

**PALM BEACH COUNTY
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY

Meeting Date: February 3, 2026

☒ **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 \$10,500 for the full satisfaction of a code compliance lien entered against Robert R. Lewis, Jr. on July 10, 2019.

Summary: On March 6, 2019, a Code Compliance Special Magistrate (CCSM) issued an order giving Robert R. Lewis, Jr. until May 5, 2019 to bring his property located at 4412 Wilkinson Drive, Lake Worth into full code compliance. The property was initially cited for openly storing an inoperable vehicle, uncultivated vegetation, deterioration of the exterior front wall siding, an inactive permit, structural disrepair, and an unpermitted structure. Compliance with the CCSM's order was not timely achieved, and a fine of \$50 per day was imposed. The CCSM executed an order imposing a code lien against Mr. Lewis on July 10, 2019.

The Code Compliance Division (Code Compliance) issued an affidavit of compliance for the property stating the violations were corrected as of January 31, 2025. The total fine amount on December 22, 2025, the date on which settlement discussions began, amounted to \$104,991.92. Mr. Lewis' attorney-in-fact, Tracey Demaris, has agreed to pay Palm Beach County \$10,500 (10%) for the full settlement of the outstanding code compliance lien. This was a homestead property. **District 3 (SF)**

Background and Justification: Mr. Lewis acquired the property in April 2013. Following an anonymous complaint in 2018 regarding debris, a Code Compliance officer inspected the property and identified several violations, including openly storing an inoperable vehicle, uncultivated vegetation, deterioration of the exterior, an inactive permit, structural disrepair, and an unpermitted structure. A Notice of Violation was issued, and nine (9) site visits were conducted between July 2018 and January 2025. Compliance was delayed due to Mr. Lewis' declining health. Mr. Lewis was not present at the hearing and was given 60 days to bring his property into compliance. According to Ms. Demaris, the delay in reaching compliance was due to Mr. Lewis' illness. After Mr. Lewis passed away, his son, Robert Lewis, III, promptly corrected all outstanding issues. His son sold the property in 2025 and seeks to settle his father's lien.

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

Attachments: None

Recommended by:


Department Director

1/13/2026
Date

Approved by:


County Administrator

1/15/26
Date

II. FISCAL IMPACT ANALYSIS

A. Five Year Summary of Fiscal Impact:

Fiscal Years	2026	2027	2028	2029	2030
Capital Expenditures					
Operating Costs					
External Revenues	(10,500)				
Program Income (County)					
In-Kind Match(County					
NET FISCAL IMPACT	(10,500)				
#ADDITIONAL FTE					
POSITIONS (CUMULATIVE)					

Is item included in Current Budget? Yes ☐ No ☒
Is this item using Federal Funds? Yes ☐ No ☒
Is this item using State Funds? Yes ☐ No ☒

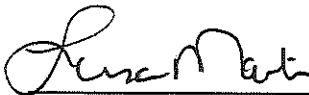
Budget Account No.: Fund 0001 Department 600 Unit 6241 Object 5900

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:

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N/A
Contract Dev. and Control

B. Legal Sufficiency:


Assistant County Attorney

C. Other Department Review:

N/A
Department Director

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