

County Attorney's Office Presentation
Litigation Cost Estimates
May 6, 2014
BOCC Work Session



Litigation Case Summary

- Lee County is currently a defendant in 119 civil lawsuits in State and Federal Courts. Personal injury and workers compensation cases are administered under the County's self-insurance program. The remaining cases consist of Bert J. Harris claims, inverse condemnation, eminent domain, employment disputes, contract disputes, zoning cases, code enforcement, administrative challenges, and wrongful death.

- May 2013 - Memo outlining rough liability estimate in the amount of \$108 million of then outstanding cases.
- Fall of 2013 - Opportunity for careful review, in-depth analysis and management of each case to hone in on potential liability.
- March 2014 – Fine tuning of liability estimates and whether there are any other sources in which to pay any judgments are projected. The outer limits of liability are slightly less than \$20 million dollars for cases not covered by the self-insurance program.
- April 2014 – Realigned the trial section to more effectively focus skill sets and expertise on handling cases.

Major Current Litigation

Bert Harris Inverse Claims

Pine Island - 3 Cases

Exposure: \$3,200,000

When to Budget: FY 13-14

Pine Island - 5 Cases

Exposure: \$5,500,000

When to Budget: FY 14-15

FEMA Floodmaps - 6 Cases

Exposure: \$1,200,000

When to Budget: FY 14-15

Inverse Claims

Estero Place v. Lee County (Zoning)

Exposure: \$5,750,000

When to Budget: FY 14-15

Estero Group v. Lee County (Mining)

Exposure: \$2,500,000

When to Budget: FY 14-15

Golfrock v. Lee County (Mining)

Exposure: \$1,000,000

When to Budget: FY 16-17

Employment Claims

Angela Holbrook v. Lee County

Exposure: \$150,000

When to Budget: FY 13-14

Robert Fulton v. Lee County

Exposure: \$100,000

When to Budget: FY 14-15

Lisa Wagner v. Lee County, et al.

Exposure: \$150,000

When to Budget: FY 15-16

Eileen Schuman, John Brock & Susan Noe v. Lee County

Exposure: \$250,000

When to Budget: FY 15-16

Personal Injury Claims

Kristina Childs v. Lee County

Exposure: \$300,000

When to Budget: FY 13-14

Dustin Hamilton v. Lee County, et al.

Exposure: \$100,000

When to Budget: FY 14-15