

Date: June 23, 2025

To: Mayor and Town Council

From: Sean O'Keefe

Re: Consideration and Approval: Oak Groves – Court Reporter Fee Request

Objective:

To consider sharing some amount of the cost associated with having a court reporter at a County meeting.

Summary:

At the June 9th, 2025 Town Council meeting, a county resident (William Sullivan) proposed that the Town participate in sharing the cost of a court reporter to attend the upcoming Board of County Commissioners' meeting regarding the Oak Groves project on July 1, 2025. At that meeting, Councilor Miles asked that this item be added to today's agenda.

Although Mr. Sullivan has not yet provided the court report cost as of the time this staff report was being published, the topic was asked to be brought back to Council, and this is the last Town Council Meeting before the County's meeting on July 1st, 2025.

It is Town staff's opinion that working directly with County staff and elected officials, including participating in the 1:00 pm June 30, 2025 JPA roundtable at the Venetian Center in Leesburg, will produce better results.

Fiscal Impact:

Without having an exact cost quote, the estimated cost would be \$450-\$700 dollars for a three-hour period of court reporter attendance and related transcription.

Staff Recommendation:

Staff recommends *not* spending any Town funds on a court reporter for the Oak Groves item on the July 1, 2025 Board of County Commissioners' agenda.