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BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS • COLUMBIA COUNTY

Memo

Date: 5/29/2009

To: Board of Commissioners

From: Ben Scott, Purchasing Director *Ben Scott*

RE: Westside Community Center Property

Who authorized Mr. Scott to negotiate?
When? Why wasn't this discussed at a
public meeting, first?

I have reached a tentative agreement for the purchase of a 21.14 acre parcel located on Birley Road, excluding a 60 feet easement, for the future site of the West Side Community Center. The terms of the agreement are as follows:

- the County will pay \$227,100 to the owner
- the County will extend the existing 30 feet easement to 60 feet
- the County will clear a driving path on the easement to allow access to the property located directly behind this parcel
- the County will fence the property
- the County will install a culvert to access the easement

If Dale Williams had nothing to
hide, why didn't Mr. Scott give
the owner's name?

Why isn't the owner paying for the
improvements?

The appraised value of this property is \$211,400. The purchase price and the value of improvements for the easement are within 10% of the appraised value.

I would like to request that the Board approve the purchase and request that the County Attorney prepare the required documents.

Besides paying for all the improvements, the working families of Columbia County are being asked to pay a premium of 10% on a piece of property that needs to be improved before it can be used. County Manager Dale Williams calls this negotiation.

It's business as usual in Columbia County!

BOARD MEETS FIRST THURSDAY AT 7:00 P.M.
AND THIRD THURSDAY AT 7:00 P.M.