



City of Clewiston

115 W Ventura
Avenue Clewiston,
Florida 33440

Minutes Special Magistrate



Tuesday March 17th, 2026

10:00A.M.

Clewiston Commission Chambers

ATTENDANCE:

Special Magistrate B. Douglas MacGibbon was present.
Code Enforcement Officer Mario Miranda was not present.
Code Enforcement Clerk, Chelsa Gosa was present.

1. CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 A.M. by Special Magistrate MacGibbon.

2. PLEDGE TO THE FLAG

3. SPECIAL MAGISTRATE STATEMENT:

Presented by B. Douglas MacGibbon.

Mr. MacGibbon introduced himself and briefly summarized the purpose and procedure of the hearing.

4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA & MINUTES:

The Minutes of the Special Magistrate Hearing for January 20th, 2026, were approved by the Special Magistrate, B. Douglas MacGibbon.

5. SWEARING IN OF ALL PARTIES INTENDING TO PRESENT TESTIMONY.

6. ADDITIONS & DELETIONS TO AGENDA: NONE

7. CONSENT AGENDA: NONE

8. OLD BUSINESS: NONE

9. NEW BUSINESS:

1. Dwight Ricketts

Case: 26-0001

Respondent not present. Evidence showed multiple appliances and miscellaneous items on the property in violation of City Ordinance 18-246. The magistrate ordered the property owner to remove the items and clean the yard by March 24, 2026, or appear at the next hearing on May 19, 2026. Failure to comply will result in a \$75 per day fine plus a \$150 administrative fee until compliance is achieved.

2. Yoel Martinez

Case: 26-0014

Legal representative present on behalf of the respondent. Representative advised that the respondent is dealing with other matters, including a significant injury case, and had hired an architect to assist with the shed construction; however, the architect stopped responding after payment was made. Representative requested an additional 45–60 days. Evidence showed Officer Miranda advised the property owner to obtain a permit before continuing construction. The owner proceeded to complete the structure without applying for a permit. The Building Official also noted the property owner applied for a variance, which was denied by both Planning & Zoning and the City Commission. The magistrate ordered the structure to be removed by May 12, 2026. Failure to comply will result in a \$75 per day fine plus a \$150 administrative fee until compliance is achieved.

3. Jose Lopez

Case:26-0016

Respondent not present; proper service was confirmed. The Building Official stated he met with the contractor but has not received any updates since. The magistrate gave the property owner until May 12, 2026, to apply for the required permits or variances. Failure to comply will result in a \$75 per day fine until compliance is achieved, plus a \$150 administrative fee.

4. Roy DeLa Pena

Case: 26-0017

Respondent was present and proper service was confirmed. Officer Miranda stated the property owner applied for a permit and is currently working on the project while awaiting inspections. Officer Miranda also advised that Mr. DeLa Pena was not permitted to sell vehicles from the property until the project was completed. Mr. DeLa Pena stated the photos provided by Officer Miranda were outdated and submitted newer photos dated March 15. The photos still showed that concrete had not been poured. The magistrate noted the case fell under Ordinance 18-44 and that the issue presented involved vehicle sales without the required concrete. Magistrate gave no further action at this time.

10. REPEAT OFFENDER: NONE

11. FINE ASSESSMENT:

12. LIEN.FINE REDUCTION:

1. LeLani Hare

165 E Esperanza Ave

Case #25-0034

Violation: 50-7

The magistrate reduced the fines to just the 150\$ admin fee, which has to be paid by May 19th or it will go back to the full amount of 750\$.

13. ADJOURNMENT: 10:30 A.M.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'B Douglas MacGibbon', written over a horizontal line.

B Douglas MacGibbon, Special Magistrate