

Okeechobee County Code Enforcement Special Magistrate Hearing

August 18, 2020 Minutes

The hearing of the Okeechobee County Code Enforcement Special Magistrate, Deborah M. Hooker, took place at the Okeechobee County Health Department Auditorium on Tuesday, August 18, 2020.

ROLL CALL:

The following county staff members were present:

Brandi Williamson, Secretary to the Special Magistrate

Beth Albert, Code Enforcement Supervisor

Jennifer Kinard, Code Enforcement Officer

Lakisha Gilchrist, Code Enforcement Officer

ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS:

1. **Call to Order:** The Meeting was called to order by Special Magistrate Hooker at 2:10 pm on Tuesday, July 21, 2020, after which Special Magistrate Hooker led the Pledge of Allegiance.
2. **Swear in Code Enforcement Officers:** Special Magistrate Hooker swore in the following Code Enforcement Officers: Beth Albert, Lakisha Gilchrist and Jennifer Kinard.
3. **Cases in Compliance:** Officer Albert stated that the following cases are in compliance:

New Business: MGPM Properties LLC

Case number: CE2001-0128

New Business: Suzan M Bloom

Case number: 1908-0090

Old Business: Mattie Taylor

Case number: 1906-0240

Continued Cases: The following cases were continued until the September 15, 2020 hearing:

Old Business: Robert M Kolovrat and Vera C Kolovrat

Case number: 1906-0121

Old Business: Rufus E Rhoden and Joellen J Rhoden

Case number: 1907-0053

Old Business: Maureen M Sheets

Case number: 1812-0022

4. **Minutes:** Special Magistrate Hooker approved and signed the minutes from the July 21, 2020 hearing.
5. **Public Comment:** Special Magistrate Hooker invited public comment. There were no public comments.

Cases may have been called out of order of the agenda due to the presence of certain parties.

REQUEST FOR REDUCTION OF FINE:

Case number 9805-0041 for Just Reay was called.

Justin Reay, representative for NPL Acquisitions Group LLC, was present for this case and sworn for testimony.

Officer Albert presented the case for the property located at 14555 NW 240th Street which was previously heard during the June 16, 2009 hearing and cited for unauthorized occupancy of RV, 7.08.05. During the February 15, 1999 hearing the Code Enforcement Board imposed a fine of \$25.00 per day beginning February 16, 1999. The property remained in violation until December 31, 1999. The fine ran for 318 days resulting in a total fine of \$7,950.00. The County suggested a reduction to \$500.00 and Mr. Reay agreed.

Special Magistrate Hooker recommended the fine be reduced from \$7,950.00 to \$500.00. This matter shall be heard at the next Board of County Commissioners Meeting. If approved, it is required that it be paid within 30 days after the meeting or else it will revert back to the original amount.

NEW BUSINESS:

Case number 1909-0078 for Rufus Tiger was called.

No parties were present for this case.

Officer Gilchrist presented the case for the property located at 4344 SE 22nd Court which was cited for trash and debris, 10.02.02D, overgrowth, 10.02.02K and outdoor storage, 10.02.02L. Property remains in violation.

Officer Gilchrist offered several supporting documents into evidence, which were admitted into evidence by Special Magistrate Hooker.

Special Magistrate Hooker found the Respondent to be in violation of sections 10.02.02D, 10.02.02K and 10.02.02L. Special Magistrate Hooker ordered Respondent to be in full compliance by removing trash, debris and outdoor storage and clearing overgrowth by September 10, 2020 or be subject to a fine of up to \$250.00 per day thereafter.

Case number 1905-0117 for Abigail E Vause and Steven M Vause was called.

No parties were present for this case.

Officer Gilchrist presented the case for the property located at 3283 SW 23rd Street which was cited for trash and debris, 10.02.02D, overgrowth, 10.02.02, outdoor storage and construction without a permit, 13.01.01. Property remains in violation

Officer Gilchrist offered several supporting documents into evidence, which were admitted into evidence by Special Magistrate Hooker.

Special Magistrate Hooker found the Respondent to be in violation of sections 10.02.02D, 10.02.02K 10.02.02L and 13.01.01. Special Magistrate Hooker ordered Respondent to be in full compliance by removing trash, debris and outdoor storage, clearing overgrowth and removing or permitting fence by September 10, 2020 or be subject to a fine of up to \$250.00 per day thereafter.

Case number 1906-0079 for Joseph Papasso IV and Charlotte Rhea Papasso was called.

No parties were present for this case.

Officer Kinard presented the case for the property located at 2625 NW 32nd Avenue which was cited for trash and debris, 10.02.02D, overgrowth, 10.02.02K and outdoor storage, 10.02.02L. Property remains in violation.

Officer Kinard offered several supporting documents into evidence, which were admitted into evidence by Special Magistrate Hooker.

Special Magistrate Hooker found the Respondent to be in violation of sections 10.02.02D, 10.02.02K and 10.02.02L. Special Magistrate Hooker ordered Respondent to be in full compliance by removing trash, debris and outdoor storage and clearing overgrowth by September 10, 2020 or be subject to a fine of up to \$250.00 per day thereafter.

Case number 1904-0135 for Robert Allen Wright and Luci Michelle Wright was called.

No parties were present for this case.

Officer Kinard presented the case for the property located at 9125 SW 62nd Drive which was cited for inoperable, abandoned vehicles, 10.02.02B, trash and debris, 10.02.02D and outdoor storage, 10.02.02L. Property remains in violation.

Officer Kinard offered several supporting documents into evidence, which were admitted into evidence by Special Magistrate Hooker.

Special Magistrate Hooker found the Respondent to be in violation of sections 10.02.02B, 10.02.02D and 10.02.02L. Special Magistrate Hooker ordered Respondent to be in full compliance by removing trash, debris and outdoor storage and removing or registering vehicles by September 10, 2020 or be subject to a fine of up to \$250.00 per day thereafter.

Case number 1907-0056 for Secretary of Housing and Urban Development was called.

No parties were present for this case.

Officer Kinard presented the case for the property located at 8350 SW 9th Street which was cited for overgrowth, 10.02.02K. Property remains in violation.

Officer Kinard offered several supporting documents into evidence, which were admitted into evidence by Special Magistrate Hooker.

Special Magistrate Hooker found the Respondent to be in violation of section 10.02.02K. Special Magistrate Hooker ordered Respondent to be in full compliance by clearing overgrowth by September 10, 2020 or be subject to a fine of up to \$250.00 per day thereafter.

OLD BUSINESS:

Case number 1906-0184 for Gerald E Acheson was called.

No parties were present for this case.

Officer Kinard presented the case for the property located at 10185 NE 20th Lane which was previously heard during the July 21, 2020 hearing and cited for trash and debris, 10.02.02D and overgrowth, 10.02.02K.

Officer Kinard offered several supporting documents into evidence, which were admitted into evidence by Special Magistrate Hooker.

Special Magistrate Hooker found the Respondent to be in violation of sections 10.02.02D and 10.02.02K. Special Magistrate Hooker ordered Respondent to be in full compliance by removing trash and debris and clearing overgrowth by September 10, 2020 or be subject to a fine of up to \$250.00 per day thereafter.

Case number 1909-0026 for Barney and Krista Stotz was called.

No parties were present for this case.

Officer Kinard presented the case for the property located at 19875 NW 80th Drive which was previously heard during the July 21, 2020 hearing and cited for construction without a permit, 13.01.01. Property remains in violation.

Officer Kinard offered several supporting documents into evidence, which were admitted into evidence by Special Magistrate Hooker.

Special Magistrate Hooker found the Respondent to be in violation of section 13.01.01. Special Magistrate Hooker ordered Respondent to be in full compliance by obtaining a permit for the mobile home with all required fees and inspections by October 15, 2020 or be subject to a fine of up to \$250.00 per day thereafter.

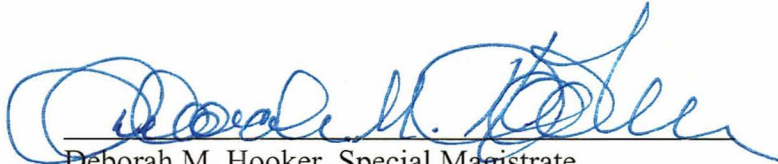
ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business, Special Magistrate Hooker adjourned the meeting.



Brandi Williamson, Secretary to Special Magistrate

9/15/20
Date



Deborah M. Hooker, Special Magistrate

9-15-20
Date