

House Bill No. 985

An act relating to Lehigh Acres Fire Control and Rescue District, Lee County; providing legislative intent; providing for codification of the special acts relating to the district pursuant to s. 191.015, F.S.; codifying, reenacting, and amending all prior special acts; re-creating the district; correcting district boundaries; providing status as an independent special district and purpose; providing for amendment of the charter; providing for election of the governing board; providing for officers and powers; providing for ad valorem taxation and non-ad valorem assessments; providing planning requirements; providing for annual review of user fees for emergency medical services; providing for policies and regulations; providing for public disclosure; authorizing per diem; providing for the budget; revising provisions relating to taxing authority, assessment and collection of taxes, financing, tax collector's responsibility, expenses, treasurer's bond, and financial reports; providing for liberal construction; repealing all prior special acts relating to the district; providing severability; providing an effective date.

Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

Section 1. Pursuant to section 191.015, Florida Statutes, this act constitutes the codification of all special acts relating to Lehigh Acres Fire Control and Rescue District. It is the intent of the Legislature in enacting this law to provide a single, comprehensive special act charter for the district, including all current legislative authority granted to the district by its several legislative enactments and any additional authority granted by this act. It is further the intent of this act to preserve all district authority, including the authority to annually assess and levy against the taxable property in the district a tax not to exceed 3.5 mills on the dollar of assessed valuation, except as provided in chapter 191, Florida Statutes, or chapter 97-340, Laws of Florida, as amended from time to time.

Section 2. Chapters 63-1546, 65-1825, 67-1633, 76-406, 79-499, 81-416, 81-417, 83-453, 85-444, 87-432, 90-387, 91-384, 94-456, and 96-460, Laws of Florida, and section 1 of chapter 83-454, Laws of Florida, are codified, reenacted, amended, and repealed as herein provided.

Section 3. The Lehigh Acres Fire Control and Rescue District is re-created, and the charter for such district is re-created and reenacted to read:

Section 1. Creation; Boundaries.—There is hereby created and established the Lehigh Acres Fire Control and Rescue District, hereinafter referred to as the district, which shall include the following described lands, to wit:

TOWNSHIP 43 SOUTH, RANGE 26 EAST

The Southeast quarter of the Northeast quarter of the Northeast quarter and Northeast quarter of the Southeast quarter of the Northeast quarter of Section 25, Township 43 South, Range 26 East.

The Northeast quarter of the Northeast quarter of the Northeast quarter in Section 25, Township 43 South, Range 26 East.

TOWNSHIP 43 SOUTH, RANGE 27 EAST

From the Southeast corner of Government Lot 5, Section 19, Township 43 South, Range 27 East, which is also the South one-quarter corner of said Section 19, go North 89°32'09" West 941.16 feet along the South boundary of said Section 19 to the point of beginning of the lands hereinafter described: From said point of beginning go North 00°33'49" West 961.01 feet to the Southerly U. S. Government easement line of the Caloosahatchee River; thence North 00°33'48" West 90.00 feet, more or less, to the actual South shore of the Caloosahatchee River; thence Southerly and Westerly along the meanders of said river to a point which lies North 00°33'48" West of a point on the South boundary of Section 19, said latter point being 623.7 feet from the point of beginning as measured along the South boundary of Section 19; thence South 00°33'48" East 50.00 feet to the Southerly U. S. Government easement line of the Caloosahatchee River; thence South 00°33'48" East 578.75 feet to the South line of Section 19; thence South 89°32'09" East along the South line of Section 19 to the point of beginning.

West half of: Beginning at the Northwest corner of Section 30, Township 43 South, Range 27 East; thence running South 654 feet to center of State Road No. 25 (now known as State Road No. 80) thence Southerly 82°15'00" East 3,342 feet; thence Southerly 84°15'00" East 694.00 feet; thence North 1,239 feet to the Northwest corner of the Northeast quarter of the Northeast quarter of said Section 30; thence West to the point of beginning.

Less: The East 35.8 feet of the parcel in Section 19, Township 43 South, Range 27 East, and the West 118.4 feet of the parcel in Section 30, Township 43 South, Range 27 East, said parcels as described in Deed recorded in Official Record Book 95, page 135-136, of the public records of Lee County, Florida.

A tract or parcel of land lying in the West half of Section 30, Township 43 South, Range 27 East, in Lee County, Florida, described as follows: From a concrete monument marking the Southeast corner of Lot 5 of Unit No. 2 Pine Creek Acres, as recorded in Plat Book 10 at page 74 of the public records of Lee County, Run South 00°56'00" East parallel to and 2,418.00 feet, measured on a perpendicular, from the West line of said Section 30 for 2,531.80 feet to the point of beginning, said point of beginning being 710.00 feet, measured on a perpendicular from the center line of the former Seaboard Airline Railroad, from said point of beginning run North 00°56'00" West for 468.7 feet; thence run West parallel to said center line for 678.0 feet more or less to the waters of Hickey's Creek; thence run Southerly and Easterly along the meanders of said creek to an intersection with a line parallel to and 710.00 feet, measured on a perpendicular, from said center line of said railroad; thence run East on said parallel line for 567.00 feet more or less to a point of beginning.

The following described lands in the West half of Section 30, Township 43 South, Range 27 East: From concrete monument marking the South-

east corner of Lot 5, Unit 2, Pine Creek Acres, according to plat thereof as recorded in Plat Book 10 at page 74, public records of Lee County, Florida, run West along the South line of said Lot 5 to the Southwest corner of said lot; thence North along the West line of said Lot 5 to the South line of Pine Boulevard, as shown on aforesaid plat of Pine Creek Acres; thence Northwesterly along the South line of said Pine Boulevard to a concrete monument marking the Northeast corner of Lot 92 of said Unit 2, Pine Creek Acres; thence Southerly along the East line of said Pine Creek Acres Unit 2 to the center of Hickey's Creek; thence Southeasterly following the center line of said Hickey's Creek to a point which is 1,178.7 feet North of the center line of the former SAL Railway and said point being the Northwest corner of lands conveyed to Paul W. Grubbs and wife, Naomi G. Grubbs, by deed recorded in Deed Book 274 at page 463, public records of Lee County, Florida; thence East parallel to the center line of SAL Railway 678.00 feet, more or less, to a point which is 2,418.00 feet East, measured on a perpendicular from the West line of said Section 30; thence North $00^{\circ}56'00''$ West 2,063.10 feet to the point of beginning.

The Northeast quarter of the Northeast quarter of the Northeast quarter, and the Southwest quarter of the Northwest quarter of the Northeast quarter of Section 31, Township 43 South, Range 27 East;

Begin at the Southwest corner of Section 30, Township 43 South, Range 27 East, for a point of beginning and run North $00^{\circ}53'00''$ West, along the West line of said Section 30 to its intersection with the centerline of Hickey's Creek; thence Easterly and Southerly along the centerline of said Creek to its intersection with the Northerly right of way line of the old SAL Railroad (100 foot right of way); thence Easterly along said Northerly right of way line, 660.00 feet; thence Northerly 660.00 feet; thence Westerly and parallel to the said Railroad right of way line to the intersection with a line parallel to and 2,418.00 feet from the West line of the Northwest quarter of the said Section 30; thence North $00^{\circ}56'00''$ West along the said line parallel to the West line of the Northwest quarter Section 30 to a point that is South $00^{\circ}56'00''$ East, 223.86 feet from the Southerly right of way line of State Road 80; thence North $89^{\circ}35'20''$ East, 166.20 feet; thence North $00^{\circ}24'40''$ West, 203.00 feet to the Southerly right of way line of said State Road 80; thence South $82^{\circ}54'00''$ East, along said right of way line 137.61 feet; thence South $00^{\circ}24'40''$ East, 237.58 feet; thence North $89^{\circ}35'20''$ East, 209.19 feet; thence South $00^{\circ}24'40''$ East, 918.16 feet; thence North $89^{\circ}35'20''$ East, 420.00 feet; thence North $00^{\circ}24'40''$ West, 1,069.39 feet to the Southerly right of way line of State Road 80; thence Southeasterly along the arc of a curve to the right, having a radius of 17,113.74 feet and a delta angle of $01^{\circ}46'00''$; an arc distance of 188.21 feet to the end of said curve; thence continue along said right-of-way line South $81^{\circ}08'00''$ East, 456.59 feet to its intersection with the East line of the Northwest quarter of the Northeast quarter of said Section 30; thence South $00^{\circ}24'40''$ East along the East line of the West one-half of the Northeast quarter of said Section 30 to a point 129.00 feet South $00^{\circ}24'40''$ East from the Northwest corner of the Southeast quarter of the Northeast quarter; thence South $89^{\circ}41'55''$ East, and parallel to the North line of the said Southeast

quarter of the Northeast quarter of said Section 30, 337.00 feet; thence North 00°24'40" West to the right of way line of State Road 80; thence South 81°08'00" East along said right of way line to its intersection with the East line of said Section 30; thence South 00°08'33" East, along the East line of said Section 30 to the Southeast corner of the Northeast quarter; thence continue South 00°32'10" East, 2,643.68 feet to the Southeast corner of said Section; thence South 89°58'04" West, along the South line of Section 30, 2,637.54 feet to the Southwest corner of the Southeast quarter; thence continue North 89°55'20" West, 2,643.03 feet to the Southwest corner of said Section 30 and the point of beginning, less a strip of land 100.00 feet wide and lying in the South one-half of said Section 30, and being the old SAL Railroad right-of-way, less the West 200.00 feet of said Section 30 lying South of Hickey's Creek, plus the following described parcel; in Section 30, Township 43 South, Range 27 East, begin at the intersection of the centerline of Hickey's Creek with the North line of SAL Railroad right-of-way; thence Easterly, 660.00 feet along the North line of said right of way; thence Northerly 660.00 feet; thence Westerly and parallel to the said Railroad right of way line to the intersection with a line parallel to and 2,418.00 feet from the West line of the Northwest quarter of said Section 30; thence South 00°56'00" East, along said line parallel to the West line of the Northwest quarter of Section 30 to its intersection with the centerline of Hickey's Creek; thence Southeasterly along said centerline to the Point of Beginning.

Lots 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 29, 30, 33, 34 35, 36, 39, and 40, Unit No. 1, Pine Creek Acres, according to the map or plat thereof on file and recorded in the office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court of Lee County, Florida, in Plat Book 10, at page 13.

Lots 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 25, 26, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33 and 34, Unit No. 2, Pine Creek Acres, according to the map or plat thereof on file and recorded in the office of the Clerk of Circuit Court of Lee County, Florida, in Plat Book 10, at page 74.

Beginning at the point of intersection of the south right of way line of State Road No. 80 (Palm Beach Boulevard) with the West line of said Section 30 run South 82°54'00" East along said South right of way line (75 feet from the center line) for 450.2 feet to the northwesterly corner of Lot 9 of said Unit No. 1; thence run South 07°06'00" West along the westerly line of said Lot 9 for 200.00 feet; thence run South 82°54'00" East along the southerly line of Lots 9 and 10 for 100 feet; thence run South 07°06'00" West along the westerly line of Lot 11 for 200.00 feet to the Southwest corner of said lot; thence run South 57°38'00" West for 60.73 feet on a straight line to an intersection with a line 421.8 feet easterly from and parallel with the West line of said Section 30, said point of intersection being the Northeast corner of Lot 92 of Unit No. 2, Pine Creek Acres; thence run South 00°56'00" East along said parallel line and the East boundary of said Unit No. 2 for 997.36 feet; thence run South 85°36'00" East for 29.13 feet; thence run South 04°24'00" West for 310.00 feet more or less to the waters of Hickey's Creek; thence run westerly along said creek to a point on the West line of said Section 30; thence run North 00°56'00" West along said section line for 1,902 feet more or less to the point of beginning.

Beginning at the intersection of the centerline of Hickey's Creek and a Southerly extension of the East boundary of the property conveyed to Paul W. and Naomi G. Grubbs by deed recorded in Deed Book 274, at page 463, public records of Lee County, Florida, thence North and West along the centerline of Hickey's Creek to the intersection of said centerline with the South boundary of the property conveyed to the Grubbs, thence East along said South boundary to the Southeast corner of the Grubbs property, thence South to the point of beginning, said parcel being in Section 30, Township 30 South, Range 27 East.

That parcel known as the old Seaboard Airline Railroad right of way in Section 30, Township 43 South, Range 27 East, said right of way being 100.00 feet wide and having a centerline parallel to an 599.26 feet from the South boundary of said section.

Commencing at the Northeast corner Government Lot 4 of Section 3, Township 25 South, Range 27 East in Lee County, Florida, thence run South 631.60 feet to the point of beginning of the tract herein described, thence continue South 315.90 feet, thence West 660.00 feet, thence run North 315.90 feet, thence East 660.00 feet to the point of beginning.

Commencing at the Northwest corner Government Lot 4 of Section 3, Township 45 South, Range 27 East in Lee County, Florida, thence run South 631.60 feet to the point of beginning of tract hereby described, thence continue East 660.00 feet, thence South 315.90 feet, thence West 660.00 feet, thence North 315.90 feet to the point of beginning.

Starting at the Northeast corner of Government Lot 4 of Section 3, Township 45 South, Range 27 East, in Lee County, Florida, thence run South 157.9 feet to the point of beginning of the tract herein described, thence continue South 315.80 feet, thence West 330.00 feet, thence North 315.80 feet, thence East 330.00 feet to the point of beginning.

West half of Southwest quarter of Section 31.

The Southwest quarter of the Northeast quarter, the Northwest quarter, the East half of the Southwest quarter and the West half of the Southeast quarter, the Southeast quarter of the Southeast quarter of Section 31.

TOWNSHIP 44 SOUTH, RANGE 26 EAST

Lots 1 and 3, Block 38, and also that tract known as "E" of that certain subdivision known as BUCKINGHAM PARK recorded in Plat Book 9 at pages 99-101, public records of Lee County, Florida, said land all being in Section 21, Township 44 South, Range 26 East, Lee County, Florida. Subject, however, to an easement for a drainage canal recorded in Misc. Book 32 at page 335 of the public records of Lee County, Florida.

All that part of Section 22, Township 44 South, Range 26 East, lying South of Homestead Road as shown on Plat of Buckingham Park Entrance Roads recorded in Plat Book 9 at pages 97 and 98 of the public records of Lee County, and lying South and East of Block 37, Buckingham Park South section according to plat recorded in Public Records, Plat Book 9, pages 99 to 101, inclusive, subject, however, to an easement

for drainage canal recorded in Misc. Book 32, at page 335 of said public records.

1. All that part of the East Half of Section 20, Township 44 South, Range 26 East, Lee County, Florida, lying South of South right of way of Buckingham Road, less and except that tract or parcel lying Northeast of the center line of the existing drainage canal, also

2. That part of Section 21, Township 44 South, Range 26 East, Lee County, Florida, Southwesterly of the center line of the existing drainage canal, also

3. The Northeast quarter of Section 29, Township 44 South, Range 26 East, Lee County, Florida, less the Southerly 100 feet thereof,

All of the above containing 412.50 acres, more or less, together with all improvements located thereon.

Parcel D and Lot 28, and the Northerly 40 feet of Lot 29, Block 39 Buckingham Park, according to Plat Book 9, pages 99-101, of the public records of Lee County, Florida, together with that portion of the East half of Section 20, Township 44 South, Range 26 East lying South of right of way of Buckingham Road and Northeast of the center line of the existing drainage canal, containing 129.30 acres, more or less,

Tract B and Lots 8-A, 9 and 16, Block 36, Buckingham Park, according to Plat Book 9, pages 92 and 93, of the public records of Lee County, Florida, containing 214.29 acres, more or less,

Lot 3, Block 40, Buckingham Park Subdivision, South Section, as shown in Plat Book 9, pages 99 to 101, inclusive, of the public records of Lee County, Florida containing 1.8 acres, more or less,

Lot 4, Block 40, Buckingham Park Subdivision, South Section, as shown in Plat Book 9, pages 99 to 101, inclusive, of the public records of Lee County, Florida, containing 1.5 acres, more or less,

Lot 5, Block 40, Buckingham Park Subdivision, South Section, as shown in Plat Book 9, pages 99 to 101, inclusive, of the public records of Lee County, Florida, containing 1.5 acres, more or less, together with all improvements located thereon.

Lot 6, Block 40, Buckingham Park Subdivision, South Section, as shown in Plat Book 9, pages 99 to 101, inclusive, of the public records of Lee County, Florida, containing 1.55 acres, more or less,

Lot 7, Block 40, Buckingham Park Subdivision, South Section as shown in Plat Book 9, pages 99 to 101, inclusive, of the public records of Lee County, Florida, containing 1.55 acres, more or less,

Lot 8, Block 40, Buckingham Park Subdivision, South Section, as shown in Plat Book 9, pages 99 to 101, inclusive, of the public records of Lee County, Florida, containing 1.55 acres, more or less.

Lot 9, Block 40, Buckingham Park Subdivision, South Section, as shown in Plat Book 9, pages 99 to 101, inclusive, of the public records of Lee County, Florida, containing 1.53 acres, more or less, together with all improvements thereon,

Lot 10, Block 40, Buckingham Park Subdivision, South Section, as shown in Plat Book 9, pages 99 to 101, inclusive, of the public records of Lee County, Florida containing 1.55 acres, more or less.

The Northwest quarter of Section 29, the Northeast quarter of Section 30, and that part of the East half of Section 19, and the West half of Section 20, lying South of Buckingham Road, all in Township 44 South, Range 26 East, Lee County, Florida containing 664.09 acres, more or less.

West half of Section 23, containing 324.82 acres, more or less.

Northwest quarter of Section 26, containing 161.22 acres, more or less.

North half of Section 27, containing 325.56 acres, more or less.

North half of Section 28, east of Buckingham Government Road and the South 100 feet of the North half of Section 28 West of Buckingham County Road, containing 88.74 acres, more or less.

South 100 feet of the North half of Section 29, containing 12.12 acres, more or less.

The South half and the South 100 feet of the North half of Section 30, containing 319.74 acres, more or less.

All of Section 31, North of Highway 82, containing 393.58 acres, more or less.

All of Section 32, containing 637.87 acres, more or less.

All of Section 33, lying West of Buckingham County Road, containing 508.88 acres, more or less.

All of Sections 1 and 2; the Northwest quarter of Southeast quarter of Section 10; all of Sections 11, 12 and 13; the East half of Section 14 and 23; all of Sections 24 and 25; the Northeast quarter and the South half of Section 26; the South half of Sections 27, 28 and 29; that part lying East of the R/W of existing U. S. Government road in Section 33; and all of Section 34, 35 and 36.

TOWNSHIP 44 SOUTH, RANGE 27 EAST

West three-eighths of Northwest quarter of Section 9.

Northwest quarter of Section 5.

South half of Southwest quarter of Section 4.

West half of Northwest quarter and Southeast quarter of Northwest quarter and Southwest quarter of Northeast quarter of Section 7.

The North half of the Northeast quarter of the Northeast quarter of the Northwest quarter and the Southwest quarter of Section 31.

All the above containing 740.00 acres more or less.

TOWNSHIP 44 SOUTH, RANGE 28 EAST

The North half of the Southwest quarter of Section 18, Township 44 South, Range 28 East, and the Northwest quarter of Section 19, Township 44 South, Range 28 East, less the right of way of Hendry Canal in both sections.

TOWNSHIP 45 SOUTH, RANGE 27 EAST

The North half of the Northeast quarter of the Northeast quarter of the Southeast quarter of Section 4, Township 45 South, Range 27 East.

The Northeast quarter of the Northeast quarter of the Northwest quarter in Section 6, Township 45 South, Range 27 East.

The Northwest quarter of the Northwest quarter; and the South half of the Northeast quarter of the Northwest quarter of Section 6, Township 45 South, Range 27 East.

The North half of the Northwest quarter of the Northwest quarter of the Northeast quarter of Section 6, Township 45 South, Range 27 East.

The East half of the Northeast quarter of Section 8, Township 45 South, Range 27 East.

All of Sections 23 and 26 and all of Section 35 lying North of a line 100.00 feet North of and parallel to the survey line of State Road 82 in Township 45 South, Range 27 East.

All of Section 3 except the West half of the Northwest quarter; all of Sections 10, 15 and 22; that part of Sections 27 and 34 lying North of State Highway 82.

The South half of the South half of the Northwest quarter of the Northeast quarter of Section 4.

The East half of the Northwest quarter; the Northwest quarter of the Northwest quarter; the Northwest quarter of the Southwest quarter; the East half of the Northeast quarter of the Southwest quarter; the Southwest quarter of the Northeast quarter of the Southwest quarter; the East half of the Northeast quarter; the Southwest of the Northeast quarter all in Section 4.

The Northwest quarter of the Northeast quarter of Section 4, Less the South half of the South half of the Northwest quarter of the Northeast quarter.

The Northwest quarter of the Northeast quarter of the Northwest quarter of Section 6.

The Northeast quarter of the Southwest quarter; the East half of the Northwest quarter of the Southwest quarter; and the South half of the Northwest quarter, excepting therefrom the following described parcel: Beginning at the Southwest corner of Government Lot 5, thence running North 466.7 feet to a point; thence East 466.7 feet to a point; Thence South 466.7 feet to a point; thence West 466.7 feet to the point of beginning, all in Section 6.

The North half of the Northeast quarter of the Southwest quarter of the Northeast quarter of Section 6.

The North half of the Southwest quarter of the Northwest quarter of the Northeast quarter of Section 6.

All of Sections 1, 12, 13, 24 and 25; and all of Section 36, except that portion thereof constituting the right-of-way for State Road 82.

The Southeast quarter of the Northeast quarter and the Southeast quarter of Section 9; all of Sections 16 and 21; and all of Sections 28 and 29 lying North of State Road 82.

All of the above containing 9,193.87 acres more or less.

TOWNSHIP 45 SOUTH, RANGE 26 EAST

All of Section 4 North of Highway 82, and West of Buckingham County Road, containing 520.04 acres, more or less.

All of Section 5, North of Highway 82, containing 318.83 acres, more or less.

All of Section 6 North of Highway 82, containing 3.92 acres, more or less.

All of Section 9 North of Highway 82, and west of Buckingham County Road, containing 25.86 acres, more or less.

All of Sections 1, 2 and 3; that part lying East of R/W of existing U. S. Government road in Section 4; that part lying East of R/W of the existing U. S. Government road and North of State Road #82 in Section 9; that part lying North of State Road #82 in Sections 10 and 11; all except the R/W of the County Road in Section 12; all that part lying North of the State Road #82 less the R/W of the County Road in Section 13; and all that part lying North of State Road #82 in Section 14.

TOWNSHIP 44 SOUTH, RANGE 27 EAST

The Southwest quarter of Section 2, containing 159.67 acres, more or less.

The North 854 feet of the East 466 feet of the Southeast quarter of the Northeast quarter of Section 7, containing 9.14 acres, more or less.

The Northeast quarter of the Southwest quarter of the Southeast quarter of Section 10, containing 10 acres, more or less.

South half of Northwest quarter and South quarter of Northeast quarter and Southeast quarter of Section 31, containing 320 acres, more or less.

The Northwest quarter of the Northeast quarter and the East five-eighths of the Northwest quarter of Section 9, containing 140 acres, more or less.

The South half of the North half of Section 1, containing 160 acres, more or less.

The Northwest quarter of the Northwest quarter of Section 31, containing 40 acres, more or less.

The South half and the North half of the North half of Section 1; the East half and the East half of the Northwest quarter and the Southwest quarter of the Northwest quarter of Section 2; Southeast quarter and the Southwest quarter and the West half of the Northwest quarter of Section 3; all of Section 4 except the South half of the Southwest quarter; the East half and the Southwest quarter of Section 5; all of Section 6; the South half and the North half of the Northeast quarter and the Northeast quarter of the Northwest quarter of Section 7; and the South half

and the Northwest quarter of the Northwest quarter of Section 8; South half and East half of the Northeast quarter of Section 9; the West half and the East half less Northeast quarter of the Southwest quarter of the Southeast quarter of Section 10; and all of Sections 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 32, 33, 34, 35 and 36.

TOWNSHIP 45 SOUTH, RANGE 27 EAST

The West half of the Northwest quarter of the Southwest quarter and the Southeast quarter of the Southwest quarter and the Southeast quarter of Section 6, containing 220.00 acres, more or less.

East half and Southwest quarter and the Southeast quarter of Northwest quarter of Section 7, containing 520 acres, more or less.

West half and the West half of the Northeast quarter and the Northwest quarter of the Southeast quarter of Section 8, containing 440 acres, more or less.

All of Section 2, containing 640 acres, more or less.

All of Section 11, containing 640 acres, more or less.

All of Section 14, containing 640 acres, more or less.

The Southeast quarter of the Northwest quarter and the East three-quarters of the North half of the Southwest quarter and the North half of the Southwest quarter, of the Southwest quarter, and the East three-quarters of the South quarter of the Southwest quarter of the Southwest quarter, and the West half of the Southwest quarter of the Southwest quarter of the Southwest quarter, and the Northwest quarter of the Northwest quarter and the Northeast quarter of the Northwest quarter and the Southwest quarter of the Northwest quarter of Section 5; and the East half of the Northeast quarter of Section 6.

TOWNSHIP 43 SOUTH, RANGE 27 EAST

The Northeast quarter of the Northeast quarter and the Southwest quarter of the Northeast quarter and the Southeast quarter of the Southeast quarter of the Northeast quarter, of Section 36, containing 90 acres, more or less.

The Southeast quarter, and the West quarter of the Southeast quarter of the Northeast quarter, and the Northeast quarter of the Southeast quarter of the Northeast quarter of Section 36.

All of Section 3 Township 44 South, Range 26 East, less the South 25 feet thereof and less the North 5 feet of the South 30 feet of the East 3965.10 feet.

A parcel of land in Sections 7 and 8, Township 44 South, Range 27 East as described: The Southeast quarter of the Northeast quarter less the North 854 feet (N-854') of the East 466 feet (E-466') of the Southeast quarter of the Northeast quarter all lying in Section 7, and the Northeast quarter, and the South half of the Northwest quarter and the Northeast quarter of the Northwest quarter all lying in Section 8. The Southwest quarter of the Northeast quarter of Section 9.

A parcel of land in Section 31, Township 44 South, Range 27 East as described: The north half (N ½) of the Northeast quarter (NE ¼), and the Northeast quarter (NE ¼) of the Northwest quarter (NW ¼), and the south half (S ½) of the Northeast quarter (NE ¼) less the south quarter (S ¼) of the northeast quarter (NE ¼) of Section 31.

The Northwest quarter of the Northeast quarter of the Southwest quarter of Section 4, Township 45 South, Range 27 East.

The Northwest quarter of the southeast quarter section 4, Township 45 South, Range 27 East.

The Southwest quarter of the Northwest quarter, and the Southeast quarter of the Southwest quarter, and the Southwest quarter of the Southeast quarter, all of Section 4, Township 45 South, Range 27 East.

The West half of the Northwest quarter of the Southwest quarter of Section 5, Township 45 South, Range 27 East less the Westerly 25 feet thereof.

The West half of the Northeast quarter of Section 5.

The southwest quarter of the southwest quarter of Section 6, Township 45 South, Range 27 East.

The North half of the Northwest quarter and the Southwest quarter of the Northwest quarter of section 7, Township 45 South, Range 27 East.

The West half of the Northeast quarter of Section 9, Township 45 South, Range 27 East.

All of Section 17, Township 45 South, Range 27 East.

All of Section 18 less the Westerly 25 feet North of State Road No. 82, and less the 200 foot right-of-way for State Road No. 82 in Section 18.

All of Section 19 less the following: Beginning at the Northeast corner of Section 19; thence South 00°-39'-42" East a distance of 2643.48 feet; thence South 89°-47'-58.11" West a distance of 1479.38 feet; thence North 00°-45'-2" West a distance of 2243.18 feet; to the Northerly right-of-way line of State Road No. 82; thence along the same North 64°-11'-45" West a distance of 225.74 feet; thence North 49°-25'-17" East a distance of 446.04 feet to the North line of Section 19, thence North 89°-49'-27" East along said section line, a distance of 1327.50 feet to the Point of Beginning, and the 200 foot right-of-way for State Road No. 82 in Section 19.

All of Section 20 less a strip of land 227.46 feet in width along the Westerly line of Section 20, North of State Road No. 82 and the 200 foot right-of-way for State Road No. 82 in Section 20 and less the following: beginning at a Point in the Southerly line of Section 20 and the Westerly right-of-way of State Road No. 82; thence South 89°-34'-53" West a distance of 1000 feet; thence North 32°-18'-43" East, a distance of 1081.37 feet to State Road No. 82; thence along the same South 24°-57'-27" East a distance of 1000 feet to the Point of Beginning.

A parcel of land in Section 6, Township 45 South, Range 27 East, as described: Beginning at the Southwest corner of Government Lot 5, thence running North 466.7 feet to a point; thence East 466.7 feet to a

point; thence South 466.7 feet to a point; thence West 466.7 feet to the Point of Beginning.

A parcel of land in Section 6, Township 45 South, Range 27 East, as described: The West half (W $\frac{1}{2}$) of the Northeast quarter (NE $\frac{1}{4}$) less the following: the North half (N $\frac{1}{2}$) of the Northwest quarter (NW $\frac{1}{4}$) of the Northwest quarter (NW $\frac{1}{4}$) of the Northeast quarter (NE $\frac{1}{4}$); and the North half (N $\frac{1}{2}$) of the Northeast quarter (NE $\frac{1}{4}$) of the Southwest quarter (SW $\frac{1}{4}$) of the Northeast quarter (NE $\frac{1}{4}$); and the North half (N $\frac{1}{2}$) of the Southwest quarter (S W $\frac{1}{4}$) of the Northwest quarter (NW $\frac{1}{4}$) of the Northeast quarter (NE $\frac{1}{4}$).

A parcel of land in Section 3, Township 45 South, Range 27 East, as described: The West half (W $\frac{1}{2}$) of the Northwest quarter (NW $\frac{1}{4}$) less the following described parcels: Commencing at the Northeast (NE) corner of Government lot 4 of Section 3, Township 45 South, Range 27 East; thence run South 631.6 feet to the Point of Beginning; thence West 1,320.0 feet; thence South 315.9 feet; thence East 1,320.0 feet; thence North 315.9 feet to the Point of Beginning; and commencing at the Northeast (NE) corner of Government Lot 4 of Section 3, Township 45 South, Range 27 East; thence run South 157.9 feet to the Point of Beginning; thence continue South 315.8 feet; thence West 330.0 feet; thence North 315.8 feet; thence East 330.0 feet to the Point of Beginning.

A parcel of land in Sections 19 and 20, Township 45 South, Range 27 East as described: Beginning at the Northeast (NE) corner of Section 19; thence South 00°-39'-42" East a distance of 2643.48 feet; thence South 89°-47'-58" West a distance of 1479.38 feet; thence North 00°-45'-02" West a distance of 2243.18 feet to the Northerly right-of-way line of State Road No. 82; thence along the same North 64°-11'-45" West a distance of 225.74 feet; thence North 49°-25'-17" East a distance of 446.04 feet to the North line of Section 19; thence North 89°-49'-27" East along said Section line a distance of 1327.50 feet to the Point of Beginning; less the 200 foot right-of-way for State Road No. 82, all lying in section 19, Township 45 South, Range 27 East; and a strip of land 227.46 feet in width along the Westerly line of Section 20, North of State Road No. 82.

A parcel of land in Section 20, Township 45 South, Range 27 East as described: Beginning at a Point in the Southerly line of Section 20 and the Westerly right-of-way of State Road No. 82; thence South 89°-34'-53" West a distance of 1000.0 feet; thence North 32°-18'-43" East, a distance of 1081.37 feet to State Road No. 82; thence along the same South 24°-57'-27" East a distance of 1000.0 feet to the Point of Beginning.

A parcel of land in Section 4 and 9, Township 45 South, Range 27 East as described: The East half of the Southeast quarter less the North half of the Northeast quarter of the Northeast quarter of the Southeast quarter lying in Section 4; and the Northeast quarter of the Northeast quarter lying in Section 9.

A parcel of land in Section 5, Township 45 South, Range 27 East as described: The East half of the northeast quarter of Section 5.

A parcel of land in Section 5, Township 45 South, Range 27 East as described: The East three-quarters (E $\frac{3}{4}$) of the South half (S $\frac{1}{2}$) of the

Southwest quarter (SW $\frac{1}{4}$) of the Southwest quarter (SW $\frac{1}{4}$) less the East three quarters (E $\frac{3}{4}$) of the South quarter (S $\frac{1}{4}$) of the southwest quarter (SW $\frac{1}{4}$) of the Southwest quarter (SW $\frac{1}{4}$) of Section 5.

A parcel of land in Section 36, Township 43 South, Range 27 East as described: The West half (W $\frac{1}{2}$) of the Southeast quarter (SE $\frac{1}{4}$) of the Northeast quarter (NE $\frac{1}{4}$) less the West quarter ($\frac{1}{4}$) of the Southeast quarter (SE $\frac{1}{4}$) of the Northeast quarter (NE $\frac{1}{4}$) of Section 36.

The Southwest quarter of the Southwest quarter of Section 4, Township 45 South, Range 27 East.

The Southeast quarter of the Southwest quarter of Section 5, Township 45 South, Range 27 East.

The Northwest quarter and East half of the Southwest quarter of Section 9, Township 45 South, Range 27 East.

The East half of the Southeast quarter and the Southwest quarter of the Southeast quarter of Section 8, Township 45 South, Range 27 East.

The West half of the Southwest quarter of Section 9, Township 45 South, Range 27 East.

The following lands south of State Road 82:

In TOWNSHIP 45 SOUTH, RANGE 27 EAST:

All of Sections 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36.

In TOWNSHIP 46 SOUTH, RANGE 27 EAST:

All of Sections 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18.

In TOWNSHIP 45 SOUTH, RANGE 26 EAST:

All of Sections 4, 9, 10, 11, 13, 14, 15, 16, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36.

Section 2. Status and purpose.—The Lehigh Acres Fire Control and Rescue Service District, an independent special district, is organized and exists for all purposes set forth in this act, chapter 97-340, Laws of Florida, and chapters 189 and 191, Florida Statutes. To the extent of any conflict between this act and chapter 97-340, Laws of Florida, those provisions of chapter 97-340, Laws of Florida, shall supersede this act.

Section 3. Creation of district; amendment of charter.—The district was created by special act of the Legislature in 1963. Its charter may be amended only by special act of the Legislature.

Section 4. Governing body.—The governing authority of the district shall be a board composed of five resident electors of the district elected as provided in chapter 97-340, Laws of Florida, and chapter 191, Florida Statutes, as they may be amended from time to time.

Section 5. Officers; powers.—

(1) Within 60 days after the election and qualification of members of the board, such members shall meet and elect from the membership a president,

a secretary, and a treasurer; provided, however, the same member may be both secretary and treasurer. The district shall have, and the board may exercise, all those general and special powers and duties prescribed in chapter 191, Florida Statutes, and chapter 97-340, Laws of Florida, as they may be amended from time to time.

(2) The district shall have, and the board may exercise, all powers, functions, and duties set forth in chapters 189 and 191, Florida Statutes, and chapter 97-340, Laws of Florida, as they may be amended from time to time, regarding ad valorem taxation, bond issuance, other revenue-raising capabilities, budget preparation and approval, liens and foreclosure of liens, use of tax deeds and tax certificates as appropriate for non-ad valorem assessments, and contractual agreements. The district may be financed by any method established in this act, chapter 189 or chapter 191, Florida Statutes, chapter 97-340, Laws of Florida, or any other applicable general or special law, as they may be amended from time to time.

(3) The methods for assessing and collecting non-ad valorem assessments, fees, or service charges shall be as set forth in chapters 170, 197, 189, and 191, Florida Statutes, and chapter 97-340, Laws of Florida, as they may be amended from time to time.

(4) The district's planning requirements shall be as set forth in this act, chapters 189 and 191, Florida Statutes, and chapter 97-340, Laws of Florida, as they may be amended from time to time.

(5) The district's geographic boundary limitations shall be as set forth in this act.

(6) The district is authorized to charge user fees for emergency medical services. The fee schedule shall be determined by the board. These fees shall be reviewed on an annual basis, and any increase or decrease from the existing fee schedule shall become effective October 1 of each year.

Section 6. Policies and regulations.—The board is hereby authorized and empowered to adopt policies and regulations for fire control, prevention of fires, and emergency rescue work within the district. Such policies and regulations, after being made by the board and copies thereof signed by the president and secretary, and posted in at least three public places within said district, one of which must be the fire station or such similar place wherein the firefighting equipment is normally kept, within 10 days after said policies and regulations are adopted by the board, shall have force and effect as law.

Section 7. Public disclosure.—Requirements for financial disclosure, meeting notices, reporting, public records maintenance, and per diem expenses for officers and employees shall be as set forth in chapters 112, 119, 189, 191, and 286, Florida Statutes, and chapter 97-340, Laws of Florida, as they may be amended from time to time.

Section 8. Budget.—For the purposes of carrying into effect this act, the board shall annually prepare, consider, and adopt a district budget pursuant

to the applicable requirements of chapter 200, Florida Statutes, as it may be amended from time to time.

Section 9. Taxing authority.—The board shall fix and cause to be levied on all property of said district, real and personal, a millage sufficient to meet the requirements of the adopted budget, provided, however, 3.5 mills is the maximum that can be levied in any one year, except as provided in chapter 191, Florida Statutes, or chapter 97-340, Laws of Florida, as amended from time to time.

Section 10. Assessment and collection of taxes; financing.—Taxes herein provided for shall be assessed and collected in the same manner and form as provided for the assessment and collection of county taxes.

Section 11. Tax collector's responsibility.—When such taxes as herein provided for shall have been collected by the tax collector of Lee County, he or she shall, on or before the 10th day of each month, report to the secretary of the board the collections made for the preceding month and remit the same from such treasurer. Thereupon the tax collector shall be relieved from all other and further liability as to the amount so paid the treasurer of the board.

Section 12. Expenses.—All warrants for the payment of labor, equipment, and other expenses of the board, and in carrying into effect this act and the purpose thereof, shall be payable by the treasurer of the board on accounts and vouchers approved by the board.

Section 13. Treasurer's bond.—The treasurer of the board, when entering upon his or her duties, shall give a good and sufficient bond to the Governor of Florida in the sum of \$5,000 for the faithful performance of his or her duties as such treasurer.

Section 14. Financial reports.—The treasurer shall, on or before the 10th day of April and 10th day of October each year, make his or her semiannual report of receipts and expenditures of the funds of said district to the board. Such report shall be in writing, setting forth the amount of money received, from whom received, and itemized amounts of expenditures and to whom paid and for what such payment is made. At the time of making such report to the board, the treasurer shall also file a copy of such report with the Board of County Commissioners of Lee County.

Section 15. Construction.—This act shall be construed as a remedial act and shall be liberally construed to promote the purpose for which it is intended.

Section 4. Chapters 63-1546, 65-1825, 67-1633, 76-406, 79-499, 81-416, 81-417, 83-453, 85-444, 87-432, 90-387, 91-384, 94-456, and 96-460, Laws of Florida, and section 1 of chapter 83-454, Laws of Florida, are repealed.

Section 5. In the event any section or provision of this act is determined to be invalid or unenforceable, such determination shall not affect the validity or enforceability of each other section and provision of this act.

Section 6. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law.

Approved by the Governor May 25, 2000.

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