

Board of County Commissioners

Agenda Request

Date of Meeting: January 11, 2010

Date Submitted: December 21, 2009

To: Honorable Chairman and Members of the Board

From: Lynn Artz, County Commissioner, District 5

Subject: Request Board Approval to Direct Staff and County Attorney to Complete All Acts Necessary to Acquire the 6 Identified Properties in Greiner's Addition and Magnolia Gardens for a Cost Not To Exceed \$16,500

Statement of Issue:

This agenda item requests Board approval to direct staff and the County Attorney to complete all acts necessary to acquire the 6 properties (15 ½ lots) in Greiner's Addition and Magnolia Gardens for a cost not to exceed \$16,500 for stormwater management, neighborhood parks, density reduction, future sewer infrastructure, or possible trades for same.

Background/Description

Cutchin Properties recently acquired 6 parcels (15½ lots) at a tax deed sale – 4 in Greiner's Addition & 2 in Magnolia Gardens. The Wakulla County Planning Department has determined that most of these lots are in low-lying, flood prone areas. Cutchin Properties concluded that the properties are unsuitable for development and have had their assessed values reduced by the Property Appraiser. Cutchin Properties has offered to deed these properties to Wakulla County in exchange for being reimbursed for all of the taxes and fees they have paid (i.e., \$16,435.30).

Analysis:

Acquiring properties in overplatted subdivisions such as Wakulla Gardens, Greiner's Addition, and Magnolia Gardens is prudent, especially when such properties can be acquired at reduced cost. Highest priority should be given to acquiring properties that will help with stormwater management or sewer infrastructure. However, any low-cost lots that the county can acquire will help to reduce density, increase park and recreation space, and facilitate trades for other lots.

Options:

1. Approve to direct staff and County Attorney to complete all acts necessary to acquire the 6 identified properties in Greiner's Addition and Magnolia Gardens for a cost not to exceed \$16,500.
2. Do not approve to direct staff and County Attorney to complete all acts necessary to acquire the 6 identified properties in Greiner's Addition and Magnolia Gardens for a cost not to exceed \$16,500.
3. Board direction.

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Recommendation:

Option #1

Attachments:

1. Map and Info on Properties