



**Board of Commissioners**  
**Resolution**  
B2024-180

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**Sponsor:** Board of Commissioners

**Meeting Date:** 9/17/2024

**Title:** Settlement Agreement in Simpson v. Joyful Homes, et al.  
(Court File no. 62-CV-22-2942)

**File Number:** 2024-416

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**Background and Rationale:**

On February 26, 2020, Terrion Sherman murdered his girlfriend, Abigail Simpson. At the time of the murder, Mr. Sherman was under a civil commitment order, but provisionally discharged to the community after being involuntarily committed to St. Peter, a psychiatric hospital for approximately six months.

Ramsey County, through its Adult Mental Health-Targeted Case Management division provided Mr. Sherman with case management services under Minnesota Statutes Chapter 253B. The lawsuit, brought by Abigail Simpson's parents alleges that the murder of Ms. Simpson was caused, in part, by Ramsey County's negligence in discharging its duties as Mr. Sherman's case manager.

The parties reached an agreement in mediation, subject to Ramsey County Board approval. On August 6, 2024, the Ramsey County Board met in closed session to receive information and advice from the County Attorney's office related to the case and the settlement.

**Recommendation:**

The Ramsey County Board of Commissioners resolved to:

1. Approve the settlement agreement Simpson v. Joyful Homes, et al., (Court File no. 62-CV-22-2942), totaling \$75,000.
2. Authorize Chair and Chief Clerk to execute the settlement agreement.

A motion to approve was made by Commissioner McGuire, seconded by Commissioner Frethem. Motion passed.

Aye: - 6: Frethem, McGuire, Moran, Ortega, Reinhardt, and Xiong

By:   
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Mee Cheng, Chief Clerk - County Board