

**Lee County Board of County Commissioners
Agenda Item Summary**

Blue Sheet No. 20030288

1. REQUESTED MOTION:

ACTION REQUESTED: Authorize the Division of County Lands to make a binding offer to property owner in the amount of \$23,300.00, for Parcel 144, Palmetto Extension, Project No. 4073, pursuant to the terms and conditions set forth in the Purchase Agreement; authorize Chairman on behalf of the BoCC to execute Purchase Agreement if offer is accepted by Seller; authorize the Division of County Lands to handle and accept all documentation necessary to complete this transaction and payment of all recording fees.

WHY ACTION IS NECESSARY: The Board must formally authorize the making of a binding offer to a property owner pursuant to F.S. §73.015 prior to initiation of condemnation proceedings.

WHAT ACTION ACCOMPLISHES: Makes binding offer to property owner as required by F.S. §73.015, as amended.

2. DEPARTMENTAL CATEGORY: 06
COMMISSION DISTRICT #: 2 AND 5

Cl6A

3. MEETING DATE:
04-29-2003

4. AGENDA:

- CONSENT
- ADMINISTRATIVE
- APPEALS
- PUBLIC
- WALK ON

TIME REQUIRED:

5. REQUIREMENT/PURPOSE:

(Specify)

- STATUTE 73.125
- ORDINANCE
- ADMIN.
- OTHER Resolution of Necessity
Blue Sheet No. 20020762 and Interlocal Agreement Blue Sheet No. 20020586

6. REQUESTOR OF INFORMATION

- A.
- B. DEPARTMENT *Independent Division*
- C. DIVISION *County Lands* *4-7-03*
- BY *Karen L.W. Forsyth, Director*

7. BACKGROUND:

The Division of County Lands has been requested by the Department of Transportation and the City of Fort Myers to acquire property that is necessary for the Palmetto Extension, Project No. 4073.

This acquisition consists of 0.99 acres of vacant property, further identified as part of 2177 Highland Avenue, Fort Myers, (STRAP Number 19-44-25-06-00003.2000).

F.S. §73.015, as amended, requires the County to submit a binding offer to the property owner prior to the initiation of condemnation proceedings. The County obtained an appraisal dated November 4, 2002, performed by J. Lee Norris, MAI, SRA, indicating a value of \$22,300.00. The binding offer to the property owner, Ralph J. Williams, is for \$23,300.00. Should the property owner agree to accept this offer, condemnation proceedings will not be required. If the property owner elects not to accept this offer, then condemnation proceedings may be commenced.

Staff is of the opinion that the purchase price increase of \$1,000.00 above the appraised value can be justified considering the costs associated with condemnation proceedings, estimated between \$3,000 - \$5,000 excluding land value increases and attorney fees.

Staff recommends the Board approve the Requested Motion.
Funds are available in City of Fort Myers Acct # 310-4315-541-6100

ATTACHMENTS:

- Purchase and Sale Agreement
- In-House Title Search
- Appraisal Letter
- Sales History
- City Engineer Approval

8. MANAGEMENT RECOMMENDATIONS:

9. RECOMMENDED APPROVAL:

A Department Director	B Purchasing or Contracts	C Human Resources	D Other	E County Attorney	F Budget Services				G County Manager
<i>K. Forsyth</i>		N/A	<i>[Signature]</i>	<i>[Signature]</i>	OA <i>[Signature]</i>	OM <i>[Signature]</i>	RISK <i>[Signature]</i>	GC <i>[Signature]</i>	<i>[Signature]</i>

10. COMMISSION ACTION:

- APPROVED
- DENIED
- DEFERRED
- OTHER

Rec. by CoAtty
Date: *4/11/03*
Time: *3:43 pm*
Forwarded to:
Co. ADM.
4/11/03 4:24

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COUNTY ADMIN. *EW*
4-11-03
4:50
COUNTY ADMIN.
FORWARDED TO: *BT*
4/15/03

This document prepared by
Lee County Division of County Lands
Project: Palmetto Extension Project
Parcel: 144
STRAP No.: 19-44-25-06-00003.2000

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
LEE COUNTY
AGREEMENT FOR PURCHASE AND SALE OF REAL ESTATE
IN LIEU OF CONDEMNATION PROCEEDINGS

THIS AGREEMENT for purchase and sale of real property is made this _____ day of _____, 20____ by and between **Ralph J. Williams**, hereinafter referred to as SELLER, whose address is 18476 Pioneer Road, Fort Myers, Florida 33908, and **Lee County, a political subdivision of the State of Florida**, hereinafter referred to as BUYER.

WITNESSETH:

- 1. AGREEMENT TO PURCHASE AND TO SELL:** SELLER agrees to sell and BUYER agrees to purchase, subject to the terms and conditions set forth below, a parcel of land consisting of **0.99 acres** more or less and located at 2177 Highland Avenue, Fort Myers, Florida and more particularly described in "Exhibit A" attached hereto and made a part hereof, hereinafter called "the Property." This property is being acquired for the Palmetto Extension, hereinafter called "the Project", with the SELLER'S understanding that the property, if not voluntarily sold, would have been condemned by BUYER through the exercise of its eminent domain powers.
- 2. PURCHASE PRICE AND TIME OF PAYMENT:** The total purchase price ("Purchase Price") will be **Twenty three thousand three hundred and no/100 dollars (\$23,300.00)**, payable at closing by County warrant. The Purchase Price is mutually agreeable to both the SELLER and BUYER and represents the voluntary sale and purchase of the property in lieu of BUYER's condemnation.

3. **EVIDENCE OF TITLE:** BUYER will obtain at BUYER'S expense an American Land Title Association Form B Title Commitment and provide title insurance Owner's Policy in the amount of **\$23,300.00**, from a title company acceptable to BUYER. The commitment will be accompanied by one copy of all documents that constitute exceptions to the title commitment. The commitment will also show title to be good and marketable with legal access, subject only to real estate taxes for the current year, zoning and use restrictions imposed by governmental authority, and restrictions and easements common to the area.

4. **CONDITION OF PROPERTY; RISK OF LOSS:** BUYER has inspected the Property and, except as is otherwise provided herein, accepts the Property in the condition inspected. Any loss and/or damage to the Property occurring between the date of this offer and the date of closing or date of possession by BUYER, whichever occurs first, will be at SELLER'S sole risk and expense. However, BUYER may accept the damaged property and deduct from the purchase price any expenses required to repair the damage, or BUYER may cancel this Agreement without obligation.

5. **SELLER'S INSTRUMENTS AND EXPENSES:** SELLER will pay for and provide:

- (a) A statutory warranty deed, and an affidavit regarding liens, possession, and withholding under FIRPTA in a form sufficient to allow "gap" coverage by title insurance;
- (b) utility services up to, but not including the date of closing;
- (c) taxes or assessments for which a bill has been rendered on or before the date of closing;
- (d) payment of partial release of mortgage fees, if any;
- (e) SELLER'S attorney fees, if any.

6. **BUYER'S INSTRUMENTS AND EXPENSES:** BUYER will pay for:

- (a) Recording fee for deed;
- (b) survey, (if desired by BUYER).

7. **TAXES:** SELLER will be charged for Real Estate taxes and personal property taxes (if applicable) up to, but not including the date of closing. This voluntary sale and purchase is considered by Florida law to be exempt from the payment of Documentary Stamp Taxes because this transaction was made under the threat of an eminent domain proceeding by the BUYER.

8. **DEFECTS IN TITLE AND LEGAL ACCESS:** Prior to closing, BUYER will have a reasonable time to examine the title and documents establishing legal access to the property. If title or legal access is found to be defective, BUYER will notify SELLER in writing of the defects and SELLER will make a prompt and diligent effort to correct such defects. If SELLER fails to make corrections within 60 days after notice, BUYER may elect to accept the Property in its existing condition with an appropriate reduction to the purchase price, or may terminate this Agreement without obligation.

9. **SURVEY:** BUYER may order the Property surveyed at BUYER's expense. SELLER agrees to provide access to the Property for such survey to be performed. If the survey shows a discrepancy in the size or dimensions of the Property, or shows encroachments onto the Property or that improvements located on the Property encroach onto adjacent lands, or if the survey identifies violations of recorded covenants and/or covenants of this Agreement, upon notice to the SELLER, the BUYER may elect to treat such discrepancies, violations and/or encroachments as a title defect.

10. **ENVIRONMENTAL AUDIT:** BUYER may perform or have performed, at BUYER's expense, an environmental audit of the Property. If the audit identifies environmental problems unacceptable to the BUYER, BUYER may elect to accept the Property in its existing condition with an appropriate abatement to the purchase price or BUYER may terminate this Agreement without obligation.

11. **ABSENCE OF ENVIRONMENTAL LIABILITIES:** The SELLER warrants and represents that the Property is free from hazardous materials and does not constitute an environmental hazard under any federal, state or local law or regulation. No hazardous, toxic or polluting substances have been released or disposed of on the Property in violation of any applicable law or regulation. The SELLER further warrants that there is no evidence that hazardous, toxic or polluting substances are contained on or emitting from the property in violation of applicable law or regulation. There are no surface impoundments, waste piles, land fills, injection wells, underground storage areas, or other man-made facilities that have or may have accommodated hazardous materials. There is no proceeding or inquiry by any governmental agency with respect to production, disposal or storage on the property of any hazardous materials, or of any activity that could have produced hazardous materials or toxic effects on humans, flora or fauna. There are no buried, partially buried, or above-ground tanks, storage vessels, drums or

containers located on the Property. There is no evidence of release of hazardous materials onto or into the Property.

The SELLER also warrants that there have been no requests from any governmental authority or other party for information, notices of claim, demand letters or other notification that there is any potential for responsibility with respect to any investigation or clean-up of hazardous substance releases on the property. All warranties described herein will survive the closing of this transaction.

In the event the SELLER breaches the warranties as to environmental liability, SELLER agrees to indemnify and hold the BUYER harmless from all fines, penalties, assessments, costs and reasonable attorneys' fees resulting from contamination and remediation of the property.

12. TIME AND BINDING AGREEMENT: Time is of the essence for closing this transaction. The BUYER's written acceptance of this offer will constitute an Agreement for the purchase and sale of the Property and will bind the parties, their successors and assigns. In the event the BUYER abandons this project after execution of this Agreement, but before closing, BUYER may terminate this Agreement without obligation.

13. DATE AND LOCATION OF CLOSING: The closing of this transaction will be held at the office of the insuring title company on or before 60 days from the date this Agreement is made. The time and location of closing may be changed by mutual agreement of the parties.

14. ATTORNEYS' FEES: The prevailing party in any litigation concerning this Agreement will be entitled to recover reasonable attorneys' fees and costs.

15. REAL ESTATE BROKERS: SELLER hereby agrees to indemnify and hold the BUYER harmless from and against any claims by a real estate broker claiming by or through SELLER.

16. POSSESSION: SELLER warrants that there are no parties in possession other than SELLER unless otherwise stated herein. SELLER agrees to deliver possession of Property to BUYER at time of closing unless otherwise stated herein.

17. **TYPEWRITTEN/HANDWRITTEN PROVISIONS:** Typewritten and handwritten provisions inserted herein or attached hereto as addenda, and initialed by all parties, will control all printed provisions in conflict therewith.

18. **SPECIAL CONDITIONS:** Any and all special conditions will be attached to this Agreement and signed by all parties to this Agreement.

WITNESSES:

CHARLIE GREEN, CLERK

BY: _____
DEPUTY CLERK (DATE)

SELLER:

Ralph J. Williams (DATE)

BUYER:

LEE COUNTY, FLORIDA, BY ITS
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

BY: _____
CHAIRMAN OR VICE CHAIRMAN

APPROVED AS TO LEGAL FORM
AND SUFFICIENCY

COUNTY ATTORNEY (DATE)



January 15, 2003

DESCRIPTION

**PARCEL IN
SECTION 19, TOWNSHIP 44 SOUTH, RANGE 25 EAST
LEE COUNTY, FLORIDA**

(REVISED) PARCEL NO. 144

PARENT STRAP NO. 19-44-25-06-0003.2000

A tract or parcel of land located in Lot 3, W. Stanley Hanson's Highland Subdivision as recorded in Plat Book 1 at Page 57 of the Public Records of Lee County, Florida lying in the Northeast Quarter (NE-1/4) of Section 19, Township 44 South, Range 25 East, Lee County, Florida, which tract or parcel is described as follows:

From the northeast corner of said Lot 3 run S 00° 05' 25" E along east line of said lot for 243.62 feet; thence run S 89° 07' 13" W for 160.74 feet to a an intersection with a non-tangent curve; thence run northwesterly along the arc of a curve to the left of radius 2759.50 feet (delta 02° 27' 36") (chord bearing N 07° 33' 09" W) (chord 118.47 feet) for 118.48 feet to a point of tangency; thence run N 08° 46' 57" W for 98.33 to a point of curvature; thence run northwesterly along an arc of a curve to the right of radius 3040.50 feet (delta 00° 32' 45") (chord bearing N 08° 30' 35" W) (chord 28.97 feet) for 28.97 feet to an intersection with the north line of said Lot 3; thence run N 89° 10' 15" E along said north line for 195.23 feet to the Point of Beginning.

Parcel contains 43,182 square feet, more or less.

Bearings hereinabove mentioned are based on the east line of the Northeast Quarter (NE-1/4) of Section 19, township 44 South, Range 25 East to bear S 00° 05' 25" E.

Mark G. Wentzel (For The Firm LB-642)
Professional Land Surveyor
Florida Certificate No. 5247

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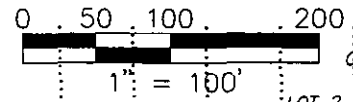
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STATE ROAD NO. 82

SECTION 18
SECTION 19

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SECTION 17
SECTION 20



GODDEN & HANSON'S
RE-SUBDIVISION OF
LOT 2, HANSON'S HIGHLAND SUBD.
P.B.3, PG.65

P.O.C.
NE COR.
NE 1/4

P.O.B.
NE COR.
LOT 3

37' ROADWAY RESERVE
P.B.3, PG.83

HIGHLANDS AVENUE
N00°10'13"W 244.19'

(±2.6 ACRES)

LOT 3

W. STANLEY HANSON'S HIGHLAND SUBDIVISION
P.B.1, PG.57

LOT 3

PARCEL 144
(±43,182 SQ.FT.)

HARLEM LAKE
DRAIN
P.B.3, PG.136

C2 98.33'
N08°46'57"W
C1

N89°10'15"E
195.23'

160.74'
S89°07'13"W

10' RESERVED BY P.B.1, PG.57
FOR DRAINAGE DITCH

- LEGEND
- COR. = CORNER
 - DESC. = DESCRIPTION
 - FD. = FOUND
 - L.B. = LAND SURVEYOR BUSINESS
 - MON. = MONUMENT
 - O.R. = OFFICIAL RECORD
 - P.B. = PLAT BOOK
 - PG. = PAGE
 - P.O.B. = POINT OF BEGINNING
 - P.O.C. = POINT OF COMMENCEMENT
 - R. = RANGE
 - T. = TOWNSHIP

CURVE TABLE					
CURVE	RADIUS	DELTA	LENGTH	CHORD	CHORD BEARING
C1	2759.50	02°27'36"	118.48	118.47	N07°33'09"W
C2	3040.50	00°32'45"	28.97	28.97	N08°30'35"W

THIS IS NOT A SURVEY

Mark G. Wentzel

MARK G. WENTZEL (FOR THE FIRM-L.B.642)
PROFESSIONAL SURVEYOR AND MAPPER
FLORIDA CERTIFICATE NO. 5247

DATE SIGNED: 2/4/03

NOT VALID WITHOUT THE SIGNATURE AND
THE ORIGINAL RAISED SEAL OF FLORIDA
LICENSED SURVEYOR AND MAPPER.

NOTES:

1. BEARINGS ARE BASED ON THE EAST LINE OF THE N.E.1/4 OF SECTION 19, TOWNSHIP 44 SOUTH, RANGE 25 EAST, LEE COUNTY FLORIDA AS BEING S00°05'25"E.
2. PARCEL CONTAINS 43,182 SQUARE FEET MORE OR LESS.

PARCEL NO. 144 (REVISED)
PARENT STRAP NO. 19-44-25-06-00003.2000
PART OF LOT 3
W. STANLEY HANSON'S
HIGHLAND SUBDIVISION
(PLAT BOOK 1, PAGE 57-LEE COUNTY PUBLIC RECORDS)
SECTION 19, T.44 S., R.25 E.
LEE COUNTY, FLORIDA

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3501 DEL PRADO BOULEVARD
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CAPE CORAL, FLORIDA 33904
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E.B. #642 & L.B. #642

SKETCH TO ACCOMPANY
DESCRIPTION

DATE	PROJECT NO.	FILE NO.	SCALE	SHEET
08-08-02	19991321	19-44-25	1"=100'	1

Exhibit "A"

Department of Public Works
Division of County Lands

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Updated Ownership and Easement Search

Search Nos. 21886/C and 21886/D

Date: July 16, 2002

Parcel: 143 & 144

Project: Palmetto Extension, #4073

To: Michele McNeill
Property Acquisition Agent

From: Linda K. Fleming, CLS, SRWA
Real Estate Title Examiner



STRAP: 19-44-25-06-00003.1000 and 19-44-25-06-00003.2000

Effective Date: July 8, 2002, at 5:00 p.m.

Subject Property: Lot 3, W. Stanley Hanson's High Land Subdivision, Plat Book 1, Page 57, Lee County, Florida.

Title to the subject property is vested in the following:

Ralph J. Williams

by that certain instrument dated September 8, 1995, recorded September 14, 1995, in Official Record Book 2635, Page 829, Public Records of Lee County, Florida.

Easements:

NOTE: The Plat of W. Stanley Hanson's High Land Subdivision recorded in Plat Book 1, Page 57, Public Records of Lee County, Florida has language describing a 10 foot drainage ditch with a fall of 9 ft. per mile. The language also states that the ditch is used for subsoil irrigation. The drainage ditch appears to abut the East line of subject property.

NOTE: There is a plat/map attached to the Deed recorded in Deed Book 317, Page 317, Public Records of Lee County, Florida. Said plat/map is referenced in the instrument as "an unrecorded plat of the resubdivision of Lot 3 of W. Stanley Hanson's High Land Subdivision in Section 19, Township 44 S, Range 25 East the plat of which is recorded in Plat Book 1, Page 57, Lee County, Florida." This must be addressed and resolved by the Title Company or Attorney that handles the transfer to the County.

Tax Status: 19-44-25-06-00003.1000 - 2001 Ad Valorem Taxes are PAID IN FULL.

19-44-25-06-00003.2000 - 2001 Ad Valorem Taxes are PAID IN FULL.

(The end user of this report is responsible for verifying tax and/or assessment information.)

The Division of County Lands has made a diligent search of the Public Record. However, this report contains no guarantees nor warranty as to its accuracy.

Carlson, Norris and Associates, Inc.

APPRAISAL • CONSULTATION • REALTORS

C. William Carlson, MAI, SRA
State Certified General Appraiser #0000667
ccarl1@hotmail.com

J. Lee Norris, MAI, SRA
State Certified General Appraiser #0000643
leenor56@hotmail.com

February 10, 2003

Lee County/City of Fort Myers
P.O. Box 398
Fort Myers, Florida 33902
Attention: Robert Clemens, Project Acquisition Manager

Re: Vacant Land - Partial Take
Parcel 144 - Palmetto Avenue Extension
Fort Myers, Florida

Dear Mr. Clemens:

In accordance with your request, we have inspected the above referenced property for the purpose of estimating the market value of the parent tract, the remainder parcel thereby yielding a value for the part taken. This parcel is within the alignment of the Palmetto Extension Right of Way.

The parent tract contains road frontage along the Highlands Avenue right of way just south of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard. The parent tract contains 155,945 square feet. The remainder parcel is estimated to contain 114,998 square feet. Based upon documentation provided to the appraiser the part taken contains 40,947 square feet.

This analysis has utilized the most current market value definition which is contained within the attached appraisal report. The site is being valued under market conditions existing as of the last date of physical inspection of the property. As per your request this is a **Complete-Summary Appraisal Report** which presents summary data and analysis that were used in the appraisal process to develop the appraiser's opinion of value. As this is a complete appraisal, the departure provision of the Uniform Standards of Professional Appraisal Practice was not invoked.

Based on market conditions existing as of the date of appraisal and in consideration of the property as it existed on this date, it is our opinion the parent tract warranted a market value in fee simple ownership on November 4, 2002 of:

SEVENTY EIGHT THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$78,000.00).

The remainder parcel has a market value as of that same date of:

FIFTY SEVEN THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$57,500.00).

The market value of the part taken as of the effective date of appraisal was:

TWENTY THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$20,500.00).

Robert Clemens
February 10, 2003
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The additional market value of the specimen size reclanata palms within the take is:

ONE THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$1,800.00).

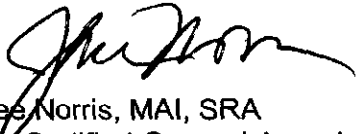
This value represents all property rights to be acquired including all legally compensable diminution in value to the remaining land.

This report is made subject to certain assumptions and limiting conditions as set forth in the body of the appraisal. The analyst was engaged by the Lee County Government in association with the City of Fort Myers to prepare the appraisal of the subject property.

If you should have any questions relating to this or any other matter, please do not hesitate to call upon us.

Respectfully submitted,

CARLSON, NORRIS AND ASSOCIATES, INC.



J. Les Norris, MAI, SRA
State Certified General Appraiser #0000643

5-Year Sales History

Parcel No.144

Veronica S. Shoemaker Blvd. (formerly Palmetto Avenue) Project, No. 4073

NO SALES in PAST 5 YEARS

NOTE: Sale(s) relate to "parent tract" of the subject parcel.

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LEE COUNTY-COUNTY LANDS

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BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

239 479 8505
239.479.8391 FAX

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- James G. Yaeger
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County Hearing Examiner

VIA FAX TO 332-6604

April 4, 2003

Saeed Kazemi, P.E. City Engineer
City of Fort Myers
P.O. Box 2217
Fort Myers, FL 33902-2217

RE: **PARCEL 144, PALMETTO EXTENSION PROJECT**
Request for review and sign-off on acquisition proposal

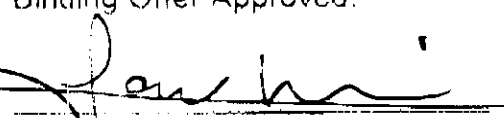
Dear Saeed:

The appraisal for parcel 144 has been reviewed and approved by County Staff and we are preparing to request Board approval to make a binding offer. Below is the relevant data for this parcel. Please review and approve on behalf of the City as well as confirm that funds are available. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Michele S. McNeill, SR/WA
Property Acquisition Agent

Parcel 144
Property Owner: Ralph J. Williams
Appraiser: Carlson Norris and Associates, Inc.
Appraisal Date: 11/4/02
Appraised Amount: \$22,300.00
Binding Offer Amount: \$23,300.00

Binding Offer Approved:

Saeed Kazemi, P.E.
City Engineer, City of Fort Myers

Funds are available in account:
310-4315-541-6100

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