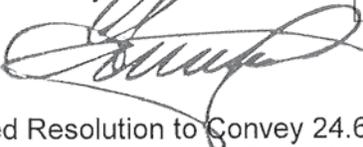


**Date:** June 2, 2015

**To:** Honorable Chairman Jean Monestime  
and Members, Board of County Commissioners

**From:** Carlos A. Gimenez  
Mayor 

**Subject:** Supplement to Proposed Resolution to Convey 24.6 acres of land contiguous to the Homestead Air Reserve Base from Miami-Dade County to the United States of America for use by the U.S. Air Force Reserve

Supplement to  
Agenda Item No. 11(A)26

The following report provides the Board of County Commissioners (Board) with supplemental information on the resolution that conveys 24.6 acres of land contiguous to the Homestead Air Reserve Base (HARB) from Miami-Dade County to the United States of America for use by the U.S. Air Force Reserve.

**SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION FOR BOARD CONSIDERATION**

The U.S. Air Force at Homestead Air Reserve Base has made an application via a letter received May 8, 2015 regarding this vacant land containing 24.6 acres in accordance with Section 125.38 of the Florida Statutes to allow them to build a new Entry Control Complex (ECC Project), which is critical to force protection and is compliant with all applicable Department of Defense and Air Force requirements. The ECC Project will also increase the buffer zone around the facilities at the Homestead Air Reserve Base. Without the new ECC, HARB asserts that it could be vulnerable to a host of security threats that could have significant impacts on surrounding Homestead communities.

In order to become compliant with the new force protection requirements and enable the Air Force Reserve to accommodate an expansion of their mission and operations in Homestead, the Air Force Reserve is planning to construct this new ECC Project at a cost of \$9 million. The ECC Project will not only create a new entry complex with proper driving lanes and a security office, but it will also realign some of the roadways in the area with portions of roadways being built in a new alignment according to County standards to allow vehicular traffic to flow more smoothly into and around the new ECC Project.

The 482d Fighter Wing (FW) is the host unit at HARB. The 482d FW provides premier global combat capabilities to the joint warfighter and ready on-call regional humanitarian support. The Homestead location provides a significant gateway to the southern hemisphere and the base is equipped with one of the Air Force Reserve's longest airfields and the largest munitions storage area. HARB supports the Air Combat Command mission with 29 F-16 aircraft and over 2,500 Airmen, including 165 active duty Air Force active association personnel; more than 1,700 traditional reservists, over 280 Air Reserve Technicians and over 280 full-time civilians. In addition to 482d FW, there are eleven on-site tenant units on HARB from both Department of Defense and Department of Homeland Security agencies. These organizations include: Florida Air National Guard, U.S. Customs and Border Protection, U.S. Coast Guard Maritime Safety and Security Team, and the Headquarters of the Special Operations Command South (SOCSOUTH). All of these personnel access their duty stations through HARB's existing entry gate.

In addition, the County has encouraged growth of the military within the County, especially on a portion of the County-owned land in close proximity to the Air Base which was received from the Air Force at no cost by the Economic Development Conveyance to the County in 2004. The new headquarters of the US Army-based SOCSOUTH was recently completed at a cost of \$70 million utilizing County land at no cost to the US Government, approved by the BCC by Resolution No. R-716-08 on June 17, 2008, on other EDC property less than a half mile away from this property proposed to be conveyed with the attached resolution.

**FISCAL IMPACT/FUNDING SOURCE**

The value of the ECC Project Property, although received by the County at no cost, is set forth in the Miami-Dade County Property Appraiser's website (prorated to the 24.6 acres to be conveyed) at \$1,599,000.00. These 24.6 acres were acquired at no cost by the County as part of the total conveyance of 601 acres received from the Air Force through the Economic Development Conveyance approved by Resolution No. R-909-04 on July 13, 2004. The conveyance will be at no cost to the United States of America. The conveyance of this vacant land will reduce the County's annual maintenance cost for regular cutting of vegetation by approximately \$12,000.00.

FOLIO NUMBER: Portions of 30-7902-000-0021, 30-7902-000-0210, and 30-7901-000-0273

LOT SIZE: 24.6 acres of vacant land

LOCATION: County-owned land located at the northwest corner of SW 127 Avenue and SW 288 Street, directly to the north of the current HARB entry gate.

CURRENT USE: Vacant land

ZONING AND MASTER PLAN: Currently zoned residential single family but with a master plan use for institutions, facilities, communications and government use.

PROPOSED USE: Building a new Entry Control Complex and new realigned roadways to replace older existing roads. The new Complex will become the main entry point for the Base. By acquiring this parcel, the Air Force will be able to maintain the federally mandated requirements for Force Protection Standards as defined in U.S. Department of Defense/UFC 4-010-01(8 Oct 2003)

CONVEYANCE: By County Deed at no cost

  
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Jack Osterholt  
Deputy Mayor