

PALM BEACH COUNTY  
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY

Meeting Date: May 7, 2024

- Consent
- Regular
- Workshop
- Public Hearing

Department: Office of Financial Management and Budget

I. EXECUTIVE BRIEF

**Motion and Title:** Staff recommends motion to approve a negotiated settlement offer in the amount of \$38,500 for the full satisfaction of a code enforcement lien entered against Chuck J. & Frankie Argentine on October 4, 2006.

**Summary:** On February 1, 2006, a Code Enforcement Special Magistrate (CESM) issued an order giving Chuck J. & Frankie Argentine until June 1, 2006 to bring their property located at 106 Northview Drive, Jupiter into full code compliance. Violations imposed against the property included an enclosed garage and shed without permits. Compliance with the CESM's Order was not timely achieved, and a fine of \$50 per day was imposed. The CESM executed an order imposing a code lien against the Argentines on October 4, 2006.

The Code Enforcement Division (Code Enforcement) issued an affidavit of compliance for the property on November 13, 2023. Settlement discussions began on March 1, 2024, when the total accrued fines amounted to \$319,022.52. Mr. James C. Burns, Esq., the legal representative for the Argentines, has agreed to pay Palm Beach County \$38,500 (12%) for full settlement of the outstanding code enforcement lien. **District 1** (SF).

**Background and Justification:** The Argentines acquired the property in August 1969. A site visit in September of 2005 revealed the property had several violations. Code Enforcement visited the property a year later to find some of the violations were corrected but some were still pending. The property finally reached compliance on November 13, 2023. Unfortunately, Mr. Argentine died in July 2023.

The legal representative for the family, James C. Burns, Esq., contacted the Office of Financial Management and Budget to discuss settlement of the lien. On March 11, 2024, Mr. Burns, on behalf of the Argentine family, agreed to pay Palm Beach County \$38,500 (12%). This is a non-homestead property.

Settlement offers that reduce any debt amount due to Palm Beach County by more than \$2,500 require the approval of Board, per Countywide PPM CW-F-048.

Attachments: none

Recommended by: Sherry Brown 4/8/2024  
 Department Director Date

Approved by: W. Baker 4/15/2024  
 County Administrator Date

**II. FISCAL IMPACT ANALYSIS**

**A. Five Year Summary of Fiscal Impact:**

Fiscal Years	2024	2025	2026	2027	2028
Capital Expenditures					
Operating Costs					
External Revenues	(38,500)				
Program Income (County)					
In-Kind Match (County)					
NET FISCAL IMPACT	(38,500)				
#ADDITIONAL FTE POSITIONS (CUMULATIVE)					

Is Item Included In Current Budget?                      Yes  No   
 Does this item include the use of federal funds?      Yes  No   
 Is this item using State Funds?                              Yes  No

**Budget Account No.:** Fund 0001 Department 600 Unit 6241 Object 5900


**B. Recommended Sources of Funds/Summary of Fiscal Impact:**

**C. Departmental Fiscal Review:**

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**III. REVIEW COMMENTS**

**A. OFMB Fiscal and/or Contract Dev. and Control Comments:**

 4/19/2024  
 OFMB 4/18  
 (B) 4/8  
 MJJ  
 4/18/24

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 N/A  
 Contract Dev. and Control

**B. Legal Sufficiency:**

  
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 Assistant County Attorney

**C. Other Department Review:**

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 N/A  
 Department Director