

Resolution authorizing a settlement to Ebony T. Skipper for a disputed claim due to an auto accident involving a Franklin County Election Logistics employee (Board of Elections) (\$6,500.00)

WHEREAS, on May 4, 2007 Franklin County Board of Elections vehicle (133), driven by Samuel M. Distefano, Jr., was involved in an auto accident; and

WHEREAS, the operator of vehicle 133 was traveling northbound on Alum Creek Drive just south of the I-70 E entrance ramp in Columbus OH; and

WHEREAS, Ebony T. Skipper was traveling southbound on Alum Creek Drive just north of the I-70 E entrance ramp in a Mercury Mystique she owned; and

WHEREAS, Samuel M. Distefano, Jr., turned left into the parking lot of 1245 Alum Creek Drive, and was struck on the passenger side rear bumper/fender by the passenger side front bumper/fender of Ebony T. Skipper's vehicle causing minimal damage; and

WHEREAS, Franklin County has offered to pay Five Hundred and 00/100 Dollars (\$500.00) to Ebony T. Skipper, for the property damage to her vehicle and in settlement of the property damage portion of this claim; and

WHEREAS, Franklin County has offered to pay Six Thousand and 00/100 Dollars (\$6,000.00) to Ebony T. Skipper in settlement of the bodily injury portion of this claim; and

WHEREAS, by agreeing to this settlement, neither Ebony T. Skipper nor the Franklin County Board of Elections admits to any negligence or liability arising out of the auto accident; and

WHEREAS, the above described settlement fairly compensates Ebony T. Skipper for the damage to her vehicle and bodily injury; and

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WHEREAS, the above described settlement was recommended by Rittel, Hill, and Zimmerman, the Department of Fleet Management and the Prosecuting Attorney's Office, for the property damage to Ebony T. Skipper's vehicle and bodily injury to Ebony T. Skipper; and

WHEREAS, the Franklin County Board of Commissioners deems it to be in the best interest to accept the same in full settlement of the property damage and bodily injury claims; now therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS, FRANKLIN COUNTY, OHIO;

1. That the above-referenced settlement in the amount of Six Thousand Five Hundred and 00/100 Dollars (\$6,500.00) is in the best interests of the Franklin County Commissioners, Franklin County Board of Elections 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, Franklin County Board of Elections and the Department of Fleet Management that is satisfactory to the Prosecutor's Office; a warrant for \$500.00 be issued payable to Ebony T. Skipper and a warrant for \$6,000.00 be issued payable to Scott Schiff & Associates, the attorney for Ebony T. Skipper, and both forwarded to Rittel, Hill, and Zimmerman Insurance Services, Inc., 4920 Reed Road, Columbus, Ohio 43220 as full and final settlement of this matter.
3. The attached purchase orders are hereby approved.

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cc: Prosecuting Attorney
Fleet Management
Commissioners - OMB
Board of Elections