

MEETING OF THE DISTRICTS
Thursday, September 05, 2024
9:30 AM
600 S. Commerce Ave. Sebring, FL 33870
AGENDA

DISTRICTS LIST

AVON PARK ESTATES S. B. D.	ORANGE VILLA MOBILE HOME ESTATES S. B. D.
HIGHLANDS PARK ESTATES S. B. D.	PLACID LAKES S.B.D.
HIGHWAY PARK S. B. D.	RED HILL FARMS IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT
LAKE HAVEN ESTATES S. B. D.	SEBRING ACRES S. B. D.
ORANGE BLOSSOM ESTATES S. B. D.	SEBRING COUNTRY ESTATES S. B. D.
ORANGE BLOSSOM UNIT 12 S. B. D.	SEBRING HILLS S. B. D.
COUNTYWIDE FIRE DISTRICT	THUNDERBIRD ROAD WASTEWATER S. B. D.
ISTOKPOGA MARSH WATERSHED IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT	
SUN 'N LAKES OF LAKE PLACID RECREATION DISTRICT	
OAK MANOR AVENUE ROAD PAVING MUNICIPAL SERVICE BENEFIT DISTRICT	

1 MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

2 PRESENTATIONS:

3 PUBLIC COMMENT

4 CONSENT AGENDA

5 PUBLIC HEARING

- 5.A *Request approval of the certification of the non-ad valorem assessment rolls for nine (9) Municipal Service Benefit Units for FY 24-25.*
Tanya Cannady, Business Services Director
Rosa Morales, Budget Analyst II/ NAV
The fiscal impact for FY 24-25 estimated revenue amounts for non-ad valorem assessments are approximately \$175,954.52 for the nine (9) Municipal Service Benefit Units combined.
[2024 Certificats & Resolutions_9.pdf](#)
[Districts Tear Sheet -Affidavit.pdf](#)
[2024 ROLL TOTALS.pdf](#)
[2024-25 NAV Assessments \(9 Districts\).pdf](#)

6 ACTION AGENDA

- 6.A *Request direction on expending funds for repairs and maintenance items relative to IMWID*
Jonathan Harrison, Road & Bridge Director

Dawn Ritter, Natural Resources Manager

The fiscal impact is a decrease to Fund 109 (Istokpoga Marsh Watershed Improvement District) in the amount of up to \$20,000.

7 ADJOURN

Any person who decides to appeal any decision made by the Board of Supervisors of any of the Special Districts of Highlands County, Florida, in a public hearing or quasi-judicial proceeding is hereby advised that he or she will need a record of the proceedings, and that, for such purpose, he or she may need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceedings is made, which record will include the testimony and evidence upon which such appeal is to be based.

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HIGHLANDS COUNTY
COUNTY COMMISSION AGENDA ITEM

DATE OF ACTION REQUEST: September 5, 2024

PRESENTER: Tanya Cannady, Business Services Director
Rosa Morales, Budget Analyst II/ NAV

SUBJECT/TITLE: Request approval of the certification of the non-ad valorem assessment rolls for nine (9) Municipal Service Benefit Units for FY 24-25.

STATEMENT OF ISSUE

The Board of County Commissioners must annually certify a roll of the non-ad valorem assessments to the Tax Collector. The roll indicates the name, code, number of units and total assessment amounts for each of the nine (9) Municipal Service Benefit Units in the County. The information is delivered to the Tax Collector in an electronic medium as specified in FS 197.3632 (5)(a).

RECOMMENDED ACTION

Move to approve the certification of the non-ad valorem assessment rolls for nine (9) Municipal Service Benefit Units for FY 24-25.

FISCAL IMPACT

The fiscal impact for FY 24-25 estimated revenue amounts for non-ad valorem assessments are approximately \$175,954.52 for the nine (9) Municipal Service Benefit Units combined.

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RESOLUTION NO. 23-24-178
(Avon Park Estates Special Benefit District)

A RESOLUTION OF THE AVON PARK ESTATES SPECIAL BENEFIT DISTRICT PERTAINING TO THE NON-AD VALOREM ASSESSMENT ROLL FOR FISCAL YEAR 2024-2025; PROVIDING FOR LEGISLATIVE FINDINGS AND INTENT; PROVIDING FOR CERTIFICATION OF NON-AD VALOREM ASSESSMENT ROLL; PROVIDING A SAVINGS CLAUSE; PROVIDING FOR SCRIVENER'S ERRORS; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, Highlands County Code of Ordinances, Chapter 9, Streets, Highways and Public Improvements, Article XI (11) Avon Park Estates Special Benefit District ("District"), authorizes the imposition of an assessment against the benefitted properties for the purpose of carrying out the projects of the District; and

WHEREAS, the District has received the fiscal year 2024-2025, non-ad valorem assessment roll for the District from the Highlands County Property Appraiser; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Florida Statutes, Section 197.3632, the District desires to review, adjust and correct the non-ad valorem assessment roll of benefitted properties in the District; and

WHEREAS, on September 5, 2024, the District conducted a duly advertised public hearing for the purpose of adopting the non-ad valorem assessment roll for fiscal year 2024-2025, wherein comments and objections of all interested persons have been heard and considered.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY AVON PARK ESTATES SPECIAL BENEFIT DISTRICT, AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. Legislative Findings and Intent. The District has complied with all requirements and procedures of Florida law in processing this Resolution. The above findings are hereby adopted.

SECTION 2. Certification of Non-ad Valorem Assessment Roll. The non-ad valorem assessment roll for the Avon Park Estates Special Benefit District for fiscal year 2024-2025, attached hereto as **Exhibit "A"** is hereby approved. The Chairman of the District Board of Supervisors is hereby authorized to certify the assessment roll accordingly.

SECTION 3. Savings Clause. All prior actions of the District pertaining to the fiscal year 2024-2025, non-ad valorem assessment roll for the District, as well as any and all matters relating thereto, are hereby ratified and affirmed consistent with the provisions of this Resolution.

SECTION 4. Scrivener's Errors. Typographical errors and other matters of a similar nature that do not affect the intent of this Resolution, as determined by the Highlands County Administrator and County Attorney, may be corrected.

SECTION 5. Conflicts. All Resolutions or parts of Resolutions in conflict with any of the provisions of this Resolution are hereby repealed.

SECTION 6. Severability. If any Section or portion of a Section of this Resolution proves to be invalid, unlawful, or unconstitutional, it shall not be held to invalidate or impair the validity, force, or effect of any other Section or part of this Resolution.

SECTION 7. Effective Date. This Resolution shall become effective immediately upon its passage and adoption.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 5th day of September 2024.

**AVON PARK SPECIAL BENEFIT
DISTRICT**

KEVIN J ROBERTS, CHAIRPERSON

ATTEST:

Jerome Kaszubowski, Clerk of Court

Exhibit “A”

HC-408A



**CERTIFICATE
TO
NON-AD VALOREM ASSESSMENT ROLL**

I, the undersigned, hereby certify that I am the Chairman of the Board, or authorized agent of Avon Park Estates Special Benefit District located in Highlands County, Florida; as such I have satisfied myself that all property included or includable on the Non-Ad Valorem Assessment Roll for the aforesaid county is properly assessed so far as I have been able to ascertain; and that all required extensions on the above described roll to show the non-ad valorem assessments attributable to the property listed therein have been made pursuant to law.

I further certify that upon completion of this certificate and the attachment of same to the herein described Non-Ad Valorem Assessment Roll as a part thereof, that said Non-Ad Valorem Assessment Roll will be delivered to the Tax Collector of this county.

In witness whereof, I have subscribed this certificate and caused the same to be attached to and made a part of the above described Non-Ad Valorem Assessment Roll this the 5th day of September, 2024.

(Chairman of the Board or Authorized Agent)
of the Board of County Commissioners
of Highlands County, Florida
(Name of Local Government)

RESOLUTION NO. 23-24-179
(Highway Park Special Benefit District)

A RESOLUTION OF THE HIGHWAY PARK SPECIAL BENEFIT DISTRICT PERTAINING TO THE NON-AD VALOREM ASSESSMENT ROLL FOR FISCAL YEAR 2024-2025; PROVIDING FOR LEGISLATIVE FINDINGS AND INTENT; PROVIDING FOR CERTIFICATION OF NON-AD VALOREM ASSESSMENT ROLL; PROVIDING A SAVINGS CLAUSE; PROVIDING FOR SCRIVENER'S ERRORS; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, Highlands County Code of Ordinances, Chapter 9, Streets, Highways and Public Improvements, Article XXXV (35) Highway Park Special Benefit District ("District"), authorizes the imposition of an assessment against the benefitted properties for the purpose of carrying out the projects of the District; and

WHEREAS, the District has received the fiscal year 2024-2025, non-ad valorem assessment roll for the District from the Highlands County Property Appraiser; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Florida Statutes, Section 197.3632, the District desires to review, adjust and correct the non-ad valorem assessment roll of benefitted properties in the District; and

WHEREAS, on September 5, 2024, the District conducted a duly advertised public hearing for the purpose of adopting the non-ad valorem assessment roll for fiscal year 2024-2025, wherein comments and objections of all interested persons have been heard and considered.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY HIGHWAY PARK SPECIAL BENEFIT DISTRICT, AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. Legislative Findings and Intent. The District has complied with all requirements and procedures of Florida law in processing this Resolution. The above findings are hereby adopted.

SECTION 2. Certification of Non-ad Valorem Assessment Roll. The non-ad valorem assessment roll for the Highway Park Special Benefit District for fiscal year 2024-2025, attached hereto as **Exhibit "A"** is hereby approved. The Chairman of the District Board of Supervisors is hereby authorized to certify the assessment roll accordingly.

SECTION 3. Savings Clause. All prior actions of the District pertaining to the fiscal year 2024-2025, non-ad valorem assessment roll for the District, as well as any and all matters relating thereto, are hereby ratified and affirmed consistent with the provisions of this Resolution.

SECTION 4. Scrivener's Errors. Typographical errors and other matters of a similar nature that do not affect the intent of this Resolution, as determined by the Highlands County Administrator and County Attorney, may be corrected.

SECTION 5. Conflicts. All Resolutions or parts of Resolutions in conflict with any of the provisions of this Resolution are hereby repealed.

SECTION 6. Severability. If any Section or portion of a Section of this Resolution proves to be invalid, unlawful, or unconstitutional, it shall not be held to invalidate or impair the validity, force, or effect of any other Section or part of this Resolution.

SECTION 7. Effective Date. This Resolution shall become effective immediately upon its passage and adoption.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 5th day of September 2024.

**HIGHWAY PARK SPECIAL
BENEFIT DISTRICT**

KEVIN J ROBERTS, CHAIRPERSON

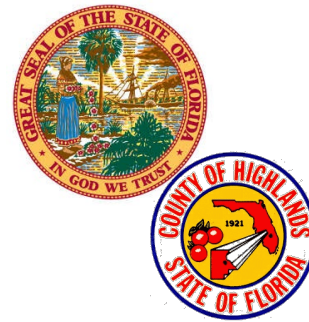
ATTEST:

Jerome Kaszubowski, Clerk of Court

Exhibit “A”

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**CERTIFICATE
TO
NON-AD VALOREM ASSESSMENT ROLL**



I, the undersigned, hereby certify that I am the Chairman of the Board, or authorized agent of Highway Park Special Benefit District located in Highlands County, Florida; as such I have satisfied myself that all property included or includable on the Non-Ad Valorem Assessment Roll for the aforesaid county is properly assessed so far as I have been able to ascertain; and that all required extensions on the above described roll to show the non-ad valorem assessments attributable to the property listed therein have been made pursuant to law.

I further certify that upon completion of this certificate and the attachment of same to the herein described Non-Ad Valorem Assessment Roll as a part thereof, that said Non-Ad Valorem Assessment Roll will be delivered to the Tax Collector of this county.

In witness whereof, I have subscribed this certificate and caused the same to be attached to and made a part of the above described Non-Ad Valorem Assessment Roll this the 5th day of September, 2024.

(Chairman of the Board or Authorized Agent)
of the Board of County Commissioners
of Highlands County, Florida
(Name of Local Government)

RESOLUTION NO. 23-24-180
(Lake Haven Estates Special Benefit District)

A RESOLUTION OF THE LAKE HAVEN ESTATES SPECIAL BENEFIT DISTRICT PERTAINING TO THE NON-AD VALOREM ASSESSMENT ROLL FOR FISCAL YEAR 2024-2025; PROVIDING FOR LEGISLATIVE FINDINGS AND INTENT; PROVIDING FOR CERTIFICATION OF NON-AD VALOREM ASSESSMENT ROLL; PROVIDING A SAVINGS CLAUSE; PROVIDING FOR SCRIVENER'S ERRORS; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, Highlands County Code of Ordinances, Chapter 9, Streets, Highways and Public Improvements, Article XXIX (29) Lake Haven Estates Special Benefit District ("District"), authorizes the imposition of an assessment against the benefitted properties for the purpose of carrying out the projects of the District; and

WHEREAS, the District has received the fiscal year 2024-2025, non-ad valorem assessment roll for the District from the Highlands County Property Appraiser; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Florida Statutes, Section 197.3632, the District desires to review, adjust and correct the non-ad valorem assessment roll of benefitted properties in the District; and

WHEREAS, on September 5, 2024, the District conducted a duly advertised public hearing for the purpose of adopting the non-ad valorem assessment roll for fiscal year 2024-2025, wherein comments and objections of all interested persons have been heard and considered.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY LAKE HAVEN ESTATES SPECIAL BENEFIT DISTRICT, AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. Legislative Findings and Intent. The District has complied with all requirements and procedures of Florida law in processing this Resolution. The above findings are hereby adopted.

SECTION 2. Certification of Non-ad Valorem Assessment Roll. The non-ad valorem assessment roll for the Lake Haven Estates Special Benefit District for fiscal year 2024-2025, attached hereto as **Exhibit "A"** is hereby approved. The Chairman of the District Board of Supervisors is hereby authorized to certify the assessment roll accordingly.

SECTION 3. Savings Clause. All prior actions of the District pertaining to the fiscal year 2024-2025, non-ad valorem assessment roll for the District, as well as any and all matters relating thereto, are hereby ratified and affirmed consistent with the provisions of this Resolution.

SECTION 4. Scrivener's Errors. Typographical errors and other matters of a similar nature that do not affect the intent of this Resolution, as determined by the Highlands County Administrator and County Attorney, may be corrected.

SECTION 5. Conflicts. All Resolutions or parts of Resolutions in conflict with any of the provisions of this Resolution are hereby repealed.

SECTION 6. Severability. If any Section or portion of a Section of this Resolution proves to be invalid, unlawful, or unconstitutional, it shall not be held to invalidate or impair the validity, force, or effect of any other Section or part of this Resolution.

SECTION 7. Effective Date. This Resolution shall become effective immediately upon its passage and adoption.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 5th day of September 2024.

**LAKE HAVEN ESTATES
SPECIAL BENEFIT DISTRICT**

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KEVIN J ROBERTS, CHAIRPERSON**

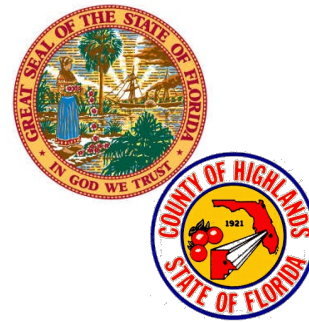
ATTEST:

**_____
Jerome Kaszubowski, Clerk of Court**

Exhibit “A”

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**CERTIFICATE
TO
NON-AD VALOREM ASSESSMENT ROLL**



I, the undersigned, hereby certify that I am the Chairman of the Board, or authorized agent of Lake Haven Estates Special Benefit District located in Highlands County, Florida; as such I have satisfied myself that all property included or includable on the Non-Ad Valorem Assessment Roll for the aforesaid county is properly assessed so far as I have been able to ascertain; and that all required extensions on the above described roll to show the non-ad valorem assessments attributable to the property listed therein have been made pursuant to law.

I further certify that upon completion of this certificate and the attachment of same to the herein described Non-Ad Valorem Assessment Roll as a part thereof, that said Non-Ad Valorem Assessment Roll will be delivered to the Tax Collector of this county.

In witness whereof, I have subscribed this certificate and caused the same to be attached to and made a part of the above described Non-Ad Valorem Assessment Roll this the 5th day of September, 2024.

(Chairman of the Board or Authorized Agent)
of the Board of County Commissioners
of Highlands County, Florida
(Name of Local Government)

RESOLUTION NO. 23-24-181
(Oak Manor Avenue Road Paving Municipal Service Benefit Unit)

A RESOLUTION OF THE OAK MANOR AVENUE ROAD PAVING MUNICIPAL SERVICE BENEFIT UNIT PERTAINING TO THE NON-AD VALOREM ASSESSMENT ROLL FOR FISCAL YEAR 2024-2025; PROVIDING FOR LEGISLATIVE FINDINGS AND INTENT; PROVIDING FOR CERTIFICATION OF NON-AD VALOREM ASSESSMENT ROLL; PROVIDING A SAVINGS CLAUSE; PROVIDING FOR SCRIVENER'S ERRORS; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, Highlands County Code of Ordinances, Chapter 9, Streets, Highways and Public Improvements, Article XV (15) Oak Manor Avenue Road Paving Municipal Service Benefit Unit ("District"), authorizes the imposition of an assessment against the benefitted properties for the purpose of carrying out the projects of the District; and

WHEREAS, the District has received the fiscal year 2024-2025, non-ad valorem assessment roll for the District from the Highlands County Property Appraiser; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Florida Statutes, Section 197.3632, the District desires to review, adjust and correct the non-ad valorem assessment roll of benefitted properties in the District; and

WHEREAS, on September 5, 2024, the District conducted a duly advertised public hearing for the purpose of adopting the non-ad valorem assessment roll for fiscal year 2024-2025, wherein comments and objections of all interested persons have been heard and considered.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY OAK MANOR AVENUE ROAD PAVING MUNICIPAL SERVICE BENEFIT UNIT, AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. Legislative Findings and Intent. The District has complied with all requirements and procedures of Florida law in processing this Resolution. The above findings are hereby adopted.

SECTION 2. Certification of Non-ad Valorem Assessment Roll. The non-ad valorem assessment roll for the Oak Manor Avenue Road Paving Municipal Service Benefit Unit for fiscal year 2024-2025, attached hereto as **Exhibit "A"** is hereby approved. The Chairman of the District Board of Supervisors is hereby authorized to certify the assessment roll accordingly.

SECTION 3. Savings Clause. All prior actions of the District pertaining to the fiscal year 2024-2025, non-ad valorem assessment roll for the District, as well as any and all matters relating thereto, are hereby ratified and affirmed consistent with the provisions of this Resolution.

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SECTION 7. Effective Date. This Resolution shall become effective immediately upon its passage and adoption.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 5th day of September 2024.

**OAK MANOR AVENUE
ROAD PAVING MUNICIPAL
SERVICE BENEFIT UNIT**

KEVIN J ROBERTS, CHAIRPERSON

ATTEST:

Jerome Kaszubowski, Clerk of Court

Exhibit “A”

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**CERTIFICATE
TO
NON-AD VALOREM ASSESSMENT ROLL**



I, the undersigned, hereby certify that I am the Chairman of the Board, or authorized agent of Oak Manor Avenue Road Paving Municipal Service Benefit Unit located in Highlands County, Florida; as such I have satisfied myself that all property included or includable on the Non-Ad Valorem Assessment Roll for the aforesaid county is properly assessed so far as I have been able to ascertain; and that all required extensions on the above described roll to show the non-ad valorem assessments attributable to the property listed therein have been made pursuant to law.

I further certify that upon completion of this certificate and the attachment of same to the herein described Non-Ad Valorem Assessment Roll as a part thereof, that said Non-Ad Valorem Assessment Roll will be delivered to the Tax Collector of this county.

In witness whereof, I have subscribed this certificate and caused the same to be attached to and made a part of the above described Non-Ad Valorem Assessment Roll this the 5th day of September, 2024.

(Chairman of the Board or Authorized Agent)
of the Board of County Commissioners
of Highlands County, Florida
(Name of Local Government)

RESOLUTION NO. 23-24-182
(Orange Villa Mobile Home Estates Special Benefit District)

A RESOLUTION OF THE ORANGE VILLA MOBILE HOME ESTATES SPECIAL BENEFIT DISTRICT PERTAINING TO THE NON-AD VALOREM ASSESSMENT ROLL FOR FISCAL YEAR 2024-2025; PROVIDING FOR LEGISLATIVE FINDINGS AND INTENT; PROVIDING FOR CERTIFICATION OF NON-AD VALOREM ASSESSMENT ROLL; PROVIDING A SAVINGS CLAUSE; PROVIDING FOR SCRIVENER'S ERRORS; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, Highlands County Code of Ordinances, Chapter 9, Streets, Highways and Public Improvements, Article VIII (8) Orange Villa Mobile Home Estates Special Benefit District ("District"), authorizes the imposition of an assessment against the benefitted properties for the purpose of carrying out the projects of the District; and

WHEREAS, the District has received the fiscal year 2024-2025, non-ad valorem assessment roll for the District from the Highlands County Property Appraiser; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Florida Statutes, Section 197.3632, the District desires to review, adjust and correct the non-ad valorem assessment roll of benefitted properties in the District; and

WHEREAS, on September 5, 2024, the District conducted a duly advertised public hearing for the purpose of adopting the non-ad valorem assessment roll for fiscal year 2024-2025, wherein comments and objections of all interested persons have been heard and considered.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY ORANGE VILLA MOBILE HOME ESTATES SPECIAL BENEFIT DISTRICT, AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. Legislative Findings and Intent. The District has complied with all requirements and procedures of Florida law in processing this Resolution. The above findings are hereby adopted.

SECTION 2. Certification of Non-ad Valorem Assessment Roll. The non-ad valorem assessment roll for the Orange Villa Mobile Home Estates Special Benefit District for fiscal year 2024-2025, attached hereto as **Exhibit "A"** is hereby approved. The Chairman of the District Board of Supervisors is hereby authorized to certify the assessment roll accordingly.

SECTION 3. Savings Clause. All prior actions of the District pertaining to the fiscal year 2024-2025, non-ad valorem assessment roll for the District, as well as any and all matters relating thereto, are hereby ratified and affirmed consistent with the provisions of this Resolution.

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SECTION 7. Effective Date. This Resolution shall become effective immediately upon its passage and adoption.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 5th day of September 2024.

**ORANGE VILLA MOBILE
HOME ESTATES SPECIAL
BENEFIT DISTRICT**

**_____
KEVIN J ROBERTS, CHAIRPERSON**

ATTEST:

**_____
Jerome Kaszubowski, Clerk of Court**

Exhibit “A”

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**CERTIFICATE
TO
NON-AD VALOREM ASSESSMENT ROLL**



I, the undersigned, hereby certify that I am the Chairman of the Board, or authorized agent of the Orange Villa Mobile Home Estates Special Benefit District located in Highlands County, Florida; as such I have satisfied myself that all property included or includable on the Non-Ad Valorem Assessment Roll for the aforesaid county is properly assessed so far as I have been able to ascertain; and that all required extensions on the above described roll to show the non-ad valorem assessments attributable to the property listed therein have been made pursuant to law.

I further certify that upon completion of this certificate and the attachment of same to the herein described Non-Ad Valorem Assessment Roll as a part thereof, that said Non-Ad Valorem Assessment Roll will be delivered to the Tax Collector of this county.

In witness whereof, I have subscribed this certificate and caused the same to be attached to and made a part of the above described Non-Ad Valorem Assessment Roll this the 5th day of September, 2024.

(Chairman of the Board or Authorized Agent)
of the Board of County Commissioners
of Highlands County, Florida
(Name of Local Government)

RESOLUTION NO. 23-24-183
(Red Hill Farms Improvement District)

A RESOLUTION OF THE RED HILL FARMS IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT PERTAINING TO THE NON-AD VALOREM ASSESSMENT ROLL FOR FISCAL YEAR 2024-2025; PROVIDING FOR LEGISLATIVE FINDINGS AND INTENT; PROVIDING FOR CERTIFICATION OF NON-AD VALOREM ASSESSMENT ROLL; PROVIDING A SAVINGS CLAUSE; PROVIDING FOR SCRIVENER'S ERRORS; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, Highlands County Code of Ordinances, Chapter 9, Streets, Highways and Public Improvements, Article XVIII (18) Red Hill Farms Improvement District ("District"), authorizes the imposition of an assessment against the benefitted properties for the purpose of carrying out the projects of the District; and

WHEREAS, the District has received the fiscal year 2024-2025, non-ad valorem assessment roll for the District from the Highlands County Property Appraiser; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Florida Statutes, Section 197.3632, the District desires to review, adjust and correct the non-ad valorem assessment roll of benefitted properties in the District; and

WHEREAS, on September 5, 2024, the District conducted a duly advertised public hearing for the purpose of adopting the non-ad valorem assessment roll for fiscal year 2024-2025, wherein comments and objections of all interested persons have been heard and considered.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY RED HILL FARMS IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT, AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. Legislative Findings and Intent. The District has complied with all requirements and procedures of Florida law in processing this Resolution. The above findings are hereby adopted.

SECTION 2. Certification of Non-ad Valorem Assessment Roll. The non-ad valorem assessment roll for the Red Hill Farms Improvement District for fiscal year 2024-2025, attached hereto as **Exhibit "A"** is hereby approved. The Chairman of the District Board of Supervisors is hereby authorized to certify the assessment roll accordingly.

SECTION 3. Savings Clause. All prior actions of the District pertaining to the fiscal year 2024-2025, non-ad valorem assessment roll for the District, as well as any and all matters relating thereto, are hereby ratified and affirmed consistent with the provisions of this Resolution.

SECTION 4. Scrivener's Errors. Typographical errors and other matters of a similar nature that do not affect the intent of this Resolution, as determined by the Highlands County Administrator and County Attorney, may be corrected.

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SECTION 7. Effective Date. This Resolution shall become effective immediately upon its passage and adoption.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 5th day of September 2024.

**RED HILL FARMS
IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT**

**_____
KEVIN J ROBERTS, CHAIRPERSON**

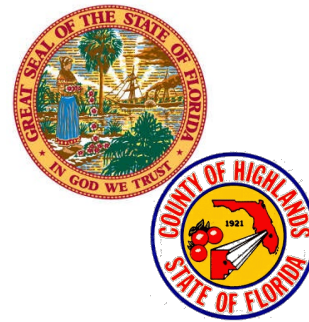
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**_____
Jerome Kaszubowski, Clerk of Court**

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**CERTIFICATE
TO
NON-AD VALOREM ASSESSMENT ROLL**



I, the undersigned, hereby certify that I am the Chairman of the Board, or authorized agent of the Red Hill Farms Improvement District located in Highlands County, Florida; as such I have satisfied myself that all property included or includable on the Non-Ad Valorem Assessment Roll for the aforesaid county is properly assessed so far as I have been able to ascertain; and that all required extensions on the above described roll to show the non-ad valorem assessments attributable to the property listed therein have been made pursuant to law.

I further certify that upon completion of this certificate and the attachment of same to the herein described Non-Ad Valorem Assessment Roll as a part thereof, that said Non-Ad Valorem Assessment Roll will be delivered to the Tax Collector of this county.

In witness whereof, I have subscribed this certificate and caused the same to be attached to and made a part of the above described Non-Ad Valorem Assessment Roll this the 5th day of September, 2024.

(Chairman of the Board or Authorized Agent)
of the Board of County Commissioners
of Highlands County, Florida
(Name of Local Government)

RESOLUTION NO. 23-24-184
(Sebring Acres Special Benefit District)

A RESOLUTION OF THE SEBRING ACRES SPECIAL BENEFIT DISTRICT PERTAINING TO THE NON-AD VALOREM ASSESSMENT ROLL FOR FISCAL YEAR 2024-2025; PROVIDING FOR LEGISLATIVE FINDINGS AND INTENT; PROVIDING FOR CERTIFICATION OF NON-AD VALOREM ASSESSMENT ROLL; PROVIDING A SAVINGS CLAUSE; PROVIDING FOR SCRIVENER'S ERRORS; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, Highlands County Code of Ordinances, Chapter 9, Streets, Highways and Public Improvements, Article XXVII (27) Sebring Acres Special Benefit District ("District"), authorizes the imposition of an assessment against the benefitted properties for the purpose of carrying out the projects of the District; and

WHEREAS, the District has received the fiscal year 2024-2025, non-ad valorem assessment roll for the District from the Highlands County Property Appraiser; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Florida Statutes, Section 197.3632, the District desires to review, adjust and correct the non-ad valorem assessment roll of benefitted properties in the District; and

WHEREAS, on September 5, 2024, the District conducted a duly advertised public hearing for the purpose of adopting the non-ad valorem assessment roll for fiscal year 2024-2025, wherein comments and objections of all interested persons have been heard and considered.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY SEBRING ACRES SPECIAL BENEFIT DISTRICT, AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. Legislative Findings and Intent. The District has complied with all requirements and procedures of Florida law in processing this Resolution. The above findings are hereby adopted.

SECTION 2. Certification of Non-ad Valorem Assessment Roll. The non-ad valorem assessment roll for the Sebring Acres Special Benefit District for fiscal year 2024-2025, attached hereto as **Exhibit "A"** is hereby approved. The Chairman of the District Board of Supervisors is hereby authorized to certify the assessment roll accordingly.

SECTION 3. Savings Clause. All prior actions of the District pertaining to the fiscal year 2024-2025, non-ad valorem assessment roll for the District, as well as any and all matters relating thereto, are hereby ratified and affirmed consistent with the provisions of this Resolution.

SECTION 4. Scrivener's Errors. Typographical errors and other matters of a similar nature that do not affect the intent of this Resolution, as determined by the Highlands County Administrator and County Attorney, may be corrected.

SECTION 5. Conflicts. All Resolutions or parts of Resolutions in conflict with any of the provisions of this Resolution are hereby repealed.

SECTION 6. Severability. If any Section or portion of a Section of this Resolution proves to be invalid, unlawful, or unconstitutional, it shall not be held to invalidate or impair the validity, force, or effect of any other Section or part of this Resolution.

SECTION 7. Effective Date. This Resolution shall become effective immediately upon its passage and adoption.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 5th day of September 2024.

**SEBRING ACRES SPECIAL
BENEFIT DISTRICT**

KEVIN J ROBERTS, CHAIRPERSON

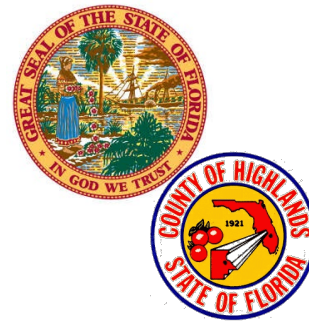
ATTEST:

Jerome Kaszubowski, Clerk of Court

Exhibit “A”

HC-408A

**CERTIFICATE
TO
NON-AD VALOREM ASSESSMENT ROLL**



I, the undersigned, hereby certify that I am the Chairman of the Board, or authorized agent of the Sebring Acres Special Benefit District located in Highlands County, Florida; as such I have satisfied myself that all property included or includable on the Non-Ad Valorem Assessment Roll for the aforesaid county is properly assessed so far as I have been able to ascertain; and that all required extensions on the above described roll to show the non-ad valorem assessments attributable to the property listed therein have been made pursuant to law.

I further certify that upon completion of this certificate and the attachment of same to the herein described Non-Ad Valorem Assessment Roll as a part thereof, that said Non-Ad Valorem Assessment Roll will be delivered to the Tax Collector of this county.

In witness whereof, I have subscribed this certificate and caused the same to be attached to and made a part of the above described Non-Ad Valorem Assessment Roll this the 5th day of September, 2024.

(Chairman of the Board or Authorized Agent)
of the Board of County Commissioners
of Highlands County, Florida
(Name of Local Government)

RESOLUTION NO. 23-24-185
(Sebring Country Estates Special Benefit District)

A RESOLUTION OF THE SEBRING COUNTRY ESTATES SPECIAL BENEFIT DISTRICT PERTAINING TO THE NON-AD VALOREM ASSESSMENT ROLL FOR FISCAL YEAR 2024-2025; PROVIDING FOR LEGISLATIVE FINDINGS AND INTENT; PROVIDING FOR CERTIFICATION OF NON-AD VALOREM ASSESSMENT ROLL; PROVIDING A SAVINGS CLAUSE; PROVIDING FOR SCRIVENER'S ERRORS; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, Highlands County Code of Ordinances, Chapter 9, Streets, Highways and Public Improvements, Article VI (6) Sebring Country Estates Special Benefit District ("District"), authorizes the imposition of an assessment against the benefitted properties for the purpose of carrying out the projects of the District; and

WHEREAS, the District has received the fiscal year 2024-2025, non-ad valorem assessment roll for the District from the Highlands County Property Appraiser; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Florida Statutes, Section 197.3632, the District desires to review, adjust and correct the non-ad valorem assessment roll of benefitted properties in the District; and

WHEREAS, on September 5, 2024, the District conducted a duly advertised public hearing for the purpose of adopting the non-ad valorem assessment roll for fiscal year 2024-2025, wherein comments and objections of all interested persons have been heard and considered.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY SEBRING COUNTRY ESTATES SPECIAL BENEFIT DISTRICT, AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. Legislative Findings and Intent. The District has complied with all requirements and procedures of Florida law in processing this Resolution. The above findings are hereby adopted.

SECTION 2. Certification of Non-ad Valorem Assessment Roll. The non-ad valorem assessment roll for the Sebring Country Estates Special Benefit District for fiscal year 2024-2025, attached hereto as **Exhibit "A"** is hereby approved. The Chairman of the District Board of Supervisors is hereby authorized to certify the assessment roll accordingly.

SECTION 3. Savings Clause. All prior actions of the District pertaining to the fiscal year 2024-2025, non-ad valorem assessment roll for the District, as well as any and all matters relating thereto, are hereby ratified and affirmed consistent with the provisions of this Resolution.

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**SEBRING COUNTRY
ESTATES SPECIAL BENEFIT DISTRICT**

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ATTEST:

Jerome Kaszubowski, Clerk of Court

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I, the undersigned, hereby certify that I am the Chairman of the Board, or authorized agent of the Sebring Country Estates Special Benefit District located in Highlands County, Florida; as such I have satisfied myself that all property included or includable on the Non-Ad Valorem Assessment Roll for the aforesaid county is properly assessed so far as I have been able to ascertain; and that all required extensions on the above described roll to show the non-ad valorem assessments attributable to the property listed therein have been made pursuant to law.

I further certify that upon completion of this certificate and the attachment of same to the herein described Non-Ad Valorem Assessment Roll as a part thereof, that said Non-Ad Valorem Assessment Roll will be delivered to the Tax Collector of this county.

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(Chairman of the Board or Authorized Agent)
of the Board of County Commissioners
of Highlands County, Florida
(Name of Local Government)

RESOLUTION NO. 23-24-186
(Sebring Hills Special Benefit District)

A RESOLUTION OF THE SEBRING HILLS SPECIAL BENEFIT DISTRICT PERTAINING TO THE NON-AD VALOREM ASSESSMENT ROLL FOR FISCAL YEAR 2024-2025; PROVIDING FOR LEGISLATIVE FINDINGS AND INTENT; PROVIDING FOR CERTIFICATION OF NON-AD VALOREM ASSESSMENT ROLL; PROVIDING A SAVINGS CLAUSE; PROVIDING FOR SCRIVENER'S ERRORS; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, Highlands County Code of Ordinances, Chapter 9, Streets, Highways and Public Improvements, Article XXII (21) Sebring Hills Special Benefit District ("District"), authorizes the imposition of an assessment against the benefitted properties for the purpose of carrying out the projects of the District; and

WHEREAS, the District has received the fiscal year 2024-2025, non-ad valorem assessment roll for the District from the Highlands County Property Appraiser; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Florida Statutes, Section 197.3632, the District desires to review, adjust and correct the non-ad valorem assessment roll of benefitted properties in the District; and

WHEREAS, on September 5, 2024, the District conducted a duly advertised public hearing for the purpose of adopting the non-ad valorem assessment roll for fiscal year 2024-2025, wherein comments and objections of all interested persons have been heard and considered.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY SEBRING HILLS SPECIAL BENEFIT DISTRICT, AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. Legislative Findings and Intent. The District has complied with all requirements and procedures of Florida law in processing this Resolution. The above findings are hereby adopted.

SECTION 2. Certification of Non-ad Valorem Assessment Roll. The non-ad valorem assessment roll for the Sebring Hills Special Benefit District for fiscal year 2024-2025, attached hereto as **Exhibit "A"** is hereby approved. The Chairman of the District Board of Supervisors is hereby authorized to certify the assessment roll accordingly.

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**SEBRING HILLS SPECIAL
BENEFIT DISTRICT**

KEVIN J ROBERTS, CHAIRPERSON

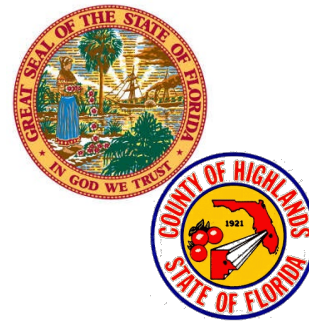
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VALOREM ASSESSMENT ROLLS FOR CERTAIN SPECIAL
DISTRICTS IN HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA**

**STATE OF FLORIDA,
COUNTY OF HIGHLANDS**

Before the undersigned authority, Janet Emerson, personally appeared who on oath says that she is the Classified Advertising Legal Clerk of Highlands News-Sun, a newspaper published at Sebring in Highlands County, Florida; that the attached copy or reprint of the advertisement, to the right, being a Public Notice, was published in said newspaper by print in the issues of or by publication on the newspaper's website, if authorized, on:

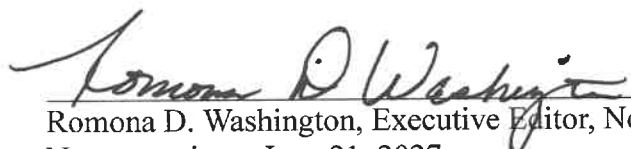
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Affiant further says that the Highlands News-Sun newspaper complies with all legal requirements for publication in chapter 50, Florida Statutes.
SIGNED:



Janet Emerson

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 21st day of August 2024 by Janet Emerson,
who is personally known to me.



Romona D. Washington, Executive Editor, Notary Number: HH 413555
Notary expires: June 21, 2027



ROMONA D. WASHINGTON
Commission # HH 413555
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Residents concerned about Holiday’s removal

Town eyes increases in permit fees

BY DIEGO DE JESUS
Staff Writer

Former Community Redevelopment Agency (CRA) Communications and Project Coordinator Shawn Holiday’s removal on Aug. 9 sparked outrage on social media that following weekend, many stating that it was a faulty decision for many reasons.

Although there has been no official announcement of Holiday’s removal from the City of Avon Park, word spread rapidly throughout Avon Park of the development. Many expressed their concerns over the decision for his removal and were confused by the vagueness of the details.

Some were tagging their messages with “#IStandWithShawn” to show support for Holiday, denouncing his removal.

Avon Park businessman Emilio Garibaldi said, “For the year that Mr. Holiday has been in his position, there has been a change to the atmosphere in the City of



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from a basic calendar of events which kept everyone up to date with what’s going on in Avon, to the current rejuvenation of historic buildings and homes that creates beatification, raise values which can allow for crime, slum and blight to dwindle.”

He continued that Holiday was seen as a “staple” of Avon Park in “all corners with no bias,” further instilling his removal as a “poor choice” made by the City of Avon Park. With the many centennials being celebrated from the 1920s, the 2020s is the time to make impactful changes for the next 100 years by learning from predecessors.

Garibaldi was named in Holiday’s official investigation report, de-

tailoring the course of events that led to his termination.

“If an entire city is united standing behind what one man has done in such a short time, the consensus is pretty clear, mistakes were made,” Garibaldi said. “Now it is time for us to learn from our predecessors and make impactful changes for the next 100 years, not allow the same lack of leadership to plague the city and continue it down a losing path. It is time for a major overhaul of leadership to move forward.”

One sector Holiday had a particular impact on was business, working with multiple business owners and fostering growth in Avon Park. His efforts included filling vacant storefronts on Main Street, beautifying downtown and numerous projects in Donaldson Park.

President of the Heartland Cultural Alliance Gaylin Thomas said, “I think it was inappropriate and premature. I would like to know the policy Mr. Holiday violated that would justify termination.

“His proactive, creative approach to community development and ability to network with businesses and organizations is exactly what the CRA needed to make a difference in Avon Park. The number of people served and the new businesses in the CRA district speaks loudly of the good job he was doing. Termination is the last resort after corrective measures have failed. Did the CRA Advisory or the CRA have any

input into this decision? They hired him. How can someone else fire him?”

Backdraft Promotions Chief Executive Officer Rob Bullock worked frequently with Holiday. He found his “sudden” removal “disheartening” and “disappointing” upon learning of the development.

“My company strives to keep good, open, working relationships and partnerships with government staff and elected officials in the areas around the country where we have clients,” Bullock said. “I can say with confidence that I have never experienced any negative interaction with Mr. Holiday. He has always been professional, served with integrity and has never spoken ill of anyone or the City of Avon Park. In business dealings with Mr. Holiday you can tell he had a passion to make the city a better place.”

Bullock continued that Avon Park has been actively growing over the last 24 months with new residents and businesses. He said several business leaders are working together along with civic organizations and the city to highlight Avon Park.

“There has been positive momentum and progressive movement towards revitalizing Avon Park into a destination where everyone wants to come live, work and play,” Bullock said. “I can only hope that the absence of Mr. Holiday or a CRA coordinator does not inhibit growth within the city.”

BY JOHN GUERRA
Staff Writer

For the first time in many years, Lake Placid Planning Director Dana Riddell has proposed increasing fees for permit reviews, filing fees, and other paperwork from her department.

Riddell introduced the proposed higher fees during the town’s budget discussions last week.

The town has not changed what it charges for building permit reviews and other services for several years, she said.

“When you see it’s 14 years since some of these fees have changed, but our budget costs continue to increase, this is absolutely the right thing to do,” she told the council.

Her proposals include introducing new fees for boat docks and boat-houses, \$40 and \$75 for permit review of new structures. She suggests charging \$40 for sheds, carports, drive-ways, slabs, screen rooms, garages, additions, swimming pools and the like. Form board fences and sea-walls could cost \$20 as would a certificate of occupancy review.

Sign permits in the traditional district, general district and on

U.S. 27 would cost \$50, though she mentioned U.S. 27 signage could increase to \$75 if the council decides to do so.

Current fees could remain where they are – filing for a variance will run \$500 as will site plans, plus engineering fees. Here are a few of the other suggested fees:

- Special exceptions: \$745
- Special exceptions, communication towers: \$1,000
- Preliminary plat, final plat plus engineering fees: \$1,000
- Large-scale comprehensive plan amendment: \$1,550
- Small-scale comprehensive plan amendment: \$850
- Combination of large-scale plan and rezone: \$2,175
- Business tax receipts could increase from \$35 to \$55, while municipal lien research requests will remain at \$25 and special assessments lien searches could go up to \$55.

It’s about covering the town’s costs.

“We want to make sure we are getting reimbursed for the staff time spent reviewing these applications,” Riddell said.

She also straightened out a misconception:

“We don’t issue permits for the most part, we issue zoning approval,” Riddell said. “The county issues the permits.”

OBITUARIES

Katherine Davis

Katherine Davis, of Lake Placid, Florida died early Monday morning, Aug. 19, 2024. She was born in Venus, Florida on March 21, 1928, the daughter of Ira and Coalia Southerland. Katherine was a homemaker and a lifelong Venus and Lake Placid resident. She enjoyed flower gardening, sewing and church. She

was a member of Venus Baptist Church where she taught Sunday school for 18 years. Katherine was preceded in her death by her daughter, Glenda Pearce Parker, and husbands, J.W. Pearce and Burton Davis. Arrangements are under the loving devotion of the Michael A. Brochetti Funeral Home, Lake Placid. 863-465-9997

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combustible issue went largely unmentioned until Biden got to the microphone.

Rep. Alexandra Ocasio-Cortez got cheers when she praised Harris for working “tirelessly to get a cease-fire in Gaza and get the hostages home.” Sen. Raphael Warnock of Georgia made a brief allusion to the conflict.

A handful of delegates who ran on an “uncommitted” ticket protesting Biden’s position on the war unfurled a banner during his speech that read “Stop Arming Israel.” But it was blocked by supporters waving Biden signs before it was wrestled away and the lights over that section of the audience were shut off.

Biden himself addressed the issue head-on, saying he’d keep working to “end the war in Gaza and bring peace and security to the Middle East.”

“Those protesters out in the streets have a point,” Biden said. “A lot of innocent people are being killed, on both sides.”

The crowd cheered, and for a moment the war didn’t seem like it was dividing the party at all.

Clinton revives talk of breaking that ‘glass ceiling’

Clinton was greeted with wild and sustained applause that lasted for more than two minutes before she quieted the crowd. She delivered a fiery speech hoping that Harris could do what

she could not -- become the first woman president by beating Trump.

Clinton evoked her 2016 concession speech by referencing all the “cracks in the glass ceiling” that she and her voters had achieved. And she painted a vision of Harris “on the other side of that glass ceiling” taking the oath of office as president.

She closed her speech with a striking desire for someone who’s stood at the pinnacle of American politics and power: “I want my grandchildren and their grandchildren to know I was here at this moment. That we were here and that we were with Kamala Harris every step of the way.”

Clinton dipped into traditional political attacks in her speech, including mocking Trump’s criminal record. That led to chants of “lock him up” — mirroring the ones that Trump’s supporters directed at Clinton in 2016.

Tracing a line from Jesse Jackson to Kamala Harris

An early theme of the evening was celebrating the Rev. Jesse Jackson, a longtime civil rights leader in Chicago and former presidential candidate in 1984 and 1988. Many Democrats credit him with blazing a trail that helped Barack Obama win the White House in 2008 and Kamala Harris become the first woman of color nominated for the presidency.

Jackson was saluted from the stage by several speakers, in-

cluding Chicago Mayor Brandon Johnson and California Rep. Maxine Waters. There was a video montage of Jackson’s career and legacy that played before the 82-year-old Jackson himself came to the

stage in a wheelchair, thrusting his arms skyward and grinning. Jackson has been diagnosed with Parkinson’s disease.

During the 1984 Democratic convention in San Francisco, Jackson

gave a speech declaring that America is “like a quilt: Many patches, many pieces, many colors, many sizes, all woven and held together by a common thread.” The address became known as the

“Rainbow Coalition” speech, and Jackson used momentum from it to seek the Democratic nomination again in 1988.

Harris has called Jackson “one of America’s greatest patriots.”

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING TO APPROVE AND AUTHORIZE CERTIFICATION OF THE FISCAL YEAR 2024-2025 NON-AD VALOREM ASSESSMENT ROLLS FOR CERTAIN SPECIAL DISTRICTS IN HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA

Notice is hereby given that the Board of County Commissioners sitting as the Board of Supervisors of the following Special Districts of Highlands County, Florida, will hold a public hearing to approve and authorize certification of the fiscal year 2024-25, non-advalorem assessment rolls for the following Special Districts:

- AVON PARK ESTATES SPECIAL BENEFIT DISTRICT,
- HIGHWAY PARK SPECIAL BENEFIT DISTRICT,
- LAKE HAVEN ESTATES SPECIAL BENEFIT DISTRICT,
- OAK MANOR AVENUE ROAD PAVING MUNICIPAL SERVICE BENEFIT UNIT,
- RED HILL FARMS IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT,
- SEBRING ACRES SPECIAL BENEFIT DISTRICT,
- SEBRING COUNTRY ESTATES SPECIAL BENEFIT DISTRICT,
- SEBRING HILLS SPECIAL BENEFIT DISTRICT, AND
- ORANGE VILLA MOBILE HOME ESTATES SPECIAL BENEFIT DISTRICT

The public hearing will be held on **Tuesday, September 5, 2024, at 9:30 a.m.**, or as soon thereafter as can be heard, at the Government Center Boardroom, 600 S. Commerce Avenue, Sebring, Florida 33870. This public hearing may be continued to a future date or dates. The times, places, and dates of any continuances of a public hearing shall be announced during the public hearing without any further published notice.

If a person decides to appeal any decision made by the Board of Supervisors of any of the above Special Districts of Highlands County, Florida with respect to any of the matters considered in the public hearing, such person will need a record of the proceedings and may need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceedings is made, which includes the testimony and evidence upon which such appeal is to be based.

In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, persons needing a special accommodation to participate in this proceeding should contact the Human Resources, ADA Coordinator no later than seven (7) days prior to the proceedings: Telephone (Voice) (863) 402-6509 or by Florida Rely Service 711 or by E-mail to: HRManager@Highlandsfl.gov.

If you have any questions related to this notice, please contact the Non-Ad Valorem Assessment Department at (863) 402-6500; Monday through Friday between 8:00 am and 5:00 pm.

2024-25 NON AD VALOREM ASSESSMENTS

CODE	NAME	# OF UNITS	REVENUE	95% BUDGETED REVENUE
023 -	ORANGE VILLA MOBILE HOME ESTS SBD	45.00	\$2,520.00	\$2,394.00
SUBTOTAL ORANGE VILLA SBD:		45.00	\$2,520.00	\$2,394.00
051 -	SEBRING HILLS STRT LIGHTING - UNIMPROVED	169.00	\$507.00	\$481.65
050 -	SEBRING HILLS STRT LIGHTING - IMPROVED	886.00	\$20,378.00	\$19,359.10
SUBTOTAL SEBRING HILLS STRT LIGHTING:		1,055.00	\$20,885.00	\$19,840.75
055 -	RED HILL FARMS IMP DIST	433.00	\$6,495.00	\$6,170.25
SUBTOTAL RED HILL FARMS IMP DIST:		433.00	\$6,495.00	\$6,170.25
059 -	SEBRING COUNTRY ESTS SBD - IMPROVED	958.00	\$17,244.00	\$16,381.80
060 -	SEBRING COUNTRY ESTS SBD - UNIMPROVED	830.00	\$4,980.00	\$4,731.00
SUBTOTAL SEBRING COUNTRY ESTS:		1,788.00	\$22,224.00	\$21,112.80
062 -	AVON PARK ESTATES SBD	2,283.00	\$91,320.00	\$86,754.00
SUBTOTAL AVON PARK ESTATES SBD:		2,283.00	\$91,320.00	\$86,754.00
064 -	SEBRING ACRES IMP DIST	202.00	\$10,100.00	\$9,595.00
SUBTOTAL SEBRING ACRES IMP DIST:		202.00	\$10,100.00	\$9,595.00
075 -	LAKE HAVEN ESTATES SBD - IMPROVED	483.00	\$9,660.00	\$9,177.00
076 -	LAKE HAVEN ESTATES SBD - UNIMPROVED	288.00	\$1,440.00	\$1,368.00
SUBTOTAL LAKE HAVEN ESTATES:		771.00	\$11,100.00	\$10,545.00
083 -	HIGHWAY PARK LIGHTING - IMPROVED	281.00	\$5,620.00	\$5,339.00
084 -	HIGHWAY PARK LIGHTING - UNIMPROVED	238.00	\$1,190.00	\$1,130.50
SUBTOTAL HIGHWAY PARK LIGHTING:		519.00	\$6,810.00	\$6,469.50
125-	OAK MANOR AVE RD PAVING MSBU - CNTY MAINT FF	2,194.60	\$3,210.92	\$3,050.37
126-	OAK MANOR AVE RD PAVING MSBU - NON CNTY MAINT FF	200.00	\$1,289.60	\$1,225.12
SUBTOTAL OAK MANOR AVE RD PAVING MSBU :		2,394.60	\$4,500.52	\$4,275.49
GRAND TOTAL:		9,490.60	175,954.52	167,156.79

NON AD VALOREM ASSESSMENTS FY 2024-25

Cost Center	Fund	Code	Assessment Amounts	Assessment Name
7984	104	X 023	56.00/Per home site	ORANGE VILLA MOBILE HOME ESTATES SPECIAL BENEFIT DISTRICT adopted on March 6, 1979, (governing body) to provide for street and recreational <u>lights</u> within such district. Rates revised August 15, 2023
7998	108	X 059 X 060	18.00/Improved lot 6.00/Unimproved lot	SEBRING COUNTRY ESTATES SPECIAL BENEFIT DISTRICT adopted on May 23, 1978, to provide <u>streetlights</u> .
7990	111	X 062	40.00/Lot or fraction thereof	AVON PARK ESTATES SPECIAL BENEFIT DISTRICT adopted on October 20, 1980, (governing body) for the purpose of providing <u>road maintenance</u> , improvement, reconstruction & paving, drainage maintenance, improvement & reconstruction; providing & maintaining streetlights.
7978	118	X 050 X 051	23.00/Per Home/or Business Improved lot 3.00/Vacant lot	SEBRING HILLS SPECIAL BENEFIT DISTRICT adopted on April 18, 1989, (board of supervisors) to provide for installing and maintaining <u>street lights</u> within the district.
7977	119	X 055	15.00/Lot or fraction thereof	RED HILL FARMS IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT adopted December 18, 1990, (governing body) for <u>constructing & maintaining roads and drainage</u> facilities.
7958	121	X 125 X 126	1.4631/Per Front Foot of County Maintained Road Frontage 6.448/Per Front Foot of Non County Maintained Road Frontage	OAK MANOR AVENUE ROAD PAVING MUNICIPAL SERVICE BENEFIT UNIT adopted on January 21, 2020 (board of supervisors) to provide for paving of Oak Manor Avenue.
7972	134	X 064	50.00/Lot or fraction thereof	SEBRING ACRES SPECIAL BENEFIT DISTRICT adopted December 6, 1994, for the purpose of providing for borrowing capabilities; ownership & disposition of property; flood & erosion control; reclamation; irrigation; water & sewer systems; <u>public thoroughfares</u> ; fire protection; recreational facilities; removal of nuisances; <u>street lighting</u> ; issuance of bonds & revenue certificates; and other powers.

NON AD VALOREM ASSESSMENTS FY 2024-25

Cost Center	Fund	Code	Assessment Amounts	Assessment Name
7970	136	X 075 X 076	20.00/Improved lot 5.00/Unimproved lot or fraction thereof	LAKE HAVEN ESTATES SPECIAL BENEFIT DISTRICT adopted November 7, 1995, for the purpose of providing for borrowing; ownership and disposition of property; <u>street lighting</u> ; and other powers.
7965	146	X 083 X 084	20.00/Improved lot or fraction thereof 5.00/Unimproved lot or fraction thereof	HIGHWAY PARK SPECIAL BENEFIT DISTRICT adopted December 22, 1998, to provide for borrowing capabilities; ownership and disposition of property; <u>street lighting</u> ; and other powers.

**HIGHLANDS COUNTY
COUNTY COMMISSION AGENDA ITEM**

DATE OF ACTION REQUEST: September 5, 2024

**PRESENTER: Jonathan Harrison, Road & Bridge Director
Dawn Ritter, Natural Resources Manager**

SUBJECT/TITLE: Request direction on expending funds for repairs and maintenance items relative to IMWID

STATEMENT OF ISSUE

There are routine maintenance items within IMWID (herbicide application, mowing) that must be accomplished before end of fiscal year which will result in large expenditures (up to \$10,000). Also, damages to Pump 1 and Pump 3 of Phase 1 Impoundment as a result of a lightning strike has deemed them inoperable. Proper repairs with the implementation of some safety measures to deter reoccurrence may reach an amount of up to \$10,000. Due to minimal funding and the inability to attain assessment dollars, we are seeking direction on how to properly perform routine maintenance now and how to cover any unforeseen repairs in the next fiscal year.

RECOMMENDED ACTION

Motion to direct staff on a process to expend funds for operational needs within IMWID

FISCAL IMPACT

The fiscal impact is a decrease to Fund 109 (Istokpoga Marsh Watershed Improvement District) in the amount of up to \$20,000.

Attachments: