

RESOLUTION NO. 2006- 103

**A RESOLUTION BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
AUTHORIZING THE PROPOSED LONG TERM LEASE OF COUNTY
PROPERTY LOCATED ON OLD MOULTRIE ROAD TO THE GARDEN
CLUB OF ST. AUGUSTINE, INC., A FLORIDA NOT FOR PROFIT
CORPORATION.**

RECITALS

WHEREAS, the Garden Club of St. Augustine, Inc., a Florida not for profit corporation has requested a long term lease of County property located on Old Moultrie Road as stated in the letter attached hereto as Exhibit "A", incorporated by reference and made a part hereof; and

WHEREAS, Chapter 95-524 of the Laws of Florida states that the Board of County Commissioners is hereby authorized, without the necessity of publication of public notice, to lease spaces in buildings owned by St. Johns County when not required for County purposes, to such tenants and for such rentals as said Board in its discretion considers to be in the best public interest; and

WHEREAS, the property was donated to St. Johns County in 1987 and is limited to use for a Courthouse Annex, meetings or recreational uses. The building on Old Moultrie Road has remained vacant for several years; and

WHEREAS, the Garden Club has requested reassurance that the Board would be in favor of leasing the building to the Garden Club before they begin negotiations with the County for the terms of the lease; and

WHEREAS, once the terms of the lease have been agreed upon by both parties the lease agreement will be presented to the Board of County Commissioners for approval.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF ST. JOHNS COUNTY, FLORIDA, as follows:

1. The above recitals are incorporated by reference into the body of this Resolution and such recitals are adopted as findings of fact.
2. The Board of County Commissioners hereby authorizes use of the County property by the Garden Club of St. Augustine, Inc., if the proposed lease terms can be agreed upon by both parties.
3. The Clerk of Court is instructed to file this Resolution in the Public Records of St. Johns County, Florida.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 4th day of April, 2006.

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
ST. JOHNS COUNTY, FLORIDA**

By: James E. Bryant
James E. Bryant, Chairman

ATTEST: Cheryl Strickland, Clerk

By: Patricia A. Grande
Deputy Clerk

RENDITION DATE 4-6-06

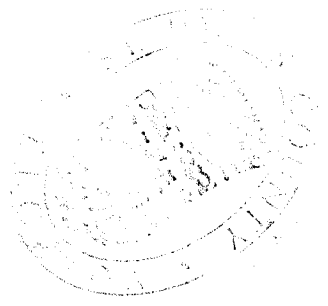


Exhibit "A" to Resolution

282 St. George Street
St. Augustine, FL 32084
March 21, 2006

Mr. Ben Adams
County Administrator, St. Johns County
400 Lewis Speedway
St. Augustine, FL 32084

Dear Mr. Adams:

I am requesting that the county consider leasing the property on Old Moultrie Road to the Garden Club of St. Augustine. We would like a long term lease and can assure you that we would be good caretakers of the property. There are eleven circles in our club, and this would be a great location for our members to meet.

Our organization is comprised of approximately 340 ladies in the St. Johns County area who are interested in all phases of gardening, beautification, preservation of our natural resources, and conservation. Our circles cooperate with educational agencies in the promotion of horticulture, flower shows, and the general artistic use of plant material.

To further explain about our organization, every year we give away trees at Arbor Day, and this year we gave away 1500 trees to residents of the county, Habitat for Humanity, and the city of St. Augustine Beach. In addition, each year we award a \$1,000.00 scholarship to a high school senior who plans to pursue higher education at a college or university in a field related to our objectives. We also promote activities of junior gardeners, 4-H, and contribute to Camp Wekive where students are sent to learn about nature, conservation, and appreciation of our natural resources.

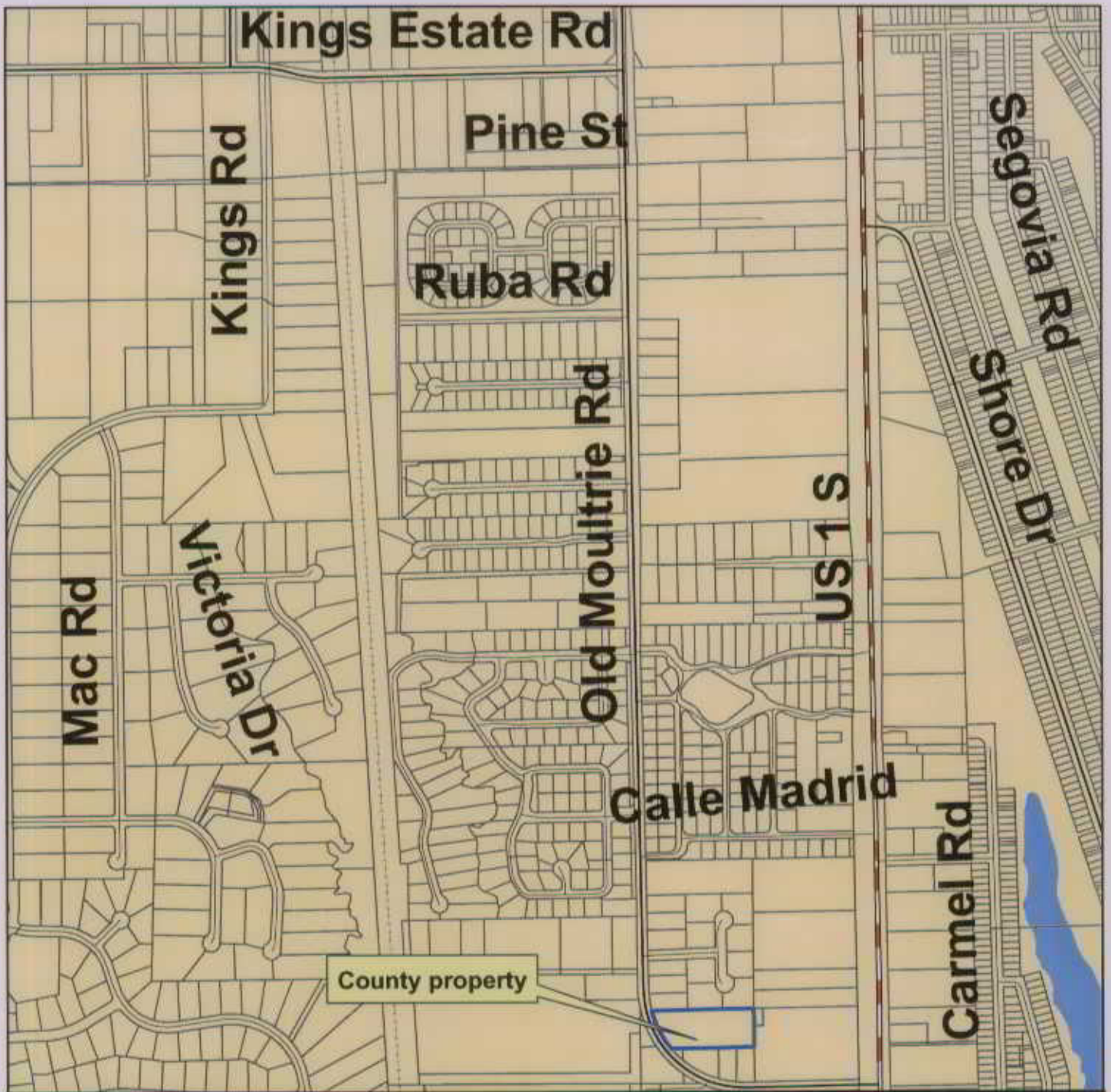
This spring we are presenting three community programs and hope to educate and encourage more interest in gardening, flower arranging, horticulture, and beautification. Our annual Tour of Homes is a featured event in December.

In conclusion, we would greatly appreciate your recommending to the county commissioners that our club be the caretakers of the property and building located on Old Moultrie Road. I can assure you that it would be a credit to the community, and our members would greatly enhance the property.

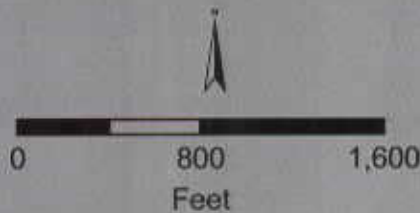
Yours truly,



Esther S. Whetstone
President, Garden Club of St. Augustine



**GENERAL
LOCATION MAP**



Map Prepared: 3/23/2006
*Depicts General Project Boundary

**Proposed Lease to
Garden Club of
St. Augustine**

Application

File: BCC April 4, 2006



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