

HIGHLANDS COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
Tuesday, March 05, 2024
9:00 AM
600 S. Commerce Ave. Sebring, FL 33870
AGENDA

1 ADDENDUM TO THE REGULAR AGENDA OF THE HIGHLANDS COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

2 REGULAR SESSION BEGINS AT 9:00 A.M.

8 CONSENT AGENDA

- 8.I. *Agreement is attached to supplement item 8.I.*
Sherry G. Sutphen, County Attorney
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10 PUBLIC HEARING

- 10.B. *Public hearing to determine the action to be taken with the Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity (COPCN) issued to Rapid Response Medical Transportation LLC d/b/a Rapid Response Ambulance.*
Dustin Fitch, Interim Deputy Chief
There is no fiscal impact.
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HIGHLANDS COUNTY
COUNTY COMMISSION AGENDA ITEM

DATE OF ACTION REQUEST: Mar 5, 2024

PRESENTER: Sherry G. Sutphen, County Attorney

SUBJECT/TITLE: Agreement is attached to supplement item 8.I.

Attachments: [FL Medal Of Honor Agreement.pdf](#)

AGREEMENT

THIS AGREEMENT is made by and between Highlands County, a political subdivision of the State of Florida, ("County") and the Florida Medal of Honor Memorial, Inc. a not-for-profit entity organized under the laws of the State of Florida ("FLMOHM").

WITNESSETH:

WHEREAS, Highlands County ("County") has a rich history of serving and honoring veterans and has been a Purple Heart County since 2013; and

WHEREAS, the FLMOHM operates wholly with volunteers having the mission of inspiring current and future generations in Highlands County about the ideals of courage, integrity, patriotism, leadership and sacrifice; and

WHEREAS, the FLMOHM is in the process of constructing a perpetual Memorial and Visitors Center in Highlands County (the "Memorial and Visitors Center") to honor the true heroes of the State of Florida who have been awarded our Nation's highest honor for bravery: The Medal of Honor; and

WHEREAS, the FLMOHM will maintain the perpetual Memorial and Visitors Center in downtown Highlands County to honor the Florida Medal of Honor recipients and ensure that they are never forgotten; and

WHEREAS, the FLMOHM will educate the youth of Highlands County on the high price of freedom which is symbolized through The Medal of Honor; and

WHEREAS, the FLMOHM will inspire the citizens of Highlands County by informing of the values of courage, commitment, sacrifice and valor associated with the Medal of Honor; and

WHEREAS, the FLMOHM will open and operate the Memorial and Visitors Center on Tuesday through Saturday throughout the year, except for certain holidays and will also open for special events; and

WHEREAS, the County has determined that it is in the best interest of the residents of and visitors to Highlands County to provide a one-time funding amount to the FLMOHM to ensure that the Memorial and Visitors Center operates to fulfill the mission of inspiring current and future generations in Highlands County about the ideals of courage, integrity, patriotism, leadership and sacrifice.

NOW THEREFORE, the County and the FLMOHM agree as follows:

Term and Termination:

The Term of this Agreement shall begin on the date of execution and shall extend through March 5, 2025. The Term shall automatically renew for successive like terms of one year unless sooner terminated. Either party may terminate this Agreement by giving written notice at least thirty (30) days prior to the end of the then current quarter; however, in the event the FLMOHM terminates this Agreement within the first five (5) years of the same, it agrees to pay back the Funding Amount on a prorated basis.

Highlands County Shall:

1. Provide funding to FLMOHM in an amount not to exceed Ninety-three Thousand and 0/100 Dollars (\$93,000.00) ("Funding Amount"). Payment shall be made by Highlands County to Florida Medal of Honor Memorial, Inc., upon approval of this Agreement by the County.
2. FLMOHM shall maintain records of the monies spent for the Memorial and Visitors Center and any money remaining from the Funding Amount shall be returned to the County within thirty (30) days of receipt of the Certificate of Occupancy for the Memorial and Visitors Center.

The FLMOHM Shall:

1. Construct and maintain the Memorial and Visitors Center honoring veterans and State of Florida recipients of The Medal of Honor.
2. Educate the youth of Highlands County on the high price of freedom, which will principally be accomplished through hosting on site field trip visits and focusing on active learning, essay contests, and direct participation at the site.
3. Inspire the citizens of and visitors to Highlands County with regard to the values associated with the Medal of Honor, such as courage, commitment, sacrifice, and valor.
4. Host special events on military/veteran related holidays.
5. Open and operate the Memorial and Visitors Center from 10:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. on Tuesday through and Saturday, except as closed for Holidays or special events.
6. Provide the County with monthly reports during construction regarding amounts spent.
7. Provide the County with annual reports regarding visitor counts, educational programs and activities and community members served.
8. Recognize Highlands County for its contribution.
9. Maintain liability insurance at all times during the Term of this Agreement.

Miscellaneous Provisions:

1. Public Records.

A. Pursuant to Florida Statutes, Section 119.0701:

IF YOU HAVE QUESTIONS REGARDING THE APPLICATION OF FLORIDA STATUTES, CHAPTER 119, TO YOUR DUTY TO PROVIDE PUBLIC RECORDS RELATING TO THIS CONTRACT, CONTACT THE COUNTY'S CUSTODIAN OF PUBLIC RECORDS:

COUNTY: GLORIA RYBINSKI
600 COMMERCE AVENUE
SEBRING, FLORIDA 33870
(863) 402-6836
[**GRYBINSKI@HCBCC.ORG**](mailto:GRYBINSKI@HCBCC.ORG)

B. FLMOHM agrees to comply with public records laws, specifically to:

1. Keep and maintain public records required by the County for the scope of this Agreement.
 2. Upon request from the County's custodian of public records, provide the County with a copy of the requested records or allow the records to be inspected or copied within a reasonable time at a cost that does not exceed the cost allowed by law.
 3. Ensure that any public records that are exempt or confidential and exempt from public records disclosure requirements are not disclosed, except as authorized by law, for the duration of the contract term and following completion of the contract if the FLMOHM does not transfer the records to the County.
 4. Upon completion of this contract, transfer, at no cost, to the County all public records in the FLMOHM's possession or keep and maintain the public records as required by the County. If the FLMOHM transfers all public records to the County upon completion of this contract, the FLMOHM shall destroy any duplicate public records that are exempt or confidential and exempt from public records disclosure requirements. If the FLMOHM keeps and maintains public records upon completion of the contract, the FLMOHM shall meet all applicable requirements for retaining public records. All records stored electronically must be provided to the County, upon request, in a format that is compatible with the information technology systems of the County.
2. Independent Contractor. This Agreement does not create an employee/employer relationship between the parties. It is the parties' intention that the FLMOHM, its employees, sub-contractors, representatives, volunteers, and the like, will be an independent contractor and not an employee of the County for all purposes, including, but not limited to, the application of the following, as amended: the Fair Labor Standards Act minimum wage and overtime payments, the Federal Insurance Contribution Act, the Social Security Act, the Federal Unemployment Tax Act, the provisions of the Internal Revenue Code, the State of Florida revenue and taxation laws, the State of Florida workers' compensation laws, the State of Florida unemployment insurance laws, and the Florida Retirement System benefits. The FLMOHM will retain sole and absolute discretion in the judgment of the manner and means of carrying out the FLMOHM's activities and responsibilities hereunder.
 3. Notice. The parties hereto agree and understand that written notice, mailed or delivered to the last known mailing address, shall constitute sufficient notice to the County and the FLMOHM. All notices required and/or made pursuant to this Agreement to be given to the County and the FLMOHM shall be in writing and given by way of the United States Postal Service, first class mail, postage prepaid, addressed to the following addresses of record:

COUNTY: County Administrator
600 S. Commerce Avenue
Sebring, Florida 33870

FLMOHM: Colonel Michael R. Borders
7209 S. George Boulevard
Sebring, Florida 33875

4. Assignment. This Agreement shall only be assignable by FLMOHM upon the express written consent of the County.
5. Indemnification. FLMOHM agrees to be liable for any and all damages, losses, and expenses incurred, by the County, in any way related to the services provided herein and this Agreement, caused by the acts and/or omissions of the FLMOHM, or any of its employees, agents, sub-contractors, representatives, volunteers or the like. The FLMOHM agrees to indemnify, defend and hold the County harmless for any and all such claims, suits, judgments or damages, losses and expenses, including but not limited to, court costs, expert witnesses, consultation services and attorney's fees, arising from any and all acts and/or omissions of the FLMOHM, or any of its employees, agents, sub-contractors, representatives, volunteers, or the like through and including any appeals in any way related to the services provided herein and this Agreement.
6. Sovereign Immunity. The County expressly retains all rights, benefits and immunities of sovereign immunity in accordance with Section 768.28, Florida Statutes. Notwithstanding anything set forth in any section, article or paragraph of this Agreement to the contrary, nothing in this Agreement shall be deemed as a waiver of sovereign immunity or limits of liability which may have been adopted by the Florida Legislature or may be adopted by the Florida Legislature, and the cap on the amount and liability of the County for damages, attorney fees and costs, regardless of the number or nature of claims in tort, equity or contract, shall not exceed the dollar amount set by the Florida Legislature for tort. Nothing in this Agreement shall inure to the benefit of any third party for the purpose of allowing any claim against the County which would otherwise be barred under the Doctrine of Sovereign Immunity or operation of law. This section shall not limit any remedies as specifically contained in this Agreement.
7. Employment Eligibility Verification (E-Verify). Pursuant to Florida Statutes, Section 448.095, to the extent that FLMOHM has any employees, it shall be registered with and utilize the U.S. Department of Homeland Security's E-Verify system to verify the employment eligibility status of all employees performing work under this Agreement as well as all newly hired employees. Information on registration for and use of the E-Verify Program may be obtained at the Department of Homeland Security website: <http://www.dhs.gov/E-Verify>.

[Signatures on Following Page]

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto, by their duly authorized representatives, have executed this Agreement effective the ____ day of _____, 2024.

HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA

Kevin Roberts, Chairman

ATTEST:

Jerome Kaszubowski, Clerk of Court

FLORIDA MEDAL OF HONOR
MEMORIAL, INC.

Michael R. Borders

Michael R. Borders, Chairman

STATE OF FLORIDA
COUNTY OF HIGHLANDS

The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me by means of [] physical presence or [] online notarization of Michael R. Borders, as Chairman, of Florida Medal of Honor Memorial, Inc., who personally swore or affirmed that he is authorized to execute this Agreement and thereby bind FLMOHM, and who is personally known to me or who produced _____ as identification, and who did/did not take an oath this 1 day of March, 2024.

(stamp)



Chantel Strahan

NOTARY PUBLIC

**HIGHLANDS COUNTY
COUNTY COMMISSION AGENDA ITEM**

DATE OF ACTION REQUEST: March 5, 2024

PRESENTER: Dustin Fitch, Interim Deputy Chief

SUBJECT/TITLE: Public hearing to determine the action to be taken with the Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity (COPCN) issued to Rapid Response Medical Transportation LLC d/b/a Rapid Response Ambulance.

STATEMENT OF ISSUE

Rapid Response has been operating in violation of Florida Statutes, Section 316.2397 (2) and Highlands County Code of Ordinances, Chapter 5, Article IV, Section 5-60 (4), (9), and (10) by failing to update COPCN records with Highlands County Fire Rescue and for using improper vehicle lighting. Public notice appeared in the Highlands News-Sun on February 23, 2024.

RECOMMENDED ACTION

Direct staff on the action to be taken with the Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity (COPCN) issued to Rapid Response Medical Transportation LLC d/b/a Rapid Response Ambulance.

FISCAL IMPACT

There is no fiscal impact.

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[Rapid_Response_Complaint_02132024.pdf](#)

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Notice of Sale
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NOTICE OF DISPOSITION

ACCORDING TO THE FLORIDA SELF STORAGE FACILITY ACT THE FOLLOWING STORAGE UNITS LOCATED AT THE STORAGE PLACE OF AVON PARK, 395 CR 17A WEST, AVON PARK, FL 33825 WILL BE DISPOSED OF TO AN AUCTIONEER ON **March 15, 2024 AT 10:00AM**. ALL UNITS ARE SAID TO CONTAIN HOUSEHOLD GOODS UNLESS OTHERWISE STATED:

Names and unit numbers are as follows:

NAME	UNIT NUMBER
Nakeem Brown	136
Saul Figueroa	327
Linda Daniels	330
Kathryn Welch	364
Tiffany Brown	332

DISPOSITION BEING MADE TO SATISFY LANDLORD'S LIEN MANAGEMENT RESERVES ALL RIGHTS, UNDER FLORIDA LAW, ALL PAYMENTS MUST BE IN CASH.

Feb. 23; March 1, 2024

Notice of Foreclosure
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PUBLIC SALE FOR CASH FOR LABOR, PARTS AND STORAGE ON MARCH 4, 2024 @ 9:00AM @ CUSTOM AUTO OF SEBRING SHOP 3603 KENILWORTH BLVD. SEBRING, FL 33870 2022 JEEP RANCHERO VIN # 1C4RJJB2N8637582

Feb. 23, 2024

Notice of Foreclosure
0122

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF THE STATE OF FLORIDA, IN AND FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY, CIVIL DIVISION

CASE NO.: 2022-CA-000449

SUN 'N LAKE OF SEBRING IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT, Plaintiff,

v.

JACKELINE OSORIO, Defendant.

RE-NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

NOTICE OF SALE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to the Summary Final Judgment of Foreclosure entered on November 1, 2023, in Case No. 2022-CA-000449 of the Circuit Court of the Tenth Judicial Circuit, in and for Highlands County, Florida, wherein SUN 'N Lake of Sebring Improvement District, is Plaintiff, and JACKELINE OSORIO is Defendant, the Office of Jerome Kaszubowski, Highlands County Clerk of the Court, will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash beginning at 11:00 A.M. at Highlands County Courthouse, 430 South Commerce Avenue, Sebring, FL 33870 on the 13th day of March, 2024, in accordance with Section 45.031, Florida Statutes, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment, to wit:

LOT 28, BLOCK 352, SUN 'N LAKE ESTATES OF SEBRING, UNIT 16, ACCORDING TO THE MAP OR PLAT THEREOF, AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 10, PAGE 4, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA.

Also known as 4954 San Ignacio Dr, Sebring, Florida 33872

And;

LOT 29, BLOCK 352, SUN 'N LAKE ESTATES OF SEBRING, UNIT 16, ACCORDING TO THE MAP OR PLAT THEREOF, AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 10, PAGE 4, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA.

Also known as 4960 San Ignacio Dr, Sebring, Florida 33872

together with all existing or subsequently erected or affixed buildings, improvements and fixtures.

Any person claiming an interest in the surplus funds from the sale, if any, other than the property owner as of the date of the lis pendens, must file a claim within sixty (60) days after the sale.

IF YOU ARE A PERSON WITH A DISABILITY WHO NEEDS ASSISTANCE IN ORDER TO PARTICIPATE IN A PROGRAM OR SERVICE OF THE STATE COURTS SYSTEM, YOU SHOULD CONTACT THE OFFICE OF THE COURT ADMINISTRATOR AT (863)534-4686 (VOICE), (863)534-7777 (TDD) OR (800)955-8770 (FLORIDA RELAY SERVICE), AS MUCH IN ADVANCE OF YOUR COURT APPEARANCE OR VISIT TO THE COURTHOUSE AS POSSIBLE. PLEASE BE PREPARED TO EXPLAIN YOUR FUNCTIONAL LIMITATIONS AND SUGGEST AN AUXILIARY AID OR SERVICE THAT YOU BELIEVE WILL ENABLE YOU TO

Notice of Meeting
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EFFECTIVELY PARTICIPATE IN THE COURT PROGRAM OR SERVICE.

WITNESS my hand and the seal of the court on this 9th day of January, 2024.

Jerome Kaszubowski
Highlands County Clerk of the Court
By: /s/ Chrystal K. Williams Deputy Clerk

SOKOLOF REMTULLA, PLLC
6801 Lake Worth Road, Suite 100E
Greenacres, FL 33467
Telephone: 561-342-4842
Facsimile: 561-342-4842
E-mail: pleadings@sokrem.com
Counsel for Plaintiff

Feb. 16, 23, 2024

Other Notices
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A copy of the agenda may be obtained by contacting: WaterMatters.org – Boards, Meetings & Event Calendar; (1800)423-1476 (FL only) or (352)796-7211.

Feb. 23, 2024

Notice of Action
0117

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, CIVIL DIVISION IN AND FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA

CASE NO: 2008-GCS-1446

JESUS DEL RISCO, Plaintiff,

vs.

ARIEL AJO and AMPARO AJO, Defendants.

NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a final decree of foreclosure entered in the above-styled cause in the Circuit Court of Highlands County, Florida, I will sell the property situated in Highlands County, Florida, described as:

The North Half of Lot 7, and all of Lot 8, of Country Club of Sebring, Phase Two, Section Five. ENCHANTED OAKS, according to the Plat thereof, as recorded in Plat Book 16, at Page 44, of the public records of Highlands County, Florida.

Parcel C-09-35-28-120-00C0-0070

at public sale, to the highest and best bidder for cash, in the Jury Assembly Room located in the basement of the Highlands County Courthouse located at 430 South Commerce Avenue, Sebring, Florida 33870 in accordance with Section 45.031, Florida Statutes (2008), at 11 o'clock a.m., on the 14th day of March, 2024.

NOTICE: Any person claiming an interest in the surplus from the sale, if any, other than the property owner as of the date of the lis pendens must file a claim within sixty (60) days after the sale.

SIGNED this 5th day of January 2024.

JEROME KASZUBOWSKI
CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT

By: /s/ Chrystal K. Williams Deputy Clerk
Feb. 23; March 1, 2024

Notice of Action
0117

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA

CASE NO: 2023-CA-000686

CITIBANK, N.A., NOT IN ITS INDIVIDUAL CAPACITY BUT SOLELY AS OWNER TRUSTEE OF NEW RESIDENTIAL MORTGAGE LOAN TRUST 2019-RPL3,

Plaintiff,

vs.

THE UNKNOWN HEIRS, DEVISEES, GRANTEES, ASSIGNEES, LIENORS, CREDITORS, TRUSTEES, OR OTHER CLAIMANTS BY, THROUGH, UNDER OR AGAINST, PETER SMITH, DECEASED; et al.,

Defendants.

NOTICE OF ACTION

TO:

THE UNKNOWN HEIRS, DEVISEES, GRANTEES, ASSIGNEES, LIENORS, CREDITORS, TRUSTEES, OR OTHER CLAIMANTS BY, THROUGH, UNDER OR AGAINST, PETER SMITH, DECEASED

8187 Cozumel Ln.
Sebring, FL 33876

THE UNKNOWN HEIRS, DEVISEES, GRANTEES, ASSIGNEES, LIENORS, CREDITORS, TRUSTEES, OR OTHER CLAIMANTS BY, THROUGH, UNDER OR AGAINST, PETER SMITH, DECEASED

8189 Cozumel Ln.
Sebring, FL 33876

LAST KNOWN ADDRESS STATED, CURRENT RESIDENCE UNKNOWN and any unknown heirs, devisees, grantees, creditors and other unknown persons or unknown spouses claiming by, through and under the above-named Defendant(s), if deceased or whose last known addresses are unknown.

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that an action to foreclose Mortgage covering the following real and personal property described as follows, to wit:

LOT 16, BLOCK X, SPRING LAKE

Notice to Creditors
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notice is February 23, 2024.

PETITIONERS:
Kenneth Dobbins
1365 Carters Grove
Yorktown Heights, NY 10598

Denise Dobbins Kowalik
1230 Hunter Drive
Lancaster, KY 40444

ATTORNEY FOR
PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE:
CARRIE N. FELICE, ESQ.
Elder Needs Law, PLLC
14391 Spring Hill Drive, Suite 287
Spring Hill, FL 34609
Telephone: (352)204-9611
carrie@elderneedslaw.com
probateenl@gmail.com

Feb. 23; March 1, 2024

Notice to Creditors
0120

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT
HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA
PROBATE DIVISION

CASE NO: 2024-CP-000035 PCAXMX IN RE: ESTATE OF JENNIFER WENDY EUSTACE, a/k/a JENNIFER W. EUSTACE, a/k/a JENNIFER W. EUSTACE-PEDLAR, Deceased.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

The administration of the estate of JENNIFER WENDY EUSTACE, also known as JENNIFER W. EUSTACE, also known as JENNIFER W. EUSTACE-PEDLAR, deceased, who was found on October 1, 2023, is pending in the Circuit Court for Highlands County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is 430 S. Commerce Avenue, Sebring, Florida 33870. The names and addresses of the personal representative and the personal representative's attorney are set forth below.

All creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or demands against decedent's estate on whom a copy of this notice is required to be served must file their claims with this court ON OR BEFORE THE LATER OF 3 MONTHS AFTER THE TIME OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE OR 30 DAYS AFTER THE DATE OF SERVICE OF A COPY OF THIS NOTICE ON THEM.

All other creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or demands against decedent's estate must file their claims with this court WITHIN 3 MONTHS AFTER THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE.

ALL CLAIMS NOT FILED WITHIN THE TIME PERIODS SET FORTH IN FLORIDA STATUTES SECTION 733.702 WILL BE FOREVER BARRED.

NOTWITHSTANDING THE TIME PERIODS SET FORTH ABOVE, ANY CLAIM FILED TWO (2) YEARS OR MORE AFTER THE DECEDENT'S DATE OF DEATH IS BARRED.

The date of first publication of this notice is February 23, 2024.

Personal Representative:
Stephen P. Heuston

Attorney for Personal Representative:
/s/ Stephen P. Heuston
Stephen P. Heuston, Esq.
Florida Bar Number: 0978302
Heuston Legal, PLLC
1333 Gateway Dr., Suite 1024
Melbourne, FL 32901
Telephone: (321)428-2820
heuston.legal@heustonlegal.com
eservice@heustonlegal.com

Feb. 23; March 1, 2024

Notice to Creditors
0120

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA
PROBATE DIVISION

CASE NO.: 2024-CP-000108
Section:

IN RE: ESTATE OF BRIAN KEITH DOBBINS, Deceased.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

The administration of the estate of BRIAN KEITH DOBBINS, deceased, whose date of death was October 9, 2023, is pending in the Circuit Court for Highlands County, Florida, Probate Department; File Number 2024-CP-000108; the address of which is 590 South Commerce Avenue, Sebring, FL 33870. The names and addresses of the personal representative(s) and the personal representative's attorney are set forth below. The Fiduciary lawyer-client privilege in s. 90.5021 FLA. STAT. applies with respect to the personal representative and any attorney employed by the personal representative.

All creditors of the decedent and other persons, who have claims or demands against decedent's estate, including unmatue, contingent or unliquidated claims, and who have been served a copy of this notice, must file their claims with this court WITHIN THE LATER OF THREE (3) MONTHS AFTER THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE OR THIRTY (30) DAYS AFTER THE DATE OF SERVICE OF A COPY OF THIS NOTICE ON THEM.

All other creditors of the decedent and other persons who have claims or demands against the decedent's estate, decedent's estate, including unmatue, contingent or unliquidated claims, must file their claims with this court WITHIN THREE (3) MONTHS AFTER THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE.

ALL CLAIMS NOT FILED WILL BE FOREVER BARRED.

NOTWITHSTANDING THE TIME PERIODS SET FORTH ABOVE, ANY CLAIM FILED TWO (2) YEARS OR MORE AFTER THE DECEDENT'S DATE OF DEATH IS BARRED.

The date of first publication of this

Notice of Meeting
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NOTICE UNDER FICTITIOUS NAME LAW PURSUANT TO SECTION 865.09, FLORIDA STATUTES

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned, desiring to engage in business under the fictitious name of PINK MAGNOLIA DESIGNS located at 302 Grissom Road NW in the County of Highlands, in the City of Lake Placid, Florida 33852, intends to register the said name with the Division of Corporations of the Florida Department of State, Tallahassee, Florida.

DATED at Lake Placid, Florida, this 19th day of February, 2024.

Elizabeth L. Ridgeway
Feb. 23, 2024

Notice of Meeting
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The Southwest Florida Water Management District (SWFWMD) announces the following public meeting and workshop to which all interested persons are invited:

Agricultural and Green Industry Advisory Committee and Governing Board member tour: During this three-hour tour, participants will learn about wetland mitigation banks and tour a property. One or more Governing Board members may attend.

DATE/TIME: Friday, March 8, 2024; 9:00 a.m.

PLACE: SWFWMD, Brooksville Headquarters, 2379 Broad St., Brooksville, FL
Boardshead Ranch Mitigation Bank, 10112 Singletary Road, Dade City FL

A copy of the agenda may be obtained by contacting: WaterMatters.org – Boards, Meetings & Event Calendar; (1800)423-1476 (FL only) or (352)796-7211.

Pursuant to the provisions of the Americans with Disabilities Act, any person requiring special accommodations to participate in this workshop/meeting is asked to advise the agency at least 5 days before the workshop/meeting by contacting: SWFWMD Human Resources Office Chief at 2379 Broad St., Brooksville, FL 34604-6899; telephone (352) 796-7211 or email ADACoordinator@WaterMatters.org. If you are hearing or speech impaired, please contact the agency using the Florida Relay Service, 1(800)955-8771 (TDD) or 1(800)955-8770 (Voice).

If any person decides to appeal any decision made by the Board/Committee with respect to any matter considered at this meeting or hearing, he/she will need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceeding is made, which record includes the testimony and evidence from which the appeal is to be issued.

For more information, you may contact:
Barbara.Matrone@WaterMatters.org; 1-800-423-1476 (FL only) or 352-325-5772 (Ad Order EXE0890)
Feb. 23, 2024

Other Notices
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PUBLIC NOTICE

Members of the School Board of Highlands County, Florida may be attending the 'Champion for Children Youth Awards' on March 7, 2024 at 5:30 p.m. at First Sebring Church, located at 401 East Center Avenue, Sebring, Florida.

Marlene Welborn
Executive Secretary
School Board of Highlands County
Ph. 863-471-5565

Feb. 23, 2024

Notice of Public Hearing
TO CONSIDER SUSPENSION OF
CERTIFICATE OF
PUBLIC CONVENIENCE
AND NECESSITY

Notice is hereby given that the Highlands County Board of County Commissioners will hold a public hearing on March 5, 2024, at 9:00 a.m. or as soon thereafter as possible, in the Board Room of the County Commission Building, 600 Commerce Avenue, Sebring, Florida, to consider the suspension of a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity issued to Rapid Response Medical Transportation LLC, a Florida Corporation d/b/a RAPID RESPONSE AMBULANCE ("Rapid Response").

Rapid Response currently holds a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity ("COPCN") for Class 1, Non-emergency medical transport; Class 2 Basic Life Support ambulance (BLS); and Class 3 Advanced Life Support ambulance (ALS), pursuant to the Highlands County Code of Ordinances, Section 5-55, and has been operating in violation of Florida Statutes, Section 316.2397 (2) and Highlands County Code of Ordinances, Chapter 5, Article IV, Section 5-60 (4), (9) and (10) by failing to update COPCN records with Highlands County Fire Rescue and for using improper vehicle lighting.

All interested persons may appear and be heard at the time and place specified above.

A copy of this notice is available for public inspection during regular business hours in the office of the Clerk of the Board of County Commissioners at the Highlands County Government Center, 590 South Commerce Avenue, Sebring, Florida 33870. The supporting materials related to the proposed suspension may be inspected by the public at the Highlands County Fire Rescue Services Administration Office, 4506 Kenilworth Boulevard, Sebring, Florida 33870, during regular business hours. Inquiries should be directed to Dustin Fitch, Interim Deputy Chief.

Any person who might wish to appeal any decision made by the Board of County Commissioners of Highlands County, Florida, in public hearing or meeting is hereby advised that he or she will need a record of the proceedings, and for such purpose, he or she may need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceedings is made which will include the testimony and evidence upon which such appeal is to be based.

Notice of Public Hearing
TO CONSIDER SUSPENSION OF
CERTIFICATE OF
PUBLIC CONVENIENCE
AND NECESSITY

Notice is hereby given that the School Board of Highlands County, Florida, will hold a Special School Board Meeting on March 7, 2024. The meeting will start at 3:00 p.m. or as soon thereafter as may be practicable, in the Garland Boggus Board Room, 426 School Street, Sebring, Florida. The purpose of the meeting is to review and discuss the 2024-2025 Capital Projects list. Only matters specified may be considered.

Feb. 23, 2024

Notice of Special Meeting

NOTICE OF SPECIAL MEETING

Notice is hereby given that the School Board of Highlands County, Florida, will hold a Special School Board Meeting on March 7, 2024. The meeting will start at 3:00 p.m. or as soon thereafter as may be practicable, in the Garland Boggus Board Room, 426 School Street, Sebring, Florida. The purpose of the meeting is to review and discuss the 2024-2025 Capital Projects list. Only matters specified may be considered.

If a person intends to appeal the Board's decision with respect to any matter, or has any thought that an appeal may be taken, the person has the responsibility to ensure that a verbatim (word for word) record of the proceeding is made and that the record includes all testimony and evidence upon which an appeal is to be based.

The School Board of Highlands County, Florida does not discriminate upon the basis of any individual's disability status. This non-discrimination policy involves every aspect of the Board's functions, including one's access to, participation, employment or treatment in its programs or activities. Anyone requiring reasonable accommodation in order to attend the School Board Meeting please call 863-471-5565.

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02/14/2024

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Commissioners,

On 02-13-2024 Highlands County Fire Rescue received 2 phone complaints from citizens of the county in reference to an ambulance branded with Rapid Response driving in emergency mode using flashing blue lights. The first call was fielded at 5:17 p.m. with the resident advising the unit was spotted at South Sebring Parkway and US 27. The second caller advised the same description at 6:12 p.m. advising they had witnessed the same issue as the first caller at approximately 5:35 p.m. at the intersection of Main Street and US 27 in Avon Park.

On 2-14-2024, Division Chief Brett Hogan and I visited the Sebring substation site of Rapid Response (not listed on COPCN application) to follow up on the complaints as per Highlands County Code of Ordinances Chapter 5 Article IV section 5-60. Upon our arrival there were 2 units noted on the premises, we entered and asked to speak with a supervisor. As the supervisor was out at that moment the crew phoned him and I asked if he could come back to the substation for a conversation. At no time was anything discussed in front of ambulance crews. Upon the arrival of Supervisor L. Deatherage we met outside, and I informed him of the complaint and the reason for our visit.

I asked Supervisor Deatherage to crank up the first unit and activate its emergency lights and found no issue with the coloration of the emergency warning system. I then asked him if he was aware of a call that happened around 5:00 p.m. yesterday and what truck would have run the call. He advised it would have been the other truck parked adjacent to us. The truck was noted to be Unit 107 and I asked Supervisor Deatherage to crank and activate the emergency warning lights. Upon the activation of the lights, it was noted that Unit 107 had alternately flashing red and blue lights on all 4 sides of the unit. Florida Statute 316.2397 (2) explicitly prohibits blue flashing lights on any vehicle or equipment outside the use of law enforcement agencies. Supervisor Deatherage was notified of the statute and verbally told not to use the truck for services in Highlands County as it violates Florida State Statute. Having substantiated the complaint, I executed the authority given by Highlands County Code of Ordinances and began inspecting the available units finding none of these were approved vehicles to be operated in Highlands County. Supervisor Deatherage was advised that none of the on-site vehicles were eligible for use in Highlands County. Supervisor Deatherage was informed of my findings and advised he would begin working on the problem and asked that I text a picture of the approved vehicle roster to his cell phone. I text him the appropriate form upon my return to the office.



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Pursuant to Highlands County Code of Ordinances Chapter 5 Article IV section 5-60 any complaints received on COPCN holders must be investigated and a report with findings and recommendations to the board in 15 days. If the board approves action in the section, the board, shall give 5 days' notice to the certificate holder that the same will be considered at a specific board meeting not less than five days from the date of this notice. The board shall thereupon undertake to consider the complaint and either revoke, suspend, or alter the certificate or dismiss the complaint.

It is the recommendation of Highlands County Fire Rescue that a public hearing be scheduled on March 5, 2024. To discuss the recommended action of suspension of the certificate holders COPCN. Due to Rapid Response Medical Transport dba Rapid Response EMS' ambulance being in obvious violation of Florida State Statute 316.2397 (2) along with Highlands County Code of Ordinances Chapter 5 Article IV section 5-60 (4)(9)(10) and all other approved vehicles not being serviceable with the exception of one, and other errors in the original COPCN application. Lasting until an updated application along with notifications be completed along with payment of applicable fees and proof that the vehicles used in Highlands County are approved and within the operating standards of Florida State Statute.

Professionally Submitted,

Dustin Fitch

Dustin Fitch, Interim Deputy Chief
Highlands County Fire Rescue