

Bennett, Chanda

From: Suggs, Kay
Sent: Friday, March 13, 2026 8:19 AM
To: Anielys Salgado; Bennett, Chanda
Cc: Ziskal, Benjamin
Subject: RE: Medulla Property

Good morning all,

I'll be speaking with Commissioner Troutman this morning, and be back with everyone to confirm either March 24 or March 25.

Thank you,
Kay



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Good morning Chanda,

I have been reflecting on our conversation from yesterday, and I must admit that I am quite overwhelmed and upset by this news.

Had I known that building a home would require a Level 4 review, I would not have moved forward with this request. It feels unfair to undergo such an extensive, costly, and mentally exhausting process, especially given that the application could still be denied. If the land use had been correctly identified from the beginning, we would not be in this position. I believe this mapping error should be corrected by the department at the department's expense, rather than mine.

Given these unique circumstances, I am looking for a solution that allows me to build my home without the burden of a Level 4 request or a fee waiver application. Initiating those processes feels as though I am asking for forgiveness when, in fairness, the situation is the other way around. My case should be handled differently based on the facts we have discussed.

I am certain there must be a way or someone who can provide a lawful resolution that makes things right.

Please confirm our meeting with commissioner Troutman.

Best regards,

Anielys Salgado

On Thu, Mar 12, 2026 at 4:00 PM Anielys Salgado <anielysrn@gmail.com> wrote:

Hello Chanda,

Thank you for your time and for addressing my concerns during our call this morning.

I spoke with Kay shortly after our conversation and confirmed that I am available on both Tuesday, March 24th, and Wednesday, March 25th. She mentioned she would coordinate with you, so please let me know which of those dates works best for your team.

Additionally, I would like to move forward with scheduling meetings with each member of the Board, if you still advise doing so. Since I will be off for the next two weeks, it would be very convenient to complete these meetings during that time.

Finally, could you please clarify if a public hearing is unavoidable? If there is an alternative process or anyone else I should speak with to potentially avoid a hearing, please let me know. Given that we already have an idea of where some neighbors stand, I was curious if there are other options.

Best regards,

Aniels Salgado

On Thu, Mar 12, 2026 at 3:44 PM Bennett, Chanda <ChandaBennett@polkfl.gov> wrote:

Mrs. Salgado:

I wanted to start a new email thread. Thank you for speaking with me and Ben this morning. Per our conversation, this email is to offer the two options we spoke about on the phone regarding a Level 4 Comprehensive Plan map amendment to change the BPC to RL as follows:

1. **Pay the \$4,608 application fee within two weeks** – As I mentioned I will complete all the necessary paperwork and the hearings will be May 6, 2026, in the morning before the Planning Commission and then again on May 19th before the Board of County Commissioners also in the morning. I am currently working on getting the timeline and the case reservation started in our development review software. I will provide you the paperwork to review for the case before it is finalized and I submit it into the software.
2. **Request the Board grant you a fee waiver** – The earliest for this will be on Tuesday, April 7th Board meeting day in the morning. There is a form to be filled out but I can work on that upon my return after next week and let you review it before I submit it.
3. **Pay fee now and still request waiver** – I had this thought after we spoke on the phone. If you like you can pay the fee now and still move forward with the fee waiver request on April 7th which could mean, we refund you the \$4,608 if the Board approves the fee waiver on April 7th. I thought this will help the case move faster to secure the May 6th PC and May 19th Board hearing and meeting all the advertising deadlines I mentioned to you earlier.

Please know, you do not have to decide on a choice today or even next week. I don't want you to feel pressured from me. But certainly you can let me know today or tomorrow.

I reached out to Commissioner Troutman's assistant, Kay Suggs. She is copied on this email to get a couple of tentative dates that Commissioner Troutman is available that match Ben and my calendars. Again, it is **totally up to you** if you want us to attend your meeting with Commissioner Troutman or not. If you do, the two dates Ben and I are available are **Tuesday, March 24 at 3 pm** in her office on the 4th floor of the County Administration Building in Bartow or on **Wednesday, March 25th** at 10 am in Commissioner Troutman's office as well.

Ben and I are both in the office tomorrow and we are out of the office next week. I may not be able to check my emails next week as I will be out of the Country, but I will check them as soon as I get back to the office on Tuesday, March 24th.

Thank you for your time today and patience. I look forward to hearing from you.

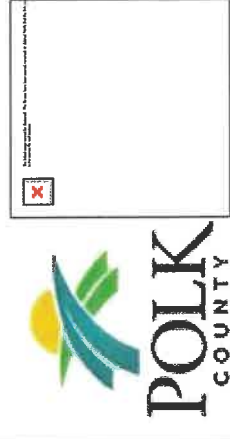
Chanda

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