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COUNTY ATTORNEY'S OFFICE MEMORANDUM

To:

Board of County Commissioners

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Date:

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Subject:

Settlement Authorization

East Lake Mary Boulevard Phase IIB

Parcel Nos. 213A/713/813, 213B and 213C

Owners: S. Theodore Takvorian and Ann Takvorian

Seminole County v. Fernandez, et al.

Case No. 2003-CA-2040-13-W

This memorandum requests settlement authorization by the Board of County Commissioners (BCC) as to Parcel Nos. 213A/713/813, 213B and 213C on the East The proposed mediated settlement Lake Mary Boulevard, Phase IIB project. aggregates the three Takvorian ownerships and the five parcels acquired from the three ownerships at the total recommended settlement sum of \$320,238.51 inclusive of all land value, severance damage, statutory interest, statutory attorney's fees, and cost reimbursements. The total sum is allocated as follows:

\$199,500.00 land value, severance damage, and statutory interest

\$ 29,172.00

statutory attorney's fee; and

\$ 91,566.51

cost reimbursements

I **PROPERTY**

Location Data. Parcel Nos. 213A/713/813, and 213B are located along the new alignment of East Lake Mary Boulevard. Parcel No. 213C is located with frontage on State Road 415 and State Road 46. A location map depicting the location of the parcels is attached as Exhibit A.

B. <u>Street Address</u>. The properties are vacant and, therefore do not have addresses assigned to them. Parcel sketches are attached as Exhibits B, C, and D. The hatched area depicts the property acquired.

II AUTHORITY TO ACQUIRE.

The BCC adopted Resolution No. 2003-R-47 on February 11, 2003, authorizing the acquisition of Parcel Nos. 213A/713/813, 213B, and 213C. The East Lake Mary Boulevard Phase IIB road improvement project was found to be necessary and serving a public purpose and in the best interests of the citizens of Seminole County. The Order of Take occurred on September 4, 2003, with title vesting in Seminole County on September 9, 2003, the date of the good faith deposit.

III ACQUISITIONS AND REMAINDER

The fee acquisition of Parcel No. 213A totaled 1.578 acres from a parent tract of 14.1339 acres leaving a remainder of 12.559 acres. This remainder will be encumbered by Parcel No. 813, a permanent drainage easement that totals 2,229.7 square feet. Parcel No. 713 is a temporary construction easement totaling 598.1 square feet.

Parcel No. 213B is a fee acquisition totaling 1.8109 acres from a parent tract of 4.8682 acres leaving a split remainder of 3.0574 acres. The split leaves 2.6 acres east of the new roadway alignment and 0.4574 acres west of the new roadway. See, Exhibit C.

Parcel No. 213C is a fee acquisition of 2,673.0 square feet from a parent tract of 6.5711 acres leaving a remainder of 6.5098 acres.

IV APPRAISED VALUES

A. <u>County Reports</u>. The Spivey Group, Inc., performed the County reports.

Parcel Nos. 213A/713/813. The initial appraisal reported full compensation as of January 20, 2003, at \$45,600.00. The update appraisal opined the value as of September 13, 2003, to be \$53,400.00.

Parcel No. 213B. The initial appraisal reported full compensation as of January 16, 2003, to be \$56,100.00. The update opined the value as of September 13, 2003, at \$67,700.00

Parcel No. 213C. The initial appraisal reported full compensation as of December 30, 2002, to be \$9,400.00. The update as of September 30, 2003, reported the same value as the initial appraisal.

B. <u>Owners' Reports</u>. The owners' reports were prepared by Calhoun, Dreggors and Associates, Inc., as of September 9, 2003, to report full compensation as follows:

Parcel Nos. 213A/713/813 \$109,700.00
Parcel No. 213B \$183,500.00; and
Parcel No. 213C \$13,400.00.

V BINDING OFFERS/NEGOTIATION

The first written offers were:

Parcel Nos. 213A/713/813 \$ 45,600.00 Parcel No. 213B \$ 56,100.00; and Parcel No. 213C \$ 9,400.00.

At mediation, the owners' position was the aggregate total of \$333,600.00 inclusive of statutory interest and exclusive of attorney's fees and cost reimbursements.

The County's position was aggregated at \$136,750.00. This sum was exclusive of statutory interest, attorney's fees and cost reimbursements.

The proposed mediated settlement is at \$199,500.00 aggregated for all land value, severance damages, and statutory interest.

The spread between the positions of the parties totaled \$196,850.00 with a split between positions at \$235,175.00. Typically, juries tend to split the difference. This proposed settlement is at \$199,500.00 or 31.87% of the spread.

VI ATTORNEY'S FEES AND COSTS

- A. <u>Attorney's Fees</u>. The aggregated statutory attorney's fee reimbursement totals \$29,172.00 for the three ownerships. The sum is statutorily computed based upon a settlement sum of \$199,500.00 less an aggregated written offer of \$111,100.00 to produce a benefit of \$88,400.00.
- B. <u>Cost Reimbursements</u>. The owners' claimed aggregated costs at \$115,845.62 is allocated:

(1)	Surveys	\$ 11,687.50
(2)	Appraisal	\$ 46,146.00
(3)	Civil Engineering	\$ 14,715.33
(4)	Planners	\$ 20,523.99
(5)	Geotechnical Engineers	\$ 19,456.67
(6)	Court Reporters	\$ 1,431.55
(7)	Exhibit Preparation	\$ 958.46
(8)	Miscellaneous	\$ 926.12

TOTAL: <u>\$115,845.62</u>

In negotiation, several non-reimbursable office overhead costs were taken out and several expert claims were reduced as unnecessary and excessive. The negotiated cost settlement is allocated as follows:

(1)	Surveys	\$11,687.50
(2)	Appraisal	\$36,830.00
(3)	Civil Engineering	\$13,240.00
(4)	Planners	\$16,419.00
(5)	Geotechnical Engineers	\$11,000.00
(6)	Court Reporters	\$ 1,431.55
(7)	Exhibit Preparation	\$ 958.46
(8)	Miscellaneous	\$ 00.00

TOTAL: \$91,566.51

The negotiated cost reimbursement represents a reduction of 21% from the total requested costs.

VII COST AVOIDANCE

By this settlement, the County avoids all additional costs associated with litigation.

VIII RECOMMENDATION

County staff recommends that the BCC approve this mediated settlement in the total aggregate sum of \$320,238.51 inclusive of land value, severance damage, statutory interest, statutory attorney's fees and cost reimbursements.

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Attachments

Exhibit A - Location map

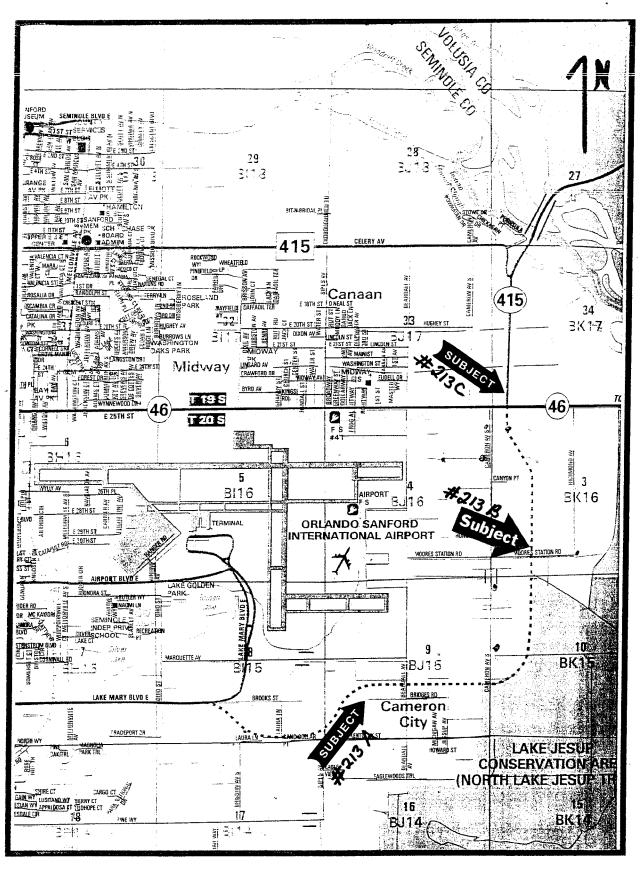
Exhibit B - Parcel sketch

Exhibit C - Parcel sketch

Exhibit D - Parcel sketch

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SITE LOCATION MAP



Calhoun, Dreggors & Associates, Inc.

