

CASE COSTS CITY NEARLY \$

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A judge on Friday ordered St. Cloud to pay \$94,000 in legal fees and other expenses, pushing the city's costs in a land condemnation case to nearly \$300,000.

The dispute involves 14 acres seized from Center Lake Properties Inc. for construction of a high-voltage line just west of Holopaw.

Originally, the city paid the company \$36,852 for the property, but in February, Osceola Circuit Judge R. James Stroker ruled the property was worth \$200,000 and ordered the city to pay the difference.

Stroker on Friday then directed the city to pay \$94,100 in legal costs, which includes Center Lake's attorney fees, said Center Lake lawyer David Foerester.

The city condemned Center Lake's land to help clear the way for a \$4.5 million high-voltage line that is part of the city's \$22 million electrical expansion project.

Also on Friday, the city delivered a check for \$562,000 to developer Maury Carter and other Triple E Ranch owners, who lost an 8-mile sliver of land to the electrical project. The city owes the money because of a March decision by the 5th District Court of Appeal in Daytona.

With attorneys fees and other legal costs, some of which have not yet been assessed, the Triple E condemnation case is expected to eventually cost the city more than \$1 million.

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