

**INDIAN RIVER COUNTY, FLORIDA
MEMORANDUM**

TO: Jason E. Brown, County Administrator

THROUGH: Richard B. Szpyrka, P.E., Public Works Director

FROM: Monique Filipiak, Land Acquisition Specialist

SUBJECT: Right-of-Way Acquisition - 66th Avenue Widening Project
Owner: Elbert Izquierdo - 66th Avenue, Vero Beach, FL 32967

DATE: July 17, 2018

DESCRIPTION AND CONDITIONS

Public Works is progressing with Right-of-Way acquisition for the planned improvements of 66th Avenue between 49th Street - 69th Street. The proposed improvements include widening the existing two-lane roadway to a four lane divided roadway, traffic signals, bridge replacement, drainage improvements, grassed or landscaped median and sidewalks.

Elbert Izquierdo own a 9.83 acre unimproved parcel which is zoned A-1. To accommodate the future planned improvements on 66th Avenue, the County needs to acquire 0.45 acres of the parcel for right-of-way purposes.

The County obtained an appraisal of the property indicating a value of \$6,500.00.

Land Value Part Taking	\$ 6,500.00
Estimated Value of Improvements	\$ <u>-0-</u>
Total Just Compensation	\$ 6,500.00

The County offered \$6,500.00 for the 0.45 acres of right-of-way. Mr. Izquierdo’s attorney Andrew Diaz counter-offered \$27,500.00 for the right-of-way. After several weeks of negotiations all parties agreed to \$17,500.00 for the ROW plus attorney’s fees of \$3,630.00.

FUNDING

Funding is budgeted and available in Account No. 31521441-066120-16009 Optional Sales Tax/ROW 66th Ave/65th – 83rd

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends the Board approve the Purchase Agreement of \$17,500.00 for the 0.45 acres of property located at 66th Avenue, Vero Beach, FL 32967, approve \$3,630.00 for attorney’s fees, and authorize the Chairman to execute the purchase agreement on behalf of the Board.

ATTACHMENTS

Purchase Agreement

APPROVED AGENDA ITEM FOR: August 14, 2018