



COUNTY ATTORNEY'S OFFICE MEMORANDUM

TO:

Board of County Commissioners

THROUGH: Stephen P. Lee, Deputy County Attorney

FROM:

Lynn Vouis, Assistant County Attorney

CONCUR:

Bob Adolphe, Director of Environmental Services

Bob Briggs, Finance Manager, Environmental Service

DATE:

April 15, 2005

SUBJECT:

Purchase Agreement Authorization

Owners: Will L. Roger and Agnes Roger

Parcel I.D. Nos. 16-21-31-5CA-0000-112D and 16-21-31-5CA-0000-112E

Consumers/Lake Hayes Water Transmission Main project

This memorandum requests authorization by the Board of County Commissioners (BCC) and execution by the Chairman of a purchase agreement for Parcel I.D. Nos. 16-21-31-5CA-0000-112D and 16-21-31-5CA-0000-112E. The parcels are required for the Consumers/Lake Hayes Water Transmission Main project. The purchase price is \$10,000.00, with no fees, costs or expenses incurred by the property owners.

I THE PROPERTY

Location Data Α.

The property is located on Andrew Lane, on the south side of Chapman Road at a signalized intersection between Sate Road 426 (Aloma Avenue) and State Road 434 (Alafava Trail), in Oviedo, Florida.

- 1. Location Map (Exhibit A);
- Sketch (Exhibit B); and 2.
- Purchase Agreement (Exhibit C) 3.

B. Address

2288 Andrew Lane Oviedo, Florida 32765-8611

C. Description

The subject parent tract consists of a 105,321 square foot (2.42 acres) rectangular tract of land and is accessed by a County maintained shell marl street. The property is improved with a single-family mobile home residence that was built in 1992.

II AUTHORITY TO ACQUIRE

The BCC adopted Resolution No. 2003-R-118 on July 22, 2003, authorizing the acquisition of the referenced property, and finding that the Consumers/Lake Hayes Water Transmission Main project is necessary and serves a county and public purpose and is in the best interests of the citizens of Seminole County.

III ACQUISITION/REMAINDER

The proposed acquisition is a 5,020 square foot permanent utility and drainage easement for the construction of an underground water main. The easement acquisition from the parent tract is a 15' wide strip of land that will be located within the boundaries of the existing 110' wide FP&L right of way easement currently encumbering the subject property.

IV APPRAISED VALUE

The County's appraised value amount, as of December 22, 2003, was \$1,400.00. The County's appraisal was prepared by HDR Acquisition Services, Inc., and was approved by the County's MAI designated staff appraiser.

V BINDING OFFER/NEGOTIATIONS

On September 28, 2004, the BCC authorized a binding written offer in the amount of \$2,000.00. The property owners responded with a counter-offer of \$20,000.00. They were told payment of that amount, or anything near it, was not feasible. Thereafter, County staff met with the property owners for a few hours explaining the project and addressing their concerns. After extensive negotiations, County staff reached a contingent settlement agreement with the property owners in the amount of \$10,000.00.

VI SETTLEMENT ANALYSIS/COST AVOIDANCE

The property owners are very concerned about the impact of the County's project on their property and their lives. They are elderly retirees who have extensively landscaped their 2.42 acre property, including the area of construction within the current Florida Power Corporation easement. Since they spend much of their time outside, the construction activity will be more than a mere inconvenience but rather will cause a severe negative impact on their daily lives. Since Mr. Roger worked on construction sites until he retired, he is well aware of the disruption, noise, vibrations and other issues associated with the construction process.

The Rogers do not accept many aspects of the County's appraisal of their property. Specifically, they do not believe it is fair that the value of the property to be acquired be reduced by 50% due to the Florida Power easement. They point out that they have been paying taxes to Seminole County for the full amount for many years.

Finally, the Rogers have been solicited by numerous attorneys concerning the County's need for their property. They are aware that it would cost the County more if they retain representation. They would rather the County pay them what they believe their property is worth and not hire an attorney. This proposed settlement amount, although \$8,000.00 more than the County's binding written offer and \$8,600.00 more than the County's appraised value amount, is reasonable under the circumstances inherent in the condemnation process. If this property proceeds to condemnation, litigation costs and costs to update appraisals on both sides will have to be paid by the County. These costs would easily exceed the \$8,000.00 in additional settlement funds proposed to be paid.

VII RECOMMENDATION

County staff recommends that the BCC authorize settlement in the amount of \$10,000.00, with no fees, costs or expenses incurred by the property owners.

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Attachments:
Location Map (Exhibit A)
Sketch (Exhibit B)
Purchase Agreement (Exhibit C)

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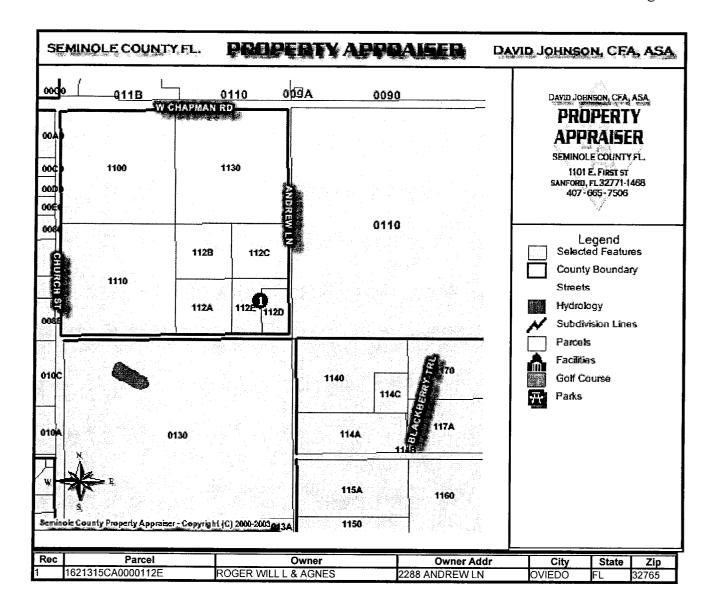
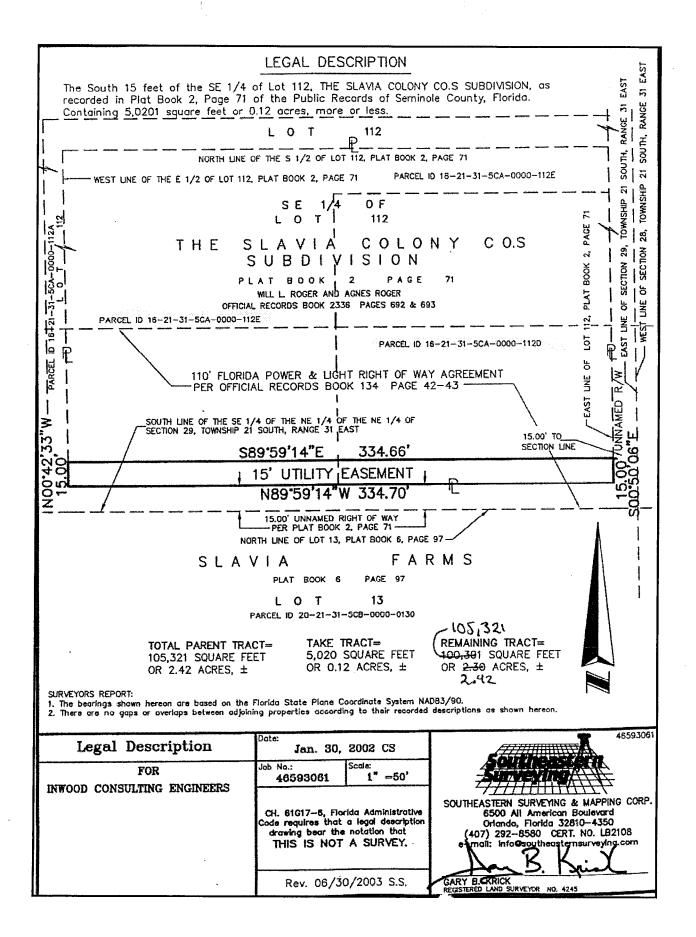


EXHIBIT A



PURCHASE AGREEMENT PERMANENT UTILITY AND DRAINAGE EASEMENT

COUNTY OF SEMINOLE)	
THIS AGREEMENT is made and entered into this day of 2005, by and between WILL L. ROGER AND AGNES ROGER, whose address is 228 Andrew Lane, Oviedo, Florida, 32765-8611, hereinafter referred to as "OWNER," at SEMINOLE COUNTY, a political subdivision of the State of Florida, whose address Seminole County Services Building, 1101 East First Street, Sanford, Florida 3277 hereinafter referred to as "COUNTY."	nd is

WHEREAS, the COUNTY requires the hereinafter described property for a utility project in Seminole County;

WITNESSETH:

NOW, THEREFORE, for and in consideration of the mutual covenants and conditions herein contained, OWNER hereby agrees to sell and COUNTY hereby agrees to buy the following property upon the following terms and conditions:

I. LEGAL DESCRIPTION

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See attached Exhibit "A"

Parcel I. D. Number(s): 16-21-31-5CA-0000-112D and 16-21-31-5CA-0000-112E

II. PURCHASE PRICE

- (a) OWNER agrees to sell and convey the above described property of the above referenced project by Permanent Utility and Drainage Easement, free of liens and encumbrances, unto COUNTY for the sum of <u>TEN THOUSAND AND NO/100 DOLLARS</u> (\$10,000.00). The above amount includes all compensation due as a result of this acquisition to the OWNER for any reason and for any account whatsoever.
- (b) COUNTY shall be responsible for the following closing costs: recording fees for said easement and Title Insurance Policy issued to the COUNTY by a title insurance company of the COUNTY's choice and all expenses to record instruments necessary to provide title unto COUNTY.

(c) OWNER covenants that there are no real estate commissions due any licensed real estate broker and further agrees to defend against and pay any valid claims made in regard to this purchase relating to covenants made herein by the OWNER.

III. CONDITIONS

- (a) COUNTY shall pay to the OWNER the sum as described in Item II., above, upon the proper execution and delivery of all the instruments required to complete the above purchase and sale to the designated closing agent. The OWNER agrees to close within seven (7) days of notice by the COUNTY or the COUNTY's closing agent that a closing is ready to occur.
- (b) OWNER agrees to vacate and surrender possession of the property upon the date of delivery of the instruments and closing of this Agreement. COUNTY may, but is not obligated to, extend possession of the property by OWNER; provided, however, that such approval will be evidenced by a written document of equal dignity herewith. During the period from the date of the execution of this Agreement by both parties and the closing, OWNER agrees to exercise diligent care in protecting the property from theft and vandalism.
- (c) Any and all encroachments existing upon the property, other than those improvements included in the purchase price, are to be removed by the OWNER at the expense of the OWNER prior to closing.
- (d) OWNER warrants that there are no facts known to OWNER materially affecting the value of the properties which are not readily observable by COUNTY or which have not been disclosed to COUNTY.
- (e) The instrument(s) of conveyance to be utilized at closing shall also include the covenant of further assurances.
- (f) The OWNER shall fully comply with *Section 286.23, Florida Statutes*, to the extent that said statute is applicable.
- (g) In the event that COUNTY subsequently abandons this project after execution of this Agreement, but before closing, this Agreement shall be null and void.
- (h) In the event that difficulties arise as to clearing title sufficient to consummate a closing of this Purchase Agreement or difficulties occur in the issuance of a title insurance commitment which is acceptable to the COUNTY; this Agreement shall survive the filing of any eminent domain action by the COUNTY and shall serve as a joint stipulation regarding all valuation issues and fees and costs matters in any condemnation proceeding initiated by the COUNTY relating to the real property herein described. The OWNER agrees that, in accordance with any request made by the COUNTY, the OWNER

shall execute any and all instruments, pleadings, documents and agreements upon litigation reflecting the full settlement as set forth herein. The OWNER agrees not to oppose the COUNTY's condemnation proceedings in any way. The OWNER, may however, assert OWNER's rights against other claimants in apportionment proceedings.

- (i) As part of the consideration for this Purchase Agreement, OWNER hereby grants to COUNTY, its employees, agents, consulting engineers, contractors and other representatives the right to enter upon and to have non-exclusive possession of the property described in Exhibit A to this Agreement. The right of entry shall commence ninety (90) days after the execution of this Agreement by COUNTY, and shall continue until closing occurs, or if closing cannot occur, until the condemnation proceedings to acquire the property have been completed. Aside from this Agreement, no further notification of COUNTY's intent to enter the property is required. This right of entry is for the purpose of construction of the Consumers/Lake Hayes Water Transmission Main Project and so that the COUNTY's construction schedule can be maintained notwithstanding issues which may delay closing in a timely manner. OWNER will not receive from COUNTY any additional compensation beyond that set forth in this Purchase Agreement during the period of time the COUNTY occupies the above described property for the purpose set forth above for the right to enter and possess the property before conveyance of title.
- (j) The COUNTY shall be solely responsible for all of COUNTY activities conducted on the property. OWNER shall not be considered an agent or employee of COUNTY for any reason whatsoever on account of the Agreement.
- (k) The OWNER states that the OWNER has not engaged in any action that would create a conflict of interest in the performance of OWNER's obligations under this Agreement with the COUNTY which would violate or cause others to violate the provisions of *Part III*, *Chapter 112*, *Florida Statutes*, relating to ethics in government.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have caused these presents to be executed in their respective names on the date first above written.

WITNESSES:

PROPERTY OWNER

SIGNATURÉ

SIGNATURE

PRINT NAME

ADDRESS: 2288 Andrew Lane

Oviedo, Florida 32765-8611

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Project: Consumers /Lake Hayes Water Transmission Main

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SIGNATURE D. GISCLAS PRINT NAME	ADDRESS: 2288 Andrew Lane Oviedo, Florida 32765-8611
ATTEST:	BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS SEMINOLE COUNTY, FLORIDA
MARYANNE MORSE Clerk to the Board of County Commissioners of Seminole County, Florida.	By:CARLTON D. HENLEY, Chairman Date:
For the use and reliance of Seminole County only. Ap- proved as to form and legal	As authorized for execution by the Board of County Commissioners at its, 2005 regular meeting.

County Attorney

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