FIRST DISTRICT COURT OF APPEAL STATE OF FLORIDA

No. 1D22-2073

ESCAMBIA COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS,

Appellant,

v.

DOUGLAS UNDERHILL,

Appellee.

On appeal from the Circuit Court for Escambia County. Jan Shackelford, Judge.

May 3, 2023

PER CURIAM.

AFFIRMED. See Thornber v. City of Fort Walton Beach, 568 So. 2d 914 (Fla. 1990) (recognizing common-law right of public officials to obtain payment of their legal fees incurred in defending actions arising out of their official position or duties); *Miller v. Underhill*, 301 So. 3d 906 (Fla. 1st DCA 2020) (affirming final summary judgment for Appellee on grounds of absolute immunity).

LEWIS, BILBREY, and KELSEY, JJ., concur.

Not final until disposition of any timely and authorized motion under Fla. R. App. P. 9.330 or 9.331.

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