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IN THE OFFICE OF
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
SUMTER COUNTY
BUSHNELL, FLORIDA

Honorable Garry Breeden, Chairman
Board Of Sumter County Commissioners
910 North Main Street
Bushnell, Florida 33513

Re: Sumter County Parks

Dear Mr. Breeden:

The City of Webster is currently negotiating an interlocal agreement with the County Administrator, Mr. Bradley Arnold, to establish the City and County's objectives regarding parks and recreation services within an urban service delivery area. The City's goal is to increase its role in providing recreational services in urban service areas annexed into the City, while the County desires to diminish its involvement in active recreational facilities. In the negotiations, the City and County have readily agreed that it is in the best interest of all residents of the City and County for the interlocal agreement to provide for a high level of cooperation and coordination between the City and County regarding recreational resources.

In August of 2007, the City entered into a Lease-Purchase Agreement with the County in which the City agreed to lease 17 acres adjacent to a 30-acre parcel the County had agreed to buy from James Y. Sizemore. As part of the City's Lease Purchase Agreement with the County, the County assigned its interest in the 30-acre parcel to the City and the City agreed to make the three (3) annual payments of $267,498.27 for the purchase of the 30-acre parcel. Both parcels were to be used for recreational facilities.

The Lease-Purchase Agreement between City and County for the 17-acre parcel requires the City to pay the County rent of $22,500.00 per year for 27 years, a total of $607,500.00. At the end of the 27 years, the County will deed the parcel to the City without additional consideration.

The purpose of this letter is request that the County, in the sprit of cooperation for the enhancement of recreational facilities, to forgo the rental payments for the 17 acre parcel and deed the property to the City with the condition that the title to the property would revert to the County if it is not used for recreational purposes. The City, however, will need time in which to fund and construct an active recreational park on the property.

Your serious consideration of this request will be greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

Stephen P. Croft
Mayor, City of Webster