

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

Blue Sheet No. 20060947

1. ACTION REQUESTED/PURPOSE: Approve mediated settlement in case of Lee County v. Laakso, et al., Case No. 06CA-73-I, parcel 2, Matlacha Park Project.

2. WHAT ACTION ACCOMPLISHES: Settles all claims for this case.

3. MANAGEMENT RECOMMENDATION: Approve mediated settlement.

4. Departmental Category: 12 – County Attorney **AiaJ**

5. Meeting Date: August 1, 2006

6. Agenda:

- Consent
- Administrative
- Appeals
- Public
- Walk-On

7. Requirement/Purpose: (specify)

- Statute
- Ordinance
- Admin. Code
- Other

8. Request Initiated:

Commissioner _____
 Department County Attorney
 Division Litigation
 By: John S. Turner, Assistant
 County Attorney

9. Background: This is for approval of a mediated settlement of July 13, 2006, for parcel 2 in the case of Lee County v. Laakso, et al., case no. 06CA-73-I, acquisition of residence of 12,500 sq. ft. located adjacent to Matlacha Community Park for a total acquisition cost for the real estate of \$1,275,000 and attorneys fees of \$170,000 plus taxable costs. This property is to be used for expansion of the Matlacha Community Park including installation of a dock and launching facilities for kayaks and canoes, art center expansion, replanting mangroves, new parking and shelter, and a drop-off and group-size shelter. The property owner, Leonard H. Laakso, initially demanded \$115. per sq. ft. for a total of \$1,437,500. Lee County's initial good faith estimate of value for purposes of order of taking was \$725,000. Recognizing recent comparable property sales transactions near the subject property, the parties agreed on a figure of \$102 per sq. ft.

Funds available in string account no.: 20203418700.506110

10. Review for Scheduling:

Department Director	Purchasing or Contracts	Human Resources	Other	County Attorney	Budget Services				County Manager/P.W. Director
					Analyst	Risk	Grants	Mgr.	
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11. Commission Action:

- Approved
- Deferred
- Denied
- Other