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Interoffice Memorandum

DATE: October 12, 2016

TO: Mayor Teresa Jacobs
-AND-
Board of County Commissioners

FROM: John L. Petrelli, Director of Risk Management & Professional Standards

SUBJECT: Approval of Payment- Quarterly Self-Insurance Assessment

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AGENDA ITEM

Since October 1, 2003 the County has been certified by the State of Florida as a workers' compensation self-insurer. As a certified self-insurer the County is subject to annual assessments by the Special Disability Trust Fund (SDTF) and the Workers' Compensation Administration Trust Fund (WCATF). Each year the legislature specifies the rate of assessment for each fund. The assessments are based on various factors including payroll and loss experience that are reported annually by Risk Management to the State of Florida. These assessments were originally included with the renewal of the County's commercial insurance program but have been broken out as a separate approval item for each in processing and tracking payment. The not to exceed amount represents a 66% increase over the FY2016 assessment. This is mainly due to Florida Supreme Court decisions that have had a negative impact on workers' compensation rates that are used to calculate the final assessment.

ACTION REQUESTED:

Approval to pay quarterly assessments to the Florida Department of Financial Services for self-insurer assessments in an amount not to exceed \$450,000. These payments will satisfy the County's obligations to the State of Florida pursuant to Sections 440.49(9) and 440.51, Florida Statutes.

JLP/sm

c: Eric Gassman, Chief Accountability Officer