

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF FLORIDA
FT. PIERCE DIVISION
Case No. 99-14027-CIV-GRAHAM/LYNCH

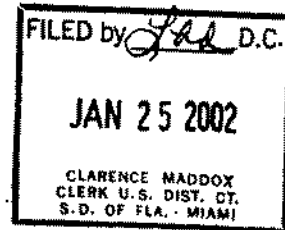
MARCELLUS M. MASON, JR.,

Plaintiff,

vs.

HEARTLAND LIBRARY COOPERATIVE,
HIGHLANDS COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY
COMMISSIONERS, et. al.,

Defendants.



ORDER

THIS CAUSE came before the Court upon Defendants' Verified Motion for Attorney's Fees and Costs (D.E. #800).

THE MATTER was referred to the Honorable United States Magistrate Judge Frank J. Lynch. A report recommending that the Court grant Defendants' Verified Motion for Attorney' Fees and Costs (D.E. #800), dated October 4, 2001, has been submitted. Plaintiff has objected to said report and recommendation.

The Court has conducted a de novo review of the file and is otherwise fully advised in the premises. Accordingly, it is

ORDERED AND ADJUDGED that United States Magistrate Judge Lynch's Report of October 4, 2001, is hereby **RATIFIED, AFFIRMED** and **APPROVED** in its entirety. Therefore it is,

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ORDERED AND ADJUDGED that Defendants' Verified Motion for Attorney's Fees and Costs is GRANTED in Part. Defendants are awarded the sum of \$200,000.00 as reasonable attorney's fees in this case. Defendant's Motion with respect to costs is DENIED.

DONE AND ORDERED in Chambers at Miami, Florida, this 25th day of January, 2002

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'D. L. Graham', written over a horizontal line.

DONALD L. GRAHAM
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE

cc: Magistrate Judge Lynch
Marcellus M. Mason, Jr.
Maria N. Sorolis