shall accept or give all proper releases on behalf of the County.
- 2. Claims Greater Than \$10,000** - The Board of County Commissioners upon deeming it to be in the best interest of the program to settle a liability claim shall have the authority to do so for claims with a

value greater than \$10,000 and less than \$50,000. The Board of County Commissioners shall have the authority to approve the settlement when the sum of the claim does not exceed the liability self-insured retention (SIR) amount of \$50,000, and shall accept or give all proper releases on behalf of the County.

The County Manager shall establish procedures to implement this policy.

IV. RESERVATION OF AUTHORITY

The authority to issue or revise this Policy is reserved to the Board of County Commissioners.

Catherine C. Hanson, Chairman
Board of County Commissioners
Lake County