4D-1 Agenda Item #:

PALM BEACH COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY

Meeting Date:	March 6, 2012	[] Consent [] Ordinance	[X] Regular [] Public Hearing	
Department:	Facilities Developme	ent & Operations		

I. EXECUTIVE BRIEF

Motion and Title: Staff recommends motion to:

- A) adopt a resolution authorizing the conveyance of the County's interest in 0.91 acres of surplus property to the Village of Wellington without charge and with reservation of mineral and petroleum rights, but without rights of entry and exploration pursuant to Florida Statutes Section 197.592(3); and
- B) approve a County Deed in favor of the Village of Wellington.

Summary: The Village of Wellington requested the conveyance of a County-owned unimproved surplus property located west of Flying Cow Road, between Deer Path Lane and Norris Road in Rustic Ranches. The 0.91 acre property is approximately 30' wide and 1,300' in length, and was acquired by Tax Deed in June 2001. It is located within the Village's municipal boundaries and has an assessed value of \$39,075. The property is being conveyed pursuant to Florida Statutes Section 197.592(3), which requires the conveyance of surplus property acquired by Tax Deed to the municipality in which it is located. The property is being conveyed without obtaining an appraisal. The subject property has been declared surplus and serves no present or future County purpose. The Village proposes to utilize the property to maintain the adjacent drainage canal. The Department of Economic Sustainability has reviewed this conveyance and has no objections. This conveyance will relieve the County of potential liability for occurrences on this property and also the cost of maintenance. The County will retain mineral and petroleum rights in accordance with Florida Statutes Section 270.11, without rights of entry and exploration. All purchases, sales and exchanges of real estate must be approved by a supermajority vote (5 Commissioners) pursuant to the PREM Ordinance. (PREM) District 6 (HJF)

Background and Policy Issues: The unimproved property escheated to the County in June 2001. PREM, in response to direction from the Real Estate Assets Task Force, has developed a program to convey surplus County property which provides little opportunity to further a County function to the municipalities in which the property is located. Staff feels that the most cost effective method to dispose of this property is to convey it at no cost to the Village, as the municipality is in a better position to determine how the property should be used and maintained. The Village has been contacted by an adjacent property owner and may convey the property to the adjacent owner for either no fee or an administrative fee, in exchange for a perpetual maintenance easement. Staff is recommending that no restrictions be placed upon the use of this property. This conveyance will relieve the County of potential liability for occurrences on this property and also the cost of maintenance.

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Attachments:

- 1. Location Map
- 2. Resolution
- 3. County Deed
- 4. Letter of request from the Village of Wellington dated October 6, 2011
- 5. Florida Statutes Sections 197.592(3) and 270.11

Recommended By:	(C+)- Audrey Way	2/21/12	
-	Department Director	Date	
Approved By:	Mille	Myr	
	County Administrator	Date	

II. FISCAL IMPACT ANALYSIS

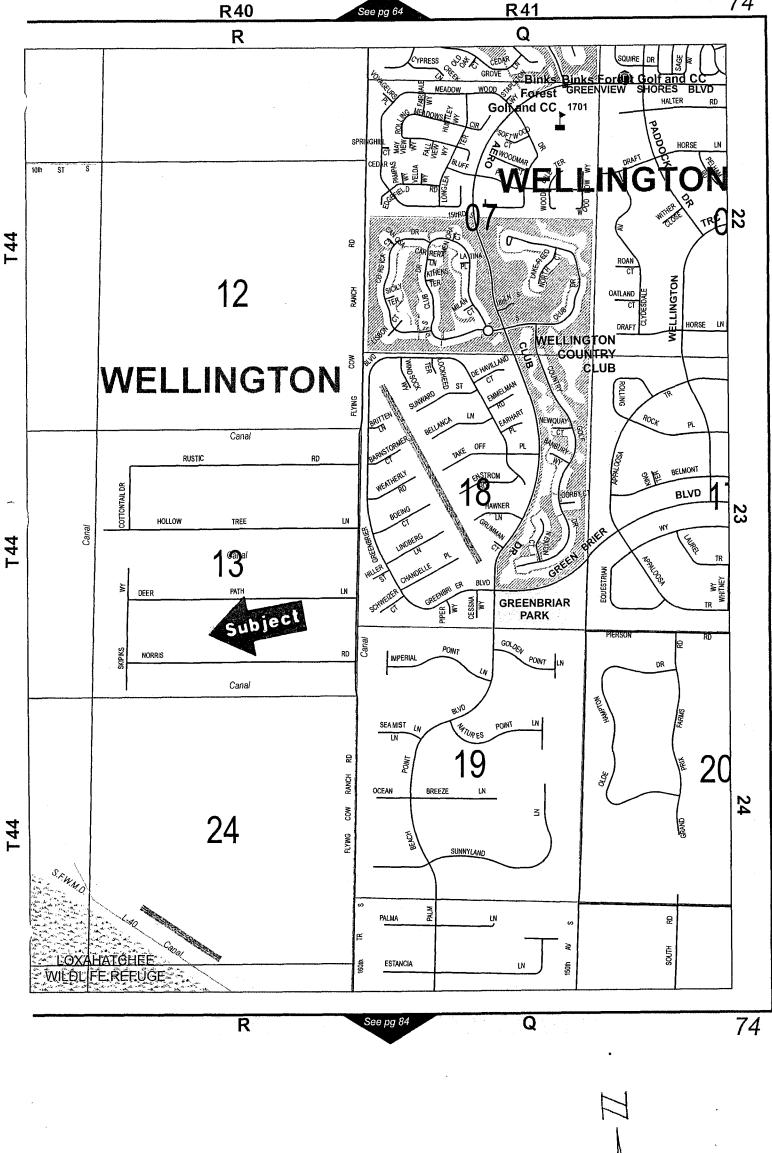
A. Five Year Summary of I	riscal Impact:				
Fiscal Years	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
Capital Expenditures Operating Costs External Revenues Program Income (County) In-Kind Match (County					
NET FISCAL IMPACT	8-0-40 See	\$-0-	<u>\$-0-</u>	<u>\$-0-</u>	<u>\$-0-</u>
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Is Item Included in Current B	udget: Yes	N	No		
Budget Account No: Fund	Dept Program		Jnit	Object	
B. Recommended Sources	of Funds/Sumn	nary of Fisca	l Impact:		
% Conveyance of this proper	ty will eliminate	the County's			liability.
C. Departmental Fiscal Re		W COMME		-6-12	
A. OFMB Fiscal and/or Co Fiscal Impact co as needed belows OFMB	not be de	tominece &	l. Mainte Journal	42/211	on an
B. Legal Sufficiency: Assistant County Attorne	2/23/12				
C. Other Department Revi	ew:				
Department Director					

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

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Background and Policy Issues (cont.) Since the assessed value of the property is \$39,075, the approval of the Property Review Committee is not required. This assessed value was established based on the value of the abutting residential lots. However, the land is a 30' wide x 1,300' long strip of land located in a rural subdivision where the existing residential lots are a minimum of 5 acres in size. The best use for the property appears to be use by the Village of Wellington for maintenance of the adjacent drainage canal, and the Village has indicated a need for it for that purpose. Florida Statutes Section 197.592(3) requires, under certain circumstances, the conveyance of surplus property acquired by Tax Deed to the municipality in which it is located. The statute does not establish how the property is to be valued or conveyed. The PREM Ordinance requires an appraisal of property to be disposed of by sale when the assessed value exceeds \$25,000, but does not address appraisal of property to be disposed of by donation. The County is conveying this property to the Village of Wellington as required by statute, and it is doing so by donation. In an effort to save costs, staff did not obtain an appraisal of this property in light of the ambiguity between the statutory requirement to convey the land and the PREM Ordinance's requirement regarding appraisals. For these purposes, Staff is comfortable relying on the assessed value. No Disclosure of Beneficial Interest is required since the transaction is between the County and another governmental entity. This conveyance must be approved by a supermajority vote (5 Commissioners).



LOCATION



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RESOLUTION NO. 2012-____

THE BOARD OF **COUNTY** RESOLUTION OF COMMISSIONERS OF PALM BEACH COUNTY, FLORIDA, AUTHORIZING THE CONVEYANCE OF CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY TO THE VILLAGE OF WELLINGTON PURSUANT TO FLORIDA STATUTE SECTION 197.592(3) WITHOUT CHARGE AND WITH **AND PETROLEUM** MINERAL RESERVATION WITHOUT RIGHTS OF ENTRY AND **EXPLORATION**; AND **PROVIDING** FOR EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the County owns one (1) property within the municipal boundaries of the Village of Wellington which was acquired for delinquent taxes; and

WHEREAS, Florida Statutes Section 197.592(3) states that under certain conditions, the County is to convey to municipalities in which they are located, properties acquired by the County for delinquent taxes and that any liens of record held by the County on such properties shall not survive the conveyance to the municipalities; and

WHEREAS, the subject land has not been previously sold, acquired for infill housing, or dedicated by the Board of County Commissioners, and shall not be conveyed to the record prior fee simple title owner; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Florida Statute Section 270.11, the Village of Wellington has requested that such property be conveyed without reservation of and to release the rights of entry and exploration relating to mineral and petroleum rights; and

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners of Palm Beach County has agreed to convey such property reserving phosphate, mineral, metals and petroleum rights but releasing any and all rights of entry and exploration relating to such rights.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF PALM BEACH COUNTY, FLORIDA, that:

Section 1. Recitals

The foregoing recitals are true and correct and incorporated herein by reference.

Section 2. <u>Authorization to Convey Real Property</u>

The Board of County Commissioners of Palm Beach County shall convey to the Village of Wellington without charge and by County Deed attached hereto and

incorporated herein by reference, the real property legally described in such deed. Any liens of record held by the County on the subject lands shall not survive the conveyance to the Village of Wellington.

Section 3. Conflict with Federal or State Law or County Charter

Any statutory or Charter provisions in conflict with this Resolution shall prevail.			
Section 4. <u>Effective Date</u>			
The provisions of this Resolution	n shall be effective immediately upon adoption		
hereof.			
The foregoing resolution was offer	ered by Commissioner who		
moved its adoption. The Motion was seconded by Commissioner			
and upon being put to a vote, the vote wa	as as follows:		
Commissioner Shelley Var Commissioner Steven L. A Commissioner Karen T. M Commissioner Paulette Bu Commissioner Burt Aarons Commissioner Jess R. Sant Commissioner Priscilla A. The Chair thereupon declared the	Abrams, Vice Chairman larcus urdick son tamaria		
	PALM BEACH COUNTY, a political subdivision of the State of Florida BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS		
	SHARON R. BOCK CLERK & COMPTROLLER		
	By: Deputy Clerk		
APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGAL SUFFICIENCY	APPROVED AS TO TERMS AND CONDITIONS		

By:

Assistant County Attorney

Department Director

PREPARED BY AND RETURN TO: Richard C. Bogatin, Property Specialist PALM BEACH COUNTY PROPERTY & REAL ESTATE MANAGEMENT DIVISION 2633 Vista Parkway West Palm Beach, FL 33411-5605

PCN: 73-40-44-13-00-000-7000

Closing Date: _____ Purchase Price: \$0

COUNTY DEED

This COUNTY DEED, made _______, by PALM BEACH COUNTY, a political subdivision of the State of Florida, whose legal mailing address is 301 North Olive Avenue, West Palm Beach, Florida, 33401-4791, "County", and VILLAGE OF WELLINGTON, a Florida municipality, whose legal mailing address is 12300 Forest Hill Boulevard, Wellington, Florida, 33414, "Village".

WITNESSETH:

That County, for and in consideration of the sum of Ten and 00/100 (\$10.00) Dollars to it in hand paid by Village, the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged, has granted, bargained and sold to Village, its successors and assigns forever, the following described land lying and being in Palm Beach County, Florida:

13-44-40, ELY 30.09 FT OF S ½ of SW ¼ 00-40-44-13-00-000-7000. THE ABOVE BEING THE REAL PROPERTY DESCRIBED UNDER TAX CERTIFICATE NUMBER 963'90 IN THE TAX DEED RECORDED IN OFFICIAL RECORD BOOK 12667, PAGE 1222, PUBLIC RECORDS OF PALM BEACH COUNTY, FLORIDA.

Reserving, however, unto County, its successors and assigns, an undivided three-fourths ($\frac{3}{4}$) interest in, and title in and to an undivided three-fourths ($\frac{3}{4}$) interest in, all the phosphate, minerals, and metals that are or may be in, on, or under the said land and undivided one-half ($\frac{1}{2}$) interest in all petroleum that is or may be in, on, or under said land. The aforementioned reservation of phosphate, mineral, metals and petroleum rights shall not include and County hereby expressly releases any and all rights of entry and rights of exploration relating to such phosphate, mineral, metals and petroleum rights.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, County has caused these presents to be executed in its name by its Board of County Commissioners acting by the Chair or Vice Chair of said Board, the day and year aforesaid.

Board, the day and year aforesaid.

ATTEST:

SHARON R. BOCK

CLERK & COMPTROLLER

By:

Deputy Clerk

PALM BEACH COUNTY, a political subdivision of the State of Florida

By:

Shelley Vana, Chair

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGAL SUFFICIENCY

(OFFICIAL SEAL)

By: Assistant County Attorney



A GREAT HOMETOWN

Manager Paul Schofield

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Matt Willhite, Vice Mayor
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Howard K. Coates, Jr., Councilman
Anne Gerwig, Councilwoman

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Ross Hering, Director Palm Beach County Property and Real Estate Management 2633 Vista Parkway West Palm Beach, Florida 33411

Re:

Rustic Ranches Phase II - Parcel 13-44-40-7000

Dear Mr. Hering:

It has recently come to my attention that the above referenced parcel is owned by Palm Beach County. The property is a narrow strip which is approximately 30 feet in width and 1,940 feet in length totaling .91 acres adjacent to a canal in the Rustic Ranches subdivision. The existing canal abuts and is parallel to this strip of property, thereby preventing normal and regular maintenance of the existing storm water canal.

We respectfully request that Palm Beach County consider conveyance of the subject property to Wellington for use in canal maintenance.

Should you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact me directly via email at <u>jbonde@wellingtonfl.gov</u> or via telephone at 561-791-4002.

Thank you.

John W. Bonde, Deputy City Manager

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cc:

Awilda Rodriguez, Wellington Clerk Jeffrey Kurtz, Attorney for Wellington 197.592 - County delinquent tax lands; method and procedure for sale by county; certain 1... Page 1 of 1

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TITLE XIV TAXATION AND FINANCE	CHAPTER 197 TAX COLLECTIONS, SALES, AND LIENS	VIEW ENTIRE CHAPTER	

197.592 County delinquent tax lands; method and procedure for sale by county; certain lands conveyed to municipalities; extinction of liens.—

- (1) Lands acquired by any county of the state for delinquent taxes in accordance with law which have not been previously sold or dedicated by the board of county commissioners may, at its discretion, be conveyed to the record fee simple owner of such lands as of the date the county obtained title to the lands. However, before any conveyance shall be made, the former owner of the lands may file with the board of county commissioners a verified written application which shall show:
 - (a) The description of the lands for which a conveyance is sought;
 - (b) The name and address of the former owner;
 - (c) The date title was acquired by the county;
- (d) The price of the lands as previously fixed by resolution of the board of county commissioners, if this has been done;
- (e) The use to which the lands were enjoyed by the record fee simple owner at the time of acquisition by the county;
- (f) A brief statement of the facts and circumstances upon which the former owner bases the request for restitution of the described property;
- (g) An offer to pay an amount equal to all taxes, including municipal taxes and liens, if any, which had become delinquent, together with interest and costs provided by law.
- (2) In the event the described lands have not been assessed for taxes for the current year in which the petition is filed, the applicant shall pay, in addition, the taxes for current and omitted years, the latter amount to be determined by applicable millage for the omitted years and based on the last assessment of the described lands.
- (3) Lands acquired by any county of the state for delinquent taxes in accordance with law which have not been previously sold, acquired for infill housing, or dedicated by the board of county commissioners, which the board of county commissioners has determined are not to be conveyed to the record fee simple owner in accordance with the provisions of subsections (1) and (2), and which are located within the boundaries of an incorporated municipality of the county shall be conveyed to the governing board of the municipality in which the land is located. Such lands conveyed to the municipality shall be freely alienable to the municipality without regard to third parties. Liens of record held by the county on such parcels conveyed to a municipality shall not survive the conveyance of the property to the municipality.
- (4) Liens of record held by the county upon lands not conveyed in accordance with subsections (1) and (2) or subsection (3) shall not survive the conveyance of the property to the county.

History.—s. 1, ch. 22870, 1945; ss. 1, 2, ch. 69-55; s. 1, ch. 72-268; s. 23, ch. 73-332; s. 197, ch. 85-342; s. 7, ch. 86-141; s. 6, ch. 99-190.

Note. - Former ss. 194.471, 197.655, 197.302.

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TITLE XVIII PUBLIC LANDS AND PROPERTY	CHAPTER 270 PUBLIC LANDS	VIEW ENTIRE CHAPTER
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270.11 Contracts for sale of public lands to reserve certain mineral rights; prohibition on exercise of right of entry in certain cases.—

- (1) Unless the applicable agency chooses not to reserve such interest and except as otherwise provided by law, in all contracts and deeds for the sale of land executed by the Board of Trustees of the Internal Improvement Trust Fund or by any local government, water management district, or other agency of the state, there shall be reserved for such local government, water management district, other agency of the state, or the board of trustees and its successors an undivided three-fourths interest in, and title in and to an undivided three-fourths interest in, all the phosphate, minerals, and metals that are or may be in, on, or under the said land and an undivided one-half interest in all the petroleum that is or may be in, on, or under said land with the privilege to mine and develop the same.
- (2)(a) The Board of Trustees of the Internal Improvement Trust Fund may, in its discretion, sell or release any reserved interest or any portion thereof in or as to any particular parcel of land, and the State Board of Education may sell or release any such interest or any portion thereof which was reserved for said board pursuant to this section prior to September 1, 1967. Such sale or release shall be made on application of the owner of the title to the particular parcel of land with statement of reason justifying such sale or release.
- (b) The right of entry in respect to any interest in phosphate, minerals, and metals or any interest in petroleum heretofore or hereafter reserved in favor of the Board of Trustees of the Internal Improvement Trust Fund or the State Board of Education is hereby released as to any parcel of property that is, or ever has been, a contiguous tract of less than 20 acres in the aggregate under the same ownership.
- (3) A local government, water management district, or agency of the state may, at its discretion, sell or release reserved interest in any parcel of land, except that such sale or release shall be made upon petition of the purchaser for such interest and with a statement of reasons justifying such sale or release.
- (4) Any state agency, except a water management district, which receives royalties for parcels shall remit any such moneys into the General Revenue Fund, unless otherwise provided by law.

History.—ss. 1, 2, ch. 6159, 1911; RGS 1226; CGL 1771; s. 1095, ch. 19355, 1939; CGL 1940 Supp. 892(414); s. 1, ch. 26849, 1951; s. 1, ch. 59-220; s. 2, ch. 61-119; ss. 27, 35, ch. 69-106; s. 76, ch. 71-355; s. 1, ch. 86-205; s. 1, ch. 86-257; s. 9, ch. 2001-256.

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