

Realtor claims city owes her \$654K

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CAPE CORAL, FL -

A local realtor wants the city of Cape Coral to pay up. She believes the city owes her a commission on its \$13 million purchase of land earlier this week.

Paige Rausch believes the city owes her a \$654,000 commission for her help with the purchase of 652 acres of land in Cape Coral.

Rausch claims she was the one who told city leaders about the foreclosed property which the city bought at auction for just over \$13-million.

"That's clear from the emails from different staff members and council members they were not aware of this opportunity," said Paige Rausch, Realtor with Boback Commercial Group.

Cape Coral City Council members say there was no formal agreement made with Rausch or Boback Commercial Group, therefore they do not believe they owe her any money.

"The city manager, as well as council, is not in favor of making this payment. We feel there was no contract that was ever started," said Cape Councilman Kevin McGrail.

But it may not be that black and white.

"It's a very interesting case," said real estate attorney Kevin Jursinski.

Even though there was no written contract, he says Rausch may have a case.

"If someone provides a benefit to another person and that person accepts that benefit, they're responsible for paying that person getting the benefit reasonable value for those services," he explained.