

FEBRUARY 7, 1995

The Board of County Commissioners, Manatee County, Florida, met in a RISK ASSESSMENT MEETING in the Administrative Center, 1112 Manatee Avenue West, Tuesday, February 7, 1995, at 1:44 p.m.

Present were Commissioners:

Patricia M. Glass, First Vice-Chairman
Joe McClash, Second Vice-Chairman
John Gause, Third Vice Chairman
Lari Ann Harris
Maxine M. Hooper

Absent were:

Stan Stephens, Chairman (prior commitment)
Gwendolyn Y. Brown (prior commitment)

Also present were:

H. Hamilton Rice, Jr., County Attorney
Robin Liberty, Deputy Clerk, representing R. B. Shore,
Clerk of Circuit Court

The meeting was called to order by First Vice-Chairman Glass.

WORKERS COMPENSATION CLAIM: JEANNE M. DENNIS

William Henry, Assistant County Attorney for Risk Management, stated the purpose of the meeting is to consider settlement of the Worker's Compensation claim of Jeanne M. Dennis.

Ms. Dennis, a 68-year old woman, was a crossing guard who experienced numerous, significant injuries when she fell twice while escorting children across the highway in 1992 and 1993. Ms. Dennis has since been assigned to a specially created, temporary job at Port Manatee Stockade.

Although the claimant is currently working two hours a day, five days a week, as she was working prior to both her injuries, wage loss exposure was relatively non-existent. However, there is greater risk concerning permanent total disability and that her employment would have been determined to be sheltered in that it was not necessary for the claimant to compete on the open labor market, the job was specially created for the claimant, and it is not likely that the employer would hire another employee to do the same job should the claimant cease her employment.

Inasmuch as permanent total disability exposure, notwithstanding the claimant's low average weekly wage and compensation rate, would approximate \$50,000, and medical bills could be significant, Mr. Henry recommended approval of the settlement of Workers' Compensation claim of Jeanne M. Dennis for \$15,000, inclusive of all costs and fees; and to authorize payment of that amount from County funds.

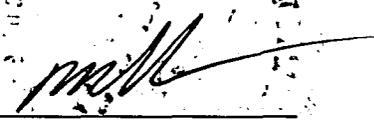
Mrs. Harris moved approval of the County Attorney's recommendation. Motion was seconded by Mrs. Hooper and carried 5 to 0.

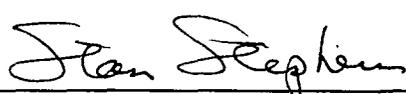
MEETING ADJOURNED

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Attest:

APPROVED:


Clerk


Chairman 2/27/96

Adj: 1:47 p.m. S I
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