

Resolution authorizing the settlement of a disputed claim for bodily injury to Sarah Slaughter (Sheriff's Office) (\$8,500.00)

WHEREAS, on January 14, 2006, Franklin County Sheriff's Office Deputy, John D. Thompson Jr., was involved in an auto accident; and

WHEREAS, John D. Thompson Jr. was heading eastbound on Refugee Road near Nathaniel Boulevard in Columbus, OH; and

WHEREAS, a vehicle driven by Sarah Slaughter, was stopped in traffic because a vehicle in front of her, driven by Joan Benjamin was stopped in traffic; and

WHEREAS, Joan Benjamin's vehicle was stopped in traffic due to a vehicle in front of her attempting to turn left onto Nathaniel Boulevard; and

WHEREAS, Sarah Slaughter's vehicle was struck in the rear by the Sheriff's Office vehicle driven by Deputy John D. Thompson Jr.; and

WHEREAS, Sarah Slaughter's vehicle was pushed into the rear of the vehicle driven by Joan Benjamin; and

WHEREAS, Joan Benjamin and her other family members occupying the vehicle suffered soft tissue injuries in the accident, with that claim being settled on September 4, 2007; and

WHEREAS, Sarah Slaughter suffered an acute cervical and thoracic strain/sprain in the accident and has since made a full recovery; and

WHEREAS, settlement in the amount of Eight Thousand Five Hundred 00/100 Dollars (\$8,500.00) has been recommended and negotiated by the claim analyst for the Board of Commissioners of Franklin County Ohio, George Rittel of Rittel, Hill and Zimmerman; and

WHEREAS, Franklin County offered to pay Eight Thousand Five Hundred 00/100 Dollars (\$8,500.00) to Sarah Slaughter for her injuries suffered in the accident that occurred on January 14, 2006; and Sarah Slaughter has accepted contingent on approval by the Commissioners; and

WHEREAS, the above described settlement fairly compensates Sarah Slaughter for the injuries to her; and

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WHEREAS, by agreeing to this settlement, neither John D. Thompson Jr., the Franklin County Commissioners, nor the Franklin County Sheriff's Office admits to any negligence or liability arising out of the auto accident; and

WHEREAS, the above described settlement, recommended by the Prosecuting Attorney's Office, deems it to be in the best interest of the Franklin County Board of Commissioners and the Franklin County Sheriff's Office to settle the injury claim for Eight Thousand Five Hundred 00/100 Dollars (\$8,500.00); and

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE FRANKLIN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS:

1. That the above-referenced settlement in the amount of Eight Thousand Five Hundred 00/100 Dollars (\$8,500.00) is in the best interest of the Franklin County Commissioners, Franklin County Sheriff's Office and the Department of Fleet Management and the same is hereby approved.
2. That upon execution of a full release in favor of the Franklin County Commissioners, Department of Fleet Management and the Franklin County Sheriff's Office that is satisfactory to the Prosecutor's Office; a warrant be issued payable to Scott W. Schiff & Associates Company, LPA, representing Sarah Slaughter, and forwarded to 88 West Main Street, Columbus, OH, 43215 as full and final settlement of this matter.
3. The attached Purchase Order in the amount of Eight Thousand Five Hundred 00/100 Dollars (\$8,500.00) is hereby approved.

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cc: Bill Stehle, Assistant Prosecuting Attorney
Fleet Management
Sheriff's Office