

AGREEMENT TO PURCHASE AND SELL REAL ESTATE  
BETWEEN INDIAN RIVER COUNTY  
AND  
CALVIN ARNOLD BETHEL, JR.

THIS AGREEMENT TO PURCHASE AND SELL REAL ESTATE ("Agreement") is made and entered into as of the      day of                      , 2021, by and between Indian River County, a political subdivision of the State of Florida ("the County"), and Calvin Arnold Bethel, Jr. ("the Seller") who agree as follows:

**WHEREAS**, Seller owns three properties located at 2690 49<sup>th</sup> Street, Vero Beach, Florida 32967, and 49<sup>th</sup> Street, Vero Beach, Florida 32967 and . A legal description of the properties is attached to this agreement as Exhibit "A" and incorporated by reference herein; and

**WHEREAS**, the County is purchasing the property for future stormwater and aquifer recharge purposes; and

**WHEREAS** in order to proceed with future stormwater and drainage plans, the County needs to purchase the properties along 49<sup>th</sup> Street; and

**WHEREAS**, the County contacted the Seller's realtor, William Moss of Lambert Commercial Real Estate, Inc. to purchase the approximately 8.88 acres of property as depicted on Exhibit "A", and

**WHEREAS**, the Parties agree this is an arm's length transaction between the Seller and the County, without threat of eminent domain.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, in consideration of the mutual terms, conditions, promises, covenants and premises hereinafter, the COUNTY and SELLER agree as follows:

1. Recitals. The above recitals are affirmed as being true and correct and are incorporated herein.

2. Agreement to Purchase and Sell. The Seller hereby agrees to sell to the County, and the County hereby agrees to purchase from Seller, upon the terms and conditions set forth in this Agreement that certain parcels of real property located at 2690 49<sup>th</sup> Street, Vero Beach, Florida 32967, and 49<sup>th</sup> Street, Vero Beach, Florida 32967 and more specifically described in the legal description attached as Exhibit "A", fee simple, containing approximately 8.88 acres, all improvements thereon, together with all easements, rights and uses now or hereafter belonging thereto (collectively, the "Property").

2.1 Purchase Price, Effective Date. The purchase price ("Purchase Price") for the Property shall be \$370,000.00 (Three Hundred Seventy Thousand and 00/100 Dollars).

The Purchase Price shall be paid on the Closing Date. The Effective Date of this Agreement shall be the date upon which the County shall have approved the execution of this Agreement, either by approval by the Indian River County Board of County Commissioners at a formal meeting of such Board or by the County Administrator pursuant to his delegated authority.

3. Title. Seller shall convey by Special Warranty Deed marketable title to the Property by warranty deed free of claims, liens, easements and encumbrances of record or known to Seller; but subject to property taxes for the year of Closing and covenants, restrictions and public utility easements of record provided (a) there exists at Closing no violation of any of the foregoing; and (b) none of the foregoing prevents County's intended use and development of the Property ("Permitted Exceptions").

3.1 County may order an Ownership and Encumbrance Report or Title Insurance Commitment with respect to the Property. County shall within thirty (30) days following the Effective Date of this Agreement deliver written notice to Seller of title defects. Title shall be deemed acceptable to County if (a) County fails to deliver notice of defects within the time specified, or (b) County delivers notice and Seller cures the defects within thirty (30) days from receipt of notice from County of title defects ("Curative Period"). Seller shall use reasonable efforts to cure the defects within the Curative Period and if the title defects are not cured within the Curative Period, County shall have thirty (30) days from the end of the Curative Period to elect, by written notice to Seller, to: (i) terminate this Agreement, whereupon shall be of no further force and effect, or (ii) extend the Curative Period for up to an additional 90 days; or (iii) accept title subject to existing defects and proceed to closing.

3.2 This agreement is contingent upon a "clean" Phase 1 Environmental Assessment of the Property for the County's intended use. The Seller shall permit access to the County (or its agent) for such testing and examination needed for the Phase 1 Assessment upon reasonable notice by the County. At the conclusion of the Phase 1 Assessment, the property shall be returned to its original condition, ordinary wear and tear excepted. County shall provide a copy of any such Phase 1 Environmental Assessment of the Property to Seller and County shall indemnify and hold Seller harmless from any damages, claims, or actions arising from or through County, or its agents, contractors and/or vendors access to the Property as granted herein.

4. Representations of the Seller.

4.1 To the best of Seller's knowledge and without further investigation Seller is indefeasibly seized of marketable, fee simple title to the Property, and is the sole owner of and has good right, title, and authority to convey and transfer the Property which is the subject matter of this Agreement, free and clear of all liens and encumbrances.

4.2 From and after the Effective Date of this Agreement, Seller shall take no action which would impair or otherwise affect title to any portion of the Property, and shall record

no documents in the Public Records which would affect title to the Property, without the prior written consent of the County.

4.3.1 To the best of Seller's knowledge and without further investigation there are no existing or pending special assessments affecting the Property, which are or may be assessed by any governmental authority, water or sewer authority, school district, drainage district or any other special taxing district.

## 5. Default.

5.1 In the event the County shall fail to perform any of its obligations hereunder, the Seller shall, at its sole option, be entitled to: (i) terminate this Agreement by written notice delivered to the County at or prior to the Closing Date and thereupon neither the Seller nor any other person or party shall have any claim for specific performance, damages, or otherwise against the County; or (ii) waive the County's default and proceed to Closing.

5.2 In the event the Seller shall fail to perform any of its obligations hereunder, the County shall, at its sole option, be entitled to: (i) terminate this Agreement by written notice delivered to the Seller at or prior to the Closing Date and thereupon neither the County nor any other person or party shall have any claim for specific performance, damages or otherwise against the Seller; or (ii) obtain specific performance of the terms and conditions hereof; or (iii) waive the Seller's default and proceed to Closing:

## 6. Closing.

6.1 The closing of the transaction contemplated herein ("Closing" and "Closing Date") shall take place within 45 days following the execution of the contract by the Chairman of the Board of County Commissioners. The parties agree that the Closing shall be as follows:

(a) The Seller shall execute and deliver to the County a "Special" warranty deed conveying marketable title to the Property, free and clear of all liens and encumbrances "(except as noted or allowed)" and in the condition required by paragraph 3.

(b) If Seller is obligated to discharge any "monetary" encumbrances at or prior to Closing and fails to do so, County may use a portion of Purchase Price funds to satisfy the encumbrances.

(c) If the Seller is a non-resident alien or foreign entity, Seller shall deliver to the County an affidavit, in a form acceptable to the County, certifying that the Seller and any interest holders are not subject to tax under the Foreign Investment and Real Property Tax Act of 1980.

(d) The Seller and the County shall each deliver to the other such other documents or

instruments as may reasonably be required to close this transaction.

6.2 Taxes. All taxes including non-ad valorem taxes and special assessments which are a lien upon the property on or prior to the Closing Date (except current taxes which are not yet due and payable) shall be paid by the Seller. Notwithstanding the foregoing and regardless of when the Closing of this transaction occurs, the Seller shall not be responsible to pay, 2021 real estate taxes including non-ad valorem taxes and special assessments which may accrue, become due and payable after the Effective Date of this Agreement.

7. Personal Property.

7.1 The Seller shall have removed all of its personal property, equipment and trash from the Property. The Seller shall deliver possession of the Property to County vacant and in the same or similar condition that existed at the Effective Date hereof.

7.2 Seller shall deliver at Closing all keys to locks and codes to access devices to County, if applicable.

8. Closing Costs; Expenses. County shall be responsible for preparation of all Closing documents.

8.1 County shall pay all expenses at Closing:

8.1.1 The cost of recording the warranty deed and any release or satisfaction obtained by Seller pursuant to this Agreement.

8.1.2 Documentary Stamps required to be affixed to the warranty deed.

8.1.3 All costs and premiums for the owner's marketability title insurance commitment and policy, if any.

8.1.4 All costs necessary to cure title defect(s) or encumbrances, other than the Permitted Exceptions, and to satisfy or release of record all existing mortgages, liens or "monetary" encumbrances upon the Property.

8.1.5 The estimated closing costs for this purchase transaction is \$4,700.00.

9. Miscellaneous.

9.1 Controlling Law. This Agreement shall be construed and enforced in accordance with the laws of the State of Florida. Venue shall be in Indian River County for all state court matters, and in the Southern District of Florida for all federal court matters.

9.2 Entire Agreement. This Agreement constitutes the entire agreement between the

parties with respect to this transaction and supersedes all prior agreements, written or oral, between the Seller and the County relating to the subject matter hereof. Any modification or amendment to this Agreement shall be effective only if in writing and executed by each of the parties.

9.3 Assignment and Binding Effect. Neither County nor Seller may assign its rights and obligations under this Agreement without the prior written consent of the other party. The terms hereof shall be binding upon and shall inure to the benefit of the parties hereto and their successors and assigns.

9.4 Notices. Any notice shall be deemed duly served if personally served or if mailed by certified mail, return receipt requested, or if sent via "overnight" courier service or facsimile transmission, as follows:

If to Seller: Calvin Arnold Bethel, Jr.  
4745 33rd Avenue  
Vero Beach, FL 32967

If to County: Indian River County  
1801 27th Street  
Vero Beach, FL 32960  
Attn: Land Acquisition/Monique Filipiak

Either party may change the information above by giving written notice of such change as provided in this paragraph.

9.5 Survival and Benefit. Except as otherwise expressly provided herein, each agreement, representation or warranty made in this Agreement by or on behalf of either party, or in any instruments delivered pursuant hereto or in connection herewith, shall survive the Closing Date and the consummation of the transaction provided for herein. The covenants, agreements and undertakings of each of the parties hereto are made solely for the benefit of, and may be relied on only by the other party hereto, its successors and assigns, and are not made for the benefit of, nor may they be relied upon, by any other person whatsoever.

9.6 Attorney's Fees and Costs. In any claim or controversy arising out of or relating to this Agreement, each party shall bear its own attorney's fees, costs, and expenses.

9.7 Counterparts. This Agreement may be executed in two or more counterparts, each one of which shall constitute an original.

9.8 County Approval Required: This Agreement is subject to approval by the Indian River County Board of County Commissioners as set forth in paragraph 2.

9.9 Beneficial Interest Disclosure: In the event Seller is a partnership, limited partnership, corporation, trust, or any form of representative capacity whatsoever for others, Seller shall

provide a fully completed, executed, and sworn beneficial interest disclosure statement in the form attached to this Agreement as an exhibit that complies with all of the provisions of Florida Statutes Section 286.23 prior to approval of this Agreement by the County. However, pursuant to Florida Statutes Section 286.23 (3) (a), the beneficial interest in any entity registered with the Federal Securities and Exchange Commission, or registered pursuant to Chapter 517, Florida Statutes, whose interest is for sale to the general public, is exempt from disclosure; and where the Seller is a non-public entity, that Seller is not required to disclose persons or entities holding less than five (5%) percent of the beneficial interest in Seller.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned have executed this Agreement as of the date first set forth above.

INDIAN RIVER COUNTY, FLORIDA  
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

\_\_\_\_\_  
Joseph E. Flescher, Chairman

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Calvin Bethel Arnold, Jr.      Sign/Date

Date Approved by BCC \_\_\_\_\_

ATTEST:  
Jeffrey R. Smith, Clerk of Court and  
Comptroller

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Deputy Clerk

Approved:

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Jason E. Brown, County Administrator

Approved as to Form and Legal Sufficiency:

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William K. DeBaal, Deputy County Attorney

## EXHIBIT "A"

Parcel Id #32-39-23-00000-3000-00020.0 – 2690 49<sup>th</sup> Street, Vero Beach, FL 32967

The Southwest  $\frac{1}{4}$  of the Northwest  $\frac{1}{4}$ , lying West of the Right of Way of The Florida East Coast Railway Company, less a Lot 100 feet East and West by 100 feet North and South, as in Record Book 186, at Page 204, and less a lot 100 feet East and West by 100 North and South as in Official Records Book 527, at Page 406, lying and being in Section 23, Township 32 South, Range 39 East, in the Public Records of Indian River County, Florida.

Also described as:

That part of the North 35 acres of the Southwest  $\frac{1}{4}$  of the Northwest  $\frac{1}{4}$  lying West of the Right of Way of the Florida East Coast Railway Company in Section 23, Township 32 South, Range 39 East, Indian River County, Florida.

LESS said property commencing at the southwest corner of the northwest  $\frac{1}{4}$  of Section 23, North Township 32 South, Range 39 East; thence proceed along the West line of aforesaid Section 23, North  $00^{\circ} 41' 54''$  West a distance of 25.00 feet to the

North right-of-way line of Lindsey Road (49<sup>th</sup> Street) and the point of beginning; thence proceed along the West line of Section 23, North  $00^{\circ} 41' 54''$  West of Section 23 100 feet; thence departing said West line of Section 23, run East along a line parallel with the North line of Lindsey Road a distance of 100.0 feet; thence South  $00^{\circ} 41' 54''$  East on a line parallel with the West line of Section 23, to a point on the North right-of-way line of Lindsey Road (49<sup>th</sup> Street), thence run West along the North right-of-way line of Lindsey Road 100.00 feet to the point of beginning.

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Commencing at the Southwest corner of the Northwest  $\frac{1}{4}$  of Section 23, Township 32 South, Range 39 East; thence; proceed along the West line of said Section 23, North  $00^{\circ} 41'54''$  West 175.54 feet to the point of beginning; thence proceed along the West line of Section 23, North  $00^{\circ} 41'54''$  West 100.00 feet; thence departing said West line of Section 23 run East along a Line parallel with the north line of Lindsey Road a distance of 100.00 feet; thence South  $00^{\circ} 41'54''$  East on a line parallel with the West line of Section 23, 100.00 feet; thence west along a line parallel with the North Line of Lindsey Road 100.00 feet to the point of beginning. Said parcel lying and being in Indian River County, Florida and containing 0.23 acres more or less.

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Commencing at the SW corner of that part of the North 35 acres of the SW  $\frac{1}{4}$  of the NW  $\frac{1}{4}$  lying West of the right of way of the Florida East Coast Railway, in Section 23, Township 32 South, Range 39 East, thence run East 100 ft. to the point of beginning; thence run East 100 ft. to a point; thence run North 100 ft. to a point; thence run West 100 ft. to a point; thence run South 100 ft. to a point along the East line of property previously sold to Earl Taylor by deed recorded in Official Record Book 186, Page 204, Public Records of Indian River County, Florida, said boundaries all being parallel to the section line and said land lying and being in Indian River County, Florida.