UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT MIDDLE DISTRICT OF FLORIDA FORT MYERS DIVISION

Case No: 2:16-cv-173-FtM-38CM

MONTGOMERY BANK, N.A.,

Plaintiff.

v.

THOMAS P. HOOLIHAN, JR., KERREY R. HOOLIHAN, RIVERBEND GOLF & COUNTRY CLUB, INC., VISION ONE MANAGEMENT GROUP, INC., PIKE CREEK TURF FARMS, INC., LEE COUNTY, STATE OF FLORIDA, SOUTHERN GULF EQUIPMENT RENTAL & SALES, INC. and RIVERBEND HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION OF LEE COUNTY, INC.,

Defendants.

ORDER

This matter comes before the Court upon review of Defendant Lee County's Motion to be Excused from All Pretrial Matters and Appearing at Trial (Doc. 55) filed on July 11, 2016 and Defendant Lee County's Unopposed Motion to be Excused from All Pretrial Matters and Appearing at Trial (Doc. 68) filed on September 28, 2016. Plaintiff does not oppose the requested relief. Doc. 68 at 2.

On March 3, 2016, Plaintiff initiated this lawsuit to foreclose a mortgage lien on real property located in Lee County. Doc. 1 ¶ 1. Defendants Thomas P. Hoolihan, Jr. and Kerry R. Hoolihan executed and delivered a promissory note which was secured by a mortgage on Defendants' property in Lee County. *Id.* at ¶¶ 20, 23.

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Plaintiff named Defendant Lee County as a party in this action because Defendant

has a lien on the property at issue. *Id.* at ¶ 38. Defendant Lee County now seeks

to be excused from all pretrial matters and appearing at trial because it is not an

active participant in this matter. Doc. 68 at 1. Defendant states that its relief is

limited to disbursement of surplus funds and that it has no meaningful role in any of

the proceedings. *Id.* at 2.

ACCORDINGLY, it is hereby

ORDERED:

1. Defendant Lee County's Motion to be Excused from All Pretrial Matters

and Appearing at Trial (Doc. 55) is **DENIED** as moot.

2. Defendant Lee County's Unopposed Motion to be Excused from All

Pretrial Matters and Appearing at Trial (Doc. 68) is **GRANTED**. Defendant Lee

County is excused from appearing at all pretrial matters and trial.¹

DONE and **ORDERED** in Fort Myers, Florida on this 3rd day of October, 2016.

CAROL MIRANDO

United States Magistrate Judge

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Counsel of record

¹ Defendant Lee County need not be present for the Preliminary Pretrial Conference

on October 4, 2016.

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