

PALM BEACH COUNTY
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY

Meeting Date: March 12, 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 \$9,700 for the full satisfaction of a code enforcement lien entered against Andrew D. and Karyl J. Baxter on January 21, 2019.

Summary: On July 18, 2018, a Code Enforcement Special Magistrate (CESM) issued an order giving Andrew D. and Karyl J. Baxter until September 16, 2018 to bring their property located at 17312 66th Ct N, Loxahatchee into full code compliance. The violation included open storage of several inoperable vehicles including a camper in disrepair, boat parts, metal and wood on the property. Compliance with the CESM's order was not achieved in a timely manner, and a fine of \$50 per day was imposed. The CESM then entered a claim of lien against Mr. and Mrs. Baxter on January 21, 2019.

The Code Enforcement Division issued an affidavit of compliance for the property on January 5, 2024. Settlement discussions began on January 15, 2024 when the total accrued fine amounted to \$96,959.09. Mrs. Baxter has agreed to pay Palm Beach County \$9,700 (10%) for full settlement of the outstanding code enforcement lien. **District 6 (SF).**

Background and Justification: The Baxters acquired the property in December 1994. Code Enforcement received an anonymous complaint and inspected the property in February 2018. The property had vehicles all over the yard along with other debris. While some of the concerns were addressed, all were not addressed timely.

Mr. Baxter typically took care of issues concerning the property but had health issues. He died in May 2022. Mrs. Baxter is selling the property and contacted the Office of Financial Management and Budget to discuss settlement of the lien. On February 1, 2024, Mrs. Baxter agreed to pay Palm Beach County \$9,700 (10%) in exchange of the release. This is a 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:  2/20/2024
 Department Director Date

Approved by:  2/22/24
 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	(9,700)				
Program Income (County)					
In-Kind Match (County)					
NET FISCAL IMPACT	(9,700)				
#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:

III. REVIEW COMMENTS

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

Liz Martin 2/20/2024
2/14 OFMB 972100
2/20 MJS

N/A

 Contract Dev. and Control

B. Legal Sufficiency:

2/14/24

[Signature]

 Assistant County Attorney

C. Other Department Review:

N/A

 Department Director