



# Agenda Report

2725 Judge Fran Jamieson  
Way  
Viera, FL 32940

## New Business - Development and Environmental Services Group

J.1.

5/9/2023

### Subject:

Approval, Re: Contract for Sale and Purchase and Addendum 1 from Robin Bland for the North Merritt Island Fire Station 40 - District 2.

### Fiscal Impact:

FY: 2022-2023 Fire Rescue Operations - \$280,000.00 for the purchase of land

### Dept/Office:

Public Works Department / Land Acquisition / Fire Rescue Department

### Requested Action:

It is requested that the Board of County Commissioners approve and authorize the Chair to: 1) execute the attached Contract for Sale and Purchase and Addendum 1 and, 2) authorize the Chair to execute all required closing documents related to the contract.

### Summary Explanation and Background:

The subject property is located at 4615 N. Courtney Pkwy Merritt Island 32953, north of Hall Road on the west side of North Courtenay Parkway in Merritt Island.

The acquisition of land for Fire Station 40 is part of Fire Rescue's 7-year plan. Funds are available for both the purchase of property and subsequent construction. The current station is not large enough to meet space requirements of the department's standard fire engine. The new station will be of proper size with a hardened storm-resistant design. It will be located near the center of the service area improving emergency response times.

The fair market value for the identified property was established by obtaining an appraisal report from W. H. Benson and Company, dated September 3, 2022, with an assigned value of \$260,000.00. The parcel is owned by Robin Bland and currently listed in the Space Coast Area Multiple Listing Service for \$299,900.00. Fire Rescue authorized Land Acquisition to extend an offer to the owner for \$260,000.00. The owner has countered at \$280,000.00.

Potential options are as follows:

1. Accept the offer as presented by the seller, approve the requested action and instruct staff to proceed with closing
2. Counter the offer with an amount to be determined by the Board at this time
3. Reject the offer

This acquisition follows the policies and procedures as set forth in Administrative Order 37.

**Clerk to the Board Instructions:**

Upon execution by the Chair, Public Works Department will contact the Clerk's office to make arrangements to pick up the original executed Contract for Sale and Purchase and the original executed Addendum 1.



May 10, 2023

**MEMORANDUM**

**TO:** Marc Bernath, Public Works Director

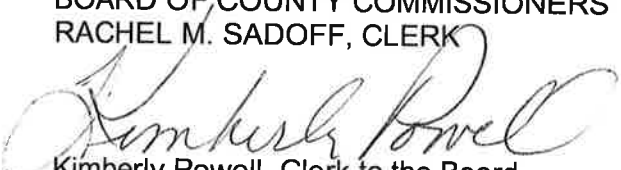
**RE:** Item J.1., Contract for Sale and Purchase and Addendum 1 from Robin Bland for the North Merritt Island Fire Station 40.

The Board of County Commissioners, in regular session on May 9, 2023, approved and authorized the Chair to execute the Contract for Sale and Purchase and Addendum 1, from Robin Bland for the North Merritt Island Fire Station 40; and authorized the Chair to execute all required closing documents related to the Contract. Enclosed is a fully-executed Contract and Addendum 1.

Your continued cooperation is always appreciated.

Sincerely,

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
RACHEL M. SADOFF, CLERK

  
Kimberly Powell, Clerk to the Board

Encls. (2)

cc: Contracts Administration  
Fire Rescue  
Budget  
Finance

**CONTRACT FOR SALE AND PURCHASE**  
Parcel Identification Number: 23-36-34-00-765

**Seller:** Robin Bland

344 Dryden Circle, Cocoa, Florida 32926

**Buyer:** Brevard County, a political subdivision of the State of Florida

2725 Judge Fran Jamieson Way, Viera, Florida 32940

**Legal description of property being transferred:** See attached Exhibit "A"

**Terms:** Seller agrees to sell, and Buyer agrees to purchase, the Property pursuant to the following terms and conditions, Exhibit "A", the attached Attachment 1 Standards for Real Estate Transactions and the attached Addendum 1.

**Purchase price:** \$280,000.00 (Two Hundred Eighty Thousand Dollars and No/100)

**Deposit:** \$2,800.00 to be transferred to an escrow account established and held by the Brevard County Clerk, such deposit to be applied to the purchase price.

**Time for acceptance of offer; effective date; facsimile:** If this offer is not executed by and delivered to all parties OR FACT OF EXECUTION communicated in writing between the parties on or before May 23, 2023, the deposit(s) will, at Buyer's option, be returned and this offer withdrawn. The date of Contract ("Effective Date") will be the date when the last one of the Buyer and Seller has signed this offer. An electronic copy of this Contract and any signatures hereon shall be considered for all purposes as originals.

**Title evidence:** At least 15 days before closing date, ☐ Seller shall, at Seller's expense, deliver to Buyer or Buyer's attorney or ☒ Buyer shall at Buyer's expense obtain ☒ a title search and/or ☒ title insurance commitment (with legible copies of instruments listed as exceptions attached thereto) and, after closing, an owner's policy of title insurance.

**Closing Date:** This transaction shall be closed and the deed and other closing papers delivered on or before November 1, 2023, unless modified by other provisions of this Contract.

**Warranties:** The following warranties are made and shall survive closing.

- a. SELLER warrants that there are no parties in occupancy other than Seller.
- b. SELLER warrants there is no hazardous waste or other environmental contamination located in or upon the property being acquired by the County. Seller shall indemnify and defend Buyer from any and all claims or expenses resulting from hazardous waste or environmental contamination located in or upon the property provided such waste or contamination was not placed on the property by the Buyer.
- c. Seller warrants that he/she has no knowledge of any fact or restriction which would prevent use of the property for the purpose of a Fire Station once the Planning and Zoning Board approves the zoning change of the property to be GML (1) Government Managed Land Institutional.

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d. SELLER hereby represents and warrants to COUNTY that SELLER has engaged or dealt with an agent, broker or finder, in regard to this Agreement or to the sale and purchase of the property contemplated hereby. SELLER hereby acknowledges and covenants that SELLER is solely responsible for any and all commissions due arising out of or connected within the sale or transfer of the property. SELLER hereby indemnifies COUNTY and agrees to hold COUNTY free and harmless from and against any and all liability, loss, costs, damage and expense, including but not limited to attorney's fees and costs of litigation both prior to and on appeal, which COUNTY shall ever suffer or incur because of any claim by any agent, broker or finder engaged by SELLER, including broker, whether or not meritorious, for any fee, commission or other compensation with respect to this Agreement or to the sale and purchase of the property contemplated hereby.

e. The provisions of this warranty section shall survive the Closing Date.

**Inspections:** The BUYER shall have 60 days after the Brevard County Board of County Commissioners executes the contract within which to complete physical inspection and evaluation of the property for environmental, hazardous materials, developability, access, drainage and subsurface conditions. In the event a Phase I environmental assessment meeting ASTM standards is prepared and environmental issues objectionable to BUYER are detected, SELLER shall 1) take all steps necessary to remove BUYER'S objections prior to the expiration of the 60 day inspection period, if possible or 2) if acceptable to BUYER, SELLER shall allow an additional 90 days to provide adequate time to conduct a Phase II assessment meeting ASTM standards. If the Phase I assessment reveals contamination this agreement may be terminated by BUYER and BUYER may decline to allow SELLER to clean up or to proceed to a Phase II assessment. Likewise, if the Phase II assessment reveals contamination objectionable to BUYER, BUYER may terminate this agreement. Alternatively, BUYER may grant SELLER an additional 90 days to clean up the site after the Phase II assessment, but BUYER is not required to do so. SELLER shall allow the BUYER or its agents reasonable right of entry upon the property for inspection purposes. Before the expiration of the initial 60-day inspection period or the additional 90-day extension for a Phase II assessment, BUYER shall have the right to terminate this agreement with a full refund of any deposits, should the results of the inspection indicate the property cannot be used for its intended purpose or that mitigation of conditions would be required. If clean up after a Phase II assessment is attempted but unacceptable to BUYER, the BUYER shall receive a full refund of its deposit.

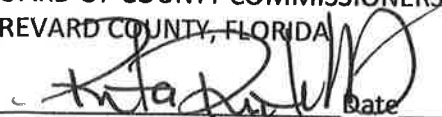
**Condemnation:** This property ☐ is ☒ is not being acquired under threat of condemnation. If so, this agreement includes and settles all issues of full compensation for the property being acquired, including fees and costs.

SELLER shall comply with section 196.295, Florida Statutes.

SELLER hereby agrees to provide the necessary information and execute a beneficial interest and disclosure affidavit as required by section 286.23, Florida Statutes.

**Special Clauses:** ☒ See Attachment 1 and Addendum 1 ☐ NOT APPLICABLE

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
BREVARD COUNTY, FLORIDA

  
Rita Pritchett, Chair

SELLER

  
Robin Bland

Date 3-31-2023

Agenda Item # J.1.

As approved by the Board May 9, 2023

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Date \_\_\_\_\_

## Attachment 1

### STANDARDS FOR REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS

**A. EVIDENCE OF TITLE:** A title insurance commitment issued by a Florida licensed title insurer agreeing to issue to Buyer, upon recording of the deed to Buyer, an owner's policy of title insurance in the amount of the purchase price insuring Buyer's title to the Real Property, subject only to liens, encumbrances, exceptions or qualifications set forth in this Contract and those which shall be discharged by Seller at or before closing. Seller shall convey marketable title subject only to liens, encumbrances, exceptions or qualifications specified in this Contract. Marketable title shall be determined according to applicable Title Standards adopted by authority of The Florida Bar and in accordance with law. Buyer shall have 5 days from date of receiving evidence of title to examine it. If title is found defective, Buyer shall within 3 days thereafter, notify Seller in writing specifying defect(s). If the defect(s) render title unmarketable, Seller will have 30 days from receipt of notice to remove the defects, failing which Buyer shall, within five (5) days after expiration of the thirty (30) day period, deliver written notice to Seller either: (1) extending the time for a reasonable period not to exceed 120 days within which Seller shall use diligent effort to remove the defects; or (2) requesting a refund of deposit(s) paid which shall immediately be returned to Buyer. If Buyer fails to so notify Seller, Buyer shall be deemed to have accepted the title as it then is. Seller shall, if title is found unmarketable, use diligent effort to correct defect(s) in the title within the time provided therefor. If Seller is unable to remove the defects within the times allowed therefor, Buyer shall either waive the defects or receive a refund of deposit(s), thereby releasing Buyer and Seller from all further obligations under this Contract

**B. SURVEY:** Buyer, at Buyer's expense, within time allowed to deliver evidence of title and to examine same may have the Real Property surveyed and certified by a registered Florida surveyor. If survey shows encroachment on Real Property or that improvements located on Real Property encroach on setback lines, easements, lands of others or violate any restrictions, Contract covenants or applicable governmental regulation, the same shall constitute a title defect.

**C. INGRESS AND EGRESS:** Seller warrants and represents that there is ingress and egress to the Real Property sufficient for its intended use as described in the Warranties section of the agreement.

**D. LIENS:** Seller shall furnish to Buyer at time of closing an affidavit attesting to the absence, unless otherwise provided for herein, of any financing statement, claims of lien or potential lienors known to Seller and further attesting that there have been no improvements or repairs to the Property for 90 days immediately preceding date of closing. If Property has been improved or repaired within that time Seller shall deliver releases or waivers of construction liens executed by all general contractors, subcontractors, suppliers and materialmen in addition to Seller's lien affidavit setting forth the names of all such general contractors, subcontractors, suppliers and materialmen and further affirming that all charges for improvements or repairs which could serve as a basis for a construction lien or a claim for damages have been paid or will be paid at closing of this Contract.

**E. TIME PERIOD:** Time is of the essence in this Contract. Calendar days shall be used in computing time periods. Any time period provided for in this Contract that shall end or occur on a Saturday, Sunday, or a national legal holiday (5 U.S.C. 6103) shall extend to 5:00pm (where the property is located) of the next business day.

**F. DOCUMENTS FOR CLOSING:** Seller shall furnish the deed, bill of sale, construction lien affidavit, owner's possession affidavit, assignments of leases, tenant and mortgagee estoppel letters and corrective instruments. Buyer shall furnish closing statement.

**G. EXPENSES:** Documentary stamps on the deed, if required, and recording of corrective instruments shall be paid by Seller. Buyer will pay for the cost of recording the deed, and any closing or settlement fee. Seller shall redeem any outstanding tax certificates as part of this sale, and shall be fully responsible for any real estate commissions.

**H. PRORATIONS; CREDITS:** Taxes, assessments, rent, interest, insurance and other expenses and revenue of Property shall be prorated through day before closing. Buyer shall have the option of taking over any existing policies of insurance, if assumable, in which event premiums shall be prorated. Cash at closing shall be increased or decreased as may be required by prorations. Prorations will be made through day prior to occupancy if occupancy occurs before closing. Advance rent and security deposits will be credited to Buyer and escrow deposits held by mortgagee will be credited to Seller. Taxes shall be prorated based on the current year's tax with due allowance made for maximum allowable discount, homestead and other exemptions. If closing occurs at a date when the current year's millage is not fixed and current year's assessment is available, taxes will be prorated based upon such assessment and the prior year's millage. If current year's assessment is not available, then taxes will be prorated on the prior year's tax. If there are completed improvements on the Real Property by January 1st of year of closing, which improvements were not in existence on January 1st of the prior year, then taxes shall be prorated based upon the prior year's millage and at an equitable assessment to be agreed upon between the parties, failing which, request will be made to the County Property Appraiser for an informal assessment taking into consideration available exemptions. Any tax proration based on an estimate shall, at request of either Buyer or Seller, be subsequently readjusted upon receipt of tax bill on condition that a statement to that effect is in the closing statement.

**I. SPECIAL ASSESSMENT LIENS:** Certified, confirmed and ratified special assessment liens as of date of closing (not as of Effective Date) are to be paid by Seller. Pending liens as of date of closing shall be assumed by Buyer. If the improvement has been substantially completed as of Effective Date, any pending lien shall be considered certified, confirmed or ratified and Seller shall, at closing, be charged an amount equal to the last estimate of assessment for the improvement by the public body.

**J. PROCEEDS OF SALE; CLOSING PROCEDURE:** The deed shall be recorded upon clearance of funds. If abstract of title has been furnished, evidence of title shall be continued at Buyer's expense to show title in Buyer, without any encumbrances or change which would render Seller's title unmarketable from the date of the last evidence. Proceeds of the sale shall be held in escrow by Seller's attorney or by another mutually acceptable escrow agent for a period of not more than 5 days after closing date. If Seller's title is rendered unmarketable, through no fault of Buyer, Buyer shall, within the 5-day period, notify Seller in writing of the defect and Seller shall have 30 days from date of receipt of such notification to cure the defect. If Seller fails to timely cure the defect, all deposit(s) and closing funds shall, upon written demand by Buyer and within 5 days after demand, be returned to Buyer and, simultaneously with such repayment, Buyer shall return the Personal Property, vacate the Real Property and re-convey the Property to Seller by special warranty deed and bill of sale. If Buyer fails to make timely demand for refund, Buyer shall take title as is, waiving all rights against Seller as to any intervening defect except as may be available to Buyer by virtue of warranties contained in the deed or bill of sale. The escrow and closing procedure required by this Standard shall be waived if title agent insures adverse matters pursuant to Section 627.7841, F.S. (1993), as amended.

**K. FAILURE OF PERFORMANCE:** If Buyer fails to perform this Contract within the time specified, including payment of all deposit(s), the deposit(s) paid by Buyer and deposit(s) agreed to be paid, may be retained by or for the account of Seller as agreed upon liquidated damages, consideration for the execution of this Contract and in full settlement of any claims; whereupon, Buyer and Seller shall be relieved of all obligations under this Contract; or Seller, at Seller's option, may proceed in equity to enforce Seller's rights under this Contract. If for any reason other than failure of Seller to make Seller's title marketable after diligent effort, Seller fails, neglects or refuses to perform this Contract, the Buyer may seek specific performance or elect to receive the return of Buyer's deposit(s) without thereby waiving any action for damages resulting from Seller's breach. In the event of any litigation arising out of this contract, each party shall bear its own attorney's fees and costs.

**THE PARTIES HEREBY AGREE TO WAIVE TRIAL BY JURY.**

**L. CONVEYANCE:** Seller shall convey title to the Real Property by statutory warranty, trustee's, personal representative's or guardian's deed, as appropriate to the status of Seller. Personal Property shall, at request of Buyer, be transferred by an absolute bill of sale with warranty of title, subject only to such matters as may be otherwise provided for herein.

**M. OTHER AGREEMENTS:** No prior or present agreements or representations shall be binding upon Buyer or Seller unless included in this Contract. No modification to or change in this Contract shall be valid or binding upon the parties unless in writing and executed by the party or parties intended to be bound by it.

**N. WARRANTY:** Seller warrants that there are no facts known to Seller materially affecting the value of the Property which are not readily observable by Buyer or which have not been disclosed.

Reviewed for legal form and content:

ums (Assistant) County Attorney

RRB Seller's Initial



## Addendum 1

This addendum is attached to and made a part of the CONTRACT FOR SALE AND PURCHASE dated this 9 day of MAY, 2023 by and between Robin Bland as Seller, 344 Dryden Circle, Cocoa, Florida and Brevard County, a political subdivision of the State of Florida as Buyer, 2725 Judge Fran Jamieson Way, Viera, Florida 32940:

For value received, the parties hereto agree as follows:

1. This Contract is contingent upon the approval by the Brevard County Planning and Zoning Board to allow the parcel to obtain a zoning classification as a GML (1) (Government Managed Land Institutional).
2. This Contract is contingent upon a satisfactory Environmental Site Assessment 1 (ESA1), Wetland Delineation Assessment and Environmental Threatened/Endangered Species Assessment.
3. All other terms and conditions of the Contract for Sale and Purchase between the parties shall remain in full force and effect.

**BUYER:**

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
BREVARD COUNTY, FLORIDA

Date: 

Rita Pritchett, Chair

**SELLER:**

  
Robin Bland

As Approved by the Board on May 9, 2023  
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, (Assistant) County Attorney

EXHIBIT "A"

A parcel of land in the Northeast quarter of the Southeast quarter of Section 34 and the Northwest quarter of the Southwest quarter of Section 35, Township 23 South, Range 36 East, more particularly described as follows:

Commence at the Northwest corner of the Northeast quarter of the Southeast quarter of said Section 34; thence South 89 degrees 37 minutes 25 seconds East, and along the North line of said Northeast quarter of the Southeast quarter of Section 34 a distance of 705 feet to a concrete monument; thence South 00 degrees 09 minutes 44 seconds West, a distance of 623.71 feet to a concrete monument, the Point of Beginning of the land herein conveyed; thence South 89 degrees 37 minutes 25 seconds East, a distance of 616.95 feet to the West right-of-way of State Road A1A as presently located; thence South and along West right-of-way line a distance of 200.77 feet to a concrete monument; thence North 89 degrees 37 minutes 25 seconds West, a distance of 633.75 feet to a concrete monument; thence North 00 degrees 09 minutes 44 seconds East, a distance of 200 feet to the Point of Beginning, said land located in Brevard County of Florida.

## BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

### AGENDA REVIEW SHEET

AGENDA: Contract for Sale and Purchase and Addendum 1 from Robin Bland for the North Merritt Fire Station 40– District 2.

AGENCY: Public Works Department / Land Acquisition

AGENCY CONTACT: Lisa J. Kruse, Land Acquisition Specialist II

CONTACT PHONE: 321-350-8353

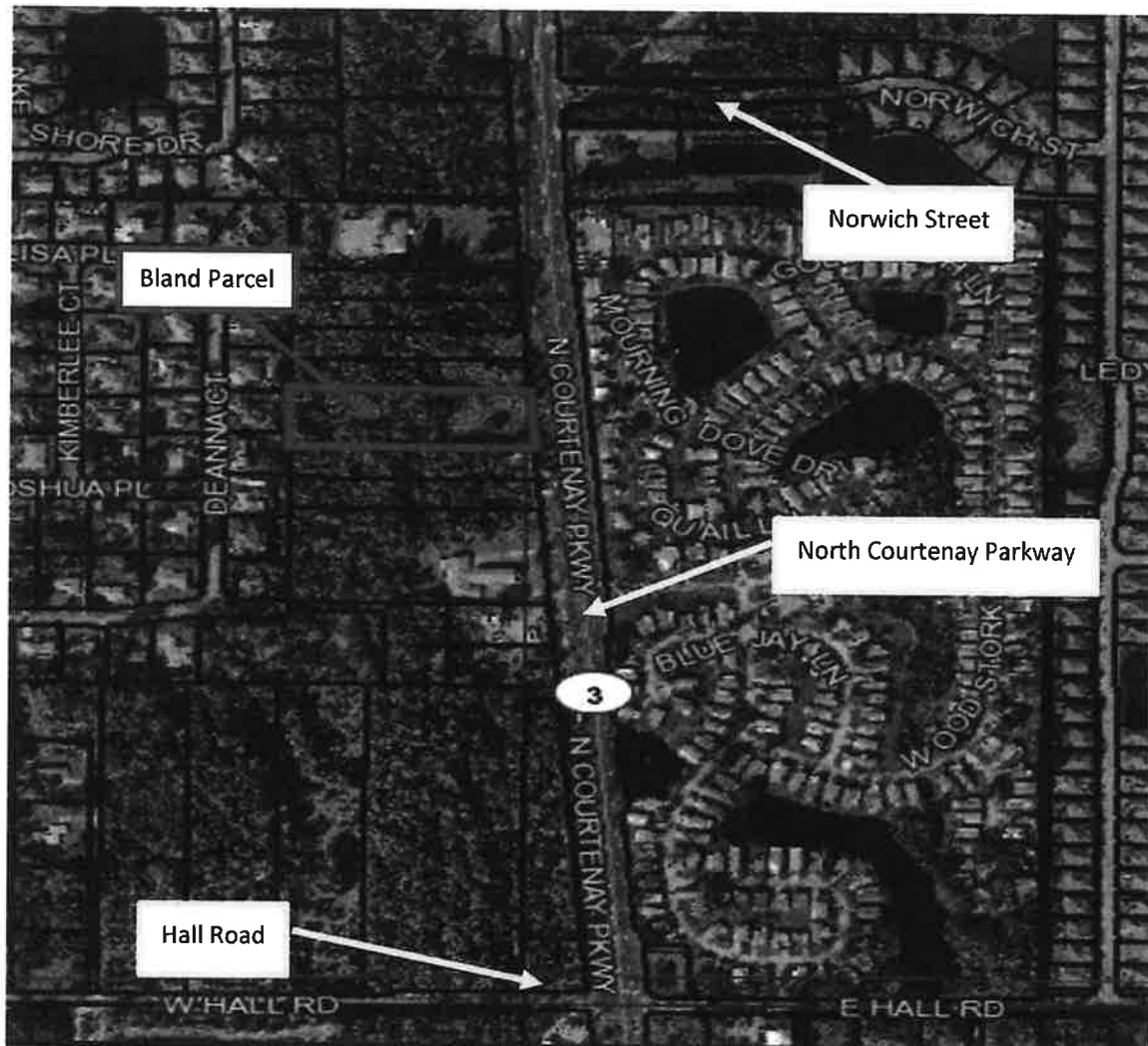
	APPROVE	DISAPPROVE	DATE
LAND ACQUISITION Lucy Hamelers, Supervisor	<u></u>	<u>                    </u>	<u>4-13-23</u>
COUNTY ATTORNEY Christine Schverak Assistant County Attorney	<u></u>	<u>                    </u>	<u>4-13-23</u>

## LOCATION MAP

### Section 34, Township 23 South, Range 36 East - District 2

PROPERTY LOCATION: North of Hall Road south of Norwich Street on North Courtenay Parkway in Merritt Island.

OWNERS NAME(S): Robin Bland



## PROPERTY FACT SHEET

PROJECT: North Merritt Island Fire Station 40

OWNER: Robin Bland

PARCEL LOCATION: 4615 North Courtenay Parkway, Merritt Island, Florida 32953

PARCEL SIZE: 2.86 acres

ZONING/LANDUSE: AU - Agriculture

IMPROVEMENTS: Vacant Land

TOPOGRAPHY: Level

FLOOD ZONE: X and AE

TAX PARCEL ID#: 23-36-34-00-765

ASSESSED VALUE: \$149,400.00 (2022 Assessment - Property Appraiser Records)

PUBLIC UTILITIES: Utilities available

PROPERTY TRANSACTION: Date: September 29, 2017  
(Clerk of the Court Records) Sale amount: \$165,000.00

APPRAISAL DATE: September 3, 2022

APPRAISED VALUE: \$260,000.00

APPRAISER: W.H. BENSON AND COMPANY