

House Bill No. 975

An act relating to the Sebring Airport Authority, Highlands County; amending s. 8, ch. 67-2070, Laws of Florida, as amended; increasing the threshold for requiring bids for the purchase of property and services; amending s. 3, ch. 67-2070, Laws of Florida, as amended; including additional property under the jurisdiction of the authority; amending s. 4, ch. 67-2070, Laws of Florida, as amended; providing that an affirmative vote of a majority of the members present at a meeting where there is a quorum shall be necessary for any action by the board; providing an effective date.

WHEREAS, the Sebring Airport Authority owns and operates an airport and industrial park in Highlands County, and

WHEREAS, the threshold for requiring bids for the purchase of property and services by the authority is presently \$5,000, which is unreasonably restrictive, and

WHEREAS, the Authority has recently acquired additional land, which should be included within the area over which it exercises its power and jurisdiction, and

WHEREAS, the Authority could better attract potential tenants for its industrial park if it could maintain certain of their records confidential, as allowed by general law, and

WHEREAS, four members of the seven-member board constitutes a quorum for meetings but the affirmative vote of a majority of the entire board is required for any action to be taken, which means that a unanimous vote is required for any action by the board at a meeting where the minimum quorum is present, which is unnecessarily restrictive, NOW THEREFORE,

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

Section 1. Section 8 of chapter 67-2070, Laws of Florida, as amended by section 3 of chapter 89-484, Laws of Florida, is amended to read:

Section 8. No contract for the construction, repair, or alteration ~~or otherwise~~ of any facility or part of the same, or the purchase of equipment, services, or supplies involving an expenditure of more than \$10,000 ~~five thousand dollars (\$5,000.00)~~, shall be awarded ~~let~~ by the Authority unless the Authority advertises for sealed bids at least once a week for 2 ~~two (2)~~ consecutive weeks and such contract is awarded ~~let~~ to the lowest responsible bidder. ~~However, provided the Authority may hereunder created shall have the authority to reject all bids.~~

Section 2. Subsection (a) of section 3 of chapter 67-2070, Laws of Florida, as amended by section 1 of chapter 95-526, Laws of Florida, is amended to read:

Section 3. (a) The Sebring Airport Authority shall exercise its powers and jurisdiction over the property now known as "Sebring Air Terminal" and/or "Sebring Industrial Air Park," as follows:

The West Half (W $\frac{1}{2}$) of Section 4; All of Section 5, less and except that portion of the North Half (N $\frac{1}{2}$) lying West of the canal and the Railroad right-of-way spur; the Southeast Quarter (SE $\frac{1}{4}$) of the Southeast Quarter (SE $\frac{1}{4}$) of Section 6; All of Section 7, less and except that portion of the West Half (W $\frac{1}{2}$) lying northerly of State Road No. 623 and West of the canal; All of Section 8; the West Half (W $\frac{1}{2}$) of Section 9; and that part of Section 18 lying North and West of the airport access road, less and except the following land deeded to the Humane Society generally described as being a 10-acre tract lying adjacent to the westerly boundary of the Hendricks Field access road and adjacent to and South of the north boundary of Section 18, Township 35 South, Range 30 East, more particularly described as follows: Commencing as a point of beginning at the intersection of the westerly boundary of Hendricks Field access road (said road being 100 feet in width, being 50 feet on either side of said center line) with the North boundary of Section 18, Township 35 South, Range 30 East, Highlands County, Florida, thence South 89°01'45" West along the North boundary of Section 18 a distance of 505.70 feet to a point, thence South 01°54'30" East a distance of 908.84 feet to a point, thence North 88°05'30" East a distance of 500.00 feet to a point on the westerly boundary of Hendricks Field access road, thence North 01°54'30" West along the westerly boundary of the Hendricks Field access road a distance of 718.68 feet to a point of curve, thence along a curve to the right having a radius of 2,914.79 feet an arc distance of 181.32 feet to the point of beginning.

All of the above described land lying in Township 35 South, Range 30 East, Highlands County, Florida.

All of that property now owned by the City of Sebring and known as Sebring Air Terminal shall be gratuitously transferred and conveyed to the Sebring Airport Authority, subject to any reservations or restrictions of record or existing leases, and subject to the restriction that none of said property may be sold at any time without the consent of the City of Sebring.

The Sebring Airport Authority shall also exercise its powers and jurisdiction over the following property, subject to the power and authority of the Spring Lake Improvement District, Spring Lake Property Association, Inc., county zoning, and other restrictions:

All of Parcel C, SPRING LAKE VILLAGE IV, according to the plat thereof recorded in Plat Book 9, Page 75 of the Public Records of Highlands County.

Section 3. Section 4 of chapter 67-2070, Laws of Florida, as amended by section 1 of chapter 82-382 and section 1 of chapter 89-484, Laws of Florida, is amended to read:

Section 4. The Sebring Airport Authority shall be governed by a board of seven (7) members, known as Sebring Airport Authority Board. The initial members of the said board shall be appointed by the City Council of the City

of Sebring for staggered terms as follows: Two (2) members to be appointed for a term to expire on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in January, 1968; two (2) members to be appointed for a term to expire on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in January, 1969; two (2) members to be appointed for a term to expire on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in January, 1970; and the other member to be appointed for a term to expire on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in January, 1971. At the expiration of each term a successor shall be appointed to fill such vacancies for a term of four (4) years. Vacancies in office shall be filled by appointment of said City Council for the remainder of the unexpired term. All such appointments after the initial ones provided for in this Act shall be selected by the City Council from a list containing at least twice as many nominees as vacancies. At least four (4) members of the board shall be qualified electors of the City of Sebring. Should the said City Council be unable by a majority vote to select a successor from the original list submitted to them by said board, the said board shall submit to said City Council an additional list containing at least twice as many nominees as vacancies. Upon the reconsideration, the City Council may select from the initial or replacement list. The original list shall be submitted to said City Council within ten (10) days from the expiration of the term of any member of said Authority, and within twenty (20) days from the resignation, death or removal for cause of any member of said Authority. During any vacancy or vacancies for any reason or reasons, the remaining members of said board shall constitute said board with full power and authority to act as though there was no vacancy in the membership of said board. Members shall receive such compensation for their services and reimbursement for verified travel and other expenses as shall be provided for by resolution of said board. Four (4) members shall constitute a quorum for meetings and an affirmative vote of a majority of the members present shall be necessary for any action taken by the Authority. There is hereby created an interim term commencing at the expiration of the term of each board member serving on July 1, 1989, and ending on the thirtieth day of April of the respective calendar year. Said interim term shall be filled by appointment by the City Council as herein provided. Successive four (4) year terms shall begin on the first day of May of the respective year.

Section 4. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law.

Approved by the Governor May 25, 2001.

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