

PALM BEACH COUNTY  
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY

Meeting Date: July 2, 2024

Consent  
 Workshop

Regular  
 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 \$5,906 for the full satisfaction of a code enforcement lien entered against Jeanie Martin and Susan Lee on August 7, 2019.

**Summary:** On March 6, 2019, Code Enforcement Special Magistrate (CESM) issued an order giving Jeanie Martin and Susan Lee until June 4, 2019 to bring their property located at 1702 High Ridge Road, Lake Worth into full code compliance. The violation imposed against the property included overgrown vegetation, inactive permits, and open storage of trash and debris. 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 Jeanie Martin and Susan Lee on August 7, 2019.

The Code Enforcement Division (Code Enforcement) issued an affidavit of compliance for the property on January 13, 2021. Settlement discussions began on March 6, 2024, when the total accrued fines amounted to \$29,525.51. Mr. Jim Frogner, a representative for Ms. Lee and Ms. Martin, has agreed to pay Palm Beach County \$5,906 (20%) for full settlement of the outstanding code enforcement lien. **District 2 (SF).**

**Background and Justification:** Ms. Lee and Ms. Martin acquired the property in March 1994. Ms. Martin reported that she and Ms. Lee moved to Brevard County in 2009, and the property was vacant until 2013. Around 2014, Ms. Martin authorized a relative to move in the property to assist with the care of the premises. Code Enforcement made nine visits to inspect the property and check the status of the violations between April 2018 and January 2021. Ms. Lee and Ms. Martin were not present at the hearing but were given 90 days to reactivate the permit and bring the property into compliance.

Ms. Lee and Ms. Martin recently sold the property and hired Jim Frogner of Frogner Consulting, LLC to negotiate a settlement on their behalf. The agreed amount is held on an escrow account awaiting Board approval. 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 M 5/30/2024  
Department Director Date

Approved by: W Baker 6/5/24  
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	(5,906)				
Program Income (County)					
In-Kind Match (County)					
NET FISCAL IMPACT	(5,906)				
#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:**

*Sup Mada 5/30/2024*  
*5/30/24 OFMB JA 5/30*  
*CB 5/30*  
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N/A  
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 Contract Dev. and Control

**B. Legal Sufficiency:**

*5/30/24*  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 Assistant County Attorney

**C. Other Department Review:**

N/A  
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 Department Director

(This summary is not to be used as a basis for payment)