

**Lee County Board Of County Commissioners
Agenda Item Summary**

Blue Sheet No. 20051120

1. ACTION REQUESTED/PURPOSE:

Approve staff pursuing, in concept only, with the Iona-McGregor Fire District, construction of a shared Public Safety complex to be located on County owned land in southwest Lee County, on Pine Ridge Road.

2. WHAT ACTION ACCOMPLISHES: Board's direction is necessary before staff time is expended.

3. MANAGEMENT RECOMMENDATION: Management recommends Board approve the Action Requested.

4. Departmental Category: 6 **C6H** **5. Meeting Date:** 08-23-2005

6. Agenda:		7. Requirement/Purpose: (specify)		8. Request Initiated:	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Consent		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Statute	125	Commissioner	
<input type="checkbox"/> Administrative		<input type="checkbox"/> Ordinance		Department	Independent
<input type="checkbox"/> Appeals		<input type="checkbox"/> Admin. Code		Division	County Lands
<input type="checkbox"/> Public		<input type="checkbox"/> Other		By:	Karen L.W. Forsyth, Director <i>KLF</i>
<input type="checkbox"/> Walk-On					

9. Background: The Iona-McGregor Fire District has approached Lee County staff seeking support in a conceptual idea to construct a shared Public Safety complex (for Fire, County EMS, and possibly Sheriff protection) on vacant County owned property. The property, consisting of approximately 9 unimproved acres, and situated about 1/4 mile south of the Gladiolus Drive/Pine Ridge Road intersection, was acquired by the County in 1947 due to the prior owners not paying the real estate taxes.

According to a recent environmental assessment, roughly 6.73 acres is characterized by low quality jurisdictional wetlands. It is anticipated some mitigation will be required; however, a large portion of the site could eventually be developed.

An appraisal was performed on January 31, 2005, with a resulting value of \$1.8 million for the site. Appropriate County staff, to include Public Safety, Facilities Management, County Lands, and County Administration, have given thoughtful consideration to this proposal. Staff recommends the proposal should be pursued further since there is a public need for the siting of a public safety complex in the immediate area of the subject property.

The Fire District has agreed to pay for the initial costs of a preliminary feasibility project study. Therefore, this specific agenda request before the Board, requires no County funding.

Staff will return to the Board should the study show there to be a direct benefit to the County.

Attachments: Fire Dist. Resolution; Site Location Map

10. Review for Scheduling:

Department Director	Purchasing or Contracts	Human Resources	Other	County Attorney	Budget Services				County Manager/P.W. Director
<i>K. Forsyth</i>	N/A	N/A	N/A	<i>Dutton</i>	Analyst	Risk	Grants	Mgr.	<i>HS</i>
					<i>8/8/05</i>	<i>8/2/05</i>	<i>8/9/05</i>	<i>8/9/05</i>	<i>08/10/05</i>

11. Commission Action:

- Approved
- Deferred
- Denied
- Other

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COUNTY ADMIN: *KW*
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RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE IONA
MCGREGOR FIRE PROTECTION AND RESCUE SERVICE DISTRICT

RESOLUTION # 2004 - 67

WHEREAS, the Iona McGregor Fire Protection and Rescue Service District, was established by the Florida Legislature to provide fire protection, prevention, and rescue services to the residents and businesses within its jurisdictional boundaries located within Lee County, Florida; and

WHEREAS, the Iona McGregor Fire Protection and Rescue Service District, has worked cooperatively with the Lee County Board of County Commissioners in the housing of an emergency medical service unit at its Fire Stations for decades; and

WHEREAS, the rapid growth and call volume with the Iona McGregor Fire Protection and Rescue Service District, has demanded that it review its facility locations and capabilities; and

WHEREAS, as a part of this facilities review, the Iona McGregor Fire Protection and Rescue Service District, has determined that it should investigate the possibility of expanding its capabilities along Pine Ridge Road; and

WHEREAS, Lee County Emergency Medical Services has been actively investigating the location of a paramedic transport unit in this same general area; and

WHEREAS, the Iona McGregor Fire Protection and Rescue Service District has approached Lee County Staff about the feasibility of acquiring property located on Pine Ridge Road, which is owned by Lee County; and

WHEREAS, both governmental entities could mutually benefit from each other's property interests in this parcel in the provision of public emergency services,

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Iona McGregor Fire Protection and Rescue Service District's Board of Commissioners formally requests that the Lee County Board of County Commissioners cooperatively assist the District in investigating the feasibility of a joint review of the development of Lee County's property on Pine Ridge Road which may mutually benefit both entities.

The foregoing Resolution was offered by Commissioner Harris, seconded by Commissioner McLaughlin, and passed upon a vote of 5 in favor and 0 against this 17th day of November 2004.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have affixed my hand and the District seal on the date set forth above.

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE IONA MCGREGOR FIRE PROTECTION AND RESCUE SERVICE DISTRICT

By: [Signature]
Vice Chairman

Pine Ridge Rd. Property

STRAP # 31-45-24-00-00012.0000
9 ACRE SITE

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