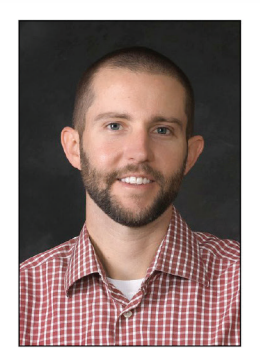


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Whom should you choose as a trustee?



By Cory Taylor

established the trust — known as the “grantor” or “settlor” — you can also name yourself as trustee. However, this may not be the best move, particularly if the trust is irrevocable.

An irrevocable trust protects the assets in the trust from creditors and civil judgments, but if you serve as trustee, this protection will disappear. It might be more advantageous for you to be the trustee of a revocable (living) trust, which can be modified without much trouble and allows you to move assets in and out of the trust and to change trust beneficiaries.

You should work with a qualified estate-planning attorney to determine

which type of trust, if any, is appropriate for your situation, and to get some guidance on the wisdom of serving as your own trustee.

If you decide to choose someone else as trustee, you'll want to consider the following factors:

Trust

In thinking about whom you might want to serve as your trustee, the most important attribute is trust. Do you trust that this individual will always act in your best interest? If so, then they may be a good trustee candidate, but you'll also need to look at other considerations.

Financial management skills

The person you choose to be your trustee doesn't

have to be an accountant or a financial professional — but they should be skilled at managing their own finances. And they should be well-organized and good with details.

Mental and physical fitness

Your trustee could serve in that position for many years, so you'll want to name someone who is in good physical and mental health. Of course, things can change over time, so if you observe that your chosen trustee has begun to suffer physical or mental decline, you may need to name a successor trustee in your trust document.

Conflict of interest

You want your trustee to carry out your wishes

in a fair manner — so, you should pick someone who doesn't have a conflict of interest with any of the beneficiaries you've named in your trust. Of course, this can be tricky if you want to name a family member as trustee. So, if you do, you'll need to spell out your wishes clearly — to the trustee and to other family members.

Here's something else to think about: Instead of choosing an individual, you could name a corporate trustee. By doing so, you can receive some key benefits, such as objectivity and potentially avoiding some of the family-related disputes that can arise when an estate is settled. Also, corporate trustees

have the expertise and resources to navigate the various tax and inheritance laws affecting living trusts.

Whether it's a trusted individual or a corporate entity, the right trustee can make a big difference in the effectiveness of your living trust — and, by extension, the outcome of your comprehensive estate plans. So, start your search, get the help you need and take the steps necessary to arrive at a choice for trustee that's right for you and your family.

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Obituaries



Reinaldo Blanco

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Reinaldo Blanco, 78, passed away on June 19, 2024, in Perry.

He was born Sept. 23, 1945 in Havana, Cuba, to Rodolfo Blanco and Caridad Fiallo.

Reinaldo honored his family, and the legacy he left behind is huge.

He loved to spend time with his family and friends. He will always be remembered as the most gentle giant.

The loyalty to his wife, his family and all of his friends was priority.

He feared nothing, in his world there was always a way. He shared his time unconditionally, but most importantly, with purpose. Those daily calls to check on us, individually, were his favorite part of each day. He knew what he meant to all of us and never hesitated to show us what we meant to him.

The blanket of safety and protection that he provided is one we will all cherish for a lifetime.

He was a joker, he loved to have fun, be silly

and just laugh.

One of his favorite memories was while working with his son Rudy after retiring, both he and his grandson Noah would team up and simply drive him crazy. Those silly moments told stories for years.

In Naldo's world you were never left behind. Or as his youngest grandson Reinaldo best describes him, a fighter to the end and always with a smile.

His love and enjoyment of music was contagious, so much so that as he took his last breath he was enjoying his music.

Reinaldo was preceded in death by his parents, Rodolfo Blanco and Caridad Fiallo; his son, Reinaldo Blanco Jr.; and two brothers, Justo and Noel Blanco.

He is survived by: his wife of 55 years, Juana M. Blanco; three children, Belkys Blanco, Letty Blanco, and Rudy Blanco, and his wife, Shelly; grandchildren, Dasiel Mesa, Josue Suarez, Yarley Blanco, Yamiley Blanco, Dainiel Blanco, Hannah Griffin (Matthew), Jonathon Colombini (Jordan), Jessica Lemus, Noah Blanco (Haley), AJ Lemus, Reinaldo Lemus and Kiley Anderson; great-grandchildren, Parker Griffin and Carter Colombini; as well as a host of nieces, nephews and in-laws.

A Celebration of Life service is planned for a later date.



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Reinaldo Blanco

Reinaldo Blanco, de 78 años, falleció el 19 de junio de 2024 en Perry, FL. Reinaldo nació el 23 de septiembre de 1945 en La Habana, Cuba, hijo de Rodolfo Blanco y Caridad Fiallo.

Reinaldo honró a su familia y el legado que dejó es enorme. Le encantaba pasar tiempo con su familia y amigos. Siempre será recordado como el gigante más gentil. La lealtad a su esposa, a su familia y a todos sus amigos era la prioridad. No le temía a nada, en su mundo siempre había un camino. Compartió su tiempo incondicionalmente, pero sobre todo con un propósito. Esas llamadas diarias para ver cómo estábamos, individualmente, eran su parte favorita de cada día. Sabía lo que significaba para todos nosotros y nunca dudó en mostrarnos lo que significamos para él. El manto de seguridad y protección que nos brindó es uno que todos apreciaremos toda la vida. Era un bromista, le encantaba divertirse, hacer el tonto y simplemente reírse. Uno de sus recuerdos favoritos fue mientras trabajaba con su hijo después de jubilarse,

Rudy, tanto él como su nieto Noah se unían y simplemente lo volvían loco. Esos momentos tontos contaron historias durante años. En el mundo de Naldo nunca te quedaste atrás. O como mejor lo describe su nieto menor Reinaldo, un luchador hasta el final y siempre con una sonrisa. Su amor y disfrute de la música era contagioso, tanto que cuando dio su último aliento estaba disfrutando de su música.

Reinaldo fue precedido en la muerte por sus padres, Rodolfo Blanco y Caridad Fiallo, su hijo Reinaldo Blanco Jr., y dos hermanos, Justo y Noel Blanco.

Le sobreviven su esposa de 55 años, Juana M. Blanco; tres hijos, Belkys Blanco, Letty Blanco y Rudy Blanco, y su esposa Shelly; nietos Dasiel Mesa, Josué Suárez, Yarley Blanco, Yamiley Blanco, Dainiel Blanco, Hannah Griffin (Matthew), Jonathon Colombini (Jordan), Jessica Lemus, Noah Blanco (Haley), AJ Lemus, Reinaldo Lemus y Kiley Anderson, bisnietos Parker Griffin, Carter Colombini, así como una gran cantidad de sobrinas y sobrinos y familia por ley.

Un servicio de Celebración de la Vida está planeado para una fecha posterior.

Todos los arreglos están bajo la dirección de la Funeraria Burns de Perry.

For balance of purchase

County to pull \$86,500 from sales tax reserves

MOTOR GRADER Continued from page 1

asking price for the 2019 model is \$145,000, but the county would receive \$12,000 and \$6,500 for the two 1992 graders, bringing the cost down to \$126,500.

He noted that he had \$40,000 left in his capital budget, leaving a shortfall of \$86,500.

When asked about trading away two machines for one newer one, Evans said the second machine does not work and was being used for supply parts to keep the 1992 grader running until the motor went out.

“So, we’ll still be at the same capacity?” Commissioner Jamie English asked.

“Yes,” Evans said. Commissioner Michael Newman asked about the number of hours on the newer machine, and Evans said it was 6,119.

“How much does a new machine cost?” Commissioner Pam Feagle asked.

“About \$335,000 or \$340,000,” Evans said.

“You’ve looked at this, and you think this is a good deal?” Feagle asked.

“It’s been well taken care of,” Evans said. “I went through it from top to bottom.

He added that the county will get a one-year or

2,000-hour warranty with a \$200 deductible on the new machine.

“As much as we’re going to be working it here in the near future, if anything is going to go wrong with it, it will go wrong within that year period I feel like,” Evans said.

Newman asked about the machine’s history, and Evans said he believed it belonged to Lafayette County under a lease.

Evans also noted that as a 670 model, it is not as big as the county’s other graders, which are 770s, but its task will be conducting patch work.

County Administrator LaWanda Pemberton told the commissioners that if they wished to approve the purchase, staff suggested taking the \$86,500 needed out of the county’s one-cent sales tax reserves, which currently totals about \$2 million.

“We also wanted to bring to the board’s attention that under our purchasing policy, purchases of used equipment, which we very rarely ever do, are exempt from the bid process,” Pemberton said.

Newman made a motion to approve the purchase and to take the necessary funds from the sales tax reserves. Commissioner Jim Moody seconded, and the measure passed unanimously.

LEGALS

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Described as: LEG 0001.95 ACRES – STEINHATCHEE SUB – S 109.53 FT OF N 184.53 FT LOTS 9 – 10 11 & ALL LOTS 12 13 14 15 16 – BLK 80 – OR 491-129 SECTION 26 TOWNSHIP 09 RANGE 09Name in which assessed: Norman J. McBryant Said property being in the County of Taylor, State of Florida. Unless such certificate is redeemed according to law, the property described shall be sold to the highest bidder in the Courtroom on the 2nd floor in the Taylor County, FL Courthouse on the 8th day of July, 2024 at 11:00 a.m. ** To participate in the bidding, you must be prepared to pay a NON-REFUNDABLE \$200.00 CASH deposit immediately following the sale of each parcel in which you are the highest bidder. ** Dated this 3rd day of June, 2024 Signature: Gary Knowles Clerk of Circuit Court Taylor County, Florida

CONT NE ALG RW – 220 FT N 300 FT SW PARALLEL TO RR – RW 220 FT S 300 FT TO POB – OR 377-538 SECTION 34 TOWNSHIP 04 RANGE 07 Name in which assessed: William B. Matthews Said property being in the County of Taylor, State of Florida. Unless such certificate is redeemed according to law, the property described shall be sold to the highest bidder in the Courtroom on the 2nd floor in the Taylor County, FL Courthouse on the 8th day of July, 2024 at 11:00 a.m. ** To participate in the bidding, you must be prepared to pay a NON-REFUNDABLE \$200.00 CASH deposit immediately following the sale of each parcel in which you are the highest bidder. ** Dated this 3rd day of June, 2024 Signature: Gary Knowles Clerk of Circuit Court Taylor County, Florida

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED TDA 24-016

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that Assembly Tax 36, LLC, the holder of the following certificate, has filed said certificate for a tax deed to be issued thereon. The certificate number, year of issuance, description of the property and the names in which the property was assessed are as follows: Certificate Number 956 Year of Issuance 2022 Description of Property: Parcel Number: R08213-000 Described as: LEG 0001.00 ACRES – COM SE COR OF SE ¼ OF NW ¼ TH W – 900 FT N 210 FT FOR POB TH CONT N – 210 FT E 210 FT S 210 FT W 210 FT – TO POB OR 725-282 OR 734-863 SECTION 04 TOWNSHIP 05 RANGE 08 Name in which assessed: Allen &

Christina Collins Said property being in the County of Taylor, State of Florida. Unless such certificate is redeemed according to law, the property described shall be sold to the highest bidder in the Courtroom on the 2nd floor in the Taylor County, FL Courthouse on the 8th day of July, 2024 at 11:00 a.m. ** To participate in the bidding, you must be prepared to pay a NON-REFUNDABLE \$200.00 CASH deposit immediately following the sale of each parcel in which you are the highest bidder. ** Dated this 3rd day of June, 2024 Signature: Gary Knowles Clerk of Circuit Court Taylor County, Florida

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Courtroom on the 2nd floor in the Taylor County, FL Courthouse on the 8th day of July, 2024 at 11:00 a.m. ** To participate in the bidding, you must be prepared to pay a NON-REFUNDABLE \$200.00 CASH deposit immediately following the sale of each parcel in which you are the highest bidder. ** Dated this 3rd day of June, 2024 Signature: Gary Knowles Clerk of Circuit Court Taylor County, Florida

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of June, 2024 Signature: Gary Knowles Clerk of Circuit Court Taylor County, Florida

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED TDA 24-019

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NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED TDA 24-020

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